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***The Impact of Climate, Location, and Natural Resources in the UK and Russia***

 Have you ever dreamed of living in a country that is rich in world history? A place where Kings and Queens once ruled the land with grace and dignity? Or maybe a country whose history is often discredited due to political powers that many people don’t understand. As an avid traveler, I have often thought of packing my bags and living in Europe to experience the rich beauty of the distant land. There are so many countries on the great European continent, and they are all opulent and fascinating. Countries filled with diverse languages, cultures, and architecture. Choosing one country would be an extremely hard decision to make. With that being said, I am going to take a closer look at the United Kingdom and Russia two vastly different countries that boast different climates, location, and natural resources.

A country that spans not one but two continents….. home of beautiful architecture, rolling hills, and frozen tundra. Where is this place you may ask? It’s Russia the largest country in the world; home to more than 145 million people, and one of the most populated places on planet earth. Russia is rich in natural resources, but due to its very rugged terrain it is very difficult to reach them. Russia’s climate could be classified as “bi-polar” on the Asian side (east of the Ural Mountains) it can get as low as -40 degrees Brrrr! However, in the summer the sun can blaze as hot as an egg cooking on the stove! Because Russia is mainly landlocked larges ships are unable to pass through which means trade with other countries can be very limited. Russia has a lot of extremes and although it is very populated life may be a little too harsh for my taste buds.

 In contrast the United Kingdom Europe’s island country is situated just off the coast of France and near the Scandinavian Peninsula. Its location makes it an ideal place for international trade because it coastline is home to more than 10 deep water ports perfect for large ships to import and export goods from all over the world. Not only is trade good in the UK so is the climate. If you are person who enjoys warm summers and mild yet rainy winters then the UK is perfect for your taste. The Gulf Stream blows across the Atlantic Ocean and causes the United Kingdom to be one of the warmer countries in winter that any other country in Europe. In addition, to pretty decent weather the United Kingdom has a great deal of natural resources, but due to environmental issues and manufacturing being outsourced to other counties a lot of people are no longer working in industries that require the use of the natural resources. With the exception of fishing!! All the coastline means tons of fresh seafood for people in the UK to eat. The United Kingdom has a lot of offer the 60 million plus people that call the country home.

 In conclusion, the United Kingdom and Russia are so vastly different from one other, although they both have tons of natural resources and major cities and lots of culture. My choice for my move to Europe will have to go with the United Kingdom where I can sip tea and eat crumpets with the Queen (well at least in my dreams)