

RUSSIAN AMERICAN PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP

22ND ANNUAL MEETING, JULY 19-20, 2017

YAKUTSK, REPUBLIC OF SAKHA (YAKUTIA), RUSSIA



A subnational dialogue benefiting bilateral and international relations



The RAPP 22nd annual meeting in Yakutsk will be among the most significant US-Russia bilateral meetings of 2017. With a unique focus on subnational cooperation, RAPP addresses a broad agenda of mutual interest benefiting our regions and nations broadly.

Over 22 years, RAPP has successfully leveraged deep historic ties between the US West Coast and the Russian Far East to deliver a uniquely positive annual meeting and constructive US-Russian policy dialogue. RAPP is the only open registration US-Russian bilateral forum with a region-to-region focus. RAPP is very much a working meeting. The private sector from Russia, the US and interested third party countries that drive the meeting agenda, discussion topics, and formulate the meeting's summary report policy recommendations. To advance bilateral cooperation, we need your active involvement and input at this year's annual meeting.

Please join us in Yakutsk as a RAPP 22nd annual meeting participant.

Registration on the "RAPP Forum" webpage at www.usrussia.org

REGISTRATION FEE \$500.

Advance registration is required. The low registration fee helps support RAPP while ensuring the meeting remains affordable and well attended.

TRAVEL and RUSSIAN VISA

Information on flight options to Yakutsk, hotel options and Russian visa support invitation details follow on pages two and three. Contact AirRussia.us in Seattle for flight route options and ticketing at (206) 443-1614, by email sales@airrussia.us, or website www.airrussia.us.

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22ND RAPP ANNUAL MEETING LOGISTICS

TRAVEL AND HOTEL INFORMATION FOR ATTENDEES

Travel and hotel accommodations are the responsibility of each attendee. RAPP attendees are afforded special hotel room group rates at two hotels in Yakutsk as follows:

YAKUTSK HOTEL RESERVATIONS:

Please place your hotel reservation early as rooms are limited. Room charges are in rubles and US Dollar are indications only based on current exchange rate. Buffet breakfast is included in rate.

HOTEL «POLYARNAYA ZVEZDA», Address Lenina 24, Yakutsk, Republic of Sakha Telephone: +7 (4112) 500-580

Standard room, single occupancy / double occupancy: 5.750 py6 (\$100. US) / 7.750 py6 (\$135. US)

Deluxe room, single occupancy / double occupancy: 11.250 py6 (\$197. US) / 14.800 py6 (\$260. US)

Apartment, single occupancy / double occupancy: 18.800 py6 (\$330. US) / 23.100 py6 (\$405. US)

King Suite room, single occupancy / double occupancy: 24.050 py6 (\$422. US) / 29.500 py6 (\$518. US)

To reserve room, please send email indicating you are a "RAPP Attendee" to reservations.yakutsk@azimuthhotels.com specifying room type and check in to check out dates.

HOTEL «TYGYN DARHAN», Address Ammosova Street 9, Yakutsk, Republic of Sakha Telephone: +7 (4112) 43-51-09

Standard room: 5.355 py6 (\$94. US)

Suite room: 5.670 py6 (\$100. US)

To reserve room, please send email indicating you are a "RAPP Attendee" to tygyndarhan@mail.ru specifying room type and check in to check out dates.

Meal Provisions: Two lunches (July 19 and 20) and one evening reception (July 20) are afforded according to meeting program.

RUSSIAN VISA:

If you will be applying for Russian visa for travel to the RAPP meeting, we recommend using a Russia visa professional. See next page for details.

FLIGHT ROUTE OPTIONS TO YAKUTSK :

Consult Russia travel specialist AirRussia.Us in Seattle for route options and ticketing details at (206) 443-1614, by email sales@airrussia.us, website www.airrussia.us.

Anchorage, Alaska Option:

Yakutia Airlines flight departs from Anchorage 7:30am July 17 for Yakutsk, arriving July 18 (with a brief stop-over in Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky en route).

Yakutia Airlines flight returns from Yakutsk to Anchorage departs Monday, July 24 (same day arrival 5:50am). Consider to stay in Yakutsk July 18-24 (RT Anchorage flight) and book sightseeing options over the weekend.

Earlier return options available July 21-23 via alternate routes, including Yakutsk-Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk-Narita (Tokyo) on Yakutia Airlines Friday July 21, or via Moscow, or Vladivostok or Khabarovsk-Seoul (Incheon).

Narita (Tokyo), Japan Option:

Yakutia Airlines operates flights Tokyo (Narita) -Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk- Yakutsk on Tuesday, July 18, and Friday, July 21. These are synchronized with the Tokyo (Narita) arrivals/departures of flights to major US cities on both coasts for convenient connections.

Incheon (Seoul), Korea Option:

Incheon (Seoul), South Korea (connect to Yakutsk via Yakutia Airlines or Aeroflot). Check individual airline flight dates.

Moscow, Russia Option:

Daily nonstop flights from Moscow to Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk on **Aeroflot** (SVO airport) or **Yakutia Airlines** (VKO airport). Depending on arrival/departure times Moscow, factor for possible transfer between Moscow airports.

Yakutia Airlines tickets may be booked through AirRussia.Us sales@airrussia.us, Japan Air Travel Marketing (Tel:+ 81-3-6402-1566, email: nrt@yakutia.aero) and most professional travel agents.

Yakutia flights do not appear in Expedia, Orbitz or similar travel sites. Pricing Russian domestic and international flight legs separately may afford significant cost savings relative to international and domestic Russia flights in a single itinerary.



REGISTERED RAPP ATTENDEES REQUIRING VISA TO RUSSIA:

VISA TO RUSSIA:

Standard visa processing times are two weeks, but expedited service is possible for additional fee. To avoid delays, we recommend you begin your visa application process early and work with a Russian visa specialized travel professional. We recommend you apply for a three-year multiple-entry Business category visa to Russia with visa invitation provided by the travel agency. We suggest visa applications be made through either of the following two agencies in Seattle and San Francisco:

Red Star Travel
123 Queen Avenue N., Suite 102
Seattle, WA 98102
Telephone: (206) 522-5995
Email: travel@travel2russia.com
Visa information page: <http://www.redstartravel.us/russia.html>

Russart Travel
323 Geary, Suite 705
San Francisco, CA 94102
Telephone: (415) 781-6655
Email: russart@pacbell.net
Visa information page: <http://www.visarussiatravel.com/visa>
Step-by-step instructions: http://www.visarussiatravel.com/doc/visa_to_russia.pdf

Please contact RAPP with any questions at (206) 770-4015 or by email message.

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