

# Russia

## Travel Facts



### US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens DO NOT TRAVEL to Russia due to the unpredictable consequences of the unprovoked full-scale invasion of Ukraine by Russian military forces, the potential for harassment and the singling out of U.S. citizens for detention by Russian government security officials, the arbitrary enforcement of local law, limited flights into and out of Russia, the Embassy's limited ability to assist U.S. citizens in Russia, and the possibility of terrorism. U.S. citizens residing or traveling in Russia should depart immediately. Exercise increased caution due to the risk of wrongful detentions. Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws, and special circumstances in this country. <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

### Passport/Visa Requirements

For the latest passport and visa requirements for this country, please consult the U.S. State Department's "Learn About Your Destination" search tool, available through the link below. <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html>

### US Embassy/Consulate

[7] (495) 728-5000; US Embassy Moscow, Bolshoy Deviatinsky, Pereulok No. 8, Moscow 121099, Russian Federation; MoscowACS@state.gov; <https://ru.usembassy.gov/>

### Types of Travelers

Additional travel considerations can be found on the US Dept of State International Travel page. <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html>

### Telephone Code

7

### Local Emergency Phone

112

### Vaccinations

See WHO recommendations. <http://www.who.int/>

### Climate

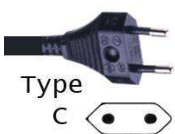
Ranges from steppes in the south through humid continental in much of European Russia; subarctic in Siberia to tundra climate in the polar north

### Currency (Code)

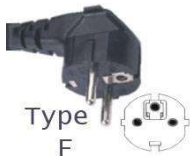
Russian rubles (RUB)

### Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

230 V / 50 Hz / plug types(s): C, F



Type C



Type F

### Major Languages

Russian, Tatar, Chechen

### Major Religions

Russian Orthodox 15-20%, Muslim 10-15%, other Christian 2%, note: estimates of practicing worshipers; Russia has large populations of non-practicing believers and non-believers

### Time Difference

UTC+3 (8 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time); note: Russia has 11 time zones

### Potable Water

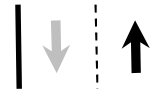
Opt for bottled water

### International Driving Permit

Suggested

### Road Driving Side

Right



### Tourist Destinations

Moscow (includes Kremlin & Red Square, Saint Basil Cathedral); Suzdal; Lake Baikal; Saint Sophia Cathedral (Veliky Novgorod); Kizhi Island; Valley of Geysers; Mount Elbrus; Saint Petersburg (includes Hermitage Museum, Saint Isaac's Cathedral, Peterhof Palace)

### Major Sports

Soccer, ice hockey, handball, basketball, tennis

### Cultural Practices

Leaving a small amount of food on your plate indicates that your host has provided ample hospitality.

### Tipping Guidelines

Tip between 10-15% of the bill at restaurants. A porter or bellhop should receive 30-90 rubles or \$1-3 (USD) per bag to carry luggage to a room. Hotel housekeeping would appreciate between 60-120 rubles per day. Tipping taxi drivers is not necessary.

### Souvenirs

Matryoshka nesting dolls, Soviet-era memorabilia, amber jewelry, lacquer boxes, Faberge egg reproductions, hand-painted icons

### Traditional Cuisine

Pelmeni — bite-sized dough dumplings filled with a variety of ingredients including pork, beef, fish, spices, mushrooms, onions, and other vegetables and boiled; typically served with sour cream in a soup broth

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