

## VISA SUPPORT

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

**Visitors holding an invitation to the ‘Arctic: Territory of Dialogue’ 5<sup>th</sup> International Arctic Forum are eligible to apply for a short-term visa for the period from 2 to 21 April 2019 through a simplified procedure in Russian consulates abroad.**

Members of official delegations and the accompanying persons are provided for single diplomatic (for diplomatic passports) and official (for business and ordinary passports) visas; representatives of businesspersons and the accompanying persons – single-entry business visas.

The host organization is the ‘Arctic: Territory of Dialogue’ 5<sup>th</sup> International Arctic Forum Organizing Committee.

**We recommend Forum participants to apply for a visa in advance.**

To apply for an entry visa to the Russian Federation, the invited person must contact the appropriate consular office of the Russian Federation abroad (information on locations of the Russian Federation’s consular offices can be found [here](#)).

When visiting the consular office to apply for an entry visa you must bring the following documents:

- A valid passport issued in the name of a foreign visa applicant, which must have two blank pages and be valid for at least six months after the expiry of the requested visa.
- A printed and duly completed visa application form. The form must have been completed on the website of a consular office of the Russian Federation abroad. The form can be found [here](#).

When filling in the application form, members of official delegations, businesspersons and the accompanying persons should put “negotiations” for the purpose of the trip, journalists – “press/cor”, “press/tech”.

The form must be printed out and signed and have a 35 mm × 45 mm colour or black-and-white photo glued onto the form, without a head covering (a head covering is allowed only for religious reasons and if the photo in the passport of a foreign citizen pictures him/her with a head covering too).

- The copy of the invitation in Russian or English or its electronic version;
- A document confirming payment of the consular visa application fee for businesspersons and the accompanying persons (please refer to the website of a consular office of the Russian Federation where the visa application will be made for information on fees).
- A medical insurance policy valid within the Russian Federation.

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

In a number of countries, visa applications are submitted only through visa application centres. These centres charge applicants a service fee for accepting and verifying their visa application documents.

In most countries, documents are submitted directly at the consular section by pre-booked appointment. For more detailed information, please visit the website of a consulate in the country where you are applying for the entry visa, which can be found [here](#).

In the case of visa application centres, the service fee and visa application fee are paid right there.