VISA ISSUES

To enter Belarus, foreign citizens need to have a passport valid for at least three months from the expected date of departure, medical insurance and, in most cases, a visa. Without a visa, citizens of the following countries can enter Belarus on a short-term visit:

- Armenia;
- Brazil;
- Venezuela;
- Georgia;
- Israel;
- Kazakhstan;
- Qatar;
- Cuba;
- Kyrgyzstan;
- Macau, a special administrative region of the PRC;
- Moldova;
- Mongolia;
- United Arab Emirates;
- Russia;
- Serbia;
- Tajikistan;
- Turkey;
- Uzbekistan;
- Ukraine;
- Ecuador.

Also visa-free travel is available for citizens of 80 states listed on this list: http://mfa.gov.by/upload/17.01.11_list_states_eng.pdf, if the following conditions a met:

- the period of stay in Belarus will not exceed 5 calendar days (including days of arrival and departure);
- arrival in Belarus and subsequent departure from Belarus will be carried out through the "National Airport Minsk" by international flights (all flights, except those which arrives from Russia or depart to Russia);
- an ordinary passport will be used for the trip, since this travel program does not apply to holders of diplomatic, official, special and other passports equivalent to them.

For visa-free entry for up to 5 days the following must be in possession:

- a valid passport;
- money: at least 25 Euro (or equal amount in dollars or Belarusian rubles) for each day of stay;
- medical insurance with coverage for at least 10,000 Euros that covers the territory of Belarus.

For citizens of Vietnam, Haiti, Gambia, Honduras, India, China, Lebanon, Namibia, Samoa a valid multiple visa of the EU member states or Schengen zone with a mark in passport on crossing the border of these states and tickets with confirmation of departure from «Minsk National Airport» within

5 days from the date of entry is a **compulsory additional requirement.**
Information on the visa-free entry program for up to 5 days is available on the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus: http://mfa.gov.by/visa/freemove/aafab0a3d1cc05e9.html.
Guests who require a visa should contact the embassy or consulate of Belarus to apply for a visa. In order to obtain a visa, the following documents must be submitted for consideration:

- passport;
- visa application form;
- photograph;
- visa petition letter from the inviting party (http://mfa.gov.by/upload/petition_C_bus.rtf; requests with scan copies of the relevant travel docs shall be made by March 31, 2017 at: marinap@main.beltelecom.by; omc@mpt.gov.by);
- medical insurance with coverage for at least 10000 Euros that covers the territory of Belarus;
- payment of consular fees.

The visa application form, as well as information on the procedure for submitting the documents and making the payment of consular fees must be obtained from the website of a particular embassy or consulate.
Contact information of diplomatic representations of Belarus abroad is available at:
http://belarusfacts.by/belembassy/
Availability of health insurance can be confirmed by an insurance policy, an insurance card, a letter from the insurance company or other document, containing the following information:

- name, address and telephone number of the insurance company or telephone number of the international assistance;
- name and surname of the foreign citizen;
- territory of coverage (must include the Republic of Belarus);
- period of validity (not less than the period of temporary stay or temporary residence of a foreign citizen in the Republic of Belarus);
- coverage amount (least 10,000 euros).

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