

## SOCIAL EVENTS



### All-day excursion in the Danube bend ( Esztergom – Visegrád )

Departure time: 1<sup>st</sup> June 2009 (Thursday), 9 am  
Budapest – Esztergom – Visegrád – Budapest

This marvellous gift of nature, the Danube bend, lies just north of Budapest and is something of a Mecca for visitors longing for some recreation.

**Esztergom** sitting at the entrance to the Danube bend is an important town in terms of the history of the Hungarian nation, with unique ecclesiastical and secular cultural heritage sure to impress visitors, however many times they come this way.

Continuing along the river, we will wander towards one of the smallest and at the same time one of the oldest towns in the country, Visegrád, which is famous for its International Royal Palace fair. In this exceptionally cultural town, we can enjoy the natural treasures of the Danube bend and the Pilis Hills, as well as rich man-made heritage.



**Programme:** departure from Ramada Plaza at 9:30 by coach. On arrival, there will be a guided sightseeing tour in Esztergom (*Basilica, Castle Hill, Open Air Pantheon*). Lunch will be at the *Prímás Pince* Restaurant and followed by departure for **Visegrád**. After seeing the *Royal Palace* and the *Solomon Tower*, you will be free to enjoy wandering around the Citadel in your own time. Return to Budapest will be at 16.00, with arrival at around 17.00.



### Evening Entertainment at the Open Air Museum in Szentendre.

Departure time: 1<sup>st</sup> June 2009 (Thursday), 18.30  
Budapest – Szentendre – Budapest

Hungary's most prominent 'skanzen', the Open Air Museum of Ethnography in Szentendre, presents Hungarian folk architecture, interior design and way of life, with original buildings moved to and reconstructed on the site. It recalls the life of the people who once lived in these buildings, with the objects they used on a daily basis, within the context of traditional villages, from the second part of the eighteenth century up until the First World War.



Within the museum grounds, the **Inn from Jászárokszállás**, standing on the street of the Great Plain region, gives visitors a taste of Hungary's gastronomic traditions.

**Programme:** Leaving from Ramada Plaza at 18:30 by coach. On arrival, we will welcome you with homemade honey brandy and scones baked among the embers of the fire. Then, we invite you to visit the open-air museum in a horse-drawn carriage. The thirty-minute round trip will transport you to the various regions of Hungary, and give you a brief glimpse of the exhibitions. Then, at the *Inn from Jászárokszállás*, you can enjoy a buffet meal of various Hungarian dishes and drinks, while being entertained with gypsy music and a folk dance show.



### Walking in the Buda Castle

Departure time: 12<sup>th</sup> June 2009 (Friday), 13.00  
Budapest

One of the pearls of Europe, the Buda Castle and its surrounding are part of UNESCO World Heritage. This place

fascinates visitors both above and below the ground with its architectural and cultural heritage, some of which is to be found in the heart of the hill.

**Programme:** Departure from Ramada Plaza at 13.00 by coach. There will be a guid-



ed tour of the **Castle District** (*Matthias Church, Fishermerfs Bastion, National Szechenyi Library, Alexander Palace, and Royal Palace*). After lunch, there will be a one-hour guided tour in the largest section of the cave system – the unique **Budavár Labyrinth** – which can be visited under the castle.



At the end of our walk, we will drop into the renowned and friendly **Ruszwurm Confectioners** for delicious coffee and cake. Our journey home will take us down the hill on the **funicular of Budavár** – one of several special railways in Budapest.



