

WELCOME TO RUSSIA



# A FEW FACTS ABOUT RUSSIA

- The biggest country in the world
- Moscow is the capital
- Population: 144.3 million
- Founded in 862





# THE MOST IMPORTANT CITIES OF RUSSIA

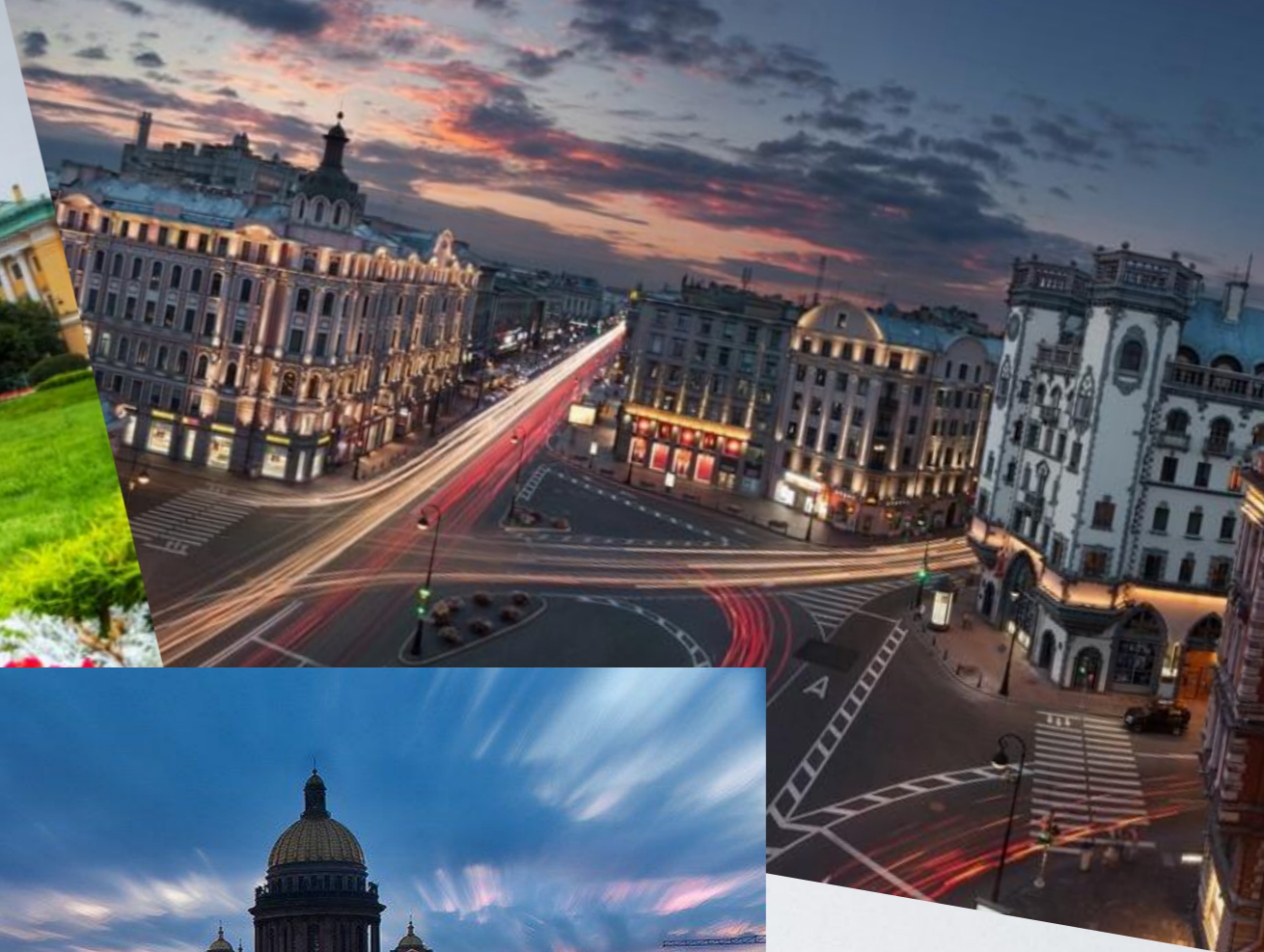
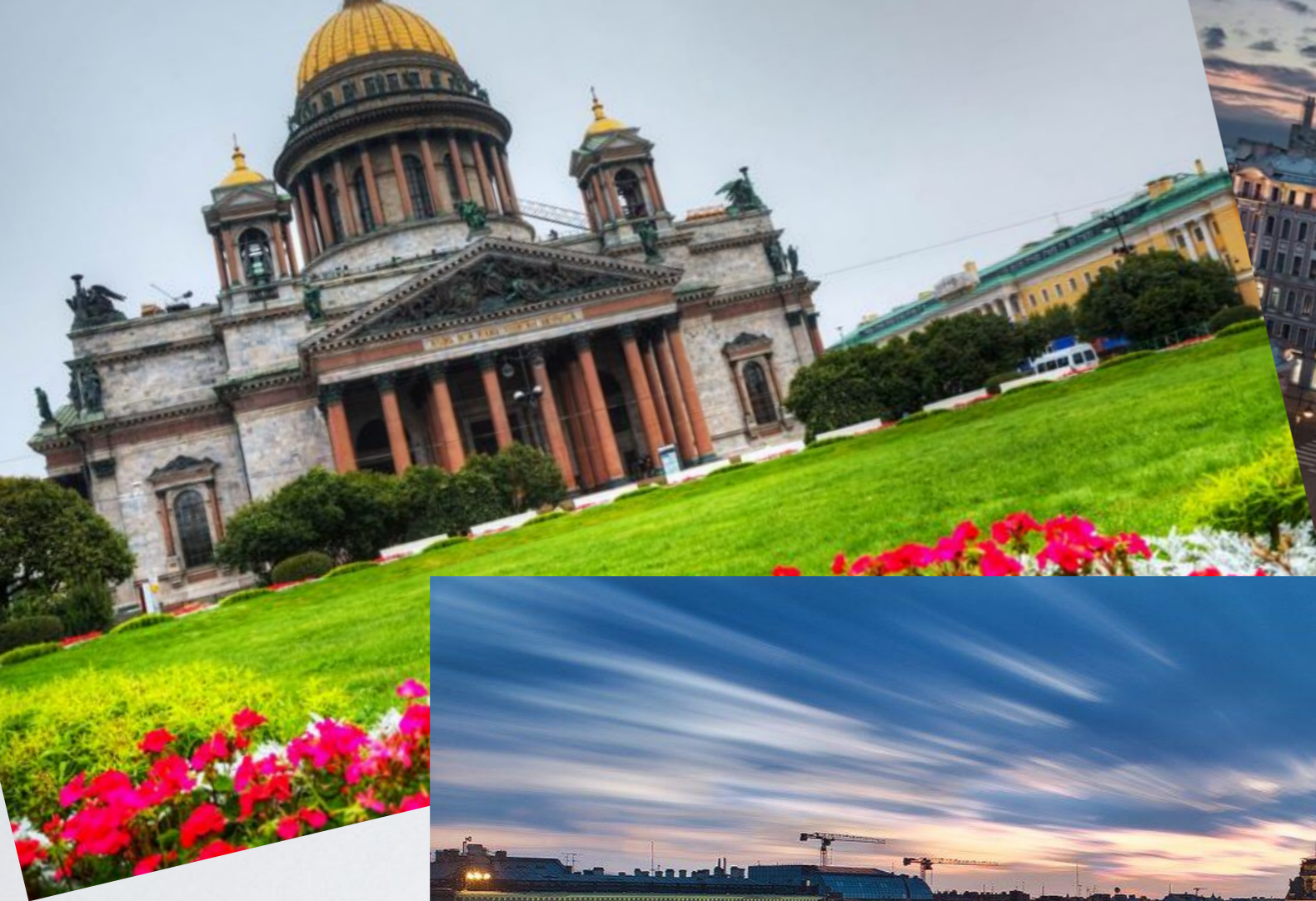






