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DEAR PARTICIPANT

Welcome to the 25th International Conference "Oil and Gas of Turkmenistan 2020"! This Travel Guide includes all necessary information to make your visit to Turkmenistan smooth and enjoyable.

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IMPORTANT VISA INFORMATION

Before travelling to Turkmenistan, all visitors must obtain a visa. The process of getting visa consists of two steps:

First you have to obtain a Letter of Invitation (LOI) which may take up to 7-10 working days, and then you need to get a visa stamped in your passport. Please note, that you will not be able to obtain a visa without a valid LOI.

As soon as we receive your completed application and documents, we will submit them to the State Concern “Turkmennebit” so they can start processing your documents and forward them to the State Migration Service of Turkmenistan. Once your application is approved, you will be issued with an LOI and we will email you your LOI and outline further steps.

APPLYING FOR LETTER OF INVITATION

The Organizing Committee is providing LOI support for all registered Conference participants. Below is the list of documents required for LOI application:

1. Visa application form in Word format filled in by each applicant requiring a visa;
2. Clear scanned color copy of the passport for each applicant requiring a visa. Passport must be valid at least 6 (six) months after your exit date from Turkmenistan and must have at least two blank visa pages.
3. High resolution color photograph (5cm x 6cm) per applicant;
4. Hotel booking confirmation or provisional booking

All Pakistan citizens must provide a medical certificate against poliomyelitis (polio) in order to apply for LOI.

OBTAINING TURKMEN VISA

Once your LOI gets issued, you can: either visit Turkmen Embassy in your country with a copy of your LOI to get a visa stamped in your passport, which takes 3-5 working days, or obtain your Turkmen visa upon arrival at the Ashgabat International Airport. Remember to bring a copy of your LOI with you upon arrival at Ashgabat International Airport. LOI will be emailed to you as soon as it gets issued and upon signing and completion of Delegate Agreement. Please note, that your visa type is “gratis” and you do not have to pay for it.

Please allow sufficient amount of time for your visa application, the Organizing committee strongly recommends that you apply for your visa as yearly as possible.

UPON ARRIVAL IN ASHGABAT

As stated earlier, visa is free of charge for all delegates. You will not have to pay anything upon arrival. You will need to bring a copy of the LOI and your passport. Remember to bring the passport, which you have used to apply for your visa. In order to make your arrival as smooth as possible, we will organize a 'fast track' entry for all OGT Delegates upon arrival at Ashgabat International Airport. In addition, a representative of Turkmen Forum will guide you through immigration and customs desks to ensure smooth arrival.

Please look for 'Turkmen Forum' and “OGT 2020” signage once you enter the Airport Terminal. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us by e-mail at info@turkmen-forum.com or by calling on +(993 62) 11-00-68, +(993 12) 92-03-99.
Located in the city center, facing Neutrality Park, this elegant hotel has 299 rooms and suites, 69 residence apartments, spa, shopping mall, and offices.

Guests will discover amazing flavors of Asian and International cuisine in a sophisticated, French style restaurant located on the 15th floor.

Guests can benefit from free high speed broadband, fitness room, indoor and outdoor swimming pools, tennis courts, and a steam room. Breakfast buffet is included to the room rate.

Check in time: 14:00 / Check-out time: 12:00

Room rates:
Standard room (single occupancy) – 166.00 USD dollars
Double room – 180.00 USD dollars
Deluxe room (single occupancy) – 224.00 USD dollars
“Ýyldyz” hotel is one of the city’s top five-star luxury hotels, conveniently located at the foothills of the Kopetdag mountains. It represents a modern hospitality complex, which offers high-class and diversified range of services. Guests will be offered: restaurant, disco bar, business center, Wi-Fi Internet, reading room, boutique, gym, currency exchange, underground and outdoor parking. Guests will have the opportunity to visit the restaurant and bar on the top floor of the hotel to see the magnificent view of the city.

The hotel offers: SPA, Hammam, sauna, fitness room, swimming pool, beauty salon. Breakfast buffet is included to the room rate.

