

Russian Culture

...in the 21st century

After its independence from the Soviet Union in 1991, Russia became a country with more social and political freedom. Here are some facts about the culture and traditions in Russia today!



Fast Facts:

11
time zones

14
countries
on the border

72
years
life expectancy

Influential People

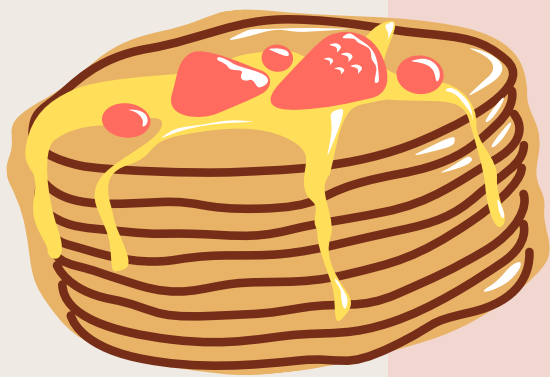
Prince Vladimir 1: 10th century - chose Christianity as Russia's official religion

Peter the Great: 1672-1725 - made Russian culture more modern like western Europe

Catherine the Great: 1729-1796 - longest reigning female empress of Russia

Russia is **1 tenth** of all land on Earth

Russia has over **120** ethnic groups



Traditional Food

Beef Stroganoff - first recipe in 1871

Kasha - grain porridge

Syrniki - tvaroh cheese pancakes

Borscht - red beetroot soup

Olivier Salad - invented by Lucien Olivier

Blini - sweet or savoury crepes

Pelmeni - small meat dumplings

Technology

Vkontakte - largest social media platform

Yandex - most used search engine

91% of digital content bought in 2013 was online games

21.7 million Russians used Facebook in 2015, while only **12.3 million** used Instagram

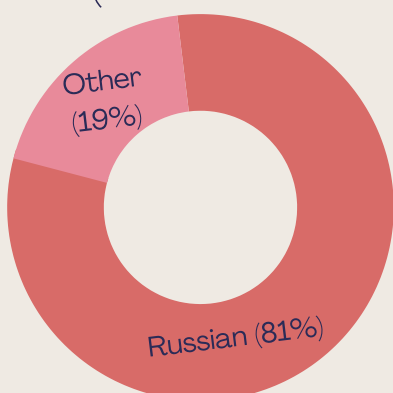
Russia was **4th** in global google play downloads in 2014



Did You Know?

The game Tetris was invented in Russia in 1984.

Ethnic Composition (2010)



Holidays

Russian Independence Day - June 12th

Maslenitsa - pancake week at end of winter

Women's Day - celebrates female advancements

Russian Orthodox Christmas - January 7th

Troitsa - green branches are placed on homes

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