

Invitation to the Winter Meeting  
of Geneva Group Internationals' Practice Groups:

International Taxation (ITPG)  
Including its new subgroup VAT,  
Enhanced Business Opportunities (EBO PG)  
& International Executive & Immigration Services (IEIS PG)

Marbella / Spain  
9<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> February 2012

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Dear Colleagues and Friends,

We are most delighted to invite you to the 2012 ITPG Winter Meeting organized in coordination with EBO-PG and IEISPG by JC&A ABOGADOS from 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> February 2012 in Marbella, Málaga (Spain). The practice group meetings will take place as follows:

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> of February** (all morning): Meetings of

- ITPG subgroup VAT meeting &
- EBO PG &
- IEIS PG (about 1.5 hours).

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> of February** (full day- as usual):

- ITPG Meeting.

It is the aim of this coordinated meetings to allow the participants of each group to attend meetings of another group, thus enriching the experience and allowing the collaboration and referrals between GGI Members.

We are also looking forward to share with you the beauties and attractions of a world class and cosmopolitan city, famous all over the world as leisure and holiday place. We shall be pleased to show you around so that you can have a comprehensive view of the reasons why Marbella is internationally famous and attracts every year and for many decades all type of visitors, whether celebrities or anonymous. Be ready and bring all your charm and glamour with you!

The Conference shall take place at Hotel El Fuerte Marbella, situated in the city centre, 5 minutes walk from the charming Old Town, where you can get a taste of the traditional andalucian villages. Hotel El Fuerte Marbella has offered a very special rate room contingent which **has to be booked at the Hotel directly by the participants** (see details attached).

All necessary arrangements for conference facilities, meals, additional programme and transportation (except from/to the airport) during the meeting are included and will be covered according to the attachment included.

Please register at your earliest convenience and send the attached application form to JC&A ABOGADOS no later than **9<sup>th</sup> January, 2012**.

Looking forward to welcome you in the Jewel of Spain's Crown, we send our best wishes.

#### **HOW TO GET THERE:**

Malaga International Airport, just 45 km away from Marbella, is well connected to the coastal town by **direct bus** from the airport and a good **road network** (national road N-340 or toll highway A-7).

Malaga Airport (AGP) is the main international airport for the Costa del Sol with direct flight connections to over 89 destinations worldwide and passenger numbers in 2010 close to 12 million. The majority of traffic through Malaga Airport (named Pablo Ruiz Picasso Airport) comes from within the EU, although there are regular flights to locations such as Moscow, Riyadh, Kuwait, New York and Montreal.

The Gibraltar airport can also be an option, as it links the area with many European cities.

The airport taxis generally charge about 70 Euros from Malaga Airport to Marbella town and it will take approximately 40 minutes. There is a **direct bus** from Marbella to Malaga Airport (this service is highly recommended, with a price of approx. 5 € per ticket). Actually, no direct trains get to Marbella, being Fuengirola the last train terminal.

There are a large number of low-cost airlines operating with Málaga Airport. The web [www.skyscanner.com](http://www.skyscanner.com) is a good tool to find your best option.

#### **GENERAL INFO:**

Andalucia is Spain's largest and most southerly peninsular province, a magical mix of mountain ridges, undulating countryside, sleepy white villages and historical cities.

A haven for golfers and beach huggers alike, Marbella, is a spectacular city, situated in the heart of the Costa del Sol, offering its visitors the typical Andalucian flair, with narrow streets, bright white washed houses and lovely, ornamented squares with colourful, tropical gardens. One can indulge in the beauty of the blue sea, the prominence of the high mountains and its "snazzy" upscale, cosmopolitan lifestyle.

One of Europe's most sought after destinations, for its geographical situation, (a mere two hours flight from most European destinations,) for its special microclimate offering mild winters and pleasantly warm summers; golfers can enjoy some of the world's most appreciated golf courses year round and others can treat themselves to the glamorous range of activities, places, paradise like beaches and night life.

