

KEY VOCABULARY

Balkan countries

south of the Danube are the Balkan countries, along the Balkan Peninsula: these include **Croatia, Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria and Kosovo**

Baltic countries

countries located on the Baltic Sea: **Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia** (this term sometimes includes Poland)

Cyrillic

the **alphabet used in Russia**, named after St. Cyril who translated the Bible

human geography

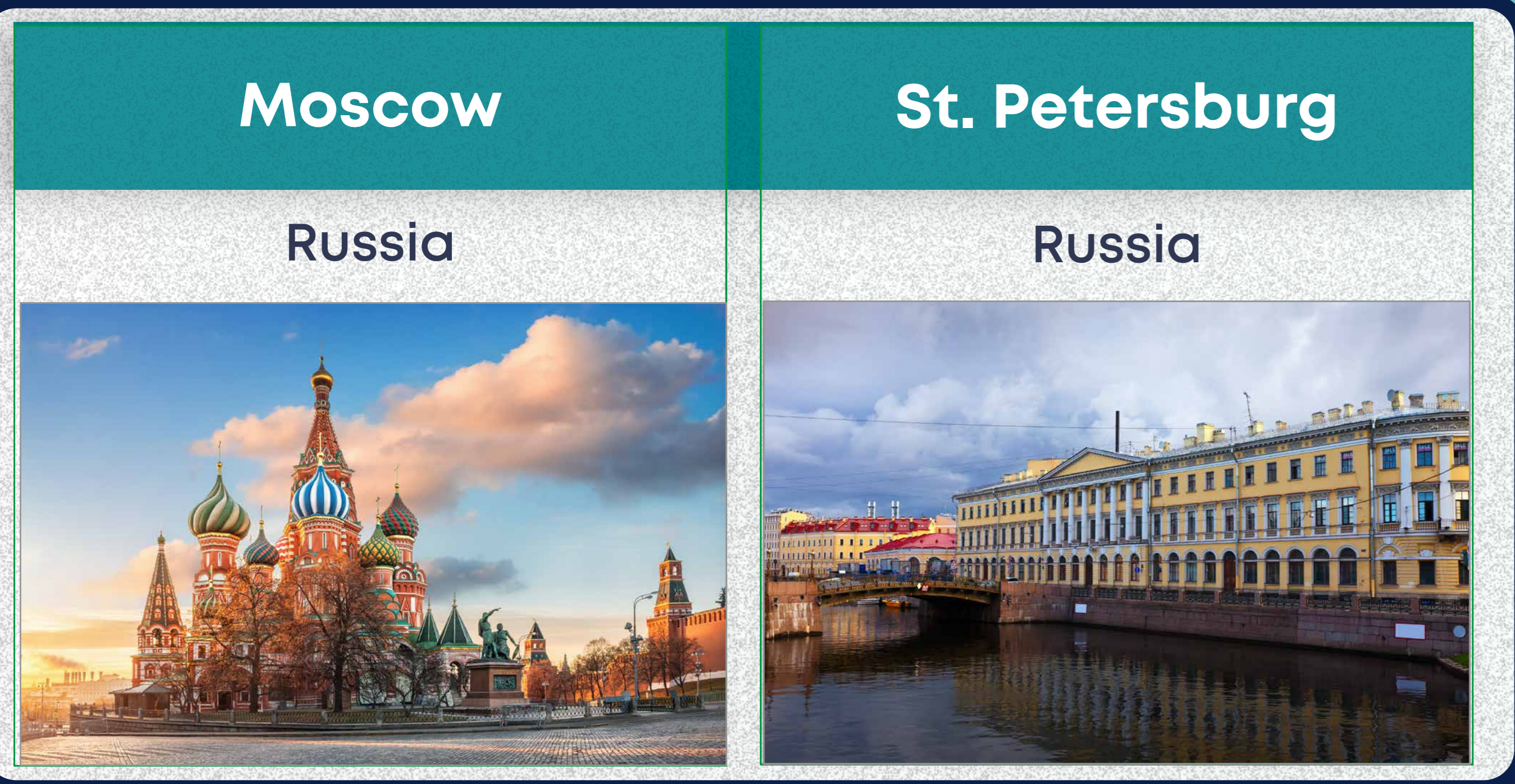
the geographical study of **people and their communities, cultures, economies and interactions with the environment**

