Wedding Accommodation Options in Russia

We're so excited to celebrate our wedding with you! To help you plan your trip, we've put together some information about accommodation options in Russia.

Some of the properties in option two are very close to the venue itself and are quite large properties. We're already aware that a few people have asked if they organise a rental property together. We found a few options that have 10 plus rooms, which works out at about 25 euros per person per night. If you also want to take advantage of that, let one of us know and we can help arrange.

1. Hotel Options:

- **Website:** https://ostrovok.ru/
- **What it is:** Ostrovok.ru is a popular Russian hotel booking platform, similar to Booking.com or Expedia. It offers a wide range of hotels, hostels, and apartments across Russia. It's essentially a Russian "Online Travel Agency" (OTA).
- **Good to know:**
    - The website is primarily in Russian.
    - It focuses heavily on properties within Russia and former Soviet countries.
    - Prices are often displayed in Russian Rubles (RUB).

2. House/Apartment Rental Options:

We've identified two main Russian websites for finding rental apartments or houses:

- **Website 1:** https://www.sutochno.ru/
    - **What it is:** Sutochno.ru specializes in *short-term* apartment rentals (daily or weekly). Think of it as the Russian equivalent of Airbnb, but focused on shorter stays.
    - **Good to know:**
        - The website is primarily in Russian.
        - It's a good option if you prefer the privacy and amenities of an apartment.
        - "Sutochno" roughly translates to "daily" in Russian.
- **Website 2:** https://www.cian.ru/
    - **What it is:** Cian.ru is a broader real estate platform. It includes listings for long-term rentals, short-term rentals, and property sales. It's like a combination of Zillow (for sales) and Apartments.com (for rentals) in the US.
    - **Good to know:**
        - The website is primarily in Russian.
        - It has a wider range of options, including longer-term rentals, which might be relevant if you're extending your stay.
        - It's a very comprehensive real estate site, so you'll need to filter for short-term rentals specifically.

General Tips for Booking Accommodation in Russia:

- **Use a Translation Tool:** Google Translate (website or browser extension) can be very helpful for navigating Russian websites. While not perfect, it will give you the gist of the information.
- **Currency Conversion:** Be mindful of currency conversions. Use a currency converter (like Google's built-in converter or a dedicated app) to understand the prices in your local

currency.

- **Visa Requirements:** Ensure you have the necessary visa to enter Russia, and that your accommodation booking aligns with your visa requirements.
- **Contact the Property:** If you have any questions or special requests, don't hesitate to contact the hotel or property owner directly. Many larger hotels will have English-speaking staff. For apartment rentals, you might need to use a translation app to communicate.
- Look for the words for "short-term". If using CIAN or Sutochno. This will assist in weeding out some of the longer-term options. *Посуточно (Posutochno): Daily rent *Краткосрочная аренда (Kratkosrochnaya arenda): Short-term rent.

We hope this information is helpful! Please let us know if you have any other questions. We can't wait to see you!