### A weekend in the spirit of relaxation and recreation (Miskolctapolca, Szépasszonyvölgy, Eger, Egerszalók.)

Departure time: 13<sup>th</sup> June 2009 (Saturday), 9.30

Budapest–Miskolctapolca–Szépasszonyvölgy–Eger–Egerszalók–Budapest

Our weekend will begin in the wonderful region of north-eastern Hungary, which is abundant in attractions for visitors. Our first stop will be the **Cave Bath at Miskolctapolca** in the resort area of Miskolc. This indoor swimming pool was created by nature and has many features which are unique in Europe; bathing here is a fabulous experience. The temperature of the thermal water coming from the depths of the hill is delicious, as is the clear air, which is free of any pollutants. Many swear by its healing effects, which are due to the pleasant, healing climate of the cave and its warm karst water. Newly opened natural passages and chambers have been connected to the cave pools. However, at this cave spa, you do not have to give up bathing in the open air and enjoying the view over the park: although the cave is a masterpiece of nature, the lake pools and the light and graceful shell-shaped roof above them are a credit to the creativity of humankind.



After a relaxing and refreshing bath on Saturday afternoon, we head towards the **Szépasszony Valley**, where after a pleasant evening dinner, we can combine a visit the wine cellar district with wine tasting.



On Sunday morning, we shall pay a visit to one of the most beautiful historical towns of north-eastern Hungary – Eger. This town is the proud host of several world famous museums and monuments, of which the most prominent is Eger Castle. At the end of our trip, after

lunch, we shall arrive at our final stop: **the Spa and Wellness Bath at Egerszalók**, built in a natural environment unique in Europe, at the foot of a special formation of limestone, created by spa water flowing down the hill. **Programme:** On Saturday leaving from Ramada Plaza at 9.30 by coach. Light lunch in Miskolctapolca in the *Bonfini* Restaurant, followed by a few hours' free time at the Cave Bath of Miskolctapolca; journey continues at 17.30.



Dinner will be at Kulacs Csárda in the *Szépasszony Valley*, which is the best-known inn in the wine cellar district. Accommodation will be in the three-star guesthouse adjoining the inn. In the evening, there will be free time to enjoy visiting the wine cellars. After breakfast on Sunday, departure for **Eger** will be at 9.30 am. Sightseeing will be followed by lunch at *Imola Udvarház*.

Departure for Egerszalók and the **Spa and Wellness Bath of Egerszalók**. The estimated departure time for return to Budapest is 17.30; the estimated arrival time is 19.00.



## TAXATION IN EUROPE



### III. International Tax Conference

11th-12th June 2009 Budapest  
Ramada Plaza\*\*\*\*\*



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## WELCOME



Ladies and Gentlemen, Colleagues

At the Third International Conference on Taxation on 11-12 June 2009, a meeting of European financial and accountancy experts will be held once again in Budapest.

On the first day, under the title of **'Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in Focus'**, those issues having the greatest impact on businesses will be reviewed, in terms of the sector affected most acutely by the economic crisis. Participants can also become acquainted European countries' responses to the crisis.

Experts from thirteen European countries and from the EFAA (European Federation of Accountants and Auditors), which focuses on small and medium enterprises, will help to make the right diagnosis and introduce possible therapies. The presentations will also include an overview of the recent changes in European countries' taxation systems.

On the second day of the conference, we are going to concentrate on **double taxation treaties**, an area of international taxation issues which has become increasingly important due to globalization; theoretical, practical and tax planning issues arising from the treaties will be covered. During private roundtable discussions, there will be an opportunity for leading professional organizations from the Central European region to become acquainted with the activities of the EFAA.

For both days of the event, we have invited prestigious speakers who will illuminate the issues covered from an international perspective. The languages of the conference are English and Hungarian.

The venue, the standard of the additional events, the professional supporters and the reputations of the organizations taking part in this event ensure that it will be a profitable and at the same time, a pleasant use of participants' time.

It is our hope that your stay in Budapest will be an unforgettable one, so we have arranged various social events, including the Tax Ball, to which you are warmly invited to bring a guest.

On behalf of the organizers, I have the honour of inviting you and your guest to the Third International Tax Conference, the social events, and the Tax Ball which following the conference itself.

