

Third International Fabergé Symposium

October 1-5, 2014

TRAVEL DETAILS

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Fabergé enthusiasts traveling to St. Petersburg will need:

1. Airline or rail tickets purchased directly from your favorite travel agent.
2. An American passport has to be valid at least six (6) months after your return date.
3. Invitations to Russia are required before the American Visa application process can begin. As soon you have made your hotel reservations using the discounted rates negotiated by Luba Sofian, director of Nordic Travel in St. Petersburg, an invitation will be sent to you. Ms. Sofian is handling tour and food reservations for the entire event, and we thank for her assistance.
4. Helpful Visa information <http://www.russianembassy.org/page/general-visa-information>.
Fabergé Research Newsletter readers have recommended agencies assisting travelers coming from the
 - CIBTvisas <http://cibtvisas.com>
 - GENerations Visa Service <http://www.genvisa.com>
 - Washington Passport and Visa Service <http://www.wpvs.com>
5. Travel insurance is your choice.
6. Cancellation policies are explained on the **Hotel Reservation Form** and the **Tour and Food Price List**.

Deadlines: Hotel reservations due by **September 1, 2014**, and Tour and Food Reservations by **September 15, 2014**. Please respect these deadlines, so our generous volunteers and hosts have adequate time to plan.

General Information:

1. To reduce frequent and often hefty foreign exchange and bank transfer fees for Fabergé Enthusiasts, the price list includes the cost of food and the excursions made up of transportation (unless otherwise noted), entrance fees, ear phones, guide services

and VAT of 18%. Gratuities for the guides and drivers are always appreciated. More details on the pre-payment plan to Nordic Travel are on the **Hotel Reservation Form**.

American credit cards with magnetic strips only are valid in Russia as well as credit cards with embedded chips plus the PIN #. ATM's are plentiful; however, trolley rides, other incidental transportation, souvenir stands, and tips may require rubles. Sorry, no credit or debit cards, or PayPal accepted by Nordic Travel.

2. Optional Tours planned for October 4th and 5th, 2014, will require 12-15 persons.
3. For information on phones and other electronics check with your service provider.
4. The Russian electrical system is 220 volts and 50 hertz. Converters are needed.
5. Walking shoes are recommended, especially for the tours. Dress code for the Russian dinner is business attire.

Invitations for Optional Tours:

St. Petersburg Dr. Evgeny Pylayev has extended an invitation to symposium attendees for visit a new private fan museum. The Russian website is <http://www.museum.ru/N50022>, audio tours in English. If interested, contact: Galina Korneva nak@nevalink.net

JUNWEX - Moscow, Russia's largest forum of jewelers http://eng.rjexpert.ru/?page_id=56

Initiated ten years ago JUNWEX - Moscow has developed into the most prestigious event in the jewelry industry. It opens on October 1, 2014, with more than 700 firms from 26 countries demonstrating their masterpieces displayed in 75 pavilions on the grounds of the All-Russian Exhibition Center. Representatives from the largest Russian art museums will present awards for the best entries.

The organizers of the JUNWEX - Moscow Exhibition are cordially inviting the participants of the Third International Fabergé Symposium to attend as an optional tour JUNWEX-Moscow on October 4-5, 2014. Participants will be met at the Moscow Exhibit Center, given a tour, are invited to observe the contest and participate in the social events.

The optional tour from St. Petersburg to Moscow will be assisted by the Nordic Travel, including train tickets and lodging in Moscow with an option to schedule your return trip to your home country from Moscow. Contact: info@nordictravelrussia.com