Check in time: 12:00 / Check-out time: 12:00

Room rates:
Standard room (single occupancy) – 180.00 USD dollars
Double room – 216.00 USD dollars
Deluxe room (single occupancy) – 279.00 USD dollars
ARCHABIL Hotel
Archabul avenue 1939, building 54
744000 Ashgabat, Turkmenistan

The hotel is located in the foothills of the Kopetdag mountains, and offers one of the best views of the city. World class cuisine is on offer at the Archabil hotel, which includes carefully selected samples of Turkish, French and Italian cuisine as well as vegetarian menu and a variety of Turkmen national dishes. Room rates include: Breakfast, Free Wi-Fi, Outdoor swimming pool, SPA (Swimming pool, Salt room, Finnish sauna, Steam bath, Cold shower, Turkish Hamman, Jacuzzi, Ice therapy). Breakfast buffet is included to the room rate.

Check in time: 12:00 / Check-out time: 12:00

Room rates:
Standard room (single occupancy) – 180.00 USD dollars
Double room – 200.00 USD dollars
Deluxe room (single occupancy) – 250.00 USD dollars
The five-floor business class hotel has 128 luxurious and comfortable rooms, with all the necessary amenities that will provide guests with a pleasant stay away from home. Comfortable rooms of this hotel provide everything you need for rest and work. The rooms offer a wonderful view of the city and a high-speed Wi-Fi connection.

The hotel “Nusay” has an outdoor summer pool, a beautiful SPA center with a gym, a Finnish sauna, a Turkish bath (hammam) and a massage room. Breakfast buffet is included to the room rate.

Check in time: 12:00 / Check-out time: 12:00

Room rates:
- Standard room (single occupancy) – 180.00 USD dollars
- Double room – 200.00 USD dollars
- Deluxe room (single occupancy) – 250.00 USD dollars
The hotel consists of 120 comfortable rooms of various types, which are equipped with everything necessary for a comfortable stay. It has a business center that is equipped with the latest office equipment, including modern computers, communication facilities and other equipment.

A special pride of the hotel is the health club. It includes a fitness room, a large swimming pool, a sauna and a health room. In addition, you can use a number of additional services such as laundry, taxi or car rental at the hotel. We hope your stay at Grand Turkmen Hotel will brighten up your visit to Ashgabat and remain in your memory for a long time. Breakfast buffet is included in the room rate.

Check in time: 13:00 / Check-out time: 12:00

Room rates:
Standard room (single occupancy) – 110.00 USD dollars
Double room – 140.00 USD dollars
Deluxe room (single occupancy) – 180.00 USD dollars
Newly built in the semi-circle shape, this 10-storey hotel – organically combines the best traditions of the classical and modern architectural styles. The hotel has 255 comfortable rooms with comfortable furniture of modern design and equipped with life-support systems. There are two restaurants, two cafes and a coffee shop where guests are offered a varied menu of national and European cuisine. Breakfast buffet is included to the room rate.

Check in time: 14:00 / Check-out time: 12:00

Room rates:
Standard room (single occupancy) – 170.00 USD dollars
Double room – 210.00 USD dollars
Deluxe room (single occupancy) – 310.00 USD dollars
AIRPORT PICK UP

Turkmen Forum can arrange airport pick up and transfer to the hotel of your choice upon your request. Please be informed, the cost of a one-way trip is $20 (from the airport to the hotel) and the return is $30. Let me know if you are interested and I will send you all the necessary forms to fill out.

Turkmen forum will provide free shuttle service between OGT2020 venue and three partner hotels: Oguzkent, Yildiz & Nusay. Delegates staying at other hotels will have to make their own travel arrangements to the venue and back to their hotels.
Ahal region includes (full day)
Tour Code: ASB-2

- **Ruins of Parthian Empire**
The ruins of the ancient Parthian empire's capital Nissa, which offer some unforgettable archeological discoveries are located at the foothills of the Kopetdag mountains and attract thousands of tourists, archeologists and historians from different parts of the world. UNESCO has declared Nissa fortress a World Heritage Site in 2007.

