



LIVING IN MOSCOW



Living in Moscow: essential things

- At arrival Be sure to receive your migration card at the passport control of the airport
- Contact your buddy and meet him/her at the airport
- Always have some cash on you (rubles only). Bank cards may not be accepted at some stores and shops.
- It is not permitted to smoke indoors, on balconies, on public transport, at railway stations. Smoking is allowed at the distance of 15 metres from the entrance.
- You should know that the majority of people don't speak English, but don't hesitate to ask them for help.
- Originals of migration card & registration must be on you. Carry copies of passport, visa, registration, migration card. Most public transport doesn't run from 1 am to 6 am. Driving in Moscow can be tense and stressful because of the traffic jams.



Metro & MCR

Operation hours: 5:30 AM - 1 AM

Peak hour: 7 AM - 10 AM 5 PM - 8 PM















Metro. How not to get lost

- Look for the red M above the entrance into a station
- Signs are coloured based on the lines they refer to
- Buy a ticket at a cashier's (2000 roubles for one month)
- Count your stops
- "Выход в город" = exit

Male announcer:

Centre-bound trains

Female announcer:

Out-of-centre-bound trains









Ground Transport

Tramway



Trolleybus



Bus



Marshrutka (minibus)



Suburban train





Additional transport information

- 1. Route number at stops,
- 2. Tickets kiosks
- 3. Ticket validators
- 4. Tickets

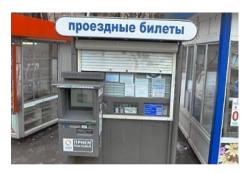
Working hours are from 5-30 AM till 1 AM

There are some night routes which work from 1 AM till 5-45 AM Here you can see the bus traffic: msk.rusavtobus.ru/en

























Electrichka (suburban train)

REX (Sputnik)



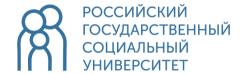
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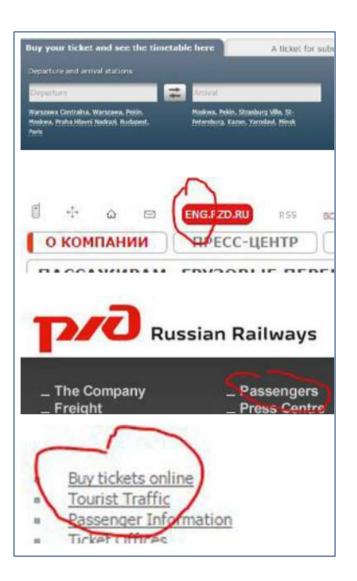
Validators at railway stations. Keep the ticket until you reach your destination.



Train travelling

Check Russian train times & fares pass.rzd.ru/timetable/public/<u>en</u>
Buy Russian train tickets online at rzd.ru

- Go to www.rzd.ru
- Click 'ENG' top right for English
- Click Passengers
- Buy tickets online
- Use the journey planner
- Register
- Enter passenger details
- Pay and print your ticket





Train travelling

What are the Russian trains like?

Firmenniy (high-quality)
Sapsan (high-speed)
Skoriy (express train)
Passazhirskiy (ordinary)

Classes of trains

First class – Spalniy vagon Second class – Kupé Third class – Platzcart The fourth class – Sidyachiy















Banks

Passport translation often needed when paying at bank tellers Passport and registration always needed to make payments. Attention Not many banks have English-speaking personnel.









Grocery shops







- PYATEROCHKA
- MAGNIT
- PEREKRESTOK
- MAGNOLIA
- SEDMOY KONTINENT
- ASHAN
- AZBUKA VKUSA



Climate and weather

Climate in Moscow and Central Region: temperate continental January-February: moderately cold, some days can be freezing, up to -20°C, doesn't last long.

March-April: muddy, windy, chilly, gray May: warm, comfortable, sudden heat

June-August: 20-30°C, usually hot, humid, rainy Augusts

September: usually mild, dry, can be rainy at times October: first snow, cold, gray. The sun disappears.

November-December: usually cold and harsh with warmer days, not much sun.

In cold and/or windy weather keep your head, feet and hands warm. Mind the temperatures difference between the outdoors and indoors.

Winter must-haves: warm coat, hat, scarf, gloves, non-slip waterproof boots/shoes



Health

Be careful to try all type of food. You are new and not familiar with.

Don't drink tap water!





Flat rentals in Moscow

Important Steps:

- Recommendation
- Rental agreement
- Price
- Neighbourhood
- Building

Some services which might help you: Facebook: group "Flats for friends" (in Russian) airbnb.com (short-term rentals) thelocals.ru (in Russian, small membership fee)



