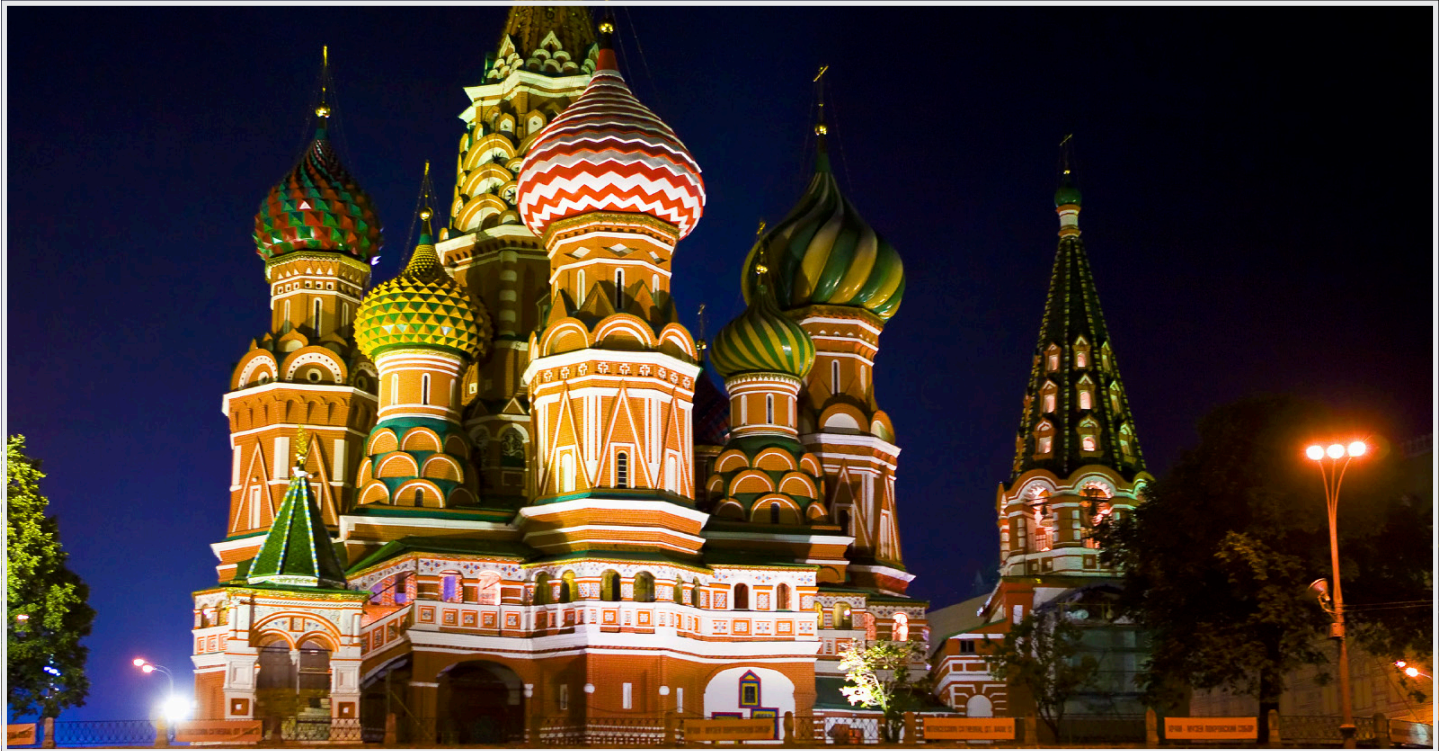


Business travel to Moscow

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The situation

red24 was asked to provide expert advice to a group of business travellers who were planning to attend a conference in Moscow. None of the group spoke Russian and they had read about a number of risks in the city, including muggings and kidnappings that targeted foreigners.



red24's advice

Our team of security specialists and risk analysts compiled a detailed assessment of the security situation and gave advice on what measures to take to minimise these risks. This information allowed the group of business travellers to go to Moscow well prepared.



Ongoing monitoring

While the group was in Moscow, our Crisis Response Management (CRM) Centre closely monitored the situation so that the group could be informed if there were any significant security incidents they should be aware of.

Our advice included:

- Maintain a low public profile.
- Carry a mobile phone with emergency numbers saved as speed dials and use them if you feel threatened.
- Vary your route and times for travelling between business venues.
- Avoid all large politically motivated gatherings as the risk of violence is an ongoing concern.
- Insist on identification if stopped by police.
- Instead of a wallet, carry a waist bag or money pouch, which can be hidden under your clothes.

The information red24 provided included:

- The levels and types of crime common in Moscow, including racially motivated attacks.
- The threat from terrorism: active terror groups, their usual targets and recent terror incidents in the city.
- Corruption
- Airport facilities, visa requirements and business etiquette.
- Current weather concerns.