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MAIN CONVENTION PROGRAMME

JANUARY 31st - FEBRUARY 4th 2011

CULTURE - A UNIFYING GUIDE

25th Anniversary of the WFTGA

TIME	PROGRAMME	SPEAKERS
MONDAY, January 31st	Theme of the Day - MEDIEVAL CULTURE	
10.00 - 11.30	OPENING CEREMONY	
	Estonian choir welcoming performance	
	Welcome by the Host	Mrs. Laura Taul, President TGA
	Official Greetings	President of Estonia or Mayor of Tallinn
	WFTGA	Mrs. Rosalind Newlands, President WFTGA
	Press Conference	
11.30 - 12.00	Coffee break	
12.00 - 13.00	PLENARY SESSION	
	1. Theme?	Keynote speaker Mr. M. Herve' Barre, Programm Specialist in Sustainable Tourism, Division of Cultural Expressions and Creative Industries UNESCO Head Office
	2. DIE HANSE Movement Today	speaker: Contemporary Hansa organisation Die Hanse, Germany.
13.00 - 14.30	Lunch in the hotel	
14.30 - 17.30	PLENARY SESSION continues	
	1. INTRODUCTION to the MIDDLE AGES	speaker LtCol. Fr. Einar Laigna, Medievalist
	2. Presentation of the medieval club	Olde Hansa representatives
16.00 - 18.00	Delegates meeting	
17.30 - 19.00	Walking tour in the old town	
19.00 - 22.00	Medieval dinner in Olde Hansa restaurant	Medieval dancers and musicians
TUESDAY, February 1st	Theme of the Day - NATIONAL and TRADITIONAL CULTURE	
09.00 - 11.00	1. RELIGIONS AS THE BASE OF CULTURE	Keynote speaker Prof. Ülo Valk Professor of Estonian and Comparative Folklore at the University of Tartu, Estonia.
	WORKSHOP: Theme?	Mr. M. Herve' Barre, Programm Specialist in Sustainable Tourism, Division of Cultural Expressions and Creative Industries UNESCO Head Office
11.00 - 11.30	Coffee break	
11.30 - 13.00	Workshops	
	1. WFTGA ? Theme?	Kandia Nyoman , Indonesia
	2. Choral singing I	Conductor Hirvo Surva, the Song and Dance Festival Committee
	3. Folk dance I	Dance coach Mall Järvela, the Song and Dance Festival Committee
	4. The werewolf in national traditions	Merili Metsavaht, University of Tartu
	5. Folk and World music	Ando Kiviberg, Director of the Estonian Traditional Music Centre
	? 6. The base of the world's culture, cultural similarities amongst nations	proposed by Iran guides (we are still waiting for the CV and the abstracts)

	7. Sauna Culture in Estonia	Kalle Eller, traditional religion of ancient Estonia
	LUNCH	
15.00 - 16.30	Bus tour 1 h 30	Kadriorg Park and the Song Festival Grounds, site of the Estonian Song Festival, featured on the UNESCO Representative List of Intangible Heritage of Humanity.
16.30 - 19.30	Programme at the National Art Museum KUMU, European Museum of the year 2008	1h guided tour in the museum Film programme. Refreshments
19.30 - 20.00	Buses back to the hotel	
	Dinner at leisure	
WEDNESDAY, February 2nd		
Theme of the Day - CONTEMPORARY CULTURE		
09.00 - 11.00	1. TALLINN as CULTURE CAPITAL of EUROPE 2011	Keynote speaker Mikko Fritze, Chairman of Tallinn2011
	2. UNESCO and Estonia	Keynote speaker prof.Mart Kalm, Estonian Academy of Arts, member of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee
11.00 - 11.30	Coffee break	
11.30 - 13.00	WORKSHOPS	
	1. WFTGA Museum guiding	Iris Berry, Great Britain
	2. Choral singing II	Hirvo Surva, conductor, Estonia
	3. Folk dance II	Mall Järvela, Estonia
	4. XXI century museum	Mariann Raismaa, Director of the Estonian History Museum
	5. Smartmuseum	Ain Hinsberg, Estonia
	6. Guiding of visually impaired clients	Sylvi and Kadri Sarapuu, OÜ Kakora, Estonia
	7. Working with cruises	Tallinn Harbour
	8. WORKSHOP: teema ?	?Mr. M. Herve' Barre, Programm Specialist in Sustainaböe Tourism, Division of Cultural Expressions and Creative Industrioies UNESCO Head Office
	LUNCH at leisure	
14.00 – 17.00	WORKSHOP Trainging Committee. Trainers only	
	FREE AFTERNOON to browse the museums with free Tallinn Card	
19.00	Buses leave from the hotel	
19.30 - 23.30	Evening event at the Culture Cauldron	Various Alternative Performers. Refreshments
24.00	Return to the hotel	
THURSDAY, February 3rd		
Theme of the Day - ALTERNATIVE CULTURE		
09.00 - 11.00	1. WHERE IS THE DIVIDE BETWEEN OFFICIAL AND ALTERNATIVE CULTURES. PROFESSIONALISM, CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION.	Keynote speaker Peeter Jalakas, Director Von Krahl Theatre
	2. Presentation of the Council of Nordic Countries	Keynote speaker From the Council of Nordic Countries ? Theme Creative industry
11.00 - 11.30	Coffee break	
11.30 - 13.30	Workshops	
	1. WFTGA	
	2. Choral singing III	Hirvo Surva, conductor
	3. Folk dance III	Mall Järvela
	4. Theatre NO99	Ene-Liis Semper, Head Designer Tiit Ojasoo, Director
	5. Culture Factory Polymer	
	6. XXI century museum or Smartmuseum	Raismaa/ Hinsberg
	7. Historical and cultural landscapes	Nature guides, ? man-made versus nature?
	LUNCH at leisure	

