

# Annual brochure for students and agents



## **2020 OFFER**

# Welcome to PRIVET! Russian Language School!

Welcome to "PRIVET!" - the School of the Russian Language in Kaliningrad, Russia! "PRIVET!" is the school of the Russian language for foreigners, where every guest who comes to learn Russian is guaranteed maximum personal attention. "PRIVET!" is the word used in Russia to greet friends!

## Advantages of learning Russian with "PRIVET!" in Kaliningrad:

- absolute **personal attention**
- perfect combination of high level service and competitive prices
- Kaliningrad (former Königsberg) is in the **heart of Europe**
- our teachers are experienced **professionals**
- Kaliningrad is a very green Russian city with **high security level**
- Life in Kaliningrad is substantially **less expensive** than in Russian capitals
- Kaliningrad people speak **standard Russian language** without any specific local accent



## Russian Language Courses

### Individual Russian Courses



We enable you to choose for yourself the number of hours per week (we recommend **20 to 40 hours** for your individual courses, depending on a desired intensity level). You are totally free to determine the course length. The program of the course will be adapted to suit your personal preferences and goals - from Russian alphabet to Dostoyevsky or trade negotiations with Russian partners!

Privet! Russian Language School positions itself as an expert in providing individual Russian courses. It's our strong side to focus on servicing and meeting individual preferences of our clients.

### Russian Courses in Mini-Groups

If you prefer to learn Russian in a group and to receive maximum personal attention from your teacher of Russian at the same time, you may choose to take a course in a mini-group of 2-6 students. Minimal length is one week, all levels, minimal age - 16 years. **Standard intensity** of the course is **20 hours a week**. **Intensive course** is **30 hours a week**.



### Additional Individual Hours

PRIVET! aims to offer you the maximum number of choices for your Russian Language Courses. You can combine your Mini-group or Group Course with any number of hours of individual lessons. It's up to you to decide how many additional hours you want to take.

### Learn Russian Online



You will not have to leave your own house to intensively learn Russian online with our teachers. PRIVET! School has developed special methods, which will help you to make fast progress in studying Russian Grammar and developing your speaking abilities! The program and schedule is flexible to suit your preferences and needs. First lesson is going to be free for you. Starting from 2013 group online classes are also available at us with Skype conference calls.

## Special offers

### Russian Summer School 2020

Summer Russian Language Schools 2020: four 3-weeks' periods in June, July, and August: **June 07 – June 27; June 28 - July 18; July 19 – August 08; August 09 – August 29.**

Russian Summer Schools in Kaliningrad within four periods of 3 weeks each. You have a choice of enrolling for only one or several schools together. Levels: beginner and intermediate.

Would you like to advance in your Russian and to have wonderful vacations at the same time? Then Summer School of the Russian Language is exactly what you need!



### Slavic School 2020

**September 06 – September 26**



Russian Language School PRIVET! organizes a special 3-weeks course for the students from Slavic counties or for those who studied any Slavonic language (for example Polish, Czech, Ukrainian, Croatian, etc.) We created this course because of the original method of teaching for such students. While using this method of teaching you master Russian very fast and efficiently, your pronunciation, comprehension, reading and speaking become better day-by-day.

## Russian Culture School 2020

**February 09 – February 29**

A three-week long Russian Culture course, specially designed for students interested in Russian Culture.

Are you interested in Russia? Does it seem mysterious to you? Attend our course and we will tell you about Russian Culture! We will teach you how to behave in different life situations in Russia, tell you about Russian traditions, Russian theatre and art, give you a tour through Russian folklore, show you Russian cuisine.

Come to Kaliningrad for our Culture Course and you will get even more than that!



## Russian Business School 2020

**Mai 17 – May 30**

**October 11 – October 24**



Russian Language School PRIVET! organizes special two weeks intensive Russian Language course for Businessmen and Businesswomen who are working in Russia or planning own business in Russia two times during 2019.

You do not have to much time to study Russian language? You need to be able to take part in business conversations and negotiations? You want to know how to open your business in Russia?

This course was designed especially for you!

## Russian Bakery and Cooking Course 2020

During the Christmas holiday season we organize a special course of Russian language with an emphasis on Russian cuisine. Along with standard language lessons, we will share some secrets of Russian traditional cooking with you. Spend Christmas holidays with us!



## Reception of organized groups in Kaliningrad



We are glad to organize Russian language courses for organized groups of students and welcome Russian language teachers to join in. We have exceptional price offers on Russian courses, accommodation and transportation. Contact us for details.

