

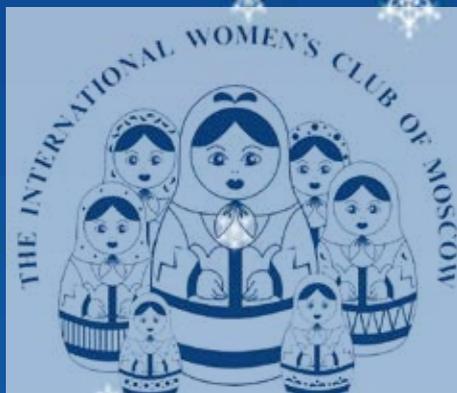


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Dear ladies,

A very warm welcome to you !

”There are no strangers here, just friends you haven't met...” - Roald Dahl - That's what the International Women's Club of Moscow is about. Before all of us joined the club, we were just strangers and when we meet we become good friends. The dedication and hard work of our enthusiastic members has kept the club going and this year the club turns forty years, yes naughty forty ! The inspiration of our volunteers is humbling but yet fully committed.

Our new season coincides with Zolotaya Osen's "Golden Autumn", bringing us golden opportunities to explore our new home Moscow. We are in the land of beautiful churches, exquisite literature and ballet, delicious Borscht and Syrniki. We have to make the most of it. Awaken the artist, the bibliophile, the cook, the knitter, or the sports-master dormant inside each of you with the help of our innumerable interest groups, dear ladies please do join them! Make our club vibrant, exclusive, and a place to rejoice. As the tradition is, we will be supporting various charities as this is our primary duty, and we hope to do better every time. Winter Bazaar is a few months away, and I believe you all will participate in it along with your friends, families and embassies!

Dear beloved members, I would request you to come forward to volunteer in our club, it needs your helping hand, your precious time, and your expertise.

Lastly, as the new President of this club, I look forward to working with you, seeking your advice, your suggestions, and of course your blessings for this golden autumn.

Sincerely,

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## 40th Anniversary

The Steering Committee of the International Women's Club has the pleasure to warmly greet you on the new season of our Club which celebrates this year its 40th anniversary. Our Club was created in Moscow long ago and lived through all these years with the unique aim – to strengthen the friendship, cooperation and mutual understanding among women of all countries of the world who came to live in Moscow. The IWC is a non-profit, social organization that is based on the voluntary work of those who want to help others, to share their experience with them, to take part in our charity projects, to learn more about Russian culture and history.

**General meetings** called “Meet and Greet” where all members of the Club get together, sign up as a member, participate in activities, meet new friends and become part of our beautiful international community.

**Coffee mornings:** our informal meetings take place twice a month. Members of the Club and newcomers are both welcome.

**Interest groups:** with the help of our members we offer a wide range of interest groups: from art to culture, sports to languages, excursions, visits to historic places, gardening, cuisine, yoga lessons etc.

**Professional Women's Evenings:** these activities started only three years ago but they became a success. Professional ladies share their knowledge and experience, the audience enjoys refreshments and nice entertainment.

**Special events:** IWC organizes every year the Embassies Dinner and Ball and the Winter Bazaar which are two biggest events that help us to raise money for many charity projects the IWC supports.

We invite all of you to get involved, to become our active members, to participate in our activities and to let us know your opinion about the Club, because the Club is created to make your life in Moscow happier, more interesting and joyful.



*WELCOME TO THE 40th SEASON OF THE INTERNATIONAL WOMENS CLUB IN MOSCOW!*



## Czech Embassy - British

by Gerda Kassing



IWC Meet&Greet April was hosted by the Czech Embassy, where we were welcomed by Madame Jana. The ambiance of the grand reception hall in the building from the Stalinist period was unique. Lots of photos were taken from the over-dimensional glass chandeliers shining over the crowd, as well as the beautiful stained glass window showing scenes from Bedrich Smetanas' operetta "The sold Bride". The highlight of this event was the performance of Star Tenor, Jakub Pustina, who happened to be in Moscow for an engagement. He entertained the ladies with famous arias and got frenetic applause for his extraordinary performance. Afterwards, we had the chance to shop for original glass and jewellery imported directly from the Czech Republic. Lastly, the hospitality of Czech Embassy was expressed by the overwhelming buffet with traditional Czech specialties, prepared by the Chef of the house such as apple strudel, canapés and savoury pastries. We won't forget the famous Czech beer was served directly from the tap and selected wines which created a more relaxing atmosphere.

