



Krasnoyarsk
Summer in Siberia
June - July, 2019

EnGage! Russia is designed to give participants hands-on experience with one of InterAct's missionaries using various ministry outreaches and events to build relationships and to support the ministries of local churches in Siberia. The trip is based out of the Siberian city of Krasnoyarsk. Outreach events will take on many forms including, but not limited to: English clubs, relationship building events (hikes, movie discussions, picnics, etc.), a trip to unreached region.

The program is designed to give participants at least six weeks of exposure to the Russian culture and opportunities to build relationships with Russians. During the trip, participants will 1) learn different strategies being used in Siberia for ministry; 2) interact with Russian believers to understand the joys and struggles of living for Christ in Siberia, and find ways to partner with them; 3) engage with unbelieving Russians so they will be exposed to the hope and joy found in a relationship with Christ, and 4) participate in a variety of events and outreaches that connect believers and unbelievers 5) take a short trip into an unreached area of Siberia along the Trans Siberian Railroad.

*NOTE: This trip is geared toward outreach to adults, usually between the ages of 19-45. There will be no programs geared toward teaching children or teens.

I. Requirements

The **EnGage! Russia** participant should:

- have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ
- know how to evangelize and disciple others
- be disciplined in prayer, service, and Bible reading/study
- be flexible
- agree with InterAct's doctrinal statement
- be a member of an evangelical church in good standing
- submit to and be accountable to leadership
- raise all required support before the trip begins
- have adequate prayer support
- be "above reproach" in moral character and personal ethics
- abstain from the use of alcohol and tobacco while serving with InterAct
- be in good health

Participants must complete all pre-field training requirements before the trip begins. This will include:

- *Completing all reading requirements* (TBA)
- *Pre-field language requirements* (All materials to be provided.)
 - Memorize the Russian alphabet
 - Learn the "Twenty Key Phrases" (to be provided)

- *Pre-field teaching requirements*
 - Participants must write-out and prepare a presentation of how God has worked in their life. How did you come to faith? How does having a relationship with Christ help you through difficult time?
 - Practice speaking clearly and without idioms and “*Christianese*.”
- *Correspond at least twice per month with your pre-field trainer. (To be assigned)*

II. Activities

A. Overview

EnGage Krasnoyarsk consists of 1-5 participants who are exposed to 1) the joys and rigors of everyday life in Siberia; 2) the challenges Russian believers face in sharing the Gospel; 3) different strategies for reaching the lost in Siberia, and 4) the worldview of unbelieving Russians.

B. Outreach

Rarely will the outreach event itself be the avenue for sharing the gospel. Most often, the event is an avenue for the EnGage participant and also Russian believers in attendance to build relationships with unbelievers. Through the relationship, trust is born and through that trust, the gospel can be effectively shared. Outreach events will take on many forms including but not limited to: English clubs, movie discussions, excursions, sporting/outdoor events.

C. Relationships

The goal of most outreach events will be 1) for Russian believers in attendance to build relationships with unbelievers, and 2) for participants to build relationships. Participants are encouraged to interact with these new friends outside of the events.

D. Experiencing and Understanding Culture

Participants will be immersed in Russian culture and will be able to experience the beauty of Siberia and its people.

E. Russian Language

Knowledge of the Russian language is not a requirement for this trip, however, participants will be expected to learn some key phrases and the Russian alphabet prior to leaving for the trip. During the trip, participants will take Russian language classes that are based on their level of understanding and balanced with the trip’s ministry load.

III. Miscellaneous Information

A. Training

Pre-field training includes all requirements as listed above in section I. Participants will arrive in Moscow and will be met by an InterAct staff missionary and will continue on to Krasnoyarsk.

B. Personal Medical Insurance Coverage

InterAct Ministries requires international medical insurance coverage for all summer and short-term staff. Contact InterAct Ministries for details.

C. Policy on Politics

Due to the tensions between the US and Russia, all participants must agree to abstain from political conversations and comments, both in person and online, during the trip. Engaging in political conversations could be harmful to the ability of InterAct Missionaries to work long-term in Russia. Also, we request that participants refrain from making hot-topic Russian political comments on social media prior and immediately following the trip. More details will be given during orientation or upon request.

D. Sexual/Child Abuse Screening Policy

Sexual and child abuse are significant problems in the US and Russia. Many times people who engage in that behavior have been victims of such abuse themselves. Because of this, InterAct Ministries will make every reasonable effort to determine if an applicant has an abusive history or a history of being abused. At the mission's expense, criminal background checks will be conducted for all applicants. However, having a criminal record does not, in itself, disqualify one from service with InterAct.

Dates: June - July, 2019

Cost: \$3,200 all-inclusive

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