

**Regional Radiocommunication Seminar 2024 for CIS
(RRS-2024–CIS)
Astana, Kazakhstan
15-19 April 2024**

INFORMATION NOTE

A. THE MEETING VENUE

1. Venue

Rixos President Astana
Astana, Kazakhstan
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2. Local contact person (from Ministry of Digital Development)

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3. Accommodation and Hotel Reservation

Lodging at the Venue: Rixos President Astana (Meeting Venue)

The cost per participant for accommodation at Rixos President Astana:

- Single occupancy «Deluxe Single» approximately 55 000.00 KZT (approx. 125 USD) inclusive of Breakfast and Wi-Fi access.
- Double occupancy «Deluxe Twin» approximately 65 000.00 KZT (approx. 150 USD) inclusive of Breakfast and Wi-Fi access.
- Single occupancy «Premium Single» approximately 75 000.00 KZT (approx. 170 USD) inclusive of Breakfast and Wi-Fi access.
- Double occupancy «Premium Twin» approximately 85 000.00 KZT (approx. 190 USD) inclusive of Breakfast and Wi-Fi access.

This offer is valid until 20/02/2024.

For further information and booking of accommodation please contact:

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Email: astana@rixos.com

Nearby Accommodation Options: Please see List at section 13.

4. Flights and ground transportation

The main international airport in Kazakhstan is Nursultan Nazarbayev International Airport, located approximately 16 kilometers or 10 miles from the city center.

Recommended taxi services:

- Yandex Go
- App: Яндекс Go
- Tel: +7 775 111 44 44

- Region Taxi
- App: RegionApp
- Tel: +7 701 555 55 55

The fare from Nursultan Nazarbayev International Airport to Rixos President Astana is approximately 2300 KZT.

Note that the fare may vary during peak hours or late-night hours.

Airport taxis: Taxis are readily available outside the arrival hall of the airport.

Further information can be found on the official website of Nursultan Nazarbayev International Airport: <https://www.nn-airport.kz>

B. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Visa Formalities

For information regarding visa exemptions for traveling to Kazakhstan, please check the list of countries whose citizens require a visa by the following link:

https://egov.kz/cms/en/articles/visa_regime_for_foreigners

Please contact local contact person for visa applications:

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2. Vaccinations

Kazakhstan currently recognizes all major COVID-19 vaccines approved by the World Health Organization (WHO), including AstraZeneca, Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson, Sinopharm, Sinovac, Sputnik V, Novavax, etc. Proof of vaccination may be requested at entry points or for specific events. Carry your vaccination certificate with you.

3. Language

Kazakh is the state language of Kazakhstan.

Russian is officially used along with the Kazakh. English is also widely spoken, especially in urban areas and among younger generations.

4. Measuring System

The official measuring system in Kazakhstan is the metric system, commonly known as the International System of Units (SI).

5. Driving in Kazakhstan

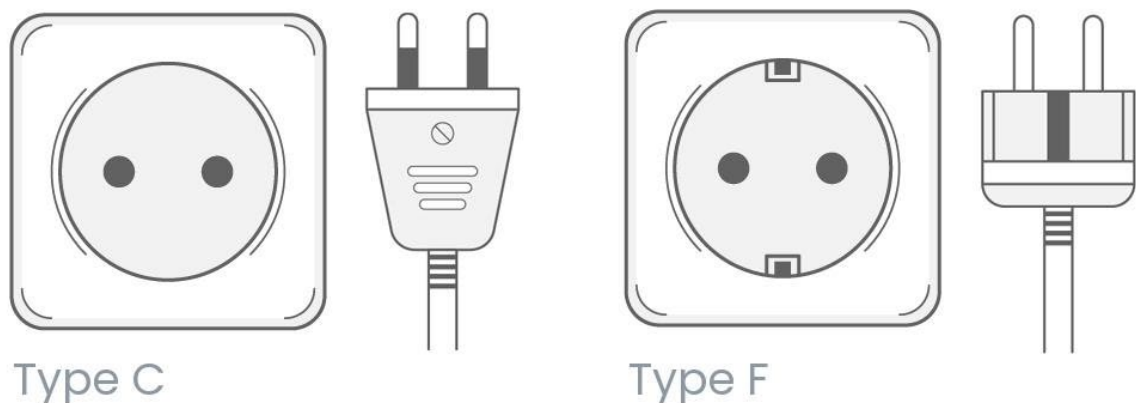
In Kazakhstan, vehicles drive on the right side of the road.

6. Electricity Supply

Electricity in Kazakhstan is typically supplied at 220 volts. If this voltage differs from your home country, some hotels may provide adapters to their guests, or adapters can be purchased from local hardware and electrical stores.

Alternating current with a frequency of 50 Hz is standard.

The type of electric plug used in Kazakhstan is the Europlug Type C or the Schuko Type F plug.



