

PROGRAMME FOR ENGLISH SPEAKERS INTERNATIONAL NETWORKING FOR LAWYERS



Detailed itinerary for the event

26 June 2016 Sunday

Saint Peterburg

Saint Peterburg, the luxurious "northern capital" of the former Russian Empire, with its magnificent palaces, golden church domes, spacious avenues and streets filled with glorious monuments, leaves no one unimpressed.

Saint Petersburg is particularly popular with tourists during the period of the **White Night.** For those participating in the event, this will be an added bonus as the cultural programme in this beautiful city continues all the way until midnight.

The phenomenon of the White Night, or the Midnight sun, is a period of time when the sun does not set at the latitudes above the Arctic Circle. At the latitudes below the Arctic Circle, the sun does not go much below the horizon and this prevents the night from becoming very dark. You can enjoy rare solitude walking the deserted streets with the classical architecture intensified by this unreal light which creates a fantastic atmosphere.

The White Night lasts more than 50 days, from May 25th until July 16th, but its characteristics are most visible close to June 21st - the date of the summer solstice. What makes the White Night unique in Saint Petersburg is the combination of the intrinsic beauty of the city and this almost supernatural lighting which magnifies the classic elegance of the buildings and the palaces, the channels and bridges, the statutes and churches. Every year, this magic attracts visitors from the whole world and the period from the mid-May to the mid-July is considered the high season.

All visits are accompanied by an English-speaking guide.

09:00-11:00 A guided tour across Saint Petersburg which will allow you to discover the greatest monuments of this historic capital of Russia and popular sightseeing destinations such as the Saint Isaac Cathedral, the cruiser Aurora and the Fortress of Peter and Paul. This city, founded by Peter the Great, exemplifies the elegance and cultural heritage of Russia.

11:00-13:00 A visit to the Hermitage Museum, which holds among other things an excellent collection of Russian art.

13:00-14:30 Lunch ((buffet with Russian and European cuisine)
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14:30-18:00 Guided boat tour on the Neva river from Saint Petersburg to Peterhof (also known as the « Russian Versaille ») where you will discover or rediscover the magnificent ensemble of palaces and its famous parks and fountains.

23:00-01:00 The White Night Festival.

27 June 2016 Monday Saint Petersburg

09:00 - registration

Overview: 15 sessions (divided as follows: 7,5 hours in Saint Petersburg, 27 juin 2016 and 7,5 hours in Moscow, 29 Juin 2016) with hundreds of Russian lawyers who are looking for foreign lawyers to represent their clients abroad, especially in the fields of *investments law, commercial law, international public law, human rights, immigration law, sanctions regulation and legal advice, real estate transactions, energy and natural resources law, corporate law, international law, EU law, tax law and customs law, family law, international arbitration* and other fields of law where fruitful legal cooperation is possible.

During 7 sessions, the delegation of 15 foreign lawyers meets about 100 Saint Petersburg lawyers who are interested in collaboration with foreign colleguagues. Each session typically consists of 30 lawyers (15 foreign lawyers and 15 St. Petersburg lawyers) sitting around three tables (10 participants and an interpreter at each table). It takes 15 minutes to deal with the essentials at each table, with simultaneous interpretation into Russian (45 minutes for 3 tables). The purpose of each session is for Russian lawyers to find partners to help represent their clients abroad. After each period of 15 minutes the participants change tables, until they have completed the circuit and finish the session.

The schedule:

09:15-10:00	1st session (with 15 Russian lawyers)	
10:00-10:15	Coffee break to provide a chance for a less formal discussion with lawyers with	
	whom you are interested in collaborating (The interpreters will be present	

during all the coffee breaks in order to help with the necessary negotiations).

10:15-11:00 <u>2nd session</u> (with 15 Russian lawyers)

11:00-11:15 Coffee break

11:15-12:00 <u>3rd session</u> (with 15 Russian lawyers)

12:00-12:15 Coffee break

12:15-13:00 4th session (with 15 Russian lawyers)

13:00-14:00 Mid-day break with a buffet featuring Russian and European specialities

14:00-14:45 5th session (with 15 Russian lawyers)

14:45-15:00 Coffee break.

15:00-15:45 6th session (with 15 Russian lawyers)

15:45-16:00 Coffee break.

16:00-18:00 Speeches by a Representative of the Moscow City Bar (with simultaneous interpretation) and the Reception.

