

Travelling to Abkhazia by car

Documents required for entry:

- Passport
- Driver's License
- Vehicle Registration Certificate

If the vehicle is not yours and the owner is not accompanying you, you must have a notarized power of attorney specifying permission for international travel (a simple written power of attorney is not acceptable).

Russian OSAGO insurance is not valid in Abkhazia. Abkhazian authorities do not provide insurance, so we recommend driving very carefully.

Travelling to Abkhazia by air

There are no direct flights to Abkhazia. You can fly to Sochi's airport (located in Adler), which is 8 kilometers from the border. Currently, there are buses and shuttle taxis running from the airport to the Psou border.

Tourist ferries and regular boats operate between Abkhazia and the Russian Black Sea coast.

**Note: Check the schedule at the Sochi Marine Terminal, Ticket Office №8 at the shallow pier: 1 Voykova Street, Sochi.**

**Phone: +7 (862) 298-80-40**

**Pier in Adler, Ticket Office №8: 3 Prosveshcheniya Street, Adler.**

Travelling to Abkhazia by train

Direct trains from Russia to Abkhazia include:

- Train №479A from Saint Petersburg to Sukhumi
- Train №306M from Moscow to Sukhumi
- Electric train from Adler to Gagra

In the case of non-stop passenger trains from Russia to Abkhazia and back, border and customs control is carried out on the train without disembarking. Customs control on the Russian side at Vesele station lasts 60 minutes.

Border control on the Abkhazian side at Tsandrypsh station takes 30 minutes. The train travels at a reduced speed within Abkhazia, allowing you to enjoy the scenery. Passengers can also get off at intermediate stations: Tsandrypsh, Gagra, Gudauta and New Athos.

Entry requirements for Abkhazia

According to the Law of the Republic of Abkhazia "On the Procedure for Exiting and Entering the Republic of Abkhazia," effective April 1, 2016, a visa regime applies to foreign nationals from countries with which Abkhazia has not signed intergovernmental agreements on mutual

visa-free travel.

Visa-free entry to Abkhazia is available for citizens of the following countries:

- Russian Federation
- Republic of Nicaragua
- Tuvalu
- Transnistrian Moldovan Republic
- Republic of South Ossetia

Additionally, under the Presidential Decree of the Republic of Abkhazia №172 dated June 30, 2016 (with amendments from June 13, 2018, №174, and February 2, 2023, №39) "On Establishing Visa-Free Entry for Certain Categories of Foreign Citizens," the following categories of foreign citizens may enter Abkhazia:

- Tourists (except Georgian citizens) entering in organised groups for up to 24 hours.
- Citizens of Belarus entering for tourism or business purposes for up to 30 days
- Citizens of Kazakhstan entering for tourism or business for up to two weeks
- Foreign citizens entering for emergency, maintenance and commissioning work on energy system facilities for up to five days
- Foreign citizens working on power generation facilities in Gal and Tkvarcheli districts for up to one year

Documents required for the entry permit

- A copy of the applicant's passport (sent by e-mail or fax). Ensure that the passport is valid for at least 6 months beyond the intended date of entry.
- A completed electronic APPLICATION FORM. All fields must be completed. Incomplete forms may not be processed.

Email for sending your application: [VISA@MFAAPSNY.ORG](mailto:VISA@MFAAPSNY.ORG)

The Consular Service requires 7 working days to process the request. For repeat visitors, processing times may be shorter.

For inquiries, call: +7 840 226 39 48 (office), +7 940 951 14 15 (mobile)

The entry permit (confirmation) will be sent to the email address from which the application was sent or to the fax number provided in the application.

**IMPORTANT:** Upon arrival in Abkhazia, you must visit the Consular Service within 3 working days to obtain your Abkhazian visa.

**IMPORTANT:** Checkpoint hours on the Abkhazian-Georgian border are from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

The Abkhazian Ministry of Foreign Affairs issues the following types of visas:

- Single-entry
- Multiple-entry

**Note: Always verify train schedules on the official RZD website in advance.**