If you organize a group of at least 10 students, group leader will come for free.



## Russian Courses in the Baltic Resorts



We would like to offer you Russian Courses combined with vacations and/or resort program.

There are wonderful beaches, famous sand dunes, and two well-known resorts, Svetlogorsk and Zelenogradsk, in the Kaliningrad Region. You can stay there all year round. Have great vacations, go on resort and recreation program and improve your Russian simultaneously!

## Study and Travel

We help to organize for you tour through Russia. You can study Russian in Kaliningrad and then go for a trip to any other Russian cities!

We will assist you in planning out your tour through Russia at the end of the course. You want to study Russian in Kaliningrad and then go and see Moscow or Saint Petersburg? There's nothing impossible. Please advise us of your plans.



## Corporate Programs



PRIVET! organizes corporate Russian language programs for foreign companies, representations, consulates and other overseas offices in Kaliningrad. Language training can be offered at daytime and/or evening hours in your office or any other premises. A teacher will come to you and hold a lesson. Special features of corporate programs are maximum accommodation of your organization's specific needs and selecting time, length, form, and content of the courses. It is also possible to combine group courses, mini-group courses and individual lessons to tailor to the personal knowledge level of every course participant and to achieve the best results in mastering Russian. Write or call us for details

## Long-Term Courses

We organize long-term courses with special discounts. Come to Kaliningrad to become proficient in Russian language! We offer a cumulative discount from your 81<sup>st</sup> lesson in the PRIVET! School and 10% discount after the 161<sup>st</sup> lesson.

## Tuition Timetable

An academic hour lasts 45 minutes. Usually, standard courses in a mini-group take place in the mornings; individual lessons are scheduled according to your wishes.

The School retains its right to cancel classes on Russian national holidays. In this case, these teaching hours will be postponed until the next day after a holiday and appended to a normal schedule or will be offered a day prior to a holiday.

## Interruption - Discontinuance - Absence

Interruption must be communicated in writing at least a week in advance. Under no circumstances does the participant have the right to reclaim a total fee. A partial reimbursement is at the discretion of the school. Late arrivals or absences during the course which the school cannot be held responsible for, will not be reimbursed. Absences can be compensated through additional lessons at extra cost only. If you take an individual course, you have to communicate your absence at least two days in advance to be entitled to reschedule the lessons.

## Certificate



At the end of the course all participants will receive a certificate issued by the School. Certificates will be drawn in two originals - in Russian and in English (or in German as per your choice).

Advanced long-term students have an opportunity to prepare and take a TRKI Russian Language Test.

## Accommodation

### Schools owned apartment (shared apartment)

#### Comfort, independence and low prices!

The apartment is located right in front of the school.

Since the end of August, 2004, Privet! has been offering a new type of accommodation. This is a brand new apartment for our students. It has two smaller rooms and one larger room. It also has two bathrooms and a common living area. **Single rooms** are priced at **€ 150,-** a week; the **larger room**, perfectly suitable for a couple, is priced at **€ 220,-** a week. The apartment is situated in Dobrolubova str. (ulitsa Dobrolubova) in the green district not far from the centre of the city. This flat has all modern conveniences, washing machine and a fully equipped kitchen. Once a week bed linen will be changed, the price includes also the cleaning service every Saturday or Sunday.



## Living in a teacher's home



### Worthy alternative to other Russian language courses

Learn Russian at home of a teacher is one of the most intensive methods at all.

You have the option to be hosted at home of a Russian teacher and to order the individual classes with the teacher (20-40 hours per week).

The duration of lessons, their contents, etc. are determined together by the student and the teacher.

High quality tuition and the maximum learning output during individual classes are guaranteed by the School.

The price will be calculated as the individual tuition and accommodation at teacher's home with full-service.

By choosing Learn Russian in a teacher's home option, you are attending all activities organized by PRIVET!

## Living in a host family

### Experience everyday communication and total immersion in the Russian language!

If you want to totally plunge into the Russian language, life and culture, then accommodation in a Russian host family is an ideal option. All host families are carefully selected by the School. We take care of your comfort and security. Living in the apartment of your host family you will be part of their everyday life and activities. This arrangement offers the opportunity to use your linguistic knowledge in an informal and friendly atmosphere.

You will have a separate room with everything necessary for life. However, you must bear in mind that Russian apartments are usually small and have only one bathroom. You should be aware that there would be other people sharing the same facility. You will be entitled to use kitchen appliances for your own cooking.



