

TRAVEL TIPS FOR BEGIN UNDERGRADUATE TOUR PARTICIPANTS, SEPTEMBER 2017



Travel

Travel between Moscow and St.Petersburg

Recommended option is a fast SAPSAN train between Moscow and St.Petersburg (4 hour trip). On Saturday Sept 16, there are two Sapsan trains that work for us very well - 19.30 and 19.45.

If you prefer to fly, there are many options both from Sheremetyevo and Domodedovo airports.

Travel from St.Petersburg to Novosibirsk

There are a few direct flights on Monday Sept 18.
For example, S7-3340 by S7 Airlines 11.10–19.30.
Or here's another one which is overnight S7-3338 by S7 Airlines 22.30–06.50 (+1).

Booking taxis

You are welcome to order your transfers to/from airport (that is a complimentary service for Begin Edu Fairs participants). <u>Please fill in the form.</u>

Accommodation

Moscow

Radisson Slavyanskaya (Europe Square, 2) is the venue.

For participants of the Begin Group fairs the hotel has special rates, to make your reservation directly please contact Irina Kuzmina, Deputy Sales Director (Corporate): e-mail: i_kuzmina@rdmos.ru, tel: + 7 495 941 8020 ext. 3354. Please make a note that you will be attending the Begin Edu Fair.

You might also like to check <u>booking.com</u> rates

St. Petersburg

Holiday Inn Moskovskie Vorota is the venue (and NOT Astoria). Please book directly with julia.derbeneva@hi-spb.com. To get your fair participant's discount, please make a note that you will be attending the Begin Edu Fair.

Novosibirsk

<u>Domina Hotel, Azimut Hotel (very close to Domina, just across the street).</u>

Tomsk

Bon Apart Hotel, Belveder (both are not so far from the fair venue).



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Freight

If you are planning to ship your materials in advance, here is some freight advice.

Name badges and hotel security lists

To get the venue prepared for the fairs, we need your contact information, a list of your institution's employees working at the fairs (for the name badges), and a complete list of the equipment that you are bringing to the fair (for hotel security). Please fill in the form.

Presentations and short profile

If you made arrangements for a presentation, we need your presentation's title, name and position of a speaker, and a short summary. The sooner you send us these details, the better your presentation's attendance will be!

If this is the first time you attend Begin Edu Fair please also provide a short profile for the marketing campaign which helps bring visitors interested specifically in the programs you offer (a link to your international student brochure would also be very helpful). Please fill in the form.

Visa

Business visa

For a business visa to Russia you will need an official letter of invitation (LOI). the LOI is issued by the Russian Ministry of Foreign affairs and takes at least three weeks (plus a week for delivery in case you need the original copy).

I can do all the paperwork here and will send you the original paper copy so that you can apply for a visa at your local Russian Embassy.

To get the letter of invitation for your business visa we need the following information on each travelling person:

- Copy of his/her passport
- Period of stay in Russia and if it should be single or multiple entry
- Work Address
- Place of birth
- City in which he/she will apply for visa

Tourist visa

It's much easier and quicker to obtain a tourist visa to Russia. No official invitation is needed. You just need a voucher confirmation from the hotel, which usually takes a few hours.

For URGENT visa support services third party agencies could be used, for example, <u>visardo.com</u>.