

Black Sea, Caspian Sea and eastern coasts of Asiatic Russia. Temperatures in various parts are as follows:

Moscow: - 9.4C (15F) in January  
18.3C (65F) in July  
annual rainfall - 630 mm

Vladivostok: - 14.4 C (6F) in January  
18.3C (65F) in July  
annual rainfall - 599 mm

HOLIDAYS: New Year's Day (January 1)  
Soviet Army and Navy Day (February 23)  
International Women's Day (March 8)  
May Day celebrations (May 1-2)  
Victory Day (May 9)  
Constitution Day (October 7)  
October Revolution (November 7-8)

OFFICE HOURS: Government: Mon-Fri 09:00-18:00  
(Lunch 12:00-13:00)

Banks: Mon-Fri 09:30-12:30  
Sat 09:00-11:30

WEIGHTS & MEASURES: The metric system is in force

LOCAL TIME: GMT+3 hours in Moscow, other time zones eastward range to GMT+13 hours

ELECTRIC CURRENT: 127 and 220 volts AC, mostly used -  
220V, 50 Hz AC

CURRENCY: 100 kopeks = 1 rouble.  
Exchange rate: 1 rouble = \$1.91  
Canadian (Feb. 1989)

POLITICAL SYSTEM: Socialist state, comprising 15 Union Republics. The 2,250 members of the Congress of People's Deputies, some of whom won their position in the national elections of March 1989, will select from amongst themselves 750 representatives for the Supreme Soviet. The President will then be elected by the Supreme Soviet.

POLITICAL PARTIES: The Communist Party is the only legal political party

PARTY SECRETARY: Mikhail Gorbachov (March 1985)