	FREE AFTERNOON to browse the museums with the Tallinn Card	
15.00 -17.30	Delegates meeting	Elections, choosing the next host of WFTGA XVth convention
18.45	Short walk from the hotel to the evening venue escorted by local guides	
19.00 -23.00	GALA DINNER at the Estonia Concert Hall	
FRIDAY, February 4th		
CONCLUDING DAY of the CONVENTION		
09.00 - 10.00	ROLE OF THE GUIDE IN TODAY'S CHANGING WORLD. Discussion based on workshops at Plenary Session	Keynote speaker – WFTGA ? Moderator?
10.00 - 11.00	Closing plenary session	
13.00 - 14.00	Farewell lunch	
14.30 -15.00	Departures to the post tours	Post tour to Riga, capital of Latvia, 3 days
		Post tour to St. Petersburg, 3 days

Post Tour to Riga, the Capital of Latvia 3 days MIN 15 PAX

350 EUR*/ per person in twin room (for two people booking at the same time)

46 EUR*/single supplement

Supplement for extra night in Riga

32 EUR*/ per person in twin room (for two people booking at the same time)

23 EUR*/single supplement

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Packages include: 2 nights accommodation in Riga in Hotel Gutenbergs in twin room, 2 breakfasts, 1 lunch in Riga (3-course, drinks not included), 1 buffet dinner in hotel (drinks not included), 1 dinner at Lido restaurant with folk show (drinks not included), Riga city tour with entrance to Dome church and organ concert, half day visit to Rundale palace, transfer Tallinn-Pärnu-Riga, minibus or coach transport for all parts of the programme and tourist guide services, private transfers in Riga hotel-Riga airport or to the bus station as ordered in advance.

There are three Baltic States, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, and adding a visit to the Latvian capital Riga, the largest city in the Baltics, gives you a chance to see the similarities and differences between two of them, Estonia and Latvia.

Latvia is the middle Baltic State geographically, lying between Estonia and Lithuania, and is also the middle state by size and population. The capital, however, is far from middling in Baltic terms. Founded in 1201 Riga was once the biggest city of the Swedish kingdom, and was later the third most important port in imperial Russia.

Day 1: Transfer from Tallinn to Riga via Pärnu by minibus or coach at 3 pm .

Arrival at the Estonian resort town of Pärnu. Pärnu City reception and meeting with Pärnu tourist guides **(arranged by Pärnu guides)**.

10 pm arrival in Riga, check-in at the Hotel Gutenbergs in the old town and late dinner at the hotel.

Day 2: Riga city tour and tour to Rundale Palace

The old town, listed in the UNESCO World Heritage list, is home to the oldest and largest of the Dome cathedrals in the Baltics, while the beautifully restored buildings of the Town Hall and the House of the Brotherhood of the Blackheads are Riga's newest landmarks. Artfully decorated Art Nouveau buildings from the turn of the 19th and 20th centuries can be found in many streets of the city.

During the walking tour of Old Riga we will meet the **Mayor of Riga or a representative of Riga City Council** at the Small Guild and enjoy a performance by the children's folk dance group Dzintarins. **(arranged by Latvian guides)**.