For Meet&Greet May, Madame Fiona Bristow, the first lady of the British Embassy, had opened her historic Residence – the late 19th century Kharitoneko Mansion on the Moscow embankment opposite the Kremlin. Ladies were welcome to enjoy a homemade, typically British selection of specialties, like scones with clotted cream, cucumber sandwiches, Victoria sponge cake and of course, great tea. There was a video on the Queen's Jubilee and we very much enjoyed to get close to the leather objects of the luxury brand Launer, which is also the supplier of Queen Elisabeth II's splendid collection of handbags. It also perfectly fitted Fiona Bristow as the lady of the house, who naturally slipped into the role as a model and presented



## Residence - Petroff Palace

one of the elegant bags during this event. The musical entertainment was in the hands of “Globus Music” and the splendidly presented romantic piece “The Lark’s ascending” by William Vaughm certainly moved everyone.

**IWC** Meet&Greet June was a farewell before the long summer break and it could not be more perfect than at the exclusive Petroff Palace, a number one destination for high-end functions in Moscow. All ladies who came could feel a little bit like nobles in this late 1800s historic building. It was built for Catherine the Great and her entourage as a resting place on the journey from St. Petersburg to Moscow. We all had a chance to take an excellently guided tour through the vast palace which was constructed in neo-gothic style. All Russian Emperors used to visit this palace as the last stop before their ascension to the throne. They stopped here for a break before arriving at the coronation ceremony in Moscow. It was also the place where Napoleon watched the burning of Moscow – it was ravaged entirely afterwards. Under the reign of the Russian Emperor Nicholas I, the Petroff Palace was rebuilt and ready to serve its purpose again: even today guests are welcome to enjoy the facilities and the beautiful gardens.

**F**inally, summer is coming, a cheerful season but also a farewell for some IWC Members and Committee Members. IWC Moscow closed its previous membership season and opens for another year. The high number of renewing members for 2017-2018 has overwhelmed Machteld Lepeer and Tanya Roode, our Membership Team.



## Discover Russia 2017

by Elena Kubantseva

Discover Russia 2017 is an exhibition for foreigners who live and work in Moscow. It was held on June 18th in Petroff Palace and organized by Diplomat Service Group LLC, with the purpose to share knowledges for expatriat communities about Russian culture (national traditions, life style, and ethnic diversity of each region) and useful services while living in Moscow.

In this event, guests enjoyed different performances and activities such as charity tombola, carnival photo shooting, Russian art special exhibition, Russian traditional music and dance performance, Russian regions culture exhibition, national cuisine booth, useful services presentation, and not forgetting gifts distribution from partners of this event. Several Russian regions that joined this exhibition were Republic of Buryatia, Republic of Chuvash, Magadan Oblast, Republic of Mordovia Tumen' Oblast, Republic of Udmurt, Republic of Bashkortostan and Kumuks.

Another highlights of this event were special performance of Russian Ballet, Opera and traditional dance. After that, as usual IWC traditions, a charity auction for fund raising was held as the final agenda of this event. The money will be donated to charitable activities in Moscow.

Guests of the event were Ambassadors and Diplomats (over 40 representatives in Moscow), foreign businessmen, foreign medias, representatives from different professions, IWC of Moscow members, several Russian regions representatives, and Russian government officers.

Finally, Discover Russia Exhibition 2017 would not be success without media promotion from our media partner [www.rus-a.com](http://www.rus-a.com) – first information guide in Moscow and Russia, one of the key projects of Diplomat Service Group.



For IWC, it is also an honour to become main partner of this event and hopefully good relationship with Diplomat Service Group LLC will continue. As the main purpose of the company aligned with IWC which is to promote friendships and different cultural activities and support with any useful information about living in Moscow.

## **Diplomat Service Group LLC**

It is the first company in Russia, in charge of providing foreign businessmen, companies and representations with full set of legitimate service support, business mediation and exclusive VIP entertainment. Its mission is to help foreigners understand better Russian culture, way of life so that later on helping their job needs in Moscow. The company has extensive experience over 7 years, successfully organizing diplomatic and business events for Embassies and privileged foreigners. Founders of company are former Russian diplomats who have vast experience of legal offers and effective solutions that gained over many years of living and working overseas from Asia, Europe and Africa.

