

RUSSIAN LANGUAGE UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES LTD

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FLIGHTS

BA are no longer willing to sell us group travel air tickets. This means that you will have to book your own flight. You can do this online at www.ba.com. The website will also give you the current flight times.

FLYING TO MOSCOW

If you are studying in Moscow, Kazan, Tver or Yaroslavl, you should fly to Moscow Domodedovo airport. The recommended flights are:

London -- Moscow BA233
Moscow – London BA232

There are also flights to Moscow on Aeroflot. However, they fly into Moscow Sheremetevo airport. This is a long way from Domodedovo airport and this will mean that you will not be met and you will have to make your own way to your accommodation.

If you are studying in the spring term in Kazan, you can book a ticket with BA to Kazan. They have a codeshare agreement with the Russian airline S7. We can arrange for you to be met at Kazan airport. If you do this, you will have to collect your luggage at Moscow Domodedovo airport, go through immigration/customs and check in at the S7 desk at Moscow Domodedovo for the flight to Kazan.

FLYING TO ST PETERSBURG

If you are studying in St Petersburg or Petrozavodsk, you should fly to St Petersburg Pulkovo airport. The recommended flights are:

London – St Petersburg BA878
St Petersburg – London BA879

To find the course dates, click on the link on the left. The dates given there are the dates when you should travel. The course will start the day after you arrive.

If you use these flights and let RLUS know at least two weeks before departure, you will be met. If you have asked for accommodation to be arranged for you, you will be taken free of charge to your accommodation. If you have arranged your own accommodation, you will be expected to make your own way to your accommodation, even if you are on one of the above flights.

If you plan to arrive on a different flight, which arrives before the recommended flight and are willing to wait for the BA flight, you can still be met, provided that you let RLUS know your flight details at least two weeks before departure and have asked for accommodation to be arranged for you. In case of flight delays, please make sure that you have the student representatives' mobile phone numbers. They are in the Contact section of the website.

If transport is provided to the airport at the end of your course, you will be taken back to the airport free of charge, provided that you have booked a ticket on one of the above flights, or on a flight that leaves later. This is conditional on your still being in accommodation provided

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by the Russian university or institute and giving the course organisers reasonable notice that you wish to travel back to the airport with the group.

If your arrival plans will not allow you to meet the group, you will either have to make your own way to your accommodation or pay to be met. Do not expect in these circumstances to be met by the RLUS representative. If your course is in Moscow or St Petersburg, the university or institute where you are studying may be able to arrange for a taxi to pick you up and take you to your accommodation. You will have to pay the cost of the taxi. If you are making your own way to accommodation arranged by the university or institute where you are studying, please contact your RLUS representative 1-2 days before arrival to find out where you will be staying.

Visas

Your visa will expire before the end of your course and will be extended in Russia. The major airlines will check that you have a valid visa for the outward journey before they will allow you to travel. They will not worry if your return ticket is beyond the validity of your visa. However, students travelling on smaller airlines have had problems, as they are concerned that you do not have a valid visa for the return flight. Please check this with your airline when booking your ticket.

YOUR VISA INVITATION WILL NOT NORMALLY ALLOW YOU TO TRAVEL EVEN ONE DAY BEFORE THE GROUP TRAVEL DATE. Even if it does, you should not enter the country before the group travel date, as there may be problems with registration. Any official fines levied on course providers due to students not heeding this advice will be borne by the students themselves. Please also bear in mind that accommodation, arranged by the university or institute where you are studying, will only start on the day that the group arrives.

You can find the course dates by clicking on the link on the left. If you have a reading week as the last week of the course, you may leave Russia as soon as the course finishes. The reading week will give you the opportunity to do some travelling.

If you book your flight before you have your visa, there is a slight risk that you may not receive your visa in time. This has never happened in recent years. However, RLUS cannot be held responsible if, for whatever reason, you are not able to travel on the flight you have booked.

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