



GENEVA GROUP INTERNATIONAL

**Geneva Group International World Conference
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To all participants

In order to get well prepared for your journey to New York, you can already find following some general information for your stay:

v **Arrivals and departures**

John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK)

John F. Kennedy International Airport is 45 minutes from Le Parker Meridien.

Yellow medallion taxi fare is a flat rate (\$45) from JFK to Manhattan. Bridge and tunnel tolls (\$4 - \$6) and tip are extra. One fare covers all passengers to a single destination.

Taxis are available 24 hours a day at taxi stands in front of terminals.

La Guardia Airport (LGA)

La Guardia Airport is 35 minutes from Le Parker Meridien.

Fares of yellow medallion taxis are metered (approximately \$25 - \$30 to Le Parker Meridien), based on distance and time. Bridge and tunnel tolls (\$4 - \$6) and tips are extra. One fare covers all passengers.

Taxis are available 24 hours a day at taxi stands in front of terminals.

Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR)

Newark Liberty International Airport is 40 minutes from Le Parker Meridien.

Fares of yellow medallion taxis from New York City to Newark Airport are the amount on the meter plus a \$15 surcharge. New York taxis may not pick up passenger from Newark Airport; New Jersey taxis cost \$50 - \$70. Bridge and tunnel tolls (\$4 - \$6) and tips are extra. One fare covers all passengers.

Taxis are available 24 hours a day at taxi stands in front of terminals.

v **Bar**

We will enjoy our evenings (after dinner) at Seppi's which is located next to the hotel lobby.

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v **Business Center**

The hotel provides a high-tech business center with computers, printers, fax machines, copiers, Internet and e-mail, cellular phones, pagers and beepers.
It is weekdays open from 06:30 - 19:30 hrs and at the weekends from 7:00 - 15:00 hrs

v **Check in / Check out**

Check in time is 15:00 hrs. Check out time is noon.

v **Currency**

Monetary unit: 1 Dollar (USD, \$) = 100 Cents (¢)

1 Euro = 1,26706 USD

1 USD = 0.78923 Euro

Credit cards are accepted widely at most locations, and ATM machines are available on almost every block for easy access to cash.

v **Dates and places**

Official program starts on Thursday, 26th October and ends with Gala dinner on Saturday night, 28th October.

Conference Hotel

Le Parker Meridien

119 West 56th Street; 6th – 7th Avenue, New York, NY 10019-3318, USA

Phone: +1 212.245.5000 Fax: +1 212.245.5000

<http://www.parkermeridien.com/main.html>

Main Conference Room: Azekka (for details refer to the delegates program)

Dinner outside on Friday

Battery Gardens

Inside Battery Park, Opposite 17 State Street, New York, NY 10004, USA

Phone: +1 212 809 5508

<http://www.batterygardens.com/>

Gala Dinner

United Nations Delegates Dining Room

United Nations Headquarter, First Ave. at 45th Street, New York, NY 10017, USA

Phone: +1 212 963 7099 Fax: +1 212 963 2025

<http://www.aramark-un.com/space.html>

As the security checking is very strict you are required to wear name badges and present your invitation cards in order to enter the UN.

v **Electricity**

The voltage is 110 volts, 60HZ.

v **Hospitality Desk**

Lobby of Le Parker Meridien – Please ensure to sign up for the **Saturday Afternoon Program** and for **the workshop of your choice** upon check in at the Hospitality desk!

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v **Meeting points**

For all transfers and excursions meeting point will be the lobby of Le Parker Meridien.

v **Practice Group Meetings**

On Sunday morning some practice group meetings will take place, directly organized by the practice group Chairmen. If you have not yet registered for a practice group meeting, you still have time to contact the Chairman of the group concerned!

09:30 – 13:00	IT, E-Commerce & Telecommunications	Dr. Bernd Tremml (btremml@law-wt.de)
10:00 – 12:00	International Taxation	Robert van der Wall Bake (rwb@dknco.nl)
10:30	Debt Collection	Johan Langelaar (langelaar@teekenskarstens.nl)
10:30	M & A	Andrew Lindsay (cal@denisontill.com)

Enclosed you can find the Agenda of the Practice Group Meeting IT, E-Commerce & Telecommunications. Dr. Bernd Tremml and Dr. Michael Karger look forward to receiving your feedback and ideas.

v **Recreation**

Gravity Fitness & Spa

At gravity fitness and spa, you will enjoy a multi-level, 15,000 square foot facility located within the Le Parker Meridien.

The fitness offers racquetball, basketball, a rooftop pool overlooking Central Park, a complete schedule of fitness classes, cardiovascular and resistance equipment as well as free weights.

The Spa at gravity features Dr. Hauschka, as well as other unique, hard to find products. The spa's aestheticians and massage therapists offer facials, waxing, body treatments and massage therapy.

Gravity is open from 06:00 – 23:00 hrs on weekdays and from 07:00 – 20:00 hrs at the weekend

The Penthouse Pool is open from 07:00 – 22:45 hrs on weekdays and from 09:00 – 19:45 hrs at the weekend.

v **Smoking**

Smoking is prohibited in restaurants, bars, taxis, and mass transit.

v **Time**

The Daylight Saving time of New York is 4 hours slow of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

Please note that the Daylight Saving time ends at 2:00 hrs on 29th October 2006.

Don't forget to turn your clock an hour backward.

v **Weather**

The weather is expected to be unsettled.

Temperature will be about 17°-19°C during the day and about 5°-9°C in the evening.

Those of you who have not done so, please do not hesitate to draw our attention to any particular wishes (e.g. vegetarian dishes) or to stress any particular "weak" points (e.g. utter dislike of a certain dish or an allergy to something). We want your stay in New York to be an experience to remember and sometimes little things may spoil our good mood.

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