## **Petroff Palace**

It was built at the end of the 18th century by famous Russian neoclassical architect Matvey Kazakov upon the order of Catherine the Great, the longest-ruling female leader and monarch of Russia. It used to be a residence for Russian nobles and important well known persons to have rest and leisure after long journey from Saint Petersburg to Moscow. Since 19th century Petroff Palace became a place where all Russian Emperors stayed before their official coronation ceremony and accession to the throne. During the Patriotic War of 1812 the Palace became a residence of French Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte and later came back to Russian Sovereigns and nobles as avenue for new regal receptions and important date celebrations.





## Buryatia, an Ancient and

### Geographical position

Republic of Buryatia - subject to the Russian Federation, is a member of the Siberian Federal District. The area of the Republic is 351.3 thousand square kilometres (2% of the territory of the Russian Federation). Buryatia is located in the centre of the Eurasian continent, in the southern part of Eastern Siberia, south-east of lake Baikal. The administrative, economic and cultural centre of the republic is Ulan-Ude. The distance by rail from Ulan-Ude to Moscow is 5519 km, and to the Pacific Ocean - 3500 km. The Republic of Buryatia is multinational, it is inhabited by representatives of more than 60 nationalities. The indigenous population of the republic includes Buryats, Russians, Evenks, Mongols, Tofalars, and Soyots.

### Mineral resources

The republic is rich in mineral resources. In Buryatia, geologists have explored more than 700 deposits of

mineral resources. There are 247 identified fields of In the list of strategic mineral commodities are 7 deposits of tungsten, 13 of uranium, 4 metal deposits, 2 molybdenum and beryllium deposits, and one of tin and aluminium. Most large and unique mineral deposits are located within a radius of 200 km from the nearest railway line, the East Siberian line.

### Transport and logistics

The demand for the creation of logistics centres in the Republic of Buryatia is based on the opportunity to use transit and transport potential of the republic to create a stable growth of trade and cargo between Russia, China and countries in the Asia-Pacific region.

### Agro-industrial

Agro-industry is a priority for the development of the regional economy. It makes up more than 10% of the gross regional production and plays a key role in the livelihood of the population.





## Amazing Land Near Baikal

The strategy for the development of agriculture in the Republic is aimed at the creation of large agricultural holdings, which will meet the environmentally friendly demands at a competitive cost. It aims to provide food for the inhabitants of the Republic, the neighbouring regions and the increasing flow of tourists every year.

### Industry

Industry is the leading field of economy of the Republic of Buryatia. The main industries are fuel and energy, machine building and metalworking, forestry and timber industry, non-ferrous metallurgy and the production of construction materials, as well as food production and light industry. Mechanical engineering and metal production are presented by helicopters and spare parts for aviation equipment, AC motors, automation equipment, bridge steel. The enterprise employs highly qualified specialists, providing high quality products which are exported to many countries around the world.

### Tourists and recreation

Buryatia passes through international tourist routes based on the historical and cultural heritage of Russia, Mongolia, and China, like “The Great Tea Road”, “Eastern Ring”, “Trans-Siberian Express”, or “Baikal Hovsgol.”

Overall, tourist area of the Republic of Buryatia offers 30 investment sites. They may host a wide range of projects in the creation of tourist, recreational, entertainment, business and roadside infrastructure. Within the free area formed within the boundaries of the special economic zone “Baikal harbour” are four tourist clusters and five regional zones of economic preference. There is also the capital of Buryatia - Ulan-Ude. These areas have a high growth potential and are the most promising tourist areas, covering the most popular recreational zones.





## Welcome to Chuvashia, a Small

Chuvashia has rich history, vibrant culture, diverse nature and is populated by peace-loving and talented people. Wealth, given by the nature of the Chuvash land, as well as numerous man-made monuments of culture and architecture, provide unique opportunities for recreation in the countryside and in the city. Place for relaxing, hunting and fishing, river trips, horse riding and skiing make it one of the most promising tourist zones of Russia.

It possesses a unique natural environment. It has beautiful rivers (Volga, Sura, and Tsvil), 754 lakes, and pearls scattered. Volga river opened the way to Volgograd, Astrakhan, and Rostov-on-don. The Forests cover a third of the territory, mainly along the Sura and the Volga mostly have oak woods and coniferous woods. While animals which live here are moose, bear, wolf, wild boar, hare, fox, marten, and otter.