- **Turkmenbashy Ruhy Mosque in Kipchak**
The largest mosque in Central Asia.
- **Lunch**
- **Underground lake “Kov-Ata”**
It is a unique, natural phenomenon located 107 km to the west from Ashgabat in Baharly district. One has to go down over 120 meters (276 steps) to get to the edge of this beautiful unique sulfur lake, located inside of the deep cave in the Kopetdag mountains.
Ashgabat city tour include
Tour Code: ASB-1

- **Independence Monument**
  One of the main attractions of Ashgabat, – is the Independence Monument. It is a 118 m high column with the top crowned with a crescent moon and five stars. This column is set on a semicircular sphere, symbolizing a yurt. Five stars are a symbol of unity of the five largest Turkmen tribes, which have been living on the Turkmenistan’s territory since the ancient times.

- **Carpet Museum**
  Main Carpet Museum is one of its kind in the world. Hundreds of the best carpets of all times are exhibited here; including the oldest one dated the 17th century. There is also the biggest carpet in the world, which is about 400 square meters and weighs over a ton.

- **Lunch**
  Lunch in traditional style "palov house"

- **Arch of Neutrality**
  Arch of Neutrality, is a 75m- high (246ft) building. There is a panoramic viewing point at the top of the Arch, from where you can see the beautiful panorama of Ashgabat.

- **Ferris Wheel**
  The unforgettable ride on the enclosed Ferris wheel, which is in the Guinness record book as the biggest enclosed building of its kind.
Ahal region includes (full day)
Tour Code: AHA-1

- **Geokdepe fortress**
Tour of the Geokdepe fortress (19th Century), a significant place, which played a major role in the history of Turkmenistan. It became the last bastion on the way of Imperial Russia to Central Asia. The tour includes walk around the fortress, and a visit to one of the most interesting museums in Turkmenistan.

- **Akhal Teke horse estate**
Visit to the private Akhal Teke horse estate, (or, they are better known as divine horses!) where one will witness their beauty and find out about their rich history dating back from the ancient times. You will also get to ride these divine creatures and see a traditional Alabay dog (Turkmen shepherd), which guards the estate.

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Darvaza (full day)
Tour Code: AHA-DSZ-01

The Darvaza gas crater known locally as the Door to Hell or Gates of Hell, is a natural gas field, which collapsed into an underground cavern located in Derweze province in central Karakums (Turkmenistan) Derweze translates from Turkmen as a Gate. Soviet geologists intentionally had set it on fire to prevent the spread of methane gas, and hoped that it would burn out in a couple of days… Well, they wished it did, but it has been burning continuously ever since (i.e. since 1971). It has the total area of 5,350 m2. Its diameter is 69 m (226 ft), and its depth is 30 m (98 ft).
This is one of the most popular tourist destinations in the world and has been voted among ten unique places in the world. It is a full day tour, which starts at midday, as the drive in each direction takes around 3 hours, followed by a visit to two smaller craters. We will explore both of them, first one is a water crater and the second one is a mud crater with occasional flames from natural gas that burn next to mud bubbles, before we’ll reach the biggest and most fascinating one – the Gates of Hell, where we’ll cook BBQ and take some amazing photos in the dark and return back to Ashgabat late in the evening (around 10pm).
So, be prepared for a journey of your lifetime!
ONCE YOU ARE IN TURKMENISTAN

For all OGT – 2020 delegates, who are staying in Turkmenistan for more than 3 days, Turkmen Forum will arrange registration with the State Migration Service of Turkmenistan and provide you with registration letter, which you will need to present to immigration officer upon departure from Ashgabat. Registration will be arranged on a group basis and you will be issued with a letter confirming your registration on Wednesday, 28th of October. You do not need to register if you are staying less than 3 working days. You do not need to register with any other government office or entities during your stay.

OTHER ITEMS TO NOTE

Please complete your contract and payment terms before Friday, 16th of October 2020. If you cannot meet this deadline for any reason, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can adjust the organization of your visit accordingly. However, applications submitted after the deadline MAY NOT be processed in due time to allow for visa and travel arrangements.