MOSCOW





SAINT-PETERBURG





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# RUSSIAN TRADITIONS



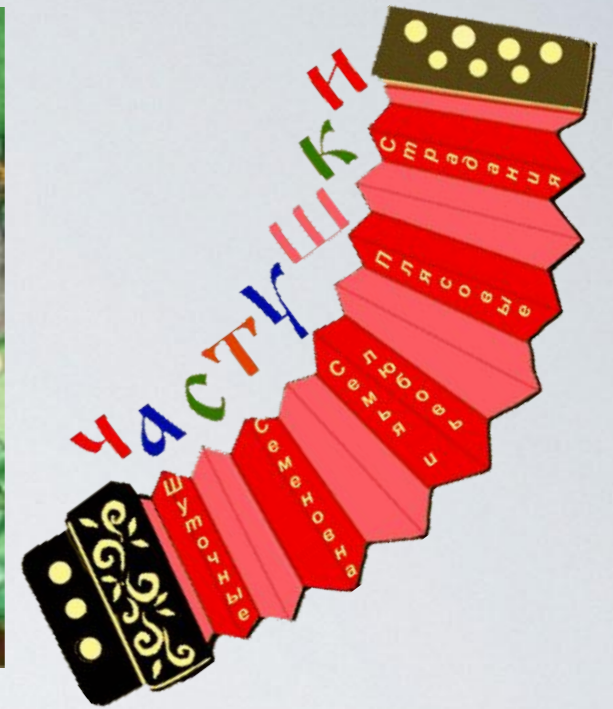
















You can  
forget  
about  
them,  
because  
they're not  
true.





# TRY TO GUESS THE CONTINUATION OF THE PROVERB

- Tishe yedesh' , ....
- Staryy drug ...
- Ne imey sto rubley,...
- U kogo chto bolit,...
- Ne vse to zoloto,...
- Sem' raz otmer' ,....
- Odin v pole - ....
- Za dvumya zaytsami pogonish'sya , ....
- Slovo ne vorobey - ...







# CHRISTMAS IN RUSSIA

Jan. 7



CHRISTMAS IS AN ANNUAL FESTIVAL  
COMMEMORATING THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST,  
THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD. WITH THE COMING  
OF CHRIST PEOPLE HAVE FOUND HOPE FOR  
MERCY, KINDNESS, TRUTH AND ETERNAL LIFE. THE  
ORTHODOX CHURCH CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS  
ACCORDING TO THE JULIAN CALENDAR ON  
JANUARY 7, UNLIKE THE WESTERN CHURCHES  
THAT CELEBRATE IT ON DECEMBER 25TH  
ACCORDING TO THE GREGORIAN CALENDAR.





In ancient times, such traditions of Christmas, as fortune-telling on the betrothed, were, perhaps, the most widespread. Each unmarried girl was looking forward to this holiday, in order to tell fortunes about "suchennoj-ryazhenogo". That is why great Russian writers devoted a lot of works to this tradition. In them they describe Christmas fortune-telling as something mystical, insanely intriguing and even frightening.