The Chuvash Republic is dynamically developing region that attract investor with a huge potential innovation and significant competitive advantage. The investment projects will help to build well-developed transport and logistics infrastructure, power generation, higher employment rate, and better education program.

The capital of the Republic, Cheboksary – an old Volga city with more than five hundred years of history - is well-known as electronic centre in Russia. You can find energy supply for modern relay protection devices, automated control systems, and test equipment. Products from Cheboksary's brand are industrial tractors, shuttleless looms,





## Region in the Heart of Russia

high-voltage and low-voltage equipment, magnetic stations, cable products, ceramic blocks, bricks, cotton fabrics, shoes, knitwear and many more. These products are also exported to all areas in Russia and almost 80 countries.

Cheboksary is also recognized as the cultural capital of the Volga. It regularly holds drama theatre, opera and ballet theatre, puppet theatre, open exhibition halls, clubs, and many more. There are over 100 memorable places connected to the history of the country, including the memorial complex "Victory", the monument to V. I. Chapaev, and the monument to cosmonaut A. G. Nikolaev. At the picturesque Bank of the Cheboksary Bay, there is a majestic monument dedicated to The Mother, which became a landmark of Cheboksary.

This region has a huge agricultural potential. It has been one of the major agriculture products producers in Russia. Grain, potatoes, and vegetables are grown here. Besides that Chuvashia is well-known as a hops-growing region, farmers in this region also raise cattle, pigs, and poultry.



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# Charities



This summer, one of our beloved members of International Women's Club of Moscow (IWC), Cristina Giordano, has left Moscow. Her commitment as IWC Charity Project Leader was outstanding, full of creativity and big enthusiasm, and full of love and caring towards people related.

She joined IWC in 2012, the same year she arrived in Moscow. Based on her volunteering experience in Italy before and her interest in helping others, Christina chose to join the IWC Charity team. Then she became a part of the Charity Board in 2013, replacing the previous one who left Moscow.

One of the IWC Charity Projects is Children in Medical Need, supporting the Burns Unit Department and Operation Hope (Neurosurgery Department) of Speransky Children Hospital.

For the Burns Unit, IWC Charity team helps to provide supplies of thermal plastic sheeting which is used for treatment preventing hypertrophic scars and contractures, and we sponsor special concrete gels and creams that are used for burned skin hydration treatment. For Operation Hope in the Neurosurgery Department, IWC Charity



# Christina Giordano and Her Passion for Charity

by Nargiz Alizadeh

funded pre-surgery tests (e.g. brain MRI and Electroencephalogram) for children with serious neurological disorders (e.g. epilepsy). Although these are mandatory tests, not all families can afford them.

Christina's full dedication and commitment to Children in Medical Need has led to successful collaboration with the expat community and the English International School (EIS) South-West Campus. Together with expat communities and Speransky Children Hospital volunteers, she organized fundraising events for the Burns Unit Department, such as cooking classes, musical concerts (e.g. choir concert), art auctions, Christmas parties, garage sales, running marathons, bike tours, and so on.

In 2015, Christina introduced Speransky Burns Unit Fund representatives to the EIS South-West Campus Principal, the same school her children attended. This meeting resulted in their collaboration at 3 fund raising events during last two academic years, namely an art competition between classes and auctions for the parents, baking and food sales at Christmas and end of year parties, plus No Uniform Day Festival.

Her hard work did not stop here, she also organized a presentation for EIS South West campus and West campus about the activities of Speransky Children Hospital volunteers. This presentation explained what it means to get burnt, how a child feels, what the treatments are and what the preventive measures are. At the end, Christina presented how the money raised was spent. After that, several Principals from different campuses in EIS, together with the EIS Public Relation

and Marketing Manager agreed to support the Burns Unit Department of Speransky Children Hospital by holding regular charity events. Christina continued her contribution to Children in Medical Need until her departure in 2017.

Christina's heart is always full of charity. She always had the time to manage both family duties and charity projects. Her husband and 2 loving children always support her passion for helping people in need. Before she left Moscow, she ended her 5 year long, fantastic experience in Moscow by giving her last contribution. She organized a garage sale as her goodbye party and thanked all the beautiful people she met during her stay in Moscow. From the sales of children clothes, toys, books, DVDs, accessories, and Italian wines, she was able to gather more than 600 Euros.

