



Meeting theme:
Complete immersion in the Russian everyday life

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the 5th Servas International meeting
8 - 13 August 2020 Sverdlovsk region, Krasnoufimsk
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Dear Servas members worldwide,

Servas Russia is honored and happy to invite you to our Servas Meeting (RSM).

The meeting will be held from 8th to 13th August 2020.

We shall be very happy to have you with us, sharing an enjoyable and educational week of social activities, getting to know the real Russian culture and daily life together with beautiful cities and nature areas of the Ural hills, having also the chance to meet old and new friends from around the world.

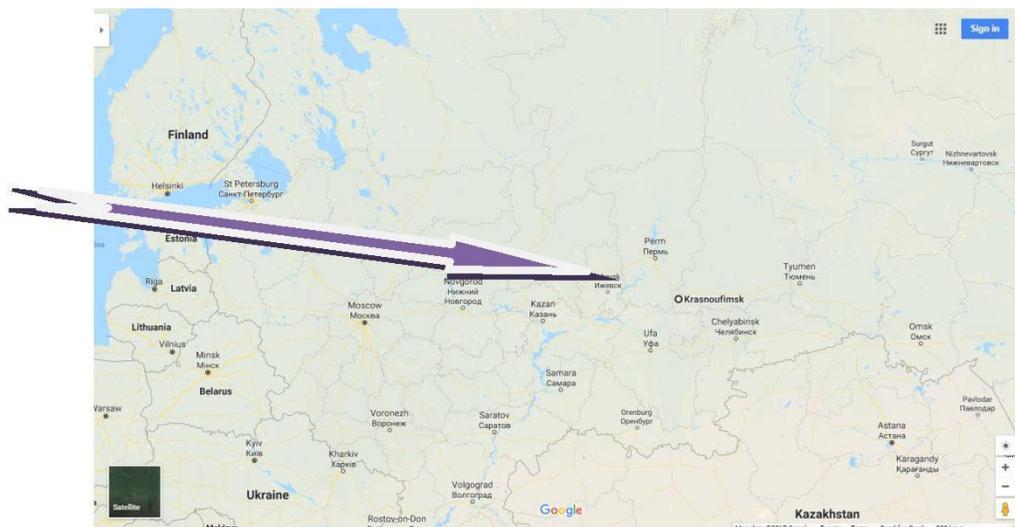
Our theme for the meeting will be "**Complete immersion in the Russian everyday life**". Complete immersion in the Russian everyday life is the only way to truly understand Russian's soul and spirit.

Those who have been part of previous meeting will know what a wonderful experience it is, to be part of such an international event where people from many nationalities, languages and cultures come together from across the world.

In addition, the participants will enjoy the known Ural Russian generous soul, food, drinks, culture, churches, nature, banya (like sauna) and more.

The meeting will take place in Sverdlovsk region, Krasnoufimsk district, which is the recreation center "Express" (10 km from Krasnoufimsk town, 215 km from Yekaterinburg – the capital of the Ural and 1800 km or 2 hours of flight from Moscow).

<https://www.google.co.il/maps/place/Krasnoufimsk,+Sverdlovsk+Oblast,+Russia/@56.6109718,57.2061818,9z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x43c2c60966c52c93:0x58c35fe69faf20cb!8m2!3d56.6153071!4d57.7536754>





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Sverdlovsk Oblast is one of the 89 Russian regions. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sverdlovsk_Oblast
It is situated in the Ural Mountains and its capital is Yekaterinburg, formerly known as Sverdlovsk.

It's mainly a hilly country with few high peaks.

The population is more than 4 million with a diversity of not less than 148 ethnic groups.

Among them Russians, Tatars, Ukrainians, Bashkirs, Mary, Germans, Azerbaijanis, Udmurts, Belarusians, Chuvash, Armenians, Tajiks, Uzbeks, Jews and more.



The Krasnoufimsk district itself is situated on the South-West of the Sverdlovsk region. Its population of 33,000 consists of 62% Russians, 20% Tatars and 16% Mary. During the meeting we will have the chance to meet their culture and daily life.

[Krasnoufimsk main square](#)



[Krasnoufimsk town](#)





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The meeting program

August 8th – the transfer from Ekaterinburg or Krasnoufimsk, supper / dinner (depending on your arrival time). Introduction. Hiking (5 km) or visiting of the stone with a tour guide. Evening: Tasting Russian vodka...

August 9th – Quest (competitions, teambuilding). Evening: the presentation of the countries.

