

RUSSIA ENTRY GUIDE FOR GULF GUESTS

Almas Russia - private travel for families and friends

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For ordinary passports and short leisure visits. Citizenship determines eligibility; Gulf residence alone does not. Work, study and residence require a different basis. Verify your previous stays and passport requirements before booking.

Saudi Arabia

Visa-free: up to 90 days per calendar year, since 11 May 2026.

[Official Russian MFA source](#)

UAE

Visa-free: up to 90 days in each 180-day period.

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Qatar

Visa-free: up to 90 days in each 180-day period.

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Oman

Visa-free: up to 30 days per visit, 90 days total per calendar year.

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Kuwait

Unified e-visa available: one entry, up to 30 days.

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Bahrain

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Unified e-visa

One entry. Valid for 120 days from issue; stay up to 30 days. Arrival and departure each count as a day. Apply 86 to 4 days before entry. Processing takes up to 4 calendar days after a complete submission; corrections restart the period.

Passport validity: at least 6 months from application. Each child needs a separate e-visa. No invitation, hotel confirmation or travel-purpose document is required. Medical insurance valid in Russia throughout the stay is required unless an official reciprocity exemption applies. Check fees on the portal.

[Official portal: `evisa.kdmid.ru`](#)

BEFORE YOU FLY

Documents and arrival

Use approved checkpoints for e-visa entry and exit. Travel is permitted throughout Russia except areas requiring special permission. Save visa notifications, the hotel address and your coordinator contact offline. Ensure the trip fits both visa validity and permitted stay.

Your confirmed program

Check the written itinerary for your meeting point, private transfer, hotel and included services. Share family needs, walking limits and room preferences early. Your coordinator can discuss what can be arranged; availability must be confirmed for your dates.

Meals and prayer breaks

Share dietary requirements before departure. Confirm menus and meal arrangements for your route, along with prayer breaks and facilities. A venue name alone does not confirm a menu for your travel date.

Clothing and connectivity

Check the forecast before departure. St. Petersburg, Karelia and Murmansk may need different clothing on the same trip. Bring layers, waterproof footwear and a warm layer for wind. Confirm mobile connectivity before departure; immediate local SIM or eSIM activation cannot be assumed.

Tickets and daily pace

Agree on museum times, transport and breaks in the itinerary. Timed tickets do not guarantee an absence of queues. Leave room for rest and changes in weather, especially when traveling with children.

Plan with Almas

Share dates, group size and the places you would like to visit. Find the current guide and contact options at almas-russia.com/en/visa-info.

This guide is an English planning summary. Official entry rules and your confirmed itinerary take precedence. Recheck sources after the review date.