I still remember her humble words after the party, "This, I hope, could be the first of a long series of farewell parties of all expats in Moscow. It is simple and helpful for people in need. Actually, helping is so easy and takes just some time."

Christina loved Moscow. She was sad to leave Russia. We are going to miss her and we are sad that she is not with IWC Charity anymore. But we have to say goodbye to this beautiful lady, and hope to see her again someday, somewhere. We will remember all she did and wish her the best. I am sure that she will continue her charitable activities anywhere she lives. Cristina's story, for me personally, is the proof that any of us can make the world better by devoting our efforts, energy, and inner thoughts to a good cause.





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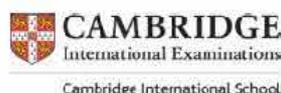
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## 5 Destinations around Moscow for Day Trip



### **Abramtsevo Estate** - *Yaroslavskoye Highway, 61st km*

This charming country estate was once owned by author Sergey Aksakov and later by industrialist and patron of the arts Savva Mamontov. Under Mamontov, the estate served as a refuge and a gathering place for the Russian creative artistic intelligentsia: artists like Ilya Repin and Mikhail Vrubel have been known to create some of their famous paintings while living there. Today the estate has been turned into a museum with an acclaimed art gallery and is devoted to the history of the estate. The best way to enjoy the celebrated landscapes of Abramtsevo is to take a walk along the many twisting paths on the estate grounds, under the shade of mighty trees, encountering a wooden chapel in the style of the Ancient Rus after one turn of the path or the House on Chicken Legs – a fairy-tale abode of the evil witch Baba Yaga.

#### **Driving tips:**

Abramtsevo is an ideal place for a country outing with your family or with a large group. Choosing a car with spacious 7-person seater will make for a more relaxing and comfortable journey. It will have enough space for your sister's husband, your friend, his dog, and a large picnic basket. Just one car to fit everyone!

### **Gorki Leninskiye**- *Kashirskoye Highway, 31st km*

The February Revolution of 1917 aimed to eliminate the inequality between the nobles, who lived in luxurious country manors, and the rest of the people, who had to suffer in hovels and slums. However, shortly after the fall of the monarchy, Vladimir Lenin, head of the newborn Soviet state, had moved into a former nobleman's estate that has been turned into a museum after Lenin's death. The estate features a beautiful, well-preserved park and the main manor house with outbuildings and annexes.

#### **Driving tips:**

one of the showpieces is a huge tracked (!) Rolls-Royce that once belonged to Lenin. This singular "limo" was used to drive Lenin to and from his country residence in the 1920s. To get a feeling for how far cars have evolved since then, try a true premium sedan (e.g. Volvo S90, one of the most luxurious and innovative cars in its class).

### **Tchaikovsky House and Museum in Klin**

- *Leningradskoye Highway, 85th km*

An elegant wooden country house with a beautiful garden and a gazebo where Petr Tchaikovsky, a renowned Russian composer, has spent the last



year of his life. It was the last place that he had been at before leaving for the last concert of his life. The museum features original furniture, a library, the personal archive and belongings of the famous composer. It also regularly hosts classical music concerts (an event schedule is available on the museum's website). Be sure to spend some time in Klin as well: the downtown cathedral and the old marketplace with their own distinct personality, quite different from the hectic city life of Moscow.

**Driving tips:**

During your drive to Klin, you will have just enough time to listen to the Swan Lake – one of Tchaikovsky's most famous works. Having a car with the innovative Bowers & Wilkins sound system will let you set up an individual sound profile for every passenger; it can even recreate the acoustics of a real concert hall. This might be the best way to enjoy the sound of classical music in a car!

**Polenovo Estate** - *Simferopolskoye Highway, 107th km*

The beautiful country house on the picturesque high right bank of Oka River was designed by the famous landscape painter Vasily Polenov himself. Today the estate has been turned into a large museum, featuring not just the artist's paintings, but also carefully recreated scenes from the life of a Russian country estate in the late 19th – early 20th century.

