

## Exodus Visa Information Sheet for British Passport Holders

Country: Russia  
Valid for: 2020  
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### RUSSIA VISA APPLICATION PROCESS SUMMARY

Visa required in advance	Yes
Visa cost	As below
Photo required	Yes
When to apply	8 - 12 weeks before travel
Processing time	20 working days

### NOTES FOR RUSSIA VISAS

British passport holders require a visa for Russia. If you are not a British passport holder please check with your nearest Russian Embassy.

You must obtain your Russian visa **before** departure.

In order to be able to apply for your Russian visa you will require an invitation letter which will be issued by Exodus. Please make sure that Exodus has a scan of your passport **at least 12 weeks** before departure. Exodus will issue your invitation letter at least 6 weeks before your departure and it will be emailed or posted to you so can apply for your Russian visa.

As of the 10th December 2014, the diplomatic missions and consular offices of the Russian Federation in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Russian Visa Application Centres in London, Manchester and Edinburgh will start collecting biometric data (fingerprints) of all foreign nationals over 12 years of age for each of their Russian visa applications. As such, all UK-based travellers will need to apply for their visa in person at the Russian Visa Application Centres in London or Edinburgh.

Dates of validity of the visa will correspond with the dates mentioned on your invitation letter.

Please note that there is a £20pp charge to create an invitation letter if any pre or post tour accommodation is not booked with Exodus.

#### You can apply for your visa:

- Directly with one of the 3 visa application centres.
- Unfortunately, after the recent changes to the visa application process, our regular visa agency Travcour, can no longer assist with Russian visa applications.

### APPLYING FOR YOUR VISA

#### DIRECTLY WITH THE RUSSIAN EMBASSY

##### Normal Process

##### Step 1:

Fill in the visa application on the Russian embassy's website - <http://ru.vfsglobal.co.uk>

##### Step 2:

For your visit to the visa centre you need the filled in application form, 1 passport photo, invitation letter, passport (valid for 6 months beyond the intended length of stay and has 2 blank pages which do not need to be consecutive), and the visa fee.

##### Address and contact information application

15 - 27 Gee Street  
London  
EC1V 3RD

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Or

53 Fountain Street (Regus Business Centre)  
Manchester  
M2 2AN

Or

64 Albion Road  
Edinburgh  
EH7 5QZ

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<b>Cost Summary</b>	<b>£108.40 Regular service (up to 20 business days)</b> <b>£170.60 Express Service (up to 3 business days)</b> <b>(Additional postage £13.80)</b>
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<b>Time Taken to Issue Visa</b>	20 working days plus delivery time
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For further information please contact:  
Russia Visa Application Centre in London  
15-27 Gee Street  
London EC1V 3RD  
[info.ruuk@vshelpline.com](mailto:info.ruuk@vshelpline.com)

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<b>More Information</b>	<a href="http://rusemb.org.uk/consular/">http://rusemb.org.uk/consular/</a>
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## NOTES ON COMPLETING YOUR RUSSIAN VISA APPLICATION FORM

You will need to provide the details of an inviting organisation on the visa application form; please put down our local operator in Russia:

- **Select Service**, 11A Building 2, Novinski Boulevard, 121099, Moscow, Russia

You will also need to provide details of the accommodation you shall be staying in. Please find your hotel list below:

### AVS - Moscow to St Petersburg

- **Arbat House Hotel** - 13 Skatertny Lane, Moscow, 121069, Russia  
Tel: +7 (495) 697 2405
- **Volkhov Hotel** - 24 Predtechenskaya Street, 173007, Veliky Novgorod, Russia  
Tel:+7 (8162) 225 505
- **Hotel Natali** - 56A Malaya Street, Pushkin, St Petersburg, 190000, Russia  
Tel: +7 (812) 466 2768
- **Hotel Asteria** - 71 Fontanka River Embankment, St.Petersburg, 191023, Russia  
Tel: +7 (812) 335 6888

### ARA - Last Journey of the Tsars

- **Arbat House Hotel** - 13 Skatertny Lane, Moscow, 121069, Russia  
Tel: +7 (495) 697 2405
- **Sokol Hotel** - 2A Torgovaya Square, Suzdal, 105062, Russia  
Tel: +7 (495) 916 3364
- **Gorky Hotel** - 16 ul. Maslyakova, Nizhniy Novgorod, 603000, Russia  
Tel: +7 (831) 430 6340
- **Maksim Gorky Hotel** - 6 ul. Maksima Gorkogo, Kazan, 420015, Russia  
Tel: +7 (843) 233 3293
- **Green Park Hotel** - Ulitsa Narodnoy Voli,24, Yekaterinburg, Sverdlovsk Oblast, 620144, Russia  
Tel: +7 (343) 220 0024

The confirmation number and reference number are the same for all applicants: 000421

Self-employed applicants must take a bank statement with them to show they have £100 per day in Russia to cover expenses.

## EXODUS ASSISTANCE

If you have any questions about the form or the application process, please contact our Customer Operations Visa Support, **Federika Katonova** on 020 8772 3902 or email [federika.katonova@exodus.co.uk](mailto:federika.katonova@exodus.co.uk). If you are not able to get through to Federika, you can contact our Customer Operations team on 020 8772 3747 or email [customerops@exodus.co.uk](mailto:customerops@exodus.co.uk).

If you need any assistance while you fill out your application form please contact **Select Service** on 01480 433783 or email [visas@asltravelgroup.com](mailto:visas@asltravelgroup.com). For a small fee they also provide a form-filling service on your behalf.

### SMALL PRINT

*All nationalities require a full passport that must be valid for 6 months beyond the intended length of stay. It is your responsibility to have the Correct personal documents and to obtain your own visa, if one is necessary, in accordance with the regulations of the country you are to visit*

*If a visa is required prior to travel, it is your responsibility to obtain one. However we strongly advise you not to do this until your trip has been made definite. The information above is meant to aid you in getting your visa. Information can change, so if you are at all concerned please check with the embassy or company Select Service.*