The Staff of International Office would like to thank you for choosing our University as your academic destination. With total student population over 30,000 students, NRU “BelSU” is one of the leading universities of Russia providing extensive academic programs and modern facilities to its international students.

In this travel guide you will find detailed information and directions that will help you trace your journey to Belgorod. The directions have been worked out, assuming that you start the journey in one of Moscow airports. However, you can choose other routes, if you have been issued a visa, allowing to enter other CIS member states. We hope that you will find this guide helpful.

NRU “BelSU” International Office Staff
Travel by plane

Your first destinations in Russia are Vnukovo, Domodedovo or Sheremetyevo international air terminals. Vnukovo and Domodedovo airports offer direct flights from Moscow to Belgorod (fare app. 5,000 RUB / 160 USD).

This option is preferable if you would like to travel to Belgorod without wandering around Moscow or looking for the right subway station to get off. Mind, that daily flights are available only in the period from May to October. During the period from October to May the schedule is changed, so flights to Belgorod may be available only on particular weekdays. There’s a number of carriers, so you will have an opportunity to choose the time of flight that suits you best.

Sheremetyevo airport does not have direct flights to Belgorod, so you will have to arrive to Vnukovo or Domodedovo airports if you prefer travelling by plane. (look at the transit plan on page 3)

Travel time by plane: 90 min.
Follow the next scheme to reach your destination:

**Scheremetyevo to Vnukovo Aeroexpress**
Take an Aeroexpress train (fare 320 RUB/10 USD) to Belorusskaya subway station. Make sure you’re moving along the subway belt-line to Kievskaya station. Take an Aeroexpress to Vnukovo airport.

**Scheremetyevo to Domodedovo Aeroexpress**
Take an Aeroexpress train (fare 320 RUB/10 USD) to Belorusskaya subway station. Make sure you’re moving along the subway belt-line to Paveleckaya station. Leave the subway and take an Aeroexpress train to Domodedovo.

Mind that Moscow Subway system (Moscow Metro) has a flat-rate fare, independently of how long your journey is. The fare (28 RUB / 0,9 USD) is paid every time you enter the subway.

“**Aeroexpress**” is the air rail link operator in Moscow. The company provides the rail transportation services between Moscow rail terminals and Moscow airports (Sheremetyevo, Domodedovo and Vnukovo). [http://www.aeroexpress.ru/en/](http://www.aeroexpress.ru/en/)

Travelling by train

There’s a number of trains that pass Belgorod on their way to and from Moscow. You can choose the direct overnight Moscow-Belgorod train to be sure you journey will end up at the right place. Mind, that the journey by train is much longer than one by plane and it will take you from 10 to 12 hours. However, it’s definitely more attractive from the point of budget-saving. To ensure you’ll have comfortable journey, we strictly advise you to buy first class or coupe sleeping compartment tickets (in Russian—“вагон Купэ”), though sleeping car unit may be much more expensive than overcrowded economy class.

Mind, that to buy a ticket you will need to show your passport, so keep it to you, but don’t forget to keep it safe while using Moscow Metro. Boarding the train, you’ll have to show your tickets and passport to a trainman/trainwoman to check if your identification matches with your ticket. Don’t take it away after you board, soon you’ll be checked again to make sure you’re not a seer-off. If you’re going by overnight train, you’ll need sheets (in Russian—“белый”) for your bunk (usually the cost of it is included in the fare). Feel encouraged to address the trainman/trainwoman, if the sheets are not given to you soon after boarding. It’s also advisable to bring food for yourself. There’s usually a water boiler with free hot water for your drinks and soups. You can also buy some snacks from a trainman/trainwoman, but mind that the prices are usually inflated.

Types of train carriages in Russia:

1st class (SW) sleeping carriage
Every carriage has 9 compartments, 2 berths in each one. Every cabin has a door lock and can be locked from inside. You can be offered tea, coffee, mineral water, magazines. Each carriage has WCs with washstands, 2 per each carriage. 1st class cabins are air-conditioned at the summer time.

2nd class (Coupe) sleeping carriage
Every carriage has 9 compartments, each one has 2 lower and 2 upper berths. This type of carriage will suit you if you do not care too much about lack of place or want to make new acquaintances on the train.