The benefits:

- Network with the Presidents of the Moscow City Bar and Saint Petersburg City Bar;
- 100 Saint Petersburg lawyers interested in cooperation with foreign partners;
- Publication of a directory with information and contact data of the foreign lawyers who participate in the event. It will be distributed via post among almost 5 000 lawyers of Saint Petersburg within the next month after the event. This will allow you to attract new Russian clients to your office.

28 June 2016 Tuesday

08:00-13:00	A high-speed train journey from Saint Petersburg to Moscow
12-00 14-00	Deeffet with an addition of Decades and Economics and

13:00-14:00 Buffet with specialties of Russian and European cuisine

14:00-19:00 Moscow **Sightseeing tour** accompanied by an English-speaking guide

Moscow	Moscow embodies the culture and history of Russia. The city is a great capital with marks of the Tsarist era, the Orthodox religion as well as the Communist regime. You will see all the famous sights such as the Square of Three Stations, Red Square, St. Basil's Cathedral, Alexander Garden, Bolchoi Kammenniy bridge, the Cathedral of Christ the Savior, Sparrow Hills, Moscow State University, Poklonnaya Hill, Kremlin Armourya and Novodevichy Convent. In Moscow, even the underground stations are a work of art, built with great imagination. In this city of many colours you will also see the nature and character of the energetic people who fill the streets.
	At dinner-time, we will advise you about the best restaurants of the city. You will enjoy a delicous dinner while admiring impressive views and discovering the unique charm of Moscow.
29 June 2016 Wednesday Moscow	The same agenda as on June 27th 2016 but with the Moscow City Bar

Areas where russian clients need legal advice from foreign lawyers

- Legal assistance for Russian investments abroad;
- Legal advice to the companies which are listed in relation to European sanctions;
- Banking litigation as well as search and asset freezing of fraudulent debtors in foreign banks;
- Advice on international contracts or international arbitration;
- Tax planning for international expansion and conducting business abroad;
- Acquisition of real estate abroad (housing and non-residential premises);
- Assistance in applications for interim measures, such as seizure of property;
- Assistance in legal proceedings initiated in foreign courts;
- Advice on customs legislation and special regimes in the fields of export and import;
- Assistance with issues of immigration, employment and taxation;
- Assistance to Russian companies in completion of the legal procedures on starting a business abroad;
- Legal assistance to Russian citizens who have found themselves in challenging situations abroad;
- Regulation of conflicts concerning residence of underage children following the divorce of parents whose nationalities and places of residence are different (Russian and others);
- Regulation of conflicts over division of property following the divorce of a mixed couple (Russian and others);
- Representation of Russian citizens in courts in regard to conflicts between Russian and foreign companies (for example, breach of contract, denial/delay in delivery of goods, goods do not meet the standards etc);
- And many other questions where the assistance of British and North American lawyers would be useful for Russian clients

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT

VAT does not apply to the registration fees Registration is subject to availability of places.

Registration and payment	Standard registration until April 20, 2016	Late registration until May 10, 2016
Registration fee	1450 €	1650 €
Young professional registration fee (under 30)	1250 €	1450 €

The registration fee includes:

- 1. 15 working hours (7.5 hours in Moscow and 7.5 hours in St Petersburg)
- 2. Simultaneous and/or consecutive interpreting during the professional meetings into 6 languages
- 3. Publication of a directory (circulation 10 000 copies) which will be freely distributed to all the offices of Moscow and Saint Petersburg lawyers. This directory will contain the information and contact details of each participating foreign lawyer and will effectively and directly advertise your legal services in Russia;
- 4. Preparation and translation of all the CVs and Working materials into 6 languages
- 5. Conference room rental.
- 6. Coffee breaks during all the working days (June 27th and 29th).
- 7. 4 lunches (Russian and European buffets) during the 4 days of the programme.
- 8. English-speaking tutors during the 4 days.
- 9. Transfers from hotel (for guided tours, and to the railway stations in Moscow and Saint Peterburg)
- 10. Visits to museums accompanied by an English-speaking guide
 - Saint Petersburg
 - Peterhof
 - Hermitage Museum
 - Moscow
- 11. Ticket for the high-speed train between Saint Petersburg and Moscow (duration of 4 hours 30 mins).
- 12. Tickets to the museums and palaces included in the programme.
- 13. Certificate of participation.
- 14. Visa support letter.



In order to apply to the programme, we kindly ask you to visit the website http://cecj.co/en/russie/ and fill in the application form in the section APPLICATION AND PAYMENT

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us via email at seminars@advokatymoscow.ru