Attracting guests from all over the world, Marbella combines a rare, eclectic mixture of international faces, cultures and trends unique to this city and its famous surrounding areas, such as Puerto Banús. Situated 6 kilometres from the town centre, this port is famous for its spectacular boats, for hosting the rich and famous, for actors and other artists and for offering a choice of venues for international gastronomy, shopping and exotic lifestyle.

Situated along the Costa del Sol, this chic holiday resort is a favored get-away among the rich and famous and it's not hard to see why. There's an endless supply of world-class restaurants, luxury hotels, spectacular golf courses, fashionable shops, lovely marinas and a vast number of lively bars and clubs to keep you entertained till sunrise.

The old town of Marbella is absolutely charming. The streets are narrow and cobbled, with chic boutiques and local cafés side by side.

At the heart of the Old Town known as "El Casco Antiguo" lies the Orange Square, which is also where the tourist office is ready to give you maps and information. Cross the road from the Alameda Park fountain and walk through the Orange Square past the old castle wall and into the impressive Cathedral. The Old Town is perfect for shopping and relaxing in the many cafés, restaurants and bars.

Marbella may be the most famous place on the Costa del Sol but there are numerous other areas that are well worth a visit! There is a wealth of things on offer in the surrounding region, each destination offering its own individual qualities. You can visit the 'white village' Mijas and wander the cobbled streets, dine in the mountains at Benahavis or go down to Gibraltar.

Please check [www.marbellaexclusive.com](http://www.marbellaexclusive.com) to have a good idea of what is all around, or the site of the free magazine [www.essentialmagazine.com](http://www.essentialmagazine.com) with the latest.

## WHY MARBELLA?

Marbella has a privileged climate all year round and the largest number of golf courses in continental Europe. 16 of the highest quality courses, where many international events have been held and where golf can be played 365 days a year, including the Europe's first twenty-four hour golf course.



Nearby municipalities do also offer a large number of golf courses (8 in Mijas, 6 in Estepona, 3 in Benahavis, etc), and in less than 1/2 hour you can reach the Valderrama Golf Club (Sotogrande, Cádiz) worthy of professional events and the 1997 Ryder Cup Matches and 2000 World Golf Championships. Marbella area is a golfing paradise, specially in winter and spring.

Marbella also offers a wide selection of charming, stunning and exclusive luxury properties, front line beach or with superbe views from the mountain. Exclusive places in the wild Andalusian countryside such as La Zagaleta, recognised as one of the most luxurious urbanizations in Europe (where the average price of a villa is 4-5 million Euros), or close to the beach like Los Monteros where our famous international actor Antonio Banderas can be your neighbour or, of course, at the front line of your preferred golf course. Likely the most recognized palace in Marbella is Mar-Mar, the humble abode of the former King Fahd of Saudi Arabia, which hangs with a golden glow above a good part of the coveted Milla de Oro and only a few meters away from the mosque Abdulaziz al Saud, named after the monarch's father. Mar-Mar is a marble and gold copy of the White House and is the only property formerly classified as "Royal Palace" on the Costa del Sol.



## A BIG BOOST:

Despite of the world crisis, Marbella is still a place to invest in with a great future. A new port will be built in this town, with the awarding of the 40-year concession on the port to a consortium led by Nasir Bin Abdullah & Sons. The proposal of Qatari sheikh Abdullah Ben Nasser Al-Thani, who is also the owner of Málaga FC football club, an investment of over 400 million Euros with solid economic guarantees (self-financed), is a firm commitment with Marbella. The redevelopment of the small La Bajadilla fishermen's harbour on the eastside of Marbella into what is intended to become "the best private port in the Mediterranean" will benefit Marbella tremendously. The new port will feature a total of 1220 moorings, as well as harbouring several cruise ships at a time.



## Preliminary Program

### Dress code:

during the whole meeting: **casual** (with a touch of charm, you are in Marbella!);

### Temperatures:

Maximum average temperatures in Marbella in February are about 17 degrees centigrade.

#### Thursday (9 February 2012)

Till 19:30 Individual arrival at Hotel El Fuerte Marbella, Avenida el Fuerte, s/n, (29602) Marbella.