# КОЛЯДА



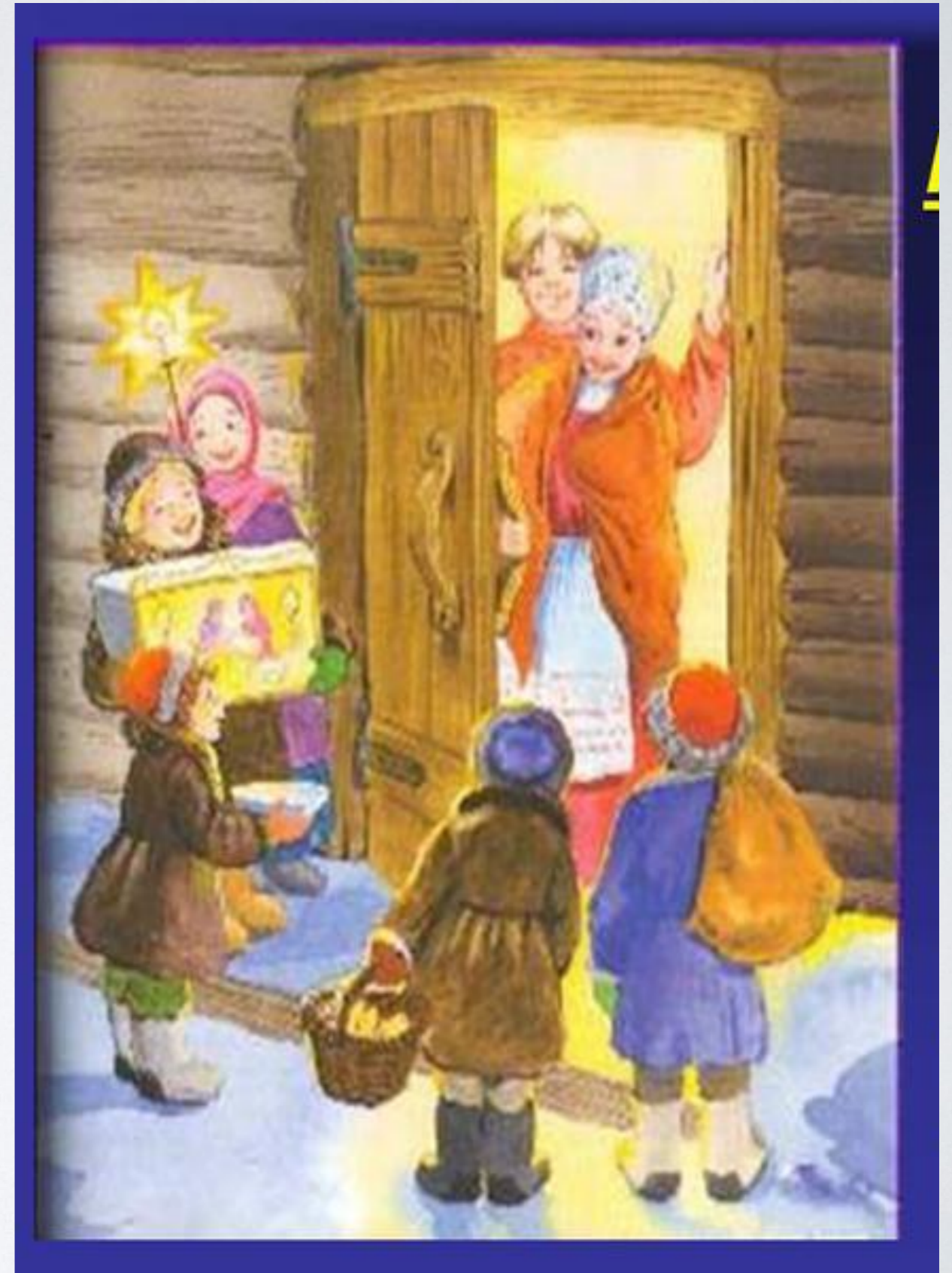
*Leila*  
**Коляда, Коляда!  
Открывай ворота!**

An ancient Christmas rite celebrating the holiday songs, as well as the most song.





Children put on costumes, knock on doors of houses, sing songs and receive sweets. If you do not open the door to the person, who does this, then this is considered to be a bad sign and brings unhappiness.





PIROGA,  
KHLEBA  
KUSOCHEK,  
SMETANY  
GORSHOCHEK!  
NE PODASH'  
PIROGOV-  
NAPUSKAYEM  
KLOPOV.





INITIALLY, CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS WERE ASSOCIATED WITH A LOT OF FOLK CUSTOMS, BUT THEY WERE FORGOTTEN, AFTER THE CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS WAS BANNED IN 1918. ONLY IN 1935 THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES AGAIN ALLOWED TO PUT AND DECORATE CHRISTMAS TREES - TRUE, NOT CHRISTMAS, BUT NEW YEAR'S.





IF BEFORE 1918, CHRISTMAS WAS CELEBRATED EVERYWHERE, AND THE NEW YEAR WAS A MUCH LESS SIGNIFICANT HOLIDAY, THEN UNDER SOVIET RULE, THEY SWAPPED PLACES. THE SOVIET UNION WAS THE ONLY COUNTRY IN THE WORLD WHERE THE NEW YEAR ABSORBED CHRISTMAS ATTRIBUTES, WHILE REMAINING QUITE A SOVIET HOLIDAY.



AND AFTER THE SPLIT OF THE SOVIET UNION, THERE WAS NO REVERSE TRANSFORMATION - THE NEW YEAR WAS A TRADITIONAL FAMILY HOLIDAY, WHILE ONLY PART OF THE COUNTRY'S POPULATION, MOSTLY ORTHODOX BELIEVERS, BEGAN TO CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS.



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