



Visa support issues

Visa-free entry

- ▶ Citizens of over 30 countries do not need to have a visa to enter the Russian Federation. As a rule, residents of these countries are allowed to stay in Russia for up to 90 days.
- ▶ Citizens of CIS countries enjoy unlimited entry and exit: Azerbaijan, Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kirghizia, Moldavia, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan.
- ▶ Visa-free trips to Russia for up to 90 days are also available for citizens of Argentina, Brazil, Venezuela, Israel, Columbia, Nicaragua, Peru, Uruguay, Fiji, Chile, Ecuador, and and some other countries.
- ▶ Visa-free trips to Russia for up to 30 days are allowed for citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macao, Cuba, Serbia, Thailand, Turkey, and Montenegro. Visa-free trips to Russia for up to 14 days are allowed for citizens of Hong Kong.

The necessity of a visa can be determined at Russian diplomatic missions in your country.

The full list of addresses of Russian embassies and consulates is available on the website of the Russian Federation Ministry of Foreign Affairs.



Russian Visas

The Organizing Committee offers visa support only after the confirmation of participation in the Event.
Type of visa to be obtained: business visa.

Procedure of obtaining visa:

1.

- Register at imrc2018.ru website
- Fill the additional information at Personal account on imrc2018.ru, attach all necessary documents
- Pay for the participant package;
- Clarify the list of documents required for a visa in your country

2.

Obtain a unique registration number ("Telex") from the organizers (issuing not earlier than 2 months before the event)

3.

- Contact the Russian Consulate /Embassy / Visa Centre in your country and provide completed application with all necessary documents
- Wait for the visa approval (up to 15 days)

All participants should register at the website: www.imrc2018.ru. All information regarding participation in IMRC-2018 should be included in your Personal Account at www.imrc2018.ru. Information about the trip, dates of arrival/departure, and need for visa support should be specified in the Additional information section of your Personal Account before June 30, 2018. The absence of required information prevents Organizers from providing the visa support. Visa support is provided by sending an invitation number ("Telex") not earlier than 2 months before the event. The visa procedure with Telex numbers is unique in that instead of providing an invitation letter travelers only have to specify their unique 6-digit Telex number. Additional costs related to receiving a Russian visa (consular fee, service fee, insurance) are paid by the participant.



Where to submit the documents

Traditionally, you can apply for the visa by personally submitting the required documents at a Russian consulate. In several countries you must make an appointment to do this in advance. In some countries, documents are submitted at the visa centers of various companies. For example, in Great Britain, Finland and South Korea, Russian visa centers are run by the company VFS, whereas in a number of European countries the firm VHS runs the center. In the USA this task is performed by ILS USA. A detailed list can be found on the site of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation.

Key documents to obtain Russian visa:

- National Passport;
- Scan copy of passport;
- A completed application form (could be downloaded from the Consulate / Embassy site / Russian visa center in your country);
- Insurance;
- Telex number.

Depending on the country where the visa is being applied for, the Russian consulate may require additional documents for the processing of a visa application. They could include, for example, financial documents confirming the possession of sufficient resources for the trip to Russia and return to the applicant's homeland. Citizens of a number of countries, when applying for a Russian visa, must present the original return tickets for their trip.



Visa fees

Fees for the drawing up of visas vary depending on the country where the application is submitted, the type of visa being applied for and the urgency of its processing.

You could specify the cost of the visa and service fee at your nearest consular office or visa center.

Visa processing time

The standard time period for the issuing of a visa is from 4 to 20 working days. As a rule, the time periods depend on the type of visa being applied for and the country in which the application is made. Fast-track processing is also possible, with processing taking between one and three days.

In such cases the visa fees are doubled.

Responsibility

Don't forget that foreigners who do not leave Russia by the end of the term of validity of their visas or who violate the regulations for staying in the country can be held administratively responsible and deported from the country.



Insurance

Travel Insurance is obligatory for entry into Russia, and without such insurance your visa may not be approved. If you are coming from a country that does not require a visa, you still require insurance.

Usually, such travel insurance covers treatment costs of at least 30,000 Euros. Standard insurance includes medical costs for outpatient and inpatient treatment, costs for emergency dental aid and medical transport, as well as transport costs for the return of children to their homeland if their relatives have been hospitalized or have passed away. Carry your insurance policy with you – this will allow you or health care service to contact the insurance company quickly and resolve financial issues in force majeure circumstances.

Customs rules when leaving Russia

If you are intending to take gifts and souvenirs from Russia, you should establish in advance if you can take the items you have bought across the border. In Russia there are many artists and craftsmen producing wonderful handmade souvenirs (carved and painted wooden items, items made with precious and semi-precious stones, linen fabrics and the like are particularly valued) and there are many factories engaged in their mass production. Mementos can also be bought in antique stores and at flea markets. Works of art, antiques, icons and old books are regarded as cultural treasures. Exporting some of them is banned: anything that is over a hundred years old, archaeological artifacts, any objects of scientific or artistic value, original military uniforms and accessories if they over fifty years of age, medals and other awards. Other valuables, including original paintings, statues, icons or miniatures can be taken out of the country if, Rosokhrankultura, the federal service for the oversight of legislation in the sphere of cultural heritage, which is subordinated to the Culture Ministry, gave permission in advance.