

**Survival Guide**  
**Winter course'15**  
**LBG Ekaterinburg**  
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# The country

With 143 million people, Russia is the eighth most populated country. Russia has the world's largest mineral and energy resources, has the world's largest forest reserves, and its lakes contain approximately one-quarter of the Earth's fresh liquid water.

Travel to Russia is a unique opportunity to get acquainted with Russian history and culture. Russia spans eleven time zones and two continents and it's one of the most beautiful countries in the world.

This is the great country with an array of rivers, forests and towering mountains. Now you have a chance to explore its land of striking beauty and diversity, from magnificent capitals, Moscow and St. Petersburg, to the measured life of Siberian cities. The whole new world is waiting for you to be discovered.

# The city

Ekaterinburg is a city with the population of a million and a half and a powerful industrial and research centre. It's heavy transport and chemical engineering plants, non-ferrous metallurgical works and military industrial enterprises occupy a leading place in the national economy. The city has about 13 institutions of higher education; it is the seat of the Ural Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences.

Ekaterinburg is a major business centre in Russia. Its financial and banking institutions take an active part in Russian economy, making a substantial contribution to the development of cooperation with foreign countries. More and more foreign companies are successfully operating representative offices and joint ventures here.

Ekaterinburg's unique geographical position on the border of Europe and Asia offers broad opportunities for assuming the role of an important centre of cooperation between East and West.



# The city

The city has a unique appearance. It seems that history itself is embodied on Eka streets and avenues, architectural ensembles and sights.

More than 600 monuments of history and culture are located in the city, and 43 of them are considered to be the top national monuments because of their special significance.



# The city

The heart of Ekaterinburg is its dam (Plotinka), that permitted the initial development of the city's industrial base. The dam was built in 1732 and survived later two reconstructions. At present it is an impressive industrial monument of the 18th century.



# The city

The city has dozens of public libraries, cinemas, concert halls, children's music and art schools.

Opera House, Drama Theatre, Musical Comedy Theatre, Theatre of Youth, Puppet Shows Theatre, Philharmonic Society, and Circus are well known in the country.

The museums of Ekaterinburg are famous for their unique collections.



# Before the course

## **How to get to Ekaterinburg?**

First let's check paths through Moscow and Saint Petersburg.

### **To Moscow / Saint Petersburg by plane**

Both cities have a lot of connections with the biggest/most touristic cities of Europe; it won't be a problem to find the flight that suits you most.

### **To Ekaterinburg by plane**

Most of the international flights are operated through Moscow; you will have a transfer in Moscow Airport Sheremetyevo (SVO). From Sheremetyevo there are some companies, which offer flights to Ekaterinburg: Aeroflot, Transaero, Urals Airlines.

### **To Ekaterinburg by train**

This is the MOST AWESOME way to get to Eka! We invite you to take train ride all together – historical Trans-Siberian Railway, 26 hours with crazy Russians. You will never forget it...



# Before the course

## **Visit Moscow / Saint-Petersburg**

Discover two of the world's most fascinating, intriguing and exciting cities. Moscow, the beating heart of Mother Russia, radiates Slavic might and majesty, while St Petersburg's great squares and opulent palaces, its parks and canals, well deserves their place amongst the roll call of greatest European cities. Don't miss this great-value opportunity to see them both in one unforgettable week.

**But don't forget that later you will go to the fabulous, mind-blowing, European-and-Asian city called Ekaterinburg!**



# Before the course

## **Don't forget to take to Eka:**

- 1) Passport, Travel insurance, Student card (ISIC);
- 2) Some extra money for shopping, souvenirs and etc;
- 3) Photo stuff to take the memorable moments;
- 4) Personal hygiene items like toothbrush, razor, etc;
- 5) Towel, swimsuits, slippers and etc;
- 6) Warm jacket, couple of hoodies, official suit for university and Russian wedding, 5-6 T-shirts, underwear, warm socks, warm shoes, warm hat, warm pants. Take more clothes because there is **no washing machine in dormitory**;
- 7) For International Evening: ingredients of the national dish you're making, typical alcohol of your country, something to present your country with (a part of a national costume or a musical instrument for example);
- 8) Take some costumes for the thematic parties «Back to childhood» and «Madhouse»!!;
- 9) And the most important thing, we need is... YOU with your good mood and will to work hard and party harder!



# During the course

**Hostel**

## **Accommodation**

During staying in Ekaterinburg you will live at the University Hostel.

There are the rooms of 3 and 2 beds. The Hostel itself is situated as close as 5 minutes walk to the University and it's 2000 meters to the Center Area. *Hostel's Address is* **Mashinistov street, 4a.**

**University**



# During the course

## Transportations

From 5:00 to 23:00 Ekaterinburg's streets are served by buses, trolleybuses and trams covering many differing routes.

Fares charged for journeys do not depend upon distance traveled. Payment for journeys on the city's public transport is in cash; tickets should be bought from the conductor. Tickets entitle the hold to a single journey on a single route only.

Also we have the Underground. This is the most convenient and the fastest form of public transport in Ekaterinburg, unfortunately our city has only one line and just 9 stations over there. At Underground you will feel the unreal signature aroma of this place. You will never forget it.

But the best transport has ever been created is you. We will take walks often to show you all the BEST that Eka has! You will not miss anything! ;)



# Dictionary

Hello	Privet / Zdravstvuyte
How are you?	Kak dela?
My name is	Menya zovut
Where is	Gde zdes'...
How much is	Skol'ko stoit
Yes/No	Da/Net
What is it?	Chto eto?
Thank you	Spasibo
Please	Pozhaluysta
Goodbye	Dosvidaniya

АНГЛО-  
РУССКИЙ  
СЛОВАРЬ  
ENGLISH-  
RUSSIAN  
DICTIONARY

I do not understand - Ya ne ponimayu;  
I do not speak Russian - Ya ne govoryu  
po-Russki;  
Give me, please - Dayte mne,  
pozhaluysta;  
Do you want to dance with me? -  
Potantsuem?;  
I love you - Ya tebya lyublyu;  
You have so beautiful eyes - U tebya  
otchen' krasivye glaza;  
Coffee/Milk/Tea - Kofe/Moloko/Tschay



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