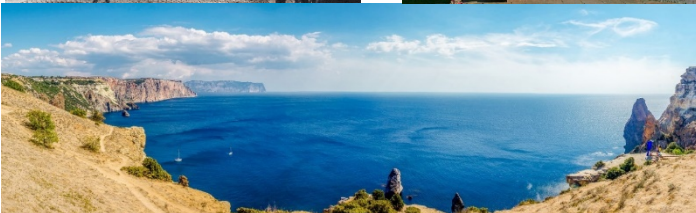
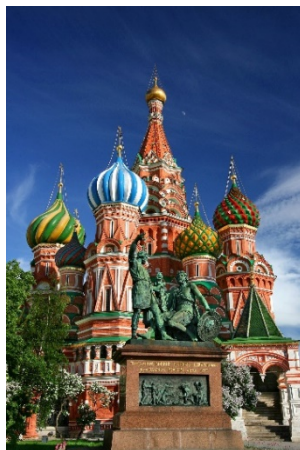
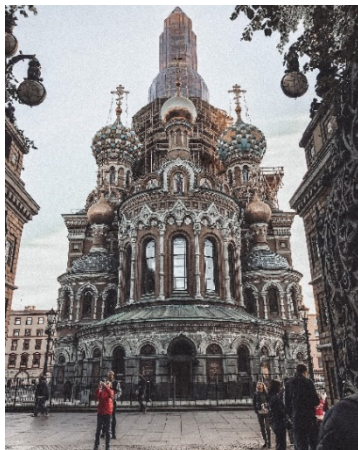


Partner country of the month

December: Russia

For many people Russia brings to mind Moscow, St. Petersburg, vodka, colourful matryoshkas, and fur caps - but the country has much more to offer! Did you know that Russia is the largest country in the world in terms of land mass (17,975,400 km²)? Measured by this enormous area, it is quite sparsely populated with a population of around 147 million people. Wonderful! That just means more space for beautiful, untouched nature. The country offers scenery to suit all tastes, ranging from the tundra in the north, to vast forest areas in Siberia, to subtropical beaches on the Black and Caspian Seas. Besides nature lovers, city lovers will also like Russia, as the country has 15 cities with over a million inhabitants and 70 other metropolitan regions.

Would you like to learn more? - In addition to the following pictures, this [report](#) will give you a new impression of Russia. ¹



¹<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A10nIWTX3GE>
<https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Russland>
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Facts & figures:

Population: 146,877,088 (including Crimea, 2018)

Official language: Russian

Capital: Moscow

National holiday: 12 June (Russia Day) - however, 9 May, for example, is celebrated much more widely (Victory Day - in memory of the end of WWII)

Currency: Ruble (€1 = 87.77 Russian rubles)

A brief language lesson²:

German	Russian	Pronunciation
Hallo	привет	priwjet
Tschüß	Пока	paka
Dankeschön	Спасибо	sspassiba
Bitteschön	Пожалуйста	pashalussta
Ja	да	da
Nein	Нет	njet

Information about Russian language courses at the University of Bayreuth can be found [here](#). The foreign courses can also be completed in English.

Did you know...³

... St. Petersburg is also known as the Venice of the North?

... people don't usually shake hands over a threshold in Russia because it is said to bring bad luck?

... Moscow is the city with the most billionaires in the world?

... there are 11 time zones in Russia?

... Russia has 12 active volcanoes?

... there are more than 120 ethnic groups in Russia and more than 100 languages spoken?

² <https://www.transib-tipps.de/russland/russische-sprache/>

³ <https://www.escapehere.com/destination/10-interesting-facts-about-russia/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AI0nIWtX3GE>

<https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elbrus>

<https://hikebikettravel.com/25-fun-interesting-facts-russia/>

<https://www.natgeokids.com/nz/discover/geography/countries/russia-facts/>

[://www.berlitz.com/de-de/blog/reiseknigge-russland](https://www.berlitz.com/de-de/blog/reiseknigge-russland)

... Russian names are made up of first name, patronymic name, and surname?

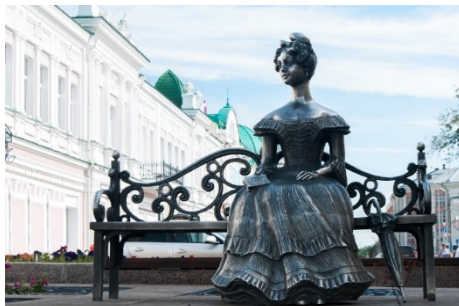
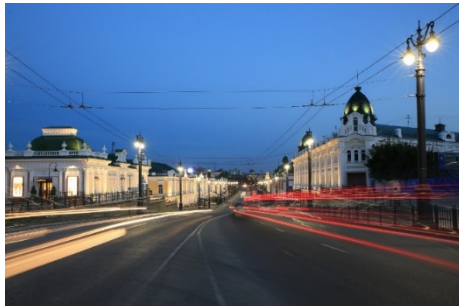
... in Russia you shouldn't whistle in an apartment/house because this is thought to cause money problems for the household?

... the eastern-most point of Russia is only 82 km from Alaska?

Omsk⁴

Omsk is Russia's eighth largest city with a population of around 1.16 million. It was founded in 1718 and got its name from the river Om. Omsk is part of the Siberian Federal District - this [short report](#) provides more information about the region. In particular, fans of winter will enjoy it here, as winter days are cold and snowy. The summer months are surprisingly comfortable, with average temperatures of 22-25 degrees Celsius. [Click here](#) for the monthly temperature data in Omsk. The city is 4 hours ahead of us, in the time zone UTC+6. The pictures of Lubinsky Avenue (top left), the statue Lyuba (bottom left) and the Assumption Cathedral (right) are just a few of the sights in the city.

[Here](#) you can find additional information about what there is to see in Omsk.



Our partner university in this interesting city:



Omsk State University was founded in 1974, and currently 8,500 students attend the #1 university in Omsk. The Faculty of Economics & Management is ranked among the top 50 in Russia ("Ekspert RA", 2018). In addition, students in fields such as the natural sciences, psychology, and art & culture will feel at home at OmsU. There are two options for accommodations, depending on your budget. More information is available [here](#). As far as leisure activities are concerned, the campus offers a swimming pool, a fitness studio, and there are a variety of museums nearby.

⁴ <https://pixabay.com/photos/megalopolis-travel-architecture-3257873/>
<https://pixabay.com/photos/oms-k-street-lubinsky-avenue-1852105/>
<https://pixabay.com/de/photos/architektur-orthodoxe-kirche-3257875/>
<https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Omsk>

Bachelor's and master's students who want to learn more about Omsk State University are encouraged to visit the university's [website](#).



The main building of OmSU



Teaching at OmSU



Performance at the graduation ceremony



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Students at OmSU



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