Short organ music concert at the **Dome Cathedral**.

Lunch will be served in an old town restaurant before departure from Riga for Rundale.

The Palace of Rundale is a gem of Baroque and Rococo architecture. Built by Bartolomeo Rastrelli, the designer of the Winter Palace in St. Petersburg, the palace has been restored to its original glory and furnished as it was in the days when the most powerful figures of the imperial Russian Household had their base there. The German families of the region dominated the Russian empire for a period, and from what is now a sleepy backwater in provincial Latvia, one of the world's most powerful countries was run. You can find out more about the life of those times in this charming Baltic Versailles.

8 pm Farewell dinner **with Latvian tourist guides** at the national restaurant LIDO with a folk dance group performance

Day 3:

Individual transfers Riga hotel-Riga airport or bus station as ordered in advance.

Or stay for an extra night. Latvian tourist guides are happy to offer an optional programme to those leaving later in the afternoon.

Package rates are subject to change if there are changes in the programme.

Pre and post tours WFTGA 2011

Pre and Post tour to St. Petersburg 3 days

MIN 15 PAX/group

Tours require Russian visa made in advance in your country. Booking deadline 01.12.2010.

Pre tour

25. – 27.1.2011 (Delegates only)

28. – 30.1.2011

550 EUR*/ per person in twin room (for two people booking at the same time)

115 EUR*/ single supplement

Supplement for extra night in St. Petersburg

68 EUR*/ per person in twin room (for two people booking at the same time)

58 EUR*/ single supplement

Post tour

04. - 06.2.2011

550 EUR*/ per person in twin room (for two people booking at the same time)

115 EUR*/ single supplement

Supplement for extra night in St. Petersburg

68 EUR*/ per person in twin room (for two people booking at the same time)

58 EUR*/ single supplement

Sokos Palace Bridge is the pre-booked hotel for the tour, and can be booked until 01.12.2010 or until all reserved rooms are taken.

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Welcome to St. Petersburg, the capital of Russian Empire for almost 200 years. Few cities can offer as many stunning attractions and intriguing faces as St. Petersburg, the City of the Tsars. Founded in 1703 by Peter the Great, St. Petersburg combines its fascinating Russian heritage with a distinctly European outlook.

Pre tours St. Petersburg
25. – 27.1.2011 (Delegates only)
28. – 30.1.2011

Package includes: 2 nights accommodation in St. Petersburg in twin room, 1 lunch, 1 packed lunch, 1 dinner, all included entrance fees for the programme, coach and English speaking guide for the programme in St. Petersburg, visa registration fee in Russia, transfer St. Petersburg-Tallinn with guide.

Day 1:

Individual arrivals to St. Petersburg

14:00 City tour with visit to the Peter & Paul Fortress, the Cathedral on the Spilt Blood and St. Isaac's Cathedral (included)

19:30 Transfer to the restaurant

20:00 Dinner at Vodka Bar+ visit the Museum of Russian Vodka (included)

23:00 Return to the hotel

Coach for city tour and restaurant transfers.

Guide for city tour and one way transfer to the restaurant.

Day 2:

10:00 Tour of Palace Square and Hermitage Museum (included)

11:00 Visit the **Brilliant Room**, tour shared between 2 groups (included)

14:00 Lunch at Russian Club restaurant (included),

15:30 Tour of Yusupov Palace with the Rasputin room (included)

18:30 Return to hotel.

Coach and guide for city tour 10-18.30 (included).

Optional

20:00 Ballet/opera performance at Mariinsky Theatre –
from EUR 100 each, optional (depending on the seats and performance),

Day 3:

09:30 Check-out from hotel and transfer to Pushkin

10:30 Visit to Catherine's Palace with the Amber room (included)

Light packed lunch in coach.

12:00/30 Private transfer to Tallinn with tour escort .

Post tour St. Petersburg 04. – 06.2.2011

Package includes: 2 nights accommodation in St. Petersburg, 1 lunch, 1 dinner, all included entrance fees for the programme, coach and English speaking guide for the program in St. Petersburg, visa registration fee in Russia, transfer Tallinn-St. Petersburg by private minibus/coach with guide.

Feb 04, Fri

14:30/15.00 Departure to St. Petersburg by private coach with guide.
Late arrival.
Late Buffet dinner at hotel restaurant.

