

The Russian Federation visa-free regime (a shortened List*)

Citizens of the following countries enjoy visa free regime hence do not require a visa to enter the Russian Federation:

- Argentina (up to 90 days in 180 day period (starting from the day of first entry)). Visa would be required: -- for applicants staying for more than 90 days in a 180 day period; - for applicants going to Russia to conduct commercial or work-related activities. Diplomat or Official passport holders would require visa for the whole period of stay
- Bolivia Diplomatic and Service passports holders only
- Brazil (up to 90 days in 180 days period with the exception of work, study and residence) - for tourist, private visits or transit purposes only. In all other cases visa is required
- Chile (up to 90 days in 180 days period) - visa free regime does not apply for work and business related visits and Diplomatic and Service passports holders
- Croatia (up to 90 days in 180 days period) - Diplomatic and Service passports holders only
- Hong Kong (up to 14 days of stay)
- Iceland (up to 90 days)- Diplomatic and Service passports holders only
- Israel (up to 90 days). Tourist documents or the original invitation accordingly are required to be presented to the Russian Immigration authorities. Visa free regime does not apply for Diplomatic and Service passports holders.
- Kazakhstan
- Republic of Korea (up to 60 days for the tourists)
- Mongolia (up to 30 days) for the holders of diplomatic, official and foreign passports. In case of consequent trips, total amount of days spent in Russia cannot exceed 90 days in a period of 180 days from the date of first entrance
- Peru (up to 90 days in 180 days period) - visa free regime does not apply for work and business related visits and Diplomatic and Service passports holders
- The Republic of South Africa - for all types of passports for up to 90 days, with the exception of work, study and residence
- Thailand (up to 90 days) - Diplomatic and Service passports holders only. Holders of ordinary passports can stay up to 30 days
- Ukraine
- Uzbekistan

*Notes:

- Visitors attending a conference or business meetings may require a **BUSINESS VISA** to enter the Russian Federation
- Full list of citizens of visa exemption to enter Russia can be found online - http://ru.vfsglobal.co.uk/visa_free_regime.html
- Visitors should always confirm details or any queries with a Russian Consular Office or consult with travel consultants re types of passport, visa status and requirement in their countries