physical geography

the geographical study of **processes and patterns in the natural environment**

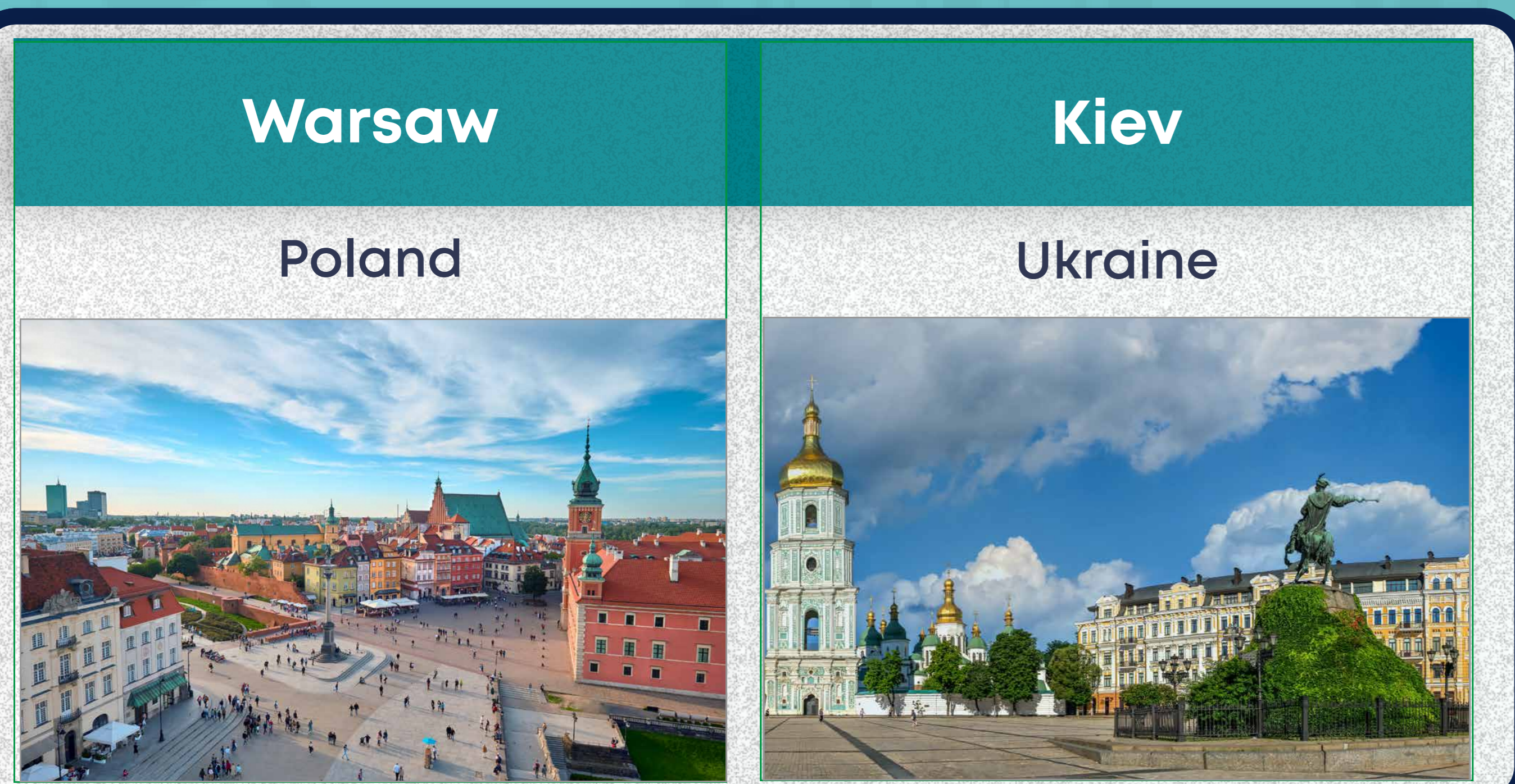
steppe

**flat grassland** with few or no trees



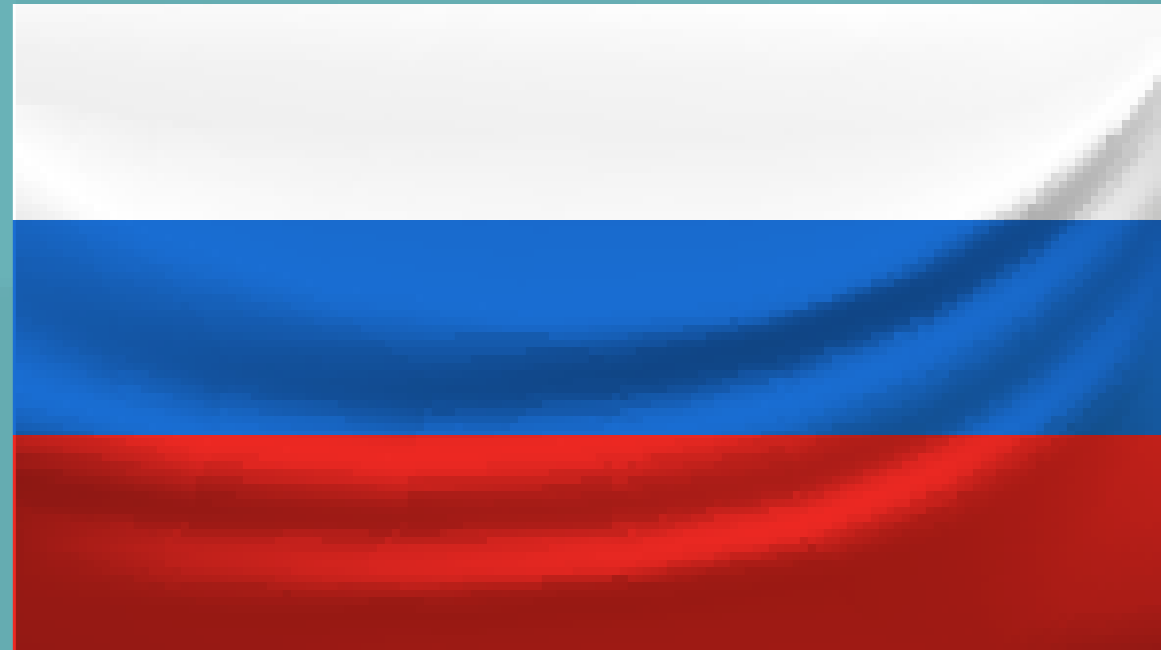
example of Cyrillic alphabet:

А Б В Г Д Е  
Ж З И Й К  
Л М Н О П  
Р С Т У Ф  
Х Ц Ч Ш Щ  
Ы Э Ю Я



Eastern European seas:

Caspian Sea  
Black Sea  
Adriatic Sea  
Baltic Sea



**Russia**

- population 144,463,451
- capital city **Moscow**
- main language **Russian (РУССКИЙ)**
- currency **Russian ruble (₽)(RUB)**