**Driving tips:**

The quaint little village of Podmoklovo, not far from Polenovo Estate, features a unique wooden rotunda church, built in the baroque style, purportedly by an Italian master architect. It can only be reached by an unpaved country road, so the best way to get there would be by taking a car with off-road capabilities such as all-wheel drive, high road clearance, and top-of-the-line driver assist systems which will make your journey an exceptionally safe and comfortable one.

**Peredelkino** - *Minskoye Highway, 22nd km*

This village located not that far from Moscow provides a unique glimpse into the life of Soviet writers. It is a perfect place for quiet walks and contemplation: tree-lined streets, old dachas (country houses) and the ever present spirit of the Soviet past. The old house of Boris Pasternak – author of Doctor Zhivago - has been turned into a museum. After your visit, you can enjoy lunch in the Children of the Sun restaurant – not for the high cuisine, but for the highly unique atmosphere. The restaurant feels like an authentic relic of the past era, just like the village itself.

**Driving tips:**

If your car has a Pilot Assist system, the country highway with excellent road surface markings offers a unique opportunity to test it. Pilot Assist scans the lane markings and provides steering assistance to keep the car in the lane, while the City Safety responds to large animals, and automatically brakes to avoid a collision if the driver does not respond to the threat.



# Summer Trip

## Durasov Palace-VDNKh-Golitsyn Palace-Serednikovo-Kuzminki

by Rosalind Doeh



**Transport** - The elektrichka = suburban train, Spartan, slow but absolutely on time and with built-in entertainment (buskers, beggars and pedlars). You could sit three opposite three and have a good conversation. The noise volume was loud, some locals felt obliged to decamp to another carriage. One Russian lady asked our guide where we all came from. This was a bit tricky – Taiwan, Japan, Honduras, New Zealand, UK, Ireland, Germany, Poland, The Netherlands, the list went on and on – at least she wasn't complaining about foreigners. Then some ladies had never been on a marshrutka, definitely a local Russian speciality.

**Featured Poets** - Pushkin, of course (Golitsyn Palace and the unvisited nearby Zakharovo estate Museum of Pushkin's Childhood), followed by Lermontov (Serednikovo, he was also killed in a duel – despite the fact that duels were outlawed- when he was only 26. He was challenged because he teased a colleague) and Blok (Shakhmatovo). On each visit the passion of the local guide reciting poetry in Russian was moving.

**Tsars** - Boris Godunov, Alexei Mikhailovich, Peter the Great, Catherine the Great, all the Romanovs (Russia My History at VDNKh).

**Aristos** - Golitsyns galore, Stroganovs (Kuzminki), Sheremetevs (Kuskovo), Trubetskoys (Usachovsky market walk).

**Shopping** - Stalls outside local railway stations, the Usachovsky market, museum souvenirs.

**Cemetery** - Novodevichy Cemetery; plenty of poets, authors, playwrights, composers, musicians, novelists, artists,

## Novodevichy-Shakhmatovo-Klin-New Jerusalem-Ismailovo

politicians, sculptors, famous wives, aircraft crash victims, scientists, and even a clown.

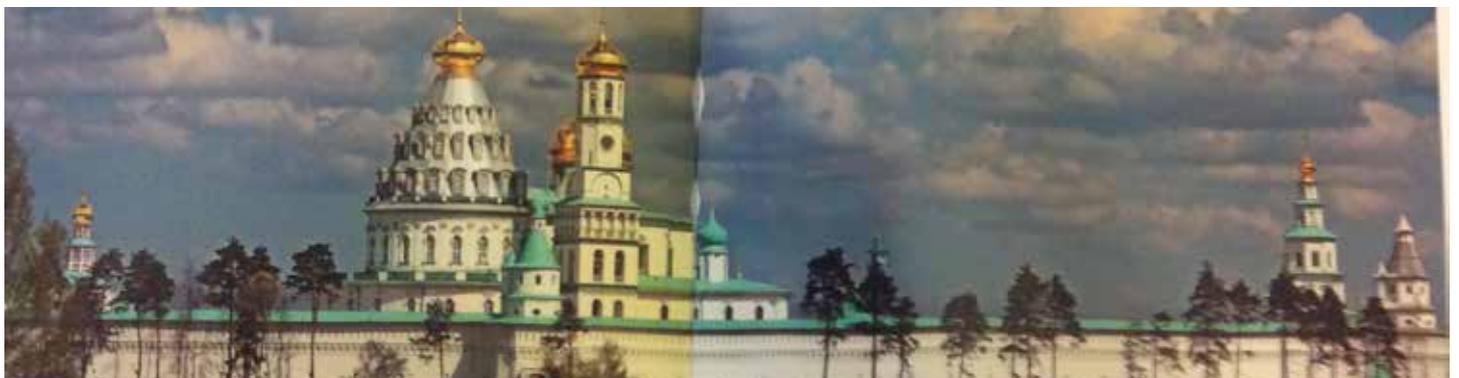
**Monastery** - The spectacular New Jerusalem Monastery, founded by Tsar Alexei Mikhailovich and Patriarch Nikon to mimic Jerusalem in the Holy Land. It was destroyed by Nazi bombs but rebuilt on the orders of Putin, completed in 2016. Also included in the visit was Patriarch Nikon's Hermitage (where he retreated on the roof before being exiled further away for being too powerful and threatening the tsar).

