



DEALING WITH MONEY



There are two main resources in travel: language and money. During a trip *деньги (money)* have to create comfort, but sometimes it creates problems. So, how do we deal with *деньги* in Russia?

The most reliable way is using payment *карты (cards)*. Nowadays *карты* are very popular, but it is better to ask before making a purchase: *Принимаете карты? ([Do you] accept cards?)*. In big cities the answer will often, but not always, be: *Да, принимаем (Yes, [we] accept)*.

Use Visa and Mastercard in Russia. They are accepted by all stores and ATMs. Other types of cards are not popular, that is why ask: *Принимаете карты American Express? ([Do you] accept American Express cards?)*

Surprise! Sometimes, when you are paying even a small amount with a card, you may be asked to show *документ (an identity document)*. The ID that is suitable in all situations in Russia is your *паспорт (passport)*.

You may often be asked: *Ваш паспорт, пожалуйста (Your passport, please)*. **Паспорт is better to always carry with you, always and everywhere!**

Though payment *карты* are commonly used, you should always have *наличные (cash)* with you in Russia. Carry with you enough, but not too much cash. There are ATMs everywhere in Moscow, and cards are accepted, but in small shops, taxi, public transport you will most likely be told: *Мы не принимаем карты (We don't accept cards)*. In small towns and villages only *наличные (cash)* is often accepted.

Officially in Russia only *рубли (roubles)* are accepted. It is important to know: **you are paying in доллары (dollars) or евро (euro), it's not official.**

Any *банкомат (ATM)* in Russia gives roubles, and only some *банкоматы* give out dollars and Euros. In order to exchange *доллары* for *рубли*, find a *пункт обмена валют (currency exchange office)*. If possible, avoid using unreliable *банкоматы* and *пункты обмена* – in the Metro, at public transport stops; the most reliable ones are in banks.

There is a Russian saying: “*деньги* loves to be counted”. You can guess that Russian *рубли* love to be counted in Russian! Here are Russian rouble banknotes:

10 – десять рублей / 50 – пятьдесят рублей / 100 – сто рублей / 500 – пятьсот рублей / 1000 – тысяча рублей / 5000 – пять тысяч рублей

TALKING TO RUSSIANS

Focal Dialogue

Greg decided to celebrate the success of his favourite team during the Olympic Games in Sochi. He pays for his purchases at the cash-register in a small shop in the suburbs of Adler. Here is a dialogue between Greg and an Assistant at the counter:

- G** **Вы** **принимаете** **карты?**
[Do] you _____ accept _____ cards?
- A** **Да,** **принимаем.**
Yes, _____ [we] accept
- A** **С Вас** **одна** **тысяча** **сто** **рублей**
[We'd like to get] from you – one – thousand – [one] hundred – roubles
- G** **Пожалуйста,** **вот** **моя** **карта**
Please, _____ here _____ [is] my _____ card
- A** **И** **Ваш** **паспорт,** **пожалуйста**
And _____ your _____ passport, _____ please
- G** **У меня нет** **паспорта!**
I don't have _____ passport
- A** **Без** **паспорта** **нельзя!**
Without _____ passport _____ [it is] not allowed
- G** **У меня есть** **наличные.** **Принимаете** **доллары или евро?**
I have _____ cash. _____ [Do you] accept _____ dollars or euro?
- A** **Нет, конечно!** **Мы** **принимаем** **только** **рубли,** **мужчина!**
No, certainly! _____ We _____ accept _____ only _____ roubles, _____ man!
- G** **Где** **здесь** **пункт** **обмена** **валют?**
Where _____ [is] here _____ office _____ of exchange _____ of currency?
- A** **Обменный** **пункт** **закрыт.** **Банкомат** **открыт**
Exchange _____ office _____ [is] closed. _____ ATM _____ [is] open
- G** **Где** **банкомат?**
Where _____ [is] ATM?
- A** **В банке.** **Это** **сто метров.**
In bank. _____ This _____ [is one] hundred meters

Let's wish good luck to Peter! We hope that the ATM machine will take his American Express card

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