7. Climate & Weather

Astana, Kazakhstan experiences a transitional climate in April. While temperatures can vary, April typically marks the transition from winter to spring. Daytime temperatures can range from around 5°C to 15°C (41°F to 59°F), with occasional

warmer days reaching up to 20°C (68°F). Nights can still be chilly, with temperatures dropping to around freezing or slightly above. Precipitation levels are generally low in April, but occasional rain showers are possible. It's advisable to check the specific weather forecast for Astana in April before traveling to ensure preparedness for the prevailing conditions.

8. Currency

The official currency of Kazakhstan is the Kazakhstani tenge (KZT). While the tenge is widely used, foreign currency can be exchanged at local banks and authorized exchange offices. Credit cards of Visa, MasterCard are generally accepted in urban areas and tourist locations. Exchange rates may fluctuate, but the average exchange rate is approximately

1 US dollars (USD) = 460 Kazakhstan tenge (KZT).





9. Shopping - Value Added Tax (VAT)

In Kazakhstan, the Value Added Tax (VAT) is currently set at 12% on most goods and services. Prices displayed in stores typically include this tax, unless otherwise specified. Companies registered to charge VAT are required to prominently display their VAT Certificate of Registration.

10. Business Hours

In Kazakhstan, the typical business hours are as follows:

- Banks and exchange offices: Monday to Thursday – 9am to 6pm, Friday from 9am to 4pm.
- Company offices: Generally, from Monday to Friday 9am to 6pm.
- Shops and businesses: Monday to Saturday from 10am to 8pm or from 9am to 7pm
- Malls: Monday to Saturday 10am to 10pm.
- Cafes, patisseries, and pizzerias: Open till 11pm, certain cafes are open 24 hours
- Restaurants: Lunch is served from 12am and dinner from 6 pm.

11. Tipping

In Kazakhstan, tipping is at your discretion, but you can follow these general guidelines:

- Taxi Drivers: 5-10% of the fare.
- Service Staff at a Restaurant: 10-15% of the total bill.

12. Other useful information

For more information about Kazakhstan, you can visit the following websites:

- [Official Astana Tourism Website]<https://astana.gov.kz/en>
- [Lonely Planet Astana Guide]<https://www.lonelyplanet.com/kazakhstan/nur-sultan>
- [City Profile]<https://www.worldtravelguide.net/guides/asia/kazakhstan/astana/>

These resources offer valuable insights and travel tips to help you plan your trip to Kazakhstan.

13. Nearby Accommodation Options (non-exhaustive List, prices for informative purposes only, please confirm before booking)

Hotel	Rate	Price (KZT)	Booking Website	Contact	Email	Approximate Travel Time
Beijing Palace Soluxe Hotel Astana	5 star	61 000 – 100 000	https://soluxeastana.kz/	Saule +7 708 777 75 77	saule.sales1@gmail.com	22 min

The Ritz-Carlton Astana	5 star	95 000 – 300 000	https://www.ritzcarlton.com/en/hotels/tserz-the-ritz-carlton-astana/overview/	Aizhan +7 771 777 36 60	aizhan.zholdasbekova@ritzcarlton.com	20 min
Sheraton Astana Hotel	5 star	85 000 – 170 000	https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/tsesi-sheraton-astana-hotel/overview/	Aidana +7 777 772 92 37	aidana.borambayeva@rheraton.com	20 min
Astana Saad Hotel	5 star	40 000 – 100 000	http://saad-hotel.com/booking/	Olzhas +7 701 026 50 74	o.assymov@saaad-hotel.com	15 min
Hilton Garden Inn Astana	4 star	65 000 – 120 000	https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/tseakgi-hilton-garden-inn-astana/	Assel +7 701 042 00 14	assel.tanatarova@hilton.com	10 min
Jumbaktas	4 star	48 000 – 85 000	https://jumbaktas.kz/	Madiyar +7 701 757 65 50	hotel@jumbaktas.kz	12 min
Best Western Plus Astana	4 star	32 000 – 45 000	https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US.html	+7 776 185 59 69	reservation@capital-astana.kz	20 min
Ncity Hotel	3 star	20 000 – 40 000	https://ostrovok.ru/hotel/kazakhstan/astana/mid6521059/otel_ver_sal_4/	+7 775 388 82 46	ncityhotel@mail.ru	20 min
Belon Lux Hotel	3 star	20 000 – 40 000	https://ostrovok.ru/hotel/kazakhstan/astana/mid7672175/otel_belon_lux/	+7 707 900 89 93	belonlux.hotel@gmail.com	20 min
Madina Mini-Hotel	3 star	20 000 – 50 000	https://go.2gis.com/llbhqj	+7 771 979 28 79 +7 778 379 52 82	otelmadina.20222@gmail.com	15 min