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Serving U.S. Citizens in the Moscow Consular District

Consular Officer Outreach Travel

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American Citizens Services is coming to you! We are pleased to announce the following dates and locations where a Consular Officer will be available to perform notariats, accept passport applications, and answer your questions. If you would like to meet with us in one of these places, send us an e-mail at moscowwarden@state.gov.

April 2-3	Irkutsk
April 13-14	Saratov
April 16-17	Nizhniy Novgorod
April 20-21	Volgograd
April 23-24	Kazan
April 28-29	Novosibirsk
May 14-15	Rostov on Don
May 21-22	Tomsk
June 1-2	Naryan Mar

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May 1 closed
May 11 closed
May 25 closed
Jun. 12 closed

Have an emergency after
hours or on a holiday?
Phone the Embassy
Duty Officer at
+7 (495) 728-5000

A Safe Trip Abroad

When you travel abroad, the odds are in your favor that you will have a safe and incident-free trip. Travelers are, however, sometimes victimized by crime and violence, or experience unexpected difficulties.

The U.S. Embassy encourages all American Citizens in Russia to review travel and safety information on the Department of State's website, <http://travel.state.gov/>. The website contains a wealth of information on travel conditions around the world, including the Russian Federation, as well as the latest security advisories from all over the world.

U.S. citizens may especially want to look at the publication *A Safe Trip Abroad*, on the Department's website at http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/safety/safety_1747.html. The brochure contains practical, useful advice on ensuring smooth and hassle-free travel.

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Getting Ready for Summer

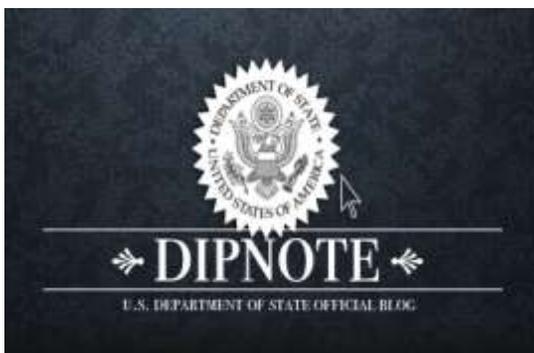
Get ready for warmer weather, spring travel, and summer vacation. It is not too early to check passport expiration dates and avoid unpleasant delays or cancelled travel plans due to an expired passport or Russian visa. The American Citizens Services Unit of the U.S. Embassy in Moscow accepts applications to renew expiring or expired passports, or replace passports that have been lost, stolen, or mutilated. All U.S. citizens in Russia must have their own passports, including children and infants.



When renewing or replacing a U.S. passport in Russia, please pay particular attention to the rules and regulations regarding Russian visas. A Russian visa is only valid for the passport in which it is placed. If the passport is cancelled, lost or no longer valid, the visa also loses its validity. It is the responsibility of the passport holder to obtain an appropriate visa for the new passport.

Allow sufficient time between applying for a new passport and your proposed travel dates. The turnaround time for full validity passports has lengthened recently, and can take up to two weeks.

Dipnote, the U.S. Department of State Official Blog



Through websites and other online resources, the Department of State offers broad public access to a wide range of information. On its official blog, <http://blogs.state.gov/>, the Department offers the public an alternative source to mainstream media for U.S. foreign policy information. This blog offers the opportunity for participants to discuss important foreign policy issues with senior Department officials.

Live Webchat Coming Soon

The last live webchat, held on December 18, 2008 for U.S. citizens in the Russian Federation was such a success that another one is planned soon. Look for a message from our warden system announcing the date, time, and instructions how to participate.

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