

Zone4 Meeting near Moscow / Russia 02–08 August 2009 Information for participants & registration form

24 April 2009

Dear brothers and sisters,

We are very happy to invite you to the Zone4 Meeting which will be held in hotel Country, situated in historical place in about two hours by bus/car to the East of Moscow.

We hope that many of our sisters and brothers from Zone4 and beyond will come. And there are three reasons for you to **book soon**:

1. Get your flight ticket now and secure a good price.
2. We need to confirm bookings with the hotel by end of May. Therefore please send us your registration form and effect payment **latest by May 24**. If you book later than May 24 we need to check availability of rooms and prices case by case.
3. All suites are nice and have private bathrooms. However some are even nicer. We will allocate the best suites to those who book first.

In short: August may seem far away, but we need your response within just one month time. Please give your decision to come to the Zone4 meeting in Russia priority.

The place:

Before the revolution of 1917 there was a country house of one of the famous Moscow philanthropists Sergey Zimin, who produced many Russian and foreign operas. This place attracted many writers, poets and artists with its beautiful nature and good conditions for creative work. Great Russian writers A. Chehov and M. Gorky, poets A. Block and K. Balmont, painter V. Serov and famous singer F. Shalyapin were guests of this house.

Address:

Hotel BKC Country
Sosnovij Bor village
Petushinskij district
Vladimirskaja region
Russia 601131
<http://www.95km.ru/eng/>

We are looking forward to sharing 5 days with all of you there in our Zone4 meeting.

Transport, Excursion

Some of you may want to experience at least a glimpse of Russia's culture and history, and therefore we have arranged for a one-day-excursion by bus on August 8, consequently staying one more day in the Country hotel. In case you plan to do more sightseeing in Moscow or elsewhere, please let us know; the Moscow Subud members will try their best to assist you.

On arrival and departure days (August 02, August 08 and 09) direct bus transport will be arranged between airport and hotel Country and all participants will be met in the airport by Subud members. On other days we will assist you to the best of our abilities on a case by case basis. Please inform us a.s.a.p. about your flight details and name of the airport.

There are three international airports in Moscow - Vnukovo, Sheremetev, Domodedovo. We will pick you up in any of these airports, but if you can choose then we recommend the **Domodedovo International airport (DME)** – it is the nearest to the hotel and logistics would be easier for us too.

For assistance with travel arrangements, please contact Eugenia: oleole78@inbox.ru

Rooms

The hotel Country has got several comfortable buildings with cosy suites, each with private bathroom. Each building is unique in its own way. There are very few single suites, and a few

double suites with one room. Most suites have two rooms with double bed or twin beds in one room, and an extra bed (comfortable sofa) in the other. Obviously such suites are convenient for families with one or two children. However they may also be shared by 3 adult singles, two sharing one room (twin beds) and the third on the sofa bed in another room.

Thus in case you want a single room, you have two options:

- If you are fast enough you can book one of the few single suites at a higher price.
- If you don't mind to share a suite and the bathroom, you can be accommodated on the sofa bed in the second room at standard price (with two other people in the other room). If this is your choice, please choose "1 person / sofa, separate room" lodging option in the form.

Please indicate your family members or friend in roommate list.

If you need easy access to your room (ground floor) – please tick on the form.

Sorry, no camp sites are available.

Children

Accommodation and food is free for children aged 0–1 without providing separate bed. Age group 2–5 pays 60% of the price, 6 and up pay full price. The playroom for children can be used for free. Please indicate in the registration form if you will need childcare service during the meeting.

Meals

Hotel Country offers an ecological food to its guests (e.g. fresh whole milk, sour cream, butter from hotel's cow Martha, and honey from local bees).

The standard package is full board, covering breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Breakfast – buffet style

Lunch – a la carte

Dinner – buffet style and a la carte for hot meal

Vegetarian meals are an option – please tick in the registration form.

Guests will be informed about hot dishes containing pork.

Meals for children aged 0-1 are for free.