Telephones are available in all apartments. Local calls are free of charge. For international calls, we recommend that you should purchase special phone cards. Usually, the Internet access is available.

All apartments we offer are located within maximum 30 minutes walking from the School. It will take only 10 minutes by bus to get to the city center. Your room will be cleaned once a week; bed linen will be changed once a week as well. You will have access to the hosts' laundry. The living price includes the cleaning service and internet using.

Room sharing is also possible for two persons arriving together or for members of organized groups.

## Living in a hotel



### High-level comfort

For those seeking more comfort and independence we provide a choice of hotels and guesthouses at different prices and offering various service levels. There is a pretty wide choice of Kaliningrad hotels. There are many small private hotels offering both good prices and quality service especially in low tourist seasons. In this respect, the cost of living in Kaliningrad is substantially cheaper than the one in Moscow or St. Petersburg. The best choice would be living in one of the small guesthouses in nice areas of the city with a good price-to-service ratio. Prices start from **€40** per night.



## Renting an apartment

### Independence for long-term students

If you come to attend a Russian course for four weeks or longer, the School can arrange lodging in a rented apartment/flat. This type of lodging is more suitable for an independent person or a couple. You will have to take care of your meals and the household yourself.

If your stay is shorter than four weeks and you also want to live in a separate apartment, please contact us regarding the issue. We will try to find a suitable accommodation for you.

Apartment rent begins at **€600** per month depending on the number of rooms, metric area, type of furniture, duration of your stay and the city area.



### Other types of accommodation

We can offer you other types of accommodation as well, especially for organized groups. This may be a pension, a student dormitory or a youth camp on the coast. Individual or special language courses may be combined with vacations and/or resort programs in Svetlogorsk or in Zelenogradsk.

## Tours and Cultural Programs

### EXCURSIONS



On your wish, we will fill your free time with cultural program. We will show you the life of the city and arrange an entertainment program at weekends. We will take you on a trip in and around Kaliningrad and visit museums, theaters, art galleries etc. A Standard Course includes a sightseeing tour of Kaliningrad (2-4 hours). Day's excursion to the coast costs about € 20 depending on amount of participants. You will see the pearl of the Baltic Sea - the National Park 'Curonian Spit'. You will enjoy the sand dunes and pines on this narrow strip (from 400 to 4000 meters wide) of land between the Baltic Sea and the Curonian gulf, stretching over 90 kilometers. And finally, we will take you to Svetlogorsk and Zelenogradsk - our resort centers. If you stay longer with us, you will be able to

embark on additional tours of the Kaliningrad region. There will be definitely no time for boredom!

We would be happy to know you have made new friends while staying in Russia. On our part, we will find you a tandem-partner (she/he will be learning your language while you will be learning Russian), who might also become one of your friends.

Tell us which places in Kaliningrad and region you would like to see - and we will organize the trip there!

## Visa Support

### WHAT WE NEED TO SEND AN INVITATION

Participants of the courses must follow the rules of entry to Russia and visa regulations. Russian Language School PRIVET! is able to prepare the invitation letter for our clients. We will send you a invitation letter for your Russian visa to be obtained at the Russian embassy or consulate in your country.

- In order, we should do this, please fill out all fields in our enrollment form and send it to us.
- We also need a copy of your international (foreign) passport, only the pages with your personal data and your photo and, if prolonged, with a prolongation stamp. Passport copy has to be sent with an e-mail as a jpeg- or pdf-file.
- In the enrollment form, please fill in the fields requiring information on your present place of work or study, its valid address and your position. For longer stays, we need to know the country and region of your birth as well as



the country and region of your permanent residence. Additionally, we would kindly ask you to state which embassy/consulate (city and state) you are planning to address and submit your visa application to. Remember to state the dates of your stay in Russia (arrival and departure). Your visa will be valid only for the specified period of time.

While planning out your trip, please take into account that visa procedures might take some time, especially if you intend to send the papers by regular post. We recommend that you should submit the relevant information along with the enrollment form several months prior to the intended date of arrival in Kaliningrad.

We will arrange your invitation as quickly as possible and send it over to you by either e-mail and by regular post pending the requirements of the Russian embassy in your country.

Therefore if you plan to leave Kaliningrad, i.e. the Russian territory, and then re-enter it or continue exploring Russia after Poland or Lithuania, you will need to apply for a double or multiple entry visa. Single entry visa would suffice to fly from Kaliningrad directly to Russia.

If you are planning a day's trip to Poland or Lithuania while undergoing your Russian course, please let us know in advance. We will send you an invitation for your double-entry visa.

## GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT TYPES OF RUSSIAN VISA

### FREE E-VISA for 8 days

Starting on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2019, it is possible for people of 53 countries to apply for a free electronic visa for single entry into the Kaliningrad region. The visas for 8 days are valid during 30 days. And 8 days is enough for a short and intensive language course!

Since 2007, there exists between the EU and the Russian Federation the Agreement on the facilitation of issuance of visas for EU citizens and members of the Russian Federation.

1) **Humanitarian visa 007.** Due to this agreement, the EU-citizens have the right to obtain the free Humanitarian visa (also called "Cultural Exchange"). More information this issue can be found about on the website of the Russian Consulate in your country.

This visa type can be chosen in completing the on-line visa application form. This visa is for free, if you put the visa application directly through the consulate. If you use the service of the Visa Centre, you should pay an additional fee. This visa may be issued for a period of maximum 90 days for a single, double or multiple entry into the Russian Federation.

2) **Visa "Courses 005" or "Study 005".** Sometimes, It happens that the customer gets a rejection of the humanity visa. In this case, you can apply for a visa "Courses 005" or "Study 005". The usual visa fee has been charged if you are applying for a visa through the Russian consulate. If you use the service of the Visa Centre, you should pay an additional fee. This visa may be issued for a period of maximum of 90 days for a single, double or multiple entry into the Russian Federation.

**Study visa for 1 year.** It is also possible to receive the 1-year study visa. Our school has to apply for an invitation letter in the Migration Service (UFMS) of the Russian Federation in Kaliningrad. Such requests will take about 4 weeks. As a rule, an invitation for the unique 90-day visa is being issued.

After your arrival at school, we will apply in the Migration Service for prolongation of your visa to a total of 1 year and its changing to the multi-visa. The Migration Service charges the additional fees for every invitation letter and for every prolongation of visa.

3) **Tourist visa.** Our school is able to send an invitation for a tourist visa. The invitation will be issued by our partner, a Kaliningrad's travel agency which has a reference number. The aim of the trip is the language tourism / tourism. With this invitation you are able to apply for the tourist visa at the Russian consulate directly and to use the service of the Visa

Centre. The tourist visa may be issued for a maximum of 30 days and for single or double entry into the Russian Federation.

Russian School PRIVET! is able to issue own invitation letters. With our invitation (original invitation letter) you are able to apply for the humanitarian-visa (also called "cultural exchange") or "Courses 005/ Study 005 ". It is important that you fill out the visa application form correctly and select the correct visa type in the application form. Otherwise, your application for a visa will be rejected.

**4) Services of other travel agencies.** There are the visa services of other travel agencies offering the visa invitation or/and supporting service to apply for a Russian visa.

**ATTENTION!** Not all travel agencies accept our invitation letters. If you use the visa service of another travel agency and the travel agency will not accept our invitation letter, you have to pay an additional fee for a new invitation of the travel agency!

### Other Visa Types

We accept other visas based on an invitation letters issued not by the School.  
In this case, the registration fee is higher than the usual registration fee for students with our invitation letter.

### Insurance

Free first aid medical assistance is guaranteed in Russia. However, proof of health insurance is required to receive a Russian visa. On submitting your visa application to the Russian embassy/consulate, you will be asked to verify your medical insurance. We can arrange a basic insurance in Kaliningrad at the price of approx. 1 euro per day of your stay. The proof of coverage will be sent to you. Otherwise, you can have your health insurance provided by any of the insuring companies listed by the Russian embassy/consulate located in your country.

### Registration upon arrival in Kaliningrad

There is compulsory to undergo registration procedures at the Visa Registration Department within seven working days upon arrival in Russia. We will do it for you.

## Travel to Kaliningrad

Owing to the city's unique geographical position and the number of travel options connecting Kaliningrad to European and other countries, your costs of travel to Kaliningrad will be minimal! Use various alternatives to get to Kaliningrad: take a 'door-to-door' minibus or embark on a plane, take a bus or drive a car.

### By plane



You may well travel to Kaliningrad by plane.

At the moment we have direct flights from Warsaw (LOT) and Riga (AirBaltic). The exact information about the flights you can find on the websites of the airlines or using on-line service. There is also a possibility to use Moscow, St. Petersburg or Minsk airports as a hub.

You also can fly to Gdansk/Danzig in Poland and take a bus or taxi from Gdansk to Kaliningrad. There are just 4 hours by bus from Gdansk to Kaliningrad.

