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THE WORLD CULTURAL AND NATURAL HERITAGE**

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**Vilnius, Lithuania**

**8-16 July 2006**

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

For complete information on the 30th session, please visit the following website:

<http://www.30whc.org>

This website has links to the necessary information regarding visa requirements, travel and accommodation, pre-registration forms and tourist information.

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## 1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 **The World Heritage Committee** consists of representatives from 21 of the States Parties to the *Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage*, elected by the General Assembly of States Parties to the *Convention*.

The current composition of the Committee is: Benin, Canada, Chile, Cuba, India, Israel, Japan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lithuania (Chair), Madagascar, Mauritius, Morocco, The Netherlands, New Zealand (Rapporteur), Norway, Peru, Republic of Korea, Spain, Tunisia and the United States of America.

The essential functions of the Committee are:

- (i) to identify, on the basis of nominations submitted by States Parties, cultural and natural properties of Outstanding Universal Value which are to be protected under the *Convention* and to inscribe those properties on the World Heritage List;
- (ii) to monitor the state of conservation of properties inscribed on the World Heritage List, in liaison with the States Parties; decide which properties included in the World Heritage List are to be inscribed on or removed from the List of World Heritage in Danger; decide whether a property may be deleted from the World Heritage List; and
- (iii) to examine requests for International Assistance from the World Heritage Fund.

- 1.2 In July 2005, the 29th session of the World Heritage Committee accepted Lithuania's offer to host the 30th session in Vilnius, Lithuania, from 8 to 16 July 2006.

## 2. THE CONFERENCE ORGANIZERS AND LITHUANIAN SECRETARIAT

- 2.1 Lithuania will host the 30th session of the World Heritage Committee in Vilnius. All relevant information will be put on the Conference website: <http://www.30whc.org/>

- 2.2 The Conference Organizers are:

Mr. Antanas Zenonas Kaminskas  
Government of the Republic of Lithuania  
Government Secretary

Mr. Algimantas Rimkūnas  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania  
State Secretary

Mr. Oskaras Jusys  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania  
Under Secretary

- 2.3 Contact details of the Lithuanian Secretariat are:

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C/O Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania  
J.Tumo-Vaižganto str.2,  
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## Lithuania

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### 3. PROGRAMME AND RELATED EVENTS

- 3.1 The full social programme of the 30th session of the World Heritage Committee will be available on the Conference website <http://www.30whc.org/>
- 3.2 Excursions: Three of Lithuania's World Heritage properties – the Curonian Spit, Kernavė Archaeological Site and the Old Town of Vilnius will be offered for the delegates and guests to visit. Excursions to Lithuanian national parks (Aukštaitija National Park, Dzūkija National Park and Žemaitija National Park) will be offered as well. Please select your choice in **Annex D (List of Complimentary Tours and Optional Post Meeting Excursions)** and complete the **Booking Form in Annex B III (Complimentary Tours) and B IV (Optional Post Meeting Excursions)**.

### 4. TRAVEL VISA AND INSURANCE, TRAVEL INFORMATION, AIRPORT ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES, CAR RENTAL

#### 4.1 Travel visa and Insurance

Every visitor to Lithuania must have a valid passport. Passport holders from more than 60 countries can visit Lithuania without a visa. It is very important that citizens of countries requiring visas have a valid visa when arriving in Lithuania. A visa shall be issued to a visitor holding a valid passport, if the period of validity of the passport exceeds by three months the period of validity of the visa that the visitor asked for in his visa application. **In accordance with Lithuanian law, visas will not be issued at the airport or at any other entry into the country.** Visas can be obtained at Lithuanian Embassies and consular offices. Please note that you will have to make a personal appearance before a Lithuanian consular officer during the process of applying for a visa. In the case where there is no Lithuanian Embassy or consular office in your country, you will have to apply for a visa at the Lithuanian Embassy in a country you will transit on your way to Lithuania. It is strongly recommended to apply for a visa well in advance before your trip. Please contact an appropriate Lithuanian Embassy or consular office to know how to submit