Visa

To enter Russia citizens of most Zone4 countries need *at least invitation*, but in most cases *also visa*.

Please find details for different countries below.

EU Countries and Countries not listed below

To enter Russia you will need *both invitation and visa*. We assume that in most countries you can find specialised **tourist agents** to take care of invitation and visa for you. (Just google: Russia visa) Valentin twice used such an agent in Hamburg and got his visa after 10 days at a cost (consulate fees included) of **75 EUR**.

Important: Please make sure your invitation will be issued to the *address of the Country hotel (see above)*.

In case it won't be possible for you to use a tourist agent you will need to:

- a) Obtain an invitation yourself. See **Obtaining an Invitation** section below for instructions.
- b) Apply for a visa in the consulate / embassy of Russia in your country.

Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Israel, Croatia

To enter Russian you will only need an invitation, but please clarify with consulate of Russia in your country whether a copy (fax / email printout) is sufficient or you will need an original.

Please see section **Obtaining an Invitation** below for instructions.

Lebanon, Turkey

To enter Russian you must have an invitation from us. We need to receive your documents **before June 1st** to be able to issue an invitation. Please send the following to Eugenia at oleole78@inbox.ru

- filled in registration form
- a copy of your passport
- copy of passport pages with remarks about passport prolongation (if applicable)

The cost of invitation is **100 EUR**. (Please understand: „Invitation“ is an official document involving considerable bureaucratic efforts.)

Obtaining an Invitation

For those who will need to obtain an invitation themselves we recommend using the following website:

http://www.visatorussia.com/russianvisa.nsf/tourist_visa_support.html

It has been successfully used before by international helpers when visiting Russia.

Please make sure to fill the following two fields correctly in the website's form:

- **List of cities to be visited:** Moscow, Pokrov, Vladimir, Suzdal
- **Address in Russia or hotel name:** *put in the adress of the Contry hotel (see above)*

An electronic copy of invitation along with additional explanations will be sent to you by email within 1 day after payment.

If you need an original invitation (please clarify with consulate of Russia in your country whether this is the case) you may contact the company's manager and they will send it to you by post (UPS postage cost is **\$65**).

Support

Please indicate on the registration form whether you need financial support, and please mention your present function in Subud (if any). If support is required, you need the approval of our Zone 4 team before you can be registered. Delegates may communicate directly with Valentin (zone4@subud.org) about their needs and the required support. Members (non-delegates) who apply for support should turn to their national committee first. Between the national committee and Valentin possibilities will be discussed (depending on available donations, on priorities etc.).

Registration

The registration fee is:

- *90 EUR* for Subud members aged 23+;
- *45 EUR* for Subud members aged 17-22;
- *25 EUR* per day for members who can stay only 1-3 days;
- *12 EUR* per day for members aged 17 to 22 who can stay only 1-3 days.

We welcome non-Subud partners and family members and don't expect them to pay registration fee. However any free donation is more than welcome, of course, even from non-Subud supporters.

Donations

Donations are welcome, as always. We should appreciate free donations which will be used for the benefit of this gathering or for general Subud purposes.

Payment

Please make sure that we receive your payment **latest by May 24**.

Confirmation of your payment together with the registration number will be sent to you.

Please, contact zone4@subud.org in case you encounter problems making payment.

Please pay to: WSA re Zone 4 meeting, Rotterdam, Netherlands
ABN AMRO Bank, Duikerlaan, Postbus 149
2900 AC Capelle ad IJssel, Netherlands
IBAN: NL76ABNA0590319949
BIC / SWIFT: ABNANL2A
Account no.: 59.03.19.949

Cash roubles and Transfer costs

The nearest ATM (cash machine) is 17km away from the Country hotel in nearby town. Therefore we ask you to have some cash roubles (which you can draw from an ATM or exchange in airport in Moscow) to cover transfer costs (**10-15 EUR** one way) and pay for some additional service you may want to use in the hotel.