3rd class sleeping carriage
It’s the cheapest option. There are eight opened compartments in the carriage, each providing 4 sleeping places and space for luggage, plus additional 2 sleeping places on the other side. Each carriage has WCs with washing-stands, 2 per each carriage. The prices are always lower than in the 1st or 2nd class carriages.
To get in a train to Belgorod you need to arrive at Kursky rail terminal in Moscow (Kursky vokzal) where you can purchase a ticket of required direction. To arrive to Kursky rail terminal we advise you to use Moscow Metro. Take an Aeroexpress train to get to Kievskaya, Paveleckaya or Belorusskaya subway station. Move to Kurskaya station (belt line of the subway) and leave the subway. Enter Kursky rail terminal in Moscow (Kursky vokzal).

We advise you to travel by premium service Belogorye Moscow-Belgorod direct overnight train. (departure from Moscow: 21-30 UTC+4; arrival to Belgorod: 7-30 UTC+4) You can purchase a first class ticket (“bilét kupé”) asking for Belogorye or №071/072 train. Unfortunately there’s no stable fare, so it may cost you from 2,000 RUB/62 USD to 3,600 RUB / 113 USD depending on the season you are taking the trip.

Emergency services

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Finally you have arrived in Belgorod. The next step would be to get to the students hostel to settle. Independently of where you find yourself (airport or railway station), the easiest way to get to the university hostel is by using a bus or taxi.

**Taking a taxi:** If you chose to take a taxi to the university hostel, you can find them available at any time at the airport or the railway station parking. Mind, that taxis from the street may be much more expensive than those, you order using phone. The taxis, you order by phone, have more reasonable fares (app. 120~180 RUR / 3.7~5.6 USD), while taxis from the street may cost you up to 500 RUR / 15 USD) as drivers tend to charge more, if you’re not a local.

**Taxi telephone order services:** +7(4722) 225-225, +7(4722)222-222, +7(4722) 33-76-76, +7(4722) 710-710, +7(4722) 50-60-50, +7(4722) 33-18-18,

where “+7” is International Russia country code and “4722” is Belgorod dialing code.

**Your destination:** BelSU dormitory №4 (in Russian—"obshchezhitie BelGU, novyy korpus ") at 85 Pobedy str (in Russian—"ulitsa pobyedy, dom vosem'desyat pyat’").

The new dormitory is designed to host over 1,000 students, becoming an intercultural home during their stay in Russia. The students live in 2/3 room apartments. Gym, cafeteria and a dance hall are all available in the building of the hostel.
Follow the next scheme to reach your destination:

**Going by bus:**

If you arrive at the airport, leave the main building of the airport and keep on going straight till you face the road. Turn left and go along the pavement as long as you enter the crosswalk. Cross the road and turn right. Cross the road again and get on a bus number: 7, 8, 15, 17, 111y. Fare: 10 RUR / 0.3 USD.

Get off at the bus station Rodina.

If you arrive at the railway station and chose bus to get to the university, leave the building of the railway station through the main entrance. Cross the road at the crosswalk and turn right. Cross the road again and enter bus terminal. Get on a bus number: 2, 3, 13, 13k. Fare: 10 RUR / 0.3 USD.

Get off at the bus station Rodina.

**Useful links**

- Belgorod city: [http://russiatrek.org/belgorod-city](http://russiatrek.org/belgorod-city)
- Belgorod oblast: [http://russiatrek.org/belgorod-oblast](http://russiatrek.org/belgorod-oblast)
Getting off at Rodina bus station, you’re 5 minutes walk from the university. In front of the bus station, there will be a shop with a sign “Маркет” (Market). Facing it, turn left and keep on moving the same direction (down the road) as you were moving on a bus. On your right there will be 5-storey apartment houses. When you pass the apartment houses, enter the crosswalk. Now you’ll see the University main building on your right. Keep the fountain and then St. Gabriel’s church as reference points you’re moving to. When you have approached the church and the river is on your left, you’ll see the building of the hostel in a short distance to your right.

To be housed, you’ll have to show you passport and visa to a concierge of the hostel. Please, remember that you should visit International Office within 24 hours to apply for registration in migration service of the Russian Federation. Russian Federation migration law requires that internationals report after their initial arrival to the country. Failure to do so may lead to serious consequences of your legal status.

You can find International Office in the building #17 of the University on the 4th floor, room 4-5. Tel.: +7-4722-301082
Opening hours: 9:00-17:30, Monday to Friday.