From 19:30 (all consumptions at own cost):

Meeting around Bar Noble (lobby area) & terrace for drinks and food. Buffet Dinner in Restaurant El Olivo (ground floor)

Meeting at Bar Noble (lobby area) for some comprehensive and true friendship & real networking.

#### Friday (10 February 2012)

7:30–9:30 Buffet Breakfast in Restaurant El Olivo

9:30 Discretionary meetings (ITPG subgroup VAT, EBO PG, IEIS PG) at Salas Sevilla (floor -1) and 2 other rooms (to be confirmed), coffee break for all groups at 11:00 in Ensenada Hall (ground floor); if weather allows so, coffee break will be at Terraza de Poniente.

13:00-14.00 Lunch starts at “El Fuerte Beach Club” (nearby the sea) (*in case that the Beach Club is closed due to weather conditions, the lunch will take place at the Hotel Restaurant*)

17:30 Meeting in lobby area for sightseeing. Guided tour in Marbella’s charming Old Town. Drinks in local places.

20:00 Dinner at local fish Restaurant.

23:30 Return to Hotel El Fuerte Marbella.

#### Saturday (11 February 2012)

7:30–9:30 Buffet Breakfast in Restaurant El Olivo

9:30 ITPG-meeting, (1<sup>st</sup> part), at Sala Sevilla (floor -1), coffee break at 11:00 in Ensenada Hall (ground floor); if weather allows so, coffee break will be at Terraza de Poniente.

13:00 Lunch at “El Fuerte Beach Club” (nearby the sea) (*in case that the Beach Club is closed due to weather conditions, the lunch will take place at the Hotel Restaurant*)



- 14:30 ITPG-meeting, (2<sup>nd</sup> part), at Sala Sevilla (floor -1), coffee break at 16:00 in Ensenada Hall (ground floor); if weather so allows, coffee break will be at Terraza de Poniente.
- 17:30 End of ITPG meeting and free time.
- 19:30 Meeting at the Hotel lobby for coach Transfer to Puerto Banús.
- 21:00 Dinner at Restaurant “El Gran Gatsby”, Puerto Banús.
- 23:30 Optional: drinks at local Bars in Puerto Banús (own cost).
- 00:00 Coach Transfer to Hotel.



#### Sunday (12 February 2012)

- 7:30–10:30 Buffet Breakfast in Restaurant El Olivo  
Individual departure or prolongation of stay on private grounds.

#### Additional Leisure Program for Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> of February:

Organization of a Game of Golf for golf players and alternative activity / introduction to Golf for beginners. More information will follow.

## Booking details for accomodation at Hotel El Fuerte Marbella

The reservation code "GGI-Geneva Group International" is needed to apply for the special rate. The special rate contingent will remain open until **9<sup>th</sup> January 2012**; later reservations will be subject to room availability and might be charged at a higher rate.

### **The participants must book directly at:**

Hotel El Fuerte Marbella  
Avenida El Fuerte, s/n  
Marbella  
(29602) Malaga

Contact person: Mrs. Silvia Ortega.

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[www.fuertehoteles.com](http://www.fuertehoteles.com)

Room rates per night (including buffet breakfast, swimming pool, taxes (8% V.A.T.):

- Double room: 64 €
- Single room: 51.20 €
- Double room + one (Triple room): 80 €
- Double room + child under 12 years: 64 €

Check-in time: 14:00 h.

Regular check-out time: 12:00 (please contact Reception to apply for late check-out).

Buffet Breakfast in Restaurant El Olivo: from 7:30 h. to 10:30 h.

All Room reservations can be cancelled free of charge earlier than 48 hours before the event; for all cancellations within 48 hours before the starting of the event, El Fuerte is entitled to charge the cost of one night.

The Hotel is located in the very centre of Marbella. Guests arriving by car can use the Hotel parking at a daily rate of 12 € (24 hours).

Details on Hotel Leisure activities can be found on:

<http://www.fuertehoteles.com/en/hotels/fuerte-marbella/entertainment/>