**Composer's House** - Klin (Tchaikovsky)

**Most difficult transport** - Trying to get from Firsanovskaya Station to Serednikovo. No local buses at a time when one might want to visit. Enduring memory = Lena (of Patriarshky Dom Tours and Understanding Russia Lectures fame) accosting any driver within hailing distance and requesting help with getting to our destination – successfully!

**Hidden gem** - Durasov Palace at Lyublino, easily accessed by the metro (Voljskaya, light green #10 line). A favourite wedding venue for the Russians, effectively a 'let's party' palace, nobody ever slept there. The orchestra and the welcome by buglers was legendary.

**On the list to be visited** - Izmailovo, where Peter the Great discovered boats. There is also the souvenir market, the vodka museum, the wooden church of St Nicholas and Stalin's bunker, but the history goes back further to Tsar Alexei Mikhailovich (Peter I's father who loved to hunt, cultivated exotic plants and had a palace on Silver Island). Now the main monument is the cathedral.



# International Women's Evening

## Retail Expertise Digital Marketer Multi-Language Interpreter

by Alina Jaravine

The March IWE invited guests to listen to a very inspiring, multifunctional woman: Mrs. **Inga Legasova**, CEO and one of the owners of Remiling Investment and Trading company, which provides all supermarket and hyper-market chains on the Russian territory with household goods, and co-founder of the Union of Women's Forces NGO, an alliance of women who want to keep peace and friendly relations with all neighbouring Eurasian countries.

In April IWE hosted Mrs. **Carlijn Ubbens**, MA, interpreter of Russian-Dutch-English and international consultant at her company "Russian Culture and Communication". She recently got involved in narrative mediation and wrote a system to learn Russian for foreigners from scratch. Her presentation was about her assignments in Russia and her new job in Moscow: managing a new English school with British and American native speakers.

Our last IWE, which took place on Monday 29th of May at Tsar Voyages, concluded our season of 8 wonderful speakers. IWE invited Mrs. **Euryale Chatelard**, general manager and partner of Altima in Moscow - a group of digital Marketing Agencies with branches in China, Montréal, New York, France and Russia. Besides her international life and career, Euryale talked about digital strategy in the Russian Market. She shared her knowledge and expertise on digital marketing with great enthusiasm, telling us interesting facts and anecdotes. We would like to thank her again for giving us an insight into her international career and background and we also thank Tsar Voyages for their warm reception.

The last IWE also means goodbye to **Mirjam Severin**, our IWC IWE Chair. We would like to thank her for leading IWE for the past years. She is moving away from Moscow, we will certainly miss you, Mirjam! IWE has enjoyed interesting presentations and partners thanks to Mirjam's efforts and ideas.



# Upcoming Events 2017

## Meet & Greet

September Thursday 21 September 2017 10am-12pm  
Mariott Novy Arbat Hotel (32 Novy, Arbat St, Moskva)  
Smolenskaya Metro Station (public transport)

October

Thursday 19 October 2017 10am-12pm  
GlavUpDK Cultural Centre, Culture tsentr pri MID Rossii  
(Ulofa Palme St, 5c2, Moskva)

## Winter Bazaar

Sunday 26 November 2017, Radisson Slavyanskaya Hotel

## Coffee Morning

Every month on the 1st Saturday & 2nd Tuesday (Oct 7&10, Nov 4&14)  
Le Pain Quotidien (Bolshaya Sadovaya 2/46, Moscow)  
Further Information <http://www.iwcmoscow.ru/coffee-mornings/>