### By bus

There is also a number of international buses connecting Kaliningrad with the cities in the EU: Berlin, Bremerhaven, Gdansk, Hessen, Kaunas, Klaipeda, Liepaja, Olsztyn, Paderborn, Riga, Tallinn, Stuttgart, Vilnius, Warsaw and other. Please, contact us for further information.

### By mini-bus

This is a very popular service in Kaliningrad - taking a minivan to and from Germany and Benelux. There are dozens of these small coaches running between the city and Europe every day.

There are regular schedules for destinations in Poland, Germany and the Benelux countries and occasional 'upon request' schedules to other destinations in Europe. They can deliver you and your luggage from the doorsteps of your house directly to your host family or other places of accommodation in Kaliningrad.

### By car

Kaliningrad is in the center of Europe. You can come here with your own car!

Traveling distance to Kaliningrad is moderate. The distance from Paris and Brussels to Kaliningrad is approximately 1500 kilometers, from Hamburg - 900 km, and from Berlin 580 kilometers only! You can travel to us on your own by car. Fuel in Kaliningrad is almost twice cheaper than in Europe.

## Kaliningrad City and Kaliningrad Region

### KALININGRAD REGION

As shown on the map, the Kaliningrad region is situated at the southeastern coast of the Baltic Sea. The population of the Kaliningrad Region is about 1 million habitants, out of which about 450 thousand citizens live in the city of Kaliningrad.



The region's area comprises 15 thousand square kilometers and is entirely separated from the rest of Russia. It borders on Poland in the southwest and Lithuania in the southeast. In the north, it's rimmed by the Baltic Sea.

Unique and world's largest deposits of amber are located in the territory of the Kaliningrad region, in Yantarny. Up to 90% of world's deposits of amber are there. We can arrange a trip to the amber mining for you. The length of the seacoast is about 140 km including 100 km of sand beaches. There are two gulfs - the Curonian Gulf and the Vislinsky Gulf.



### **CITY OF KALININGRAD**

Kaliningrad is a picturesque city divided by the Pregel (Pregolya) River. It has a number of lakes and ponds. One of the most attractive features of Kaliningrad is its vast greenery: parks, forests, and trees in the streets.

Founded in XIII century as Königsberg, the city had been a capital of German East Prussia until the Potsdam Conference in 1945, when one third of East Prussia including the city was annexed by the Soviet Union. The original local residents were deported to Germany and newcomers from all over the Soviet Union - mostly from central Russia - settled in the region.

The city was renamed after M.I. Kalinin, who had an informal title of the all-Union's 'master' under Stalin. In the 1960s-70s the city was largely rebuilt in a Soviet style, so nowadays one can see a combination of the Soviet 'khrushchevki' and 'brezhnevki' ('match-box' houses popular during the times of Khrushchev and Brezhnev) and German mansions.

The city's architecture is a vivid witness of the city's history. People's attitude towards the past of the region has changed radically in the last two decades. Most of the Kaliningrad citizens are now proud of the city's past and take care to preserve and restore the remains of the historical heritage.

### **KALININGRAD MUSEUMS AND THEATERS**

You might want to visit the Museum of World's Ocean, the only museum of this type in Russia. You will step on the legendary research ship 'Vityaz', which is moored idle and is now a museum piece. Onboard the "Vityaz" there's a splendid collection of the material and photographs of the underwater world, including various gizmos and devices, replicas and originals.

You can visit the Regional History and Art Museum, situated in a beautiful building right by the pond called Nizhny. The museum has several affiliates, the most important of them are the 'Blindage' and the 'Fifth Fortress'. The Museum of Amber has the world's most unique collection of amber and jewelries. You should definitely visit this museum. The Art Gallery with its eight exhibition halls is worth seeing too.



The Botanical Garden is open to public all year round and cherishes a collection of more than 3 thousand outdoor plant species and about a thousand indoor plants grown in nurseries. The Kaliningrad Zoo, which is more than a hundred years old, houses 400 animal species and 150 types of rare plants.

The Kaliningrad Drama Theatre was opened back in 1947. There are a number of other theatres in the city. One of them is located in several minutes walking from school – Kaliningrad Musical Theatre. There is also a well-known 'Tilzit-theatre' located in Sovetsk, who gained recognition in Russia and Europe. Upon your request, we can arrange a visit to it to see one of its wonderful performances. There are two concert organ-halls, one in Kaliningrad and another in Svetlogorsk. So, learning Russian with "Privet!" in Kaliningrad will bring you a lot of joy and fun!



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