

Visa support

A valid passport and a visa are required to enter the Russian Federation.

Standard procedure to apply Russian visa

Visitors holding an invitation to the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum 2020 are eligible to apply for a short-term visa through a simplified procedure in Russian consulates abroad.

To apply for an entry visa to the Russian Federation, the invited person must contact **in advance** the appropriate consular office of the Russian Federation abroad (information on locations of the Russian Federation's consular offices can be found of the [Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation](#)).

It is not recommended to apply for an entry visa through intermediaries.

Applying for electronic visa

Nationals of [53 foreign states](#) can obtain an electronic visa to enter the St. Petersburg and the Leningrad region by filling in an application form on the special-purpose website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation [evisa.kdmid.ru](#).

You can fill in an application form for an e-visa on this website not earlier than 20 days and no later than 4 days before the intended date of entry into the Russian Federation. When filling in the application, we ask participants to pay attention to all provisions of the instructions on the website [evisa.kdmid.ru](#).

The time period for issuing an e-visa is no longer than 4 calendar days from the date of submission of the complete application.

E-visa is a single-entry visa and issued for 30 calendar days from the date of its issuance. The permitted stay in the Russian Federation with an e-visa is up to 8 days starting from the date of entry, within its validity period. E-visa validity and/or the permitted stay under it cannot be extended.

The received notification on the issuance of an electronic visa to a foreign citizen needs to be printed out to be provided to the carrier company, as well as to the employees of the Russian border service during passport control.

E-visa can be used for entering and leaving the Russian Federation at the checkpoints at the national border of the Russian Federation in St. Petersburg and Leningrad Region. Foreign citizens who have arrived in the Russian Federation with e-visas are entitled to move freely **only within the territories of St. Petersburg and Leningrad Region**.

Detailed information on electronic visas to enter the St. Petersburg and the Leningrad Region is available the [special-purpose website of the Consular Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation](#).