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There are many noteworthy countries in the world and I'd be happy to visit all of them someday. However, my favourite country is Russia. It's not only my motherland, but it's the largest and one of the most beautiful countries in the world. Its territory is so vast that it borders on 18 countries.

The capital of Russia is Moscow. It is a modern cosmopolitan city with plenty of historical and architectural sights. My favourite city is Saint Petersburg. It is known as Russia's Northern Capital. What I like the most about this country is the wide range of opportunities it offers. If you like subtropical climate, you can visit the Black Sea Coast in Sochi, which is in Krasnodar Krai. If you like cold and snowy weather, you can visit renowned Siberia. Russian winters are usually cold. The coldest months are January and February.

Another reason why I'm fond of this country is its rich history and culture. It has undergone several long-lasting stages of development. For example, at first it was inhabited by the Slavic tribes. Then, the Kievan Rus' was formed, which was taken over by the Grand Duchy of Moscow. Then, there were the Tsardom of Russia, the Imperial Russia, the Soviet Union and, finally, the Russian Federation. It's the country we live in today.

Speaking about the culture of the country, I especially like its literature. There were so many well-known poets and writers in Russia, including Pushkin, Tolstoy, Chekhov, Dostoevsky, Lermontov, Tsvetaeva. Russian architecture is also remarkable. It has a distinct style, which can be seen in Orthodox cathedrals and numerous Kremlins.

Speaking about national symbols I should mention the Russian tricolor flag, the doubleheaded eagle, the Matryoshka doll, Cheburashka and the Russian bear.

In conclusion, I'd like to say that I'm happy to be living in the biggest country in the world, which boasts wonderful nature and kind-hearted people.

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