Feb 05, Sat:

09:30 City tour with visit to Peter & Paul Fortress, the Cathedral on the Split Blood and St. Isaac's Cathedral (included)
13:00 Lunch at Russian Club restaurant (included),
14:30 Tour of Palace Square and Hermitage Museum (included)
15:00 Visit the **Brilliant room** (included)
18:00 Return to hotel,
Coach and guide for city tour 10-18.00 (included)

Optional -

20:00 Ballet/opera performance at Mariinsky Theatre –
from EUR 100 each option (depending on the seats and performance),

Feb 06, Sun:

Check-out from hotel or extra night stay.
09:30 Transfer to Pushkin
10:30 Visit to Catherine's Palace with the Amber room (included)
13:00 Quick lunch at local restaurant (included)
14:00 Tour of Yusupov Palace with the Rasputin room (included)
The tour ends at 16:30 in the hotel for the extra night if booked, or for individual transfer to the airport/bus station/railway station.
Coach and guide for tours 09.30-16.30 (included)

Individual transfer St. Petersburg hotel-St. Petersburg airport or bus station or railway station ordered in advance only with tour booking.

1 person / 55 EUR per person
2-3 people / 30 EUR per person
4-6 people /24 EUR per person

Package rates are subject to change if there are changes to the programme.

Pre tour to SOUTH-ESTONIA

for Delegates only **25. - 27.1.2011**

for Participants **28. - 30.1.2011**

Pre Tour to South Estonia 3 days MIN 15 PAX/group

280 EUR*/per person in twin room (for two people booking at the same time)

40 EUR*/single supplement

Supplement for extra night in Tartu

35 EUR*/per person in twin room (for two people booking at the same time)

20 EUR*/single supplement

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Packages include: 2 nights accommodation in Tartu in twin room Hotel Dorpat, city tour, 2 half-day trips to Setomaa and Otepää, 2 breakfasts, 1 Seto lunch, 1 pub lunch in Otepää, 2 dinners (3-course or buffet, drinks not included), tourist guide services, entrance fees to Tartu University main building, Seto village museum, St. John's church, Estonian national flag museum in Otepää, minibus or coach as needed for the programme.

Tartu is Estonia's second largest city, famous for its university founded in 1632, and known as the "City of Good Thoughts". The city has played a major role in Estonian cultural life over the centuries, as home to Estonia's first university and first theatre, and was the site of the first **Estonian Song Festivals**, a choir festival tradition that has continued for 150 years and is on UNESOS's Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

Day 1: Transfer from Tallinn to Tartu by group minibus or coach 11.00 am

The tour includes a walk around the old town and across Toomemägi hill above the university, with a stop at the Town Hall Square and at the famous leaning house nearby. We will then visit the main hall of the university and the attic room where students who misbehaved were locked up. The tour will also take in the medieval Gothic brick church of St. John, which has now been restored after lying in ruins for 50 years. The church is decorated with a unique collection of 1000 terracotta sculptures.

Dinner in Tartu Gunpowder Cellar restaurant

Day 2: The tour takes us to the Estonian-Russian border to meet the Seto people, a minority ethnic group of Estonians who have maintained their folk traditions to this day. Seto traditional clothing, the women's costumes are very distinctive with their outsize silver decorations. Setus have also retained their ancient language, a dialect related to Estonian, but difficult even for Estonians to understand and spoken nowhere but this region. To guard over their region and their traditions, they elect a "King" of the Setos each year and hold an annual festival to declare the existence of the Kingdom of Setomaa. We will take lunch in a Seto village museum with a concert of Setu folk music and dancing performed by Setu ladies wearing their traditional costumes. We will also hear Seto Leelo, a polyphonic singing tradition that is on UNESOS's Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. Special Setu lunch. Dinner in Tartu restaurant or in hotel restaurant.

Day 3: A Half-day tour to Otepää.

Otepää is a small resort town which is popular in summer for its picturesque lakes and hills, but which is best known as Estonia's most popular winter resort. For 40 years it has been the venue for Estonia's most popular skiing event, the Tartu Marathon, a 63-km cross-country skiing race, and FIS World Cup cross-country skiing races and other international competitions are held here too. Several Estonian Olympic medallists and world champions have come from Otepää, and the town was also the birth place of the Estonian national flag.

If weather conditions permit we will be able to go skiing or snow-tubing (for a supplementary charge). Before leaving Otepää we will have lunch in a local pub. After lunch transfer to Tallinn. Arrival in Tallinn at about 8.00 pm.

Package rates are subject to change if there are changes in the programme.