## Social Evening

Once a month 6-8pm (usually Monday)  
Chicago Prime (Strastnoy Boulevard 8A, 107031 Moscow)  
Further information <http://www.iwcmoscow.ru/4869-2/>

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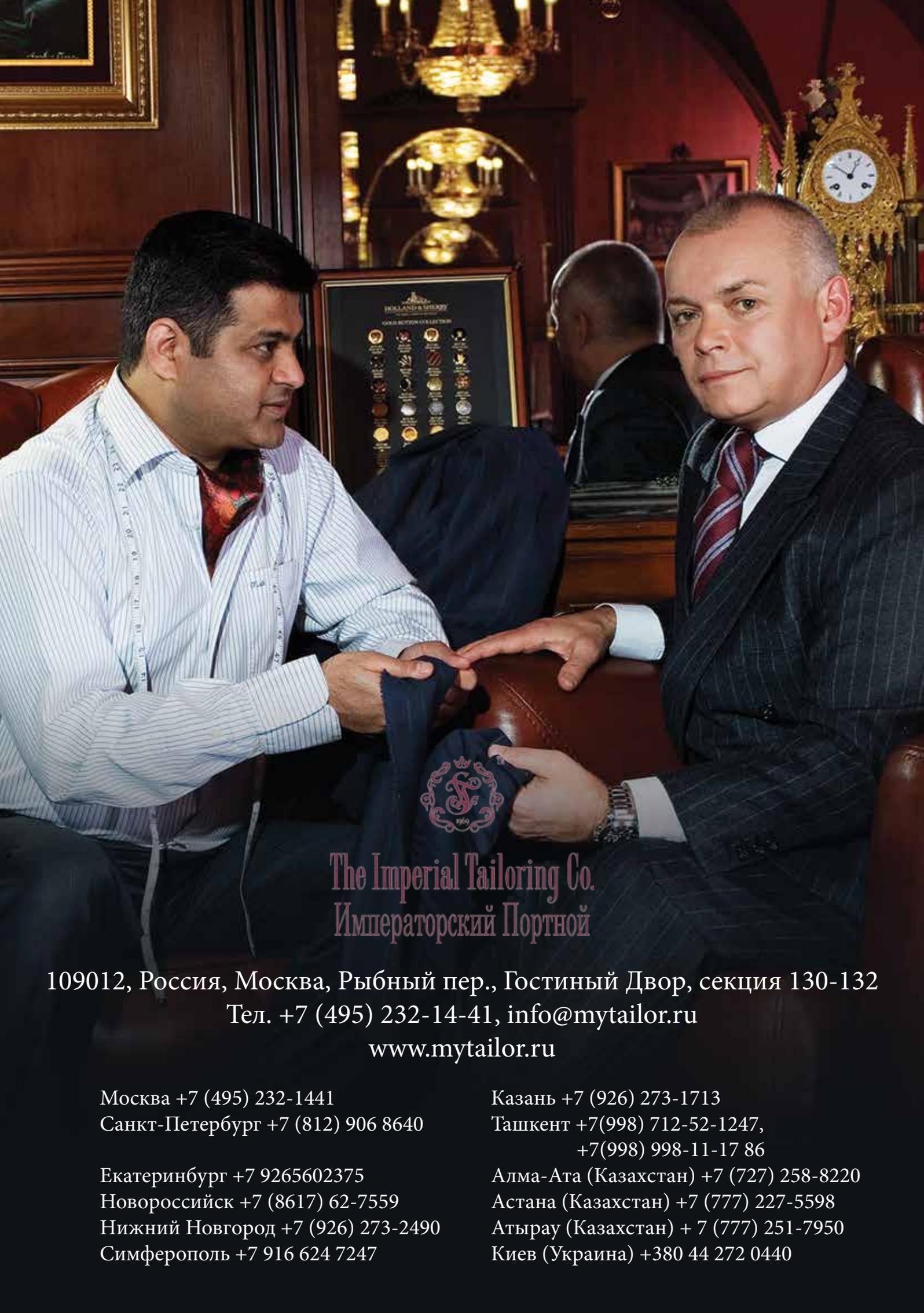
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