August 10st – Rafting (on catamarans). Dinner on the river's bank. Visiting of the Russian banya with Russian tea from samovar. The town of rope. Evening: making the shaman flute (master-class).

August 11th – hiking in the forest: hills with a tour guide. Lunch on the way we will prepare at the fair. Russian games and circle dances, fair, Russian weapons.

August 12th - Acquaint with Mary culture (pagan). Village: national songs, customs, food dishes, dances. 2nd part of the day: the creation of the alley of Friendship (you plant a tree and hang on it a label with your name. Every year you will receive a photo and see how your tree grows).

August 13th –Breakfast. Transfer to airport and railway station in Yekaterinburg.

The venue site

The guesthouses and camping site are situated near the Ufa River in a safe forest, where all trees are being treated against ticks and bugs.

The venue has a dining room and a shower.

The guesthouses have from 2 till 5 beds in a room and a toilets room.





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The accommodation area is secured.



Wi-Fi will not be available in the venue site. The nearest wi-fi place is in the cafes of Krasnoufimsk town. Also you can use sim-card.

Participation fees

There are a few suggested options, allowing you to choose the most suitable one for you.

All options includes

- 5 nights' accommodation.
- breakfast, lunch, dinner and supper (4 times).
- many excursions.
- Transportation from the airport to the venue site.
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The options are

220 Euros for 5 days and 5 nights.





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Insurance requirements

It is the participant's responsibility to be in possession of a valid Medical and Travel Insurance policy.

Visa requirements

The list of countries who need a visa to visit Russia and those who don't may change, also depending of a few parameters such as length of stay, type of visa and so on.

Therefore, it is highly recommended to check and verify your own personal status. There are a few web sites which offer this info such as <https://goingrus.com/info/en/get-russian-visa/who-needs-a-visa-to-visit-russia>

If you need a visa you may pay the visa invitation in the tour operator of your country and to get it quickly and easily. Servas Russia is not a legal entity or tour operator, therefore, according to the Russian legislation, it has no right to issue visa invitations.

How to get to Krasnoufimsk town

If you arrive in Saint Petersburg

From Pulkovoairport: <https://pulkovoairport.ru/en/> taking a train to Yekaterinburg. (Servas members will meet and help you to make a change. It will be better if you book this train in advance).

The provided transportation (free) will bring you from Yekaterinburg to the meeting site.

If you arrive in Moscow

From Vnukovo <https://pulkovoairport.ru/en/> or Domodedovo <http://www.dme.ru/en/> or Sheremetyevo <http://www.svo.aero/en/> airports taking a train to Krasnoufimsk station.

The Krasnoufimsk train
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Servas members will meet and help you.

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If you arrive in Ekaterinburg

From Koltsovo airport http://www.svx.aero/en/raspisanie_reysov the provided transportation (free) will bring you from Ekaterinburg to the meeting site.

Summary

All of your family members and friends are also more than welcome. We shall do our best to adjust the program based on your personal wishes.

Please find attached the registration form. Naturally the number of participants might become limited, so the priority will go to those who have registered first.

If you have any questions, suggestions or special requests please feel free to write to Ju16@yandex.ru with your full name and country.

Looking forward to welcome you in our beautiful Russia

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Please see more information on next page.



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Some additional information and facts about Russia and the Ural area

Russia is a diverse and mysterious country. The "pulse" of Russia and its people is vastly different depending on the regions. We invite you to visit the Ural. Ural is one of the safest places in Russia.

There are no earthquakes, floods and other natural disasters.

There are so many good reasons to visit the beautiful Ural area and among them:

1. Early Ural was the Permskysea. You can come and find here the fossils of mollusks. The meeting plan includes a visit to find them by ourselves.

2. A trip to the Urals - a chance to be in two different continents at the same time since the Ural mountains do not belong to Europe nor to Asia. It is a barrier between them.

3. Here were assassinated the last Russian Tsar Nicholas II and his family. There is a memorial site in the local monastery. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nicholas_II_of_Russia

4. Boris Yeltsin, the 1st Russian President was born here.

5. Fidel Castro visited the Ural In 1963.

6. Ural is the main place of extraction of precious stones.

7. In 2002 UNESCO has recognized the capital of Ural, Yekaterinburg, as one of the 12 ideal cities in the world. <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yekaterinburg>

8. The legacy of the Soviet Union and contrasting modernity can both be found there.

9. Here is a mixture of nationalities. Kind people who always welcome guests and tourists.

10. The Ural nature is often compared to the Switzerland one.

11. Ural is an opportunity to access large Russia.