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Certified international tax adviser

## PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMME

11<sup>th</sup> June, 2009. (Thursday): Small- and medium-sized companies in the highlight

- 9:30–9:40 Opening ceremony  
**Dr. György Herich** (president, Association of Hungarian Certified Tax Advisors)
- 9:40–10:10 EU tax harmonization and economic crisis  
**László Kovács** (commissioner of taxation, European Committee)
- 10:10–10:40 The effect of the Hungarian tax reform on the sector of small- and medium-sized companies  
**Péter Oszkó** (minister, Ministry of Finances)
- 10:40–11:10 The role of the monetary policy in the crisis management  
**Dr. Péter Ákos Bod** (professor, Corvinus University of Budapest)
- 11:10–11:40 Equal opportunities in taxation and in the aid system  
**Zoltán Pitti** (research professor, Corvinus University of Budapest)
- 11:40–12:40 **Lunch**
- 12:40–13:10 Introducing EFAA, the organisation representing interests of the European small and medium sized entertainments  
**Federico Diomeda** (president, EFAA)
- 13:10–13:40 The possibilities of reducing the administration burdens  
**Prof. Dr. H.-Michael Korth** (StB/WP, Deutsche Steuerberaterverband)
- 13:40–14:10 Financing of the entrepreneurship – bank financing  
**Dr. Rezső Nyers** (secretary-general, Hungarian Banking Association)
- 14:10–14:50 The role of IOTA in tax authorities' cooperation  
**Marek Welinczyk** (secretary-general, IOTA)
- 14:50–15:10 **Coffee break**
- 15:10–18:00 **Specificities and characteristics of the taxation of small- and medium-sized companies in the European countries**  
(foundation, administration, taxation, financing, aids)

- Austria **András Radics** (assistant, Dr. Scholler & Partner GmbH.)
- Cyprus **Dr. Péter Rybaltovszki** (managing director, Crystal Worldwide Ltd.)
- Czech Rep. **Csaba Belák** (managing director, Gordisa s.ro.)
- Croatia **Ágnes Sóregi Danics** (company proprietor, Exclusive Konto Kft.)
- Romania **Ildikó Pál-Antal** (tax advisor, auditor)
- Switzerland **József Láng** (managing director, ABT Hungária Auditing Ltd.)
- Serbia **Erzsébet Pásztor** (director, Association of Accounting Experts of Szabadka)
- Slovakia **Márta Szoboszlai** (qualified tax advisor)

12<sup>th</sup> June, 2009. (Friday): Conventions of double taxation

- 9:30–9:40 Opening  
**Dr. Ferenc Róbert Vágyi** (vice-president, Association of Hungarian Certified Tax Advisors)
- 9:40–10:10 Experience of tax control in the sector of small- and medium-sized companies  
**Dr. János Szikora** ((president, Tax and Financial Control Administration)
- 10:10–10:40 Double taxation and conventions  
**Dr. György Herich** (president, Association of Hungarian Certified Tax Advisors)
- 10:40–11:20 The relation between the conventions and the EU law  
**Bálint Gombkötő** (senior manager, KPMG Consulting Co. Ltd.)
- 11:20–11:50 **Coffee break**
- 11:50–12:30 The possibilities of tax planning in the conventions of double taxation  
**Attila Kövesdy** (partner, Deloitte Co. Ltd.)
- 12:30–13:10 The special cases of double taxation  
**Gabriella Erdős** (company partner, PWC Co.Ltd.)
- 13:10–14:10 **Lunch**
- 14:10–14:50 The predominance of the Hungarian interest in our international  
**Balázs Szölygyémy** (partner, Ernst & Young Advisory Co. Ltd.)
- 14:50–15:30 The recent conventions of our country, revisions back to the past 5 years  
**Ágnes Supola** (head of department, Ministry of Finances)
- 15:30–16:10 Cooperation with the tax authority based on the conventions on double taxation  
**Dr. Gábor Reményi** (head of department, Hungarian Tax and Financial Control Administration)

### EFAA Round Table

- 14:10–16:10 Advantages, conditions and possibilities of the membership  
*Participants:*
  - Representatives of the tax advisors organisations of the Middle-Eastern European region
  - Representatives of the EFAA

20:00– II. International Tax Ball

