

II Global Digital Forum Participant Information Guide

The Russian Federation welcomes the participants and guests of the **II Global Digital Forum**, which will take place in Moscow from **8 to 10 October 2026**

OBTAINING A VISA TO ENTER RUSSIA

To participate in the II Global Digital Forum in the Russian Federation, foreign nationals and stateless persons are required to obtain a business type of visa.

- Visa-free entry into the Russian Federation is possible for citizens of countries with which a relevant agreement is in force. See [Conditions for Entry of Foreign Nationals into the Russian Federation](#).
- Before applying for a visa, the participants must register in the [Personal Account](#) and receive confirmation of their participation in the Forum.
- To apply for a visa, a foreign national must contact the Consular Section of the Embassy of the Russian Federation, the Consulate General of the Russian Federation, or Russian visa application center in their country of permanent residence.
- Visa issuance began on 28 August 2026.
- Confirmation of participation in the Forum and the invitation are required to submit a visa application.

Documents Required for a Visa Application

1. A passport with at least two blank visa pages. As a rule, the passport must be valid for at least six months after the visa expiry date. *
2. A visa application form completed on the [visa.kdmid.ru](#) website. The visa application form should be completed electronically. If you are unable to do so for technical reasons, a handwritten or a printed version may be accepted.
3. Two photographs measuring 3.5 × 4.5 cm.

4. A medical insurance policy valid for the entire period of your trip to Russia.
5. A printed invitation to the II Global Digital Forum.
6. A printed screenshot from the Personal Account confirming participation in the Forum.
7. A printed confirmation letter of participation in the Forum sent to the participant's email address after registration.

Instructions for Completing the Visa Application Form

1. Go to <https://visa.kdmid.ru/PetitionChoice.aspx>, select the language and the country in which you will submit your visa application. Carefully read the instructions for completing the application form in the blue box.
2. Create a password and complete the CAPTCHA verification.
3. Fill in all mandatory fields marked with an asterisk (* — such as surname and first name, date of birth, place of employment, etc.). Use the sample completed application form below as a reference and follow the on-screen instructions and prompts.
4. Check the information you have entered, submit the application form, and save the application number, which you will need to submit your documents.

Sample Completed Visa Application Form (PDF)

- * More detailed information on the document requirements for obtaining a Russian visa can be found on the websites of Russian consular offices in your country of residence.
- Also note that if you travel to Russia via third countries, transit visas may be required. Kindly check the relevant requirements with the consular authorities of the countries where you will be transferring between flights or other means of transport.
- * Information on visa and visa-free entry requirements for foreign nationals holding different types of passports is available at the link below: [Visa regimes: list of countries \(DOCX\)](#)

TRANSPORTATION SUPPORT

Moscow Airports

Airport	Website	Information Desk	Baggage Inquiries
Sheremetyevo (SVO)	svo.aero	+7 (495) 232-65-65	+7 (800) 234-57-17
Vnukovo (VKO)	vnukovo.ru	+7 (495) 937-55-55	+7 (495) 436-77-60
Domodedovo (DME)	dme.ru	+7 (495) 933-66-66	+7 (495) 504-02-85

Airport info desks

Event **information desks** will operate **at the airports**, where guests can receive assistance with any organizational questions that arise upon arrival, as well as information about the **transfer to their hotel**.

Getting Around Moscow

As part of the event, Forum participants will be **provided with transfer services**, including:

- transfers from the airport to the hotel upon arrival in Moscow and from the hotel to the airport upon departure;
- transfers to and from the venues of the event's business and cultural program.

For taxi services, we recommend using the official **Yandex Go** app

[App Store](#)

[Google Play](#)



 For safety reasons, please do not use private drivers or unofficial taxi services

Dates and Venue

Dates: 8–10 October 2026

Venue:

Russian Federation, Moscow
[Mechta Multifunctional Complex, Gorky Park,
9 Krymsky Val Street](#)

[GORKY, Gorky Park,
Pushkinskaya Embankment, 6](#)

Mechta Multifunctional Complex is a modern venue for large-scale conferences, business and cultural events located in Gorky Park.

