

FIPS XXI Congress SOCHI

20-27 January 2018

Staying on the Mountain at the Olympic Village VIP Hotel

Total Cost €1150 (Euros)

Includes:

- 7 nights lodging and 8 days lift tickets
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner
- Cocktail hour end of day sponsored by Member Countries
- Free transportation from Sochi Airport to ski area
- Letter of Invitation to expedite VISA process
- Participants are expected to attend the majority of presentations and on snow activities, included.
- Extra nights are available and can be paid for by cash or card at the hotel. To book extra nights, please contact the FIPS Coordinator (details below)
- Lifts are open from 0700 until 2300 every day so you can hit your favorite meetings, food etc. and still get plenty of skiing in.

This event is supported by the Government with Olympic level security and simplified access procedures.

Your 3 Week VISA to any area in Russia before or after Congress is not included in the price.

Instructions for attendance in general and there are specific instructions for Australia, Canada and U.S. attendees below.

General Registration Procedure

1. Go to link on FIPS website
2. Link opens Registration form
3. Fill out form
 - a. Each person in a family or group must fill out the form.
 - b. Pay via credit card at time of Registration.
 - c. One person may pay for multiple people and will receive a voucher receipt.

4. Each person filling out Registration form will receive a personal invitation letter to support their VISA request.
5. After receipt of invitation letter, make airline reservations.
 - a. Get airline reservation on airline of your choice to Moscow.
 - b. Fly Moscow to Sochi on Aeroflot – Excellent airline with round trip about \$80 Euros.
 - c. Note – If desired this allows a day or two in Moscow to sight see before or after the Congress.
6. Go to <https://visa.kdmid.ru/PetitionChoice.aspx> and fill out Russian VISA form. Pay attention to the specific instructions. Select “Tourist” as the type of VISA, and 3 Week as the length of stay. This gives the opportunity to come earlier or stay later.
7. After the VISA form is completed, you can submit the form with your Russian language invitation letter (you will receive 2 copies-1 in English and 1 in Russian), a copy of your airline flights, and 2 Passport photos.
8. In almost all instances, it is better to submit with a VISA agency who has couriers that take the application to the Consulate and then mail it back to you when approved.

Transfers

The Host will do the common transfer for guests from the airport 20 January to the airport 27 January (it's include in the cost of package).

- Thursday - 1 transfer per day
- Friday – 1 transfer per day
- Saturdays – 2 transfers per day
- Sundays -1 transfer per day

But if guests will come other day they will organize and pay their transfer by themselves!!! We can only give the information about the trip:

<http://riderhelp.ru/eng/>:

- City bus #105 and #135 to bus stop Rosa Khutor – 3,5 Euro
- Taxi from airport to hotel Rosa Springs – 35 Euro
- Train from airport to Adler to Rosa Khutor – 7 Euro

SKI AND SNOWBOARD EQUIPMENT RENTALS

Rentals are not included in the package. Attendees will have access to a 50% discount.

Cancellation Policy

Package cancellation policy of the resort is:

14 days prior to arrival: free cancellation

Less than 14 days prior to arrival: 100% penalty.

Questions / Problems

If you have any questions and need some on site assistance regarding your registration, hotel or transfer, please contact the FIPS Coordinator:

Valeriya Pustinnikova at Pustinnikova_VY@rosaski.com

Notes

The cost of the package is set at €1150 (Euros) however actual price will vary according to the exchange rate at the time of purchase. All payments are done on the website in Russian Rubles (RUB).

There are different packages available, and you can select the most suitable during registration and payment.

Extra nights are available and can be paid for by cash or card at the hotel.

Excursions are not included, and costs are approximate at this stage.

USA Applications

Submit your application via:

www.passportsandvisas.com

Submit to Joshua James of Passports and Visas.com by Fed Ex
6312 S. Fiddlers Green Circle,
Suite 210E
Greenwood Village, Colorado 80111
Ph: 1-720-446-4994

Mr. James will review and contact you to correct any errors or anything that is missing to ensure when submitted it is okay. A courier will take the application to the Consulate and then it will be Fed Ex'd directly to your home when complete—in about 2 weeks.

Embassy Fee - \$198 for 12 day service

VISA Courier fee \$99

Fed Ex to house from Embassy \$30

For US patrollers, if you have questions or problems please contact Ed Gassman, ecgassman@yahoo.com, 970-227-5451 or Ann Gassman, ann@stone-cpa.com, 970-389-2645

Canadian Applications

Background : After contacting both the Russian Embassy and the Russian Consulate –

FYI - Please note there are many options with and without documents ...
Each option has different costs ... may we suggest sending ALL docs!

Full information at these sites and application portals.

<http://canada.mid.ru/web/canada-en/tourist-visa>

<http://www.canada-ils.com/>

<https://russia.visacenter.ca/>

REQUIREMENTS TO OBTAIN A RUSSIAN TOURIST VISA

(for 30 days maximum)

NOTE: These requirements apply to Canadian citizens only.

To obtain a visa you have to submit:

1. The original completed visa application form <https://visa.kdmid.ru/> (for citizens of Australia, Canada, Georgia, the UK) should be printed on the front and back sides of a single sheet of paper) submitted with a photo (two per applicant) one glued in the area designated space for it and the other stapled or paper-clipped to the application.

Your photo must meet following requirements: the frame size must be 35mm X 45 mm (1 3/8" X 1 3/4"); the photos must be clear, well defined and taken against a plain white or light-coloured background.

2. Passport or other travel document in original.

At least two pages of the passport should be free of any notes, stamps and visas. Passport must be valid at least 6 months after your supposed date of departure from Russia.

3. One photocopy of information pages of the passport

4. A copy of the Russian language letter received after registering for FIPS.

Australian Applications

The process is as above. Please contact Rik Head international.liaison@skipatrol.org.au for guidance. The Australian Ski Patrol Association is currently preparing the official invite to FIPS 2018 so please look out for this from your patrol.