

Travelling to Russia

Visa and Booking Instructions

Congress Organisation Committee is delighted to welcome all the delegates of the World Urban Parks Congress in Kazan, Russia!

Below you will find all the necessary information and instructions concerning your trip to Russia.

The Committee is always ready to help you, to answer all your questions and to provide all necessary information. Unfortunately, we would also like to inform you that we cannot provide you with the flight tickets to Moscow or Kazan, hotel booking in these cities and transfers from/to airport in Moscow and Kazan. You can use Uber or any authorized taxi company in the airport to get to the center of the city.

Information about the transfers to/from the Kazan Expo (the exhibition center where the Congress will take place) will appear on our website later.

Program

- October 16th – Moscow parks technical visits (optional). Please, let us know if you want to take part in this program activity via welcome@wupkazan.com. The application for the visa, and especially the dates it will be valid, depends on your decision to take part in this part of the program.

- October 17th – flight from Moscow to Kazan
- October 18th – Congress sessions, Kazan parks technical visits
- October 19th – Congress sessions
- October 20th – Kazan parks technical visits

Documents

All delegates of the World urban parks congress in Kazan, Russia will need to apply for a tourist visa to Russia.

To obtain a visa, you must provide the following documents to the Russian Consulate in your country (you can find a list of the Russian Consulates here - <http://www.russianconsulates.com/>):

- A visa application, filled in online (<https://visa.kdmid.ru/>) printed, with a signature and a standard size photo (3,5 x 4,5 cm)
- Original passport
- Invitation to Russia (issued by the authorized travel agency or directly by the hotel)
- Travel insurance for the term of the trip

On <https://goingrus.com/info/en/get-russian-visa#step-by-step> you will find a detailed instruction for obtaining a Russian visa.

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Agencies

To get assistance in obtaining these documents for the tourist visa you can also contact the following agencies:

<http://www.visatorussia.com/>

<http://www.russianvisaonline.net/>

<http://www.expresstorussia.com/>

<http://www.traveldocs.com/>

<http://www.waytorussia.net/Services/VisaSupport/Tourist.html>

Check out these websites, they will help get a travel voucher and other paperwork necessary together.

Hotels

The way Russian visa system is set up is that a letter of invitation is not enough, you would need to provide what is called a travel voucher — it is a confirmation from the hotel that you are staying at. Congress organisation committee cannot provide you with that as we cannot be responsible for your travel costs. However the agencies mentioned above would be able to arrange everything. You can also book the hotel directly via [booking.com](http://www.booking.com) and ask a hotel for a travel voucher.

Here is the list of the hotels in Kazan that have a license to issue travel vouchers directly on your request for some fee.

- Courtyard by Marriott Kazan Kremlin (<http://www.courtyard-kazan.com>)

- DoubleTree by Hilton Kazan (<https://www.hilton.ru/hotels/doubletree-by-hilton-kazan-city-center/>)

- Grand Hotel Kazan (<https://kazanhotelgroup.ru>)

- Ramada Kazan City Centre (<http://www.ramadakazan.com>)

Unfortunately, not every hotel in Kazan has an opportunity to issue a travel voucher. In this case you should apply to a travel agency (e.g. mentioned above) that will help you with all the necessary documents.

Please, do not hesitate to contact us for any clarifications or help via email: welcome@wupkazan.com