ACCREDITATION

An accreditation badge is required to access the Forum venue. It must be collected at the event's information desk at your hotel upon check-in.

 **Please note:**
Participants must carry their badges with them throughout the event. The badge grants access to the Forum venue and is required to attend the program. Badges are non-transferable.

ACCOMMODATION

Participants will be provided with accommodation in Moscow from **6 to 11 October 2026**.

Information about the hotel, accommodation dates and organizational details will be sent to each participant by their personal manager.

For all accommodation-related matters, please contact your personal manager.

Each hotel will have **an event information desk, available 24/7**, where participants must collect their **accreditation badge**.

The information desk can also help with:

- getting information about the program and transportation;
- answering organizational questions;
- getting a Russian SIM card.

MEALS

During their hotel stay, participants will be provided with breakfast.

On event days, lunch and coffee breaks will be provided at the business program venue.

If you have any dietary restrictions or allergies, please inform your personal manager in advance.

BUSINESS PROGRAM

The business program consists of several thematic tracks. The detailed program is available on the [official website in the Business Program section](#).

As part of the business program, participants will visit **the Digital Solutions exhibition by the Forum's** partners, which will showcase companies and projects in the field of digital technology.

 **Attendance at the business program events is mandatory for all participants.**

CULTURAL PROGRAM

A diverse cultural program will be available to the participants, introducing them to the historical and cultural heritage of Moscow and Russia.

Detailed information about the events, schedule, and excursion descriptions is available on the official website, in the [Events Programme](#) section.

Please check with your personal manager for the latest information on timing and program details.

PROHIBITED ITEMS AT THE VENUE

For the safety of participants, the following items are prohibited at the business program venue:

- weapons and objects resembling weapons;
- explosives, flammable substances, and other hazardous materials;
- sharp and pointed objects;
- alcoholic beverages;
- glass items, including bottles;
- other items prohibited by a venue's safety regulations.



Please note: Participants will go through security screening when entering the venue. Please allow additional time for the screening. Carrying prohibited items may prevent you from entering the venue.



IMPORTANT! Leaving suitcases and large pieces of luggage anywhere at the Forum venue, including the cloakroom, is strictly prohibited. Please leave your luggage at your hotel. If you are arriving with large luggage, please contact your personal manager in advance to arrange storage.

MEDICAL CARE

Participants arriving from abroad are strongly advised to obtain **travel insurance valid in the Russian Federation and covering the full range of possible medical needs** for the entire period of their stay.

An ambulance team will be on duty at the Forum venue every day to provide immediate medical assistance to participants. This service is intended for conditions requiring urgent medical intervention, including accidents, injuries, poisoning, and other conditions requiring urgent treatment. Other medical services **are not covered** by the Forum and must be paid for by the participant or covered by their health insurance.

Medications

If you take medication regularly, bring enough for the entire duration of your trip. Keep your prescription or a doctor's letter with you, stating the name of the medication, active ingredient, dosage, and directions for use, especially for prescription-only medications.

Please check in advance the requirements for bringing specific medications into the Russian Federation. Special documentation and quantity restrictions may apply to certain strong or controlled medications. Carry medications in their original packaging with the manufacturer's labeling.

MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS AND INTERNET

RUSSIAN SIM CARD

Foreign participants will be able to receive a **physical SIM card free of charge for the entire duration of the Forum** at the hotel information desk. It is needed **to stay in touch with your personal manager** and emergency services, as well as for **mobile internet access**.

The SIM card can be collected **from 6 to 8 October** at the hotel information desk upon presentation of your passport and accreditation badge.

To receive a SIM card, the participant will be required to sign a service agreement.