Programme

The agenda of the zone meeting will evolve during the next months. In particular the delegates and country contacts (from both sides, committee as well as helpers) are kindly invited to send suggestions to zone4@subud.org. It is your meeting, and the zone4 council plays a vital role to shape the content of the meeting.

And of course we invite you to bring instruments or send to the zone4 team suggestions regarding workshops, exhibits and other activities which you can offer. Please send us details and we will do our best to assist you.

We will offer 1-day excursion to the Golden Ring towns – Vladimir and Suzdal. They are located about 90-100 km from our hotel. Suzdal is a unique town-museum with more than 300 monuments and historical places. You will see a lot of fine examples of Russian architecture – most of them are churches and monasteries. The excursion will take place on August 8, when citizens celebrate the „Day of Suzdal“.

Volunteers work

The gathering is hardly possible without volunteer's work, so we need your help. Please indicate in the registration form if you can offer:

- helpers duty;
- translations;
- sports, music, entertainment activities etc.;
- children and youth activities;
- anything else you can offer to make the gathering more successful.

Contacts

For visa issues: *Eugenia* oleole78@inbox.ru

For suggestions regarding agenda and requests for support: zone4@subud.org

For questions regarding transport: *Eugenia* oleole78@inbox.ru

For questions regarding payment and money transfer: zone4@subud.org

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or need help.

We are looking forward to your registration and to meeting you in Moscow!

National Committee of Subud Russia

and the Organizing Team

in close cooperation with Valentin and Sergey / Zone4

Please find the registration form below

ZONE 4 MEETING IN MOSCOW / RUSSIA 02–08 AUGUST 2009

REGISTRATION FORM

Please send one form/person (but include children up to 2 below) to: asaidova@yahoo.com

If you are not online please try to find a friend with email who can help you, or send your form to the following postal address:

Alexandra Markevich , Hovanskaya st. 6, flat 184, Moscow 129515 Russia

Family name		First name		Subud name		Date of birth			
Street / Number:		Code / City:		Country:		Phone:		Fax:	
Email:		Delegate / function:		Passport Number:		valid until:			
Arrival:		Airport:		Departure:		Airport:			
Date:	Time:	Airline:		Date:	Time:				

CHILDREN 0 to 1 years

Family name	First name	Date of birth

LODGING & MEALS

Room	Notes	Per p./night	02 AUG	03 AUG	04 AUG	05 AUG	06 AUG	07 AUG	08 AUG (excursion)	Total
1 person	separate suite	€44								
1 person	sofa, separate room	€36								
2 persons	double bed	€36								
2 persons	separate beds	€36								
+1 child 2-5		€22								

The price also covers: gym, children playground, internet (Wi-Fi 10Mb per day).

REG. FEE (for members)	23+ / 17-22	Total
<i>Whole week</i>	€90 / €45	
<i>Per day</i>	€25 / €12	

MIGRATION REG. FEE, for the period you'll stay in the hotel	Total
To cover the costs of obligatory foreigners registration with the Federal Migration Service of Russia	€10

SUB TOTAL	Lodging & Meals + Reg. Fee + Migration Reg. Fee:	
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EXCURSION		Total
Departure: 08 August at 08:00 from the hotel to Suzdal and Vladimir Arrival: same day at 21:00 to the hotel	€50	

DONATIONS	For the general support of the meeting I donate:	
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GRAND TOTAL	
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MISCELLANEOUS

If you have roommate(s), please indicate their names:

Please indicate if you need any special service:

Please tick if you need easy access (ground floor) to your room

Please tick your meal choice: Regular Vegetarian

Financial support needed? YES (*please tick*)

Please send details about financial needs to zone4@subud.org

Volunteers: I am willing to volunteer as (e.g. Child care, Technical assistance, Translation, Helper service etc.) and I could spend _____ hours a day or _____ times during the week. Please specify:

I offer a workshop / presentation / entertainment (please specify and let us know how many hours it will take and what facilities you may need):

Sightseeing: I plan to stay longer in Russia / Moscow and may need some assistance. Please specify:
