

For tourists planning to spend their vacation in Abkhazia (which, after all, is still abroad), it's important to be aware of the current state of mobile and internet services there. In 2024, is roaming still a thing in this neighbouring republic, and how do Russian mobile operators function?

First of all, international roaming is automatically activated for subscribers of Russian mobile operators when they cross the Abkhazian border. Therefore, before travelling to Abkhazia, it's advisable to check the cost of local mobile services and decide whether to use roaming or purchase a local SIM card with more favourable conditions.

In 2024, Abkhazia is serviced by two local mobile operators: A-Mobile and Aquafon. Their rates are comparable, and both providers offer reliable coverage across most of the republic. To activate a local SIM card, a Russian passport is all that's needed.

Wi-Fi access in Abkhazia is limited, with free connections usually only available on the central Makhajirov Embankment. If you decide to buy a local SIM card, it's wise to consider a plan that includes unlimited internet.

You can check the prices of SIM cards and available plans at the operators' offices.

International calls are subject to additional charges in both cases. For Internet traffic, both operators offer other plans that may include more gigabytes or even daily rates for a certain amount of data.