SIM CARD TERMS OF USE

- The SIM card can be activated and used **only within Moscow and the Moscow Region**.
- The SIM card can be issued **upon presentation of a foreign national's passport and an accreditation badge**. **Incoming calls from other countries are free of charge**.
- The tariff plan is available **only for new connections** made by **participants** of the II Global Digital Forum and is valid until **15 October 2026**.
- Switching to other tariff plans **is not available**.
- Outgoing **international calls are not permitted**.
- The SIM card works only in the **device it was first activated**. If the IMEI changes, the SIM card will be blocked.
- **SMS forwarding, mobile hotspot** (tethering), and changing or transferring the number **are not available** under this tariff plan.
- The SIM card **cannot be replaced** with an eSIM, and **cannot** be replaced or **restored** if lost.

SIM CARD TARIFF

The tariff plan includes:

- **Unlimited calls** to T2 numbers.
- **800 minutes** to other Russian mobile operators.
- **Unlimited SMS** messages.
- **Unlimited internet**.

Support: dial 711 from the number issued to you as part of the Global Digital Forum.

Information about using the SIM card and what to do if it is lost can be obtained from your personal manager or the staff at the information desk.

MAKING PHONE CALLS

- Calls to Russia: +7 – area code –number

- Moscow telephone area codes: 495, 499 and 498

Wi-Fi

Free Wi-Fi is available at the event venues, hotels, airports, metro stations, and other public places.

Connecting to Wi-Fi may require verification of your phone number via an SMS code. If you are using a foreign SIM card, we recommend checking in advance that international roaming is enabled and that you can receive SMS messages.

Messaging Apps



Please note that some messaging apps and online services are subject to restrictions in the Russian Federation.

We recommend saving the contact details of the organizers and your personal manager in advance, and using email or the Russian SIM card provided to participants to stay in touch.

MONEY AND PAYMENTS

The official currency of the Russian Federation is the Russian ruble (RUB).

Payment Methods

1. Cashless Payments

Only **Mir** and **UnionPay** cards **are accepted** in the Russian Federation.



Please note: Cards issued by **Visa, Mastercard**, and a number of other foreign payment systems **are not currently accepted** in Russia, and cash cannot be withdrawn from ATMs with these cards. Before traveling, we recommend checking with your bank whether you can withdraw cash and use your card in Russia.

2. Cash

Due to the restrictions described above, please bring enough **cash** in advance to cover your expenses during your stay in Russia. We recommend carrying US dollars, euros, or Russian rubles. Foreign currency can be exchanged for Russian rubles upon arrival.

Currency Exchange

Currency exchange services are available at the hotels, airports, and banks.

A **passport** is required to exchange foreign currency.

We recommend checking current exchange rates directly at banks and official currency exchange offices, as well as on the website of the Bank of Russia: <https://cbr.ru/eng>

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Time

Moscow is in the **Moscow Standard Time (MSK), UTC+3** time zone. Russia does not observe daylight saving time.

Weather

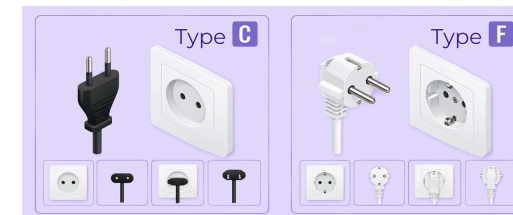
In October, the average daytime temperature in Moscow is around **+8 to +10 °C**. Rain, wind, and sudden changes in temperature are possible during this period.

We recommend bringing warm and waterproof clothing, an umbrella and comfortable footwear.

Electricity

The mains voltage is **220–230 V, 50 Hz**.

Russia uses **Type C** and **Type F** electrical sockets with two round pins. If your devices use a different plug type, we recommend purchasing an adapter in advance.



Water

We recommend drinking bottled water, which is available at shops and hotels.

Prayer Room

A prayer room will be available at the Forum venue.

Contacts

Information support:
protocol@gdfconf.com

Hotline:

+7 925 149-91-23

Operating hours: 21 September – 13 October 2026,
24 hours a day

Emergency Services Number:

112

In an emergency, participants may also contact event staff or their personal manager.