In most cases you can pay by credit card, but it will be great to have local currency (BYN) in cash – € 1 ≈ BYN 2,2+. Money is exchanged at banks or currency exchange with no commission. There’s a bank on the first floor of Gurtam office building. 

There are 24/7 exchange offices at the train station (3 Pryvakzajnaja Plošcha), Minsk hotel building (11/1 Praspiekt Niezaliežnasci), and several casinos. You can also withdraw money from any ATM with a commission (refer to your bank for the details).

We recommend you the following cab services: Uber (app) and Pyatnitsa (+375 29 133-75-00 roaming number, 7500 – using a Belarusian SIM).

Although you are likely to use a cab, Minsk offers all types of public transport: buses, trolleybuses, trams, city shuttles (“marshrootkas”), and metro. There’s a metro station near Gurtam office (Kuntsauschyna) with underground trains taking you to almost any point in Minsk.

Price: BYN 0,55/€ 0,25 for a single-ride ticket (BYN 0,60 if using metro).
* no public transport operates after 1 a.m., please use a taxi.

For mobile connection buy a local SIM card from Velcom, MTS or Life. We recommend you to use Smart Guest by MTS. The connection costs € 8 (BYN 17), a passport is needed.

In Minsk you can easily find wi-fi connection in most cafes, shopping malls, and hotels, so just ask the staff for the password.

Wi-Fi in Gurtam HQ is free and requires no password – please find Telematics2017 network.
Minsk City:
Surviving outside Gurtam office

Places to eat near the office

TerraPizza (13 Burdziejnaha st.), Tempo (5 Piatra Hliebki st., Skala Shopping Mall) – Italian pizza and lunches.
Vasilki (5 Piatra Hliebki st., Skala Shopping Mall) – Belarusian cuisine.
Cafe Garage (93 Prytyckaha st., Almi Shopping Mall) – traditional cuisine.

Leisure

Visit two bar-level streets – Kastryčnickaja and Zybickaja – and Svobody Square. Don’t miss places like Hooligan (16 Kastryčnickaja), ENZO (23 Kastryčnickaja), El Pushka (12 Hiercena), Banki-Butylki Bar (6 Zybickaja), and Beer Cap (10 Hiercena).

Enjoy the detailed POI map by Gurtam.

Emergency services

In Gurtam, we do everything possible to keep you safe and secure, but when it comes to travelling alone the importance of emergency services shouldn’t be underestimated:

- 112 – Emergency number
- 101 – Fire
- 102 – Police
- 103 – Ambulance

Apps to get around

Maps.me available for iOS, Android, Kindle Fire, and BlackBerry is an application offering detailed offline maps in multiple languages.
XE Currency converter available for iOS, Android, Windows, and BlackBerry.
Uber is a crossplatform app to get a taxi online in one click.
Tripadvisor is becoming more and more “Minsk-friendly” so go ahead with the app.