

The eternal movement of the soul

"My culture is my identity and personality. It gives me spiritual, intellectual and emotional distinction from others and I am proud of it." This statement perfectly reflects my thoughts and my attachment to the culture of my native country. I believe Russian Folk Life is something special and a bit magical.

Russian culture has always been different by the identity and artisanship. The first picture presents only a small part of Russian craft. There is a clay toy, basketry, traditional cooking, wooden architecture, Russian national costume, etc. All these decorative arts and crafts are very different in their technique.

In the third photo, there is a way of celebrating one of the large-scale and most loved holidays - Maslenitsa. If you want to have fun, find yourself tasting the most delicious bliny, enjoy yourself participating in folk festivities and sledding. You will have a chance to say farewell to winter, greet the spring and burn the scarecrow with all the bad turns to ashes.

A plenty of people in a round dance in the fifth illustration depict one of the rituals of Christmas of Ivan the Baptist. There are lots of other attributes and traditions: white and red clothes, flower wreaths, fern blossom search, bonfire jumping, divination and water swimming. "Ivan Kupala" is dedicated to the flowering of nature and the victory of light over darkness. One will definitely be captured by such mystery.

Overall, Russian Folk Life and Russian culture are things that reflect the soul of the Russian men, our inner world and the shaping of our values. It is obvious that my country has a great deal of traditions that unite people and, at the same time, allow people to express themselves within a common nation.