

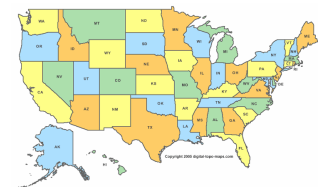
Russia

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Everywhere you look, you see snow covered land. This is how many visitors explain their visit to this snowy country. Russia is a place where many people live.

Russia is the largest country in the world, measuring 17,075,200 sq feet, 1.8 times the size of the United States of America! There are broad plains and low hills west of the Urals Mountains. Mount El'brus is the tallest peak in Europe.



The weather ranges from warm in the steppes in the South though humid continental in much of Russia. There are sub arctic temperatures in Siberia to tundra climate in the polar north. In Siberia, summers vary from warm temperatures in the steppes to cool temperatures along the arctic coast.

The endangered animals in Russia are the Blue Whale, west caucasion Tur, and the tiger. The vulnerable animals that are in Russia are the Humpback whale, East caucasion Tur, and the Black Bear. The tundra is a large and treeless plain. The plant life in this area are: low shrubs, dwarf trees, and moss.

The population of Russia is 143.8 million and it is shrinking by 0.45%. Ethnic Russian groups form 81.59% of the population. Other groups include the tatars which own 3.8% of the population, Ukrainians, 3%, Chuvashes, 19%, Belorains, almost 1%. The capital, Moscow, has a population of 13 million.

Tourists do visit Russia. If you have the money, and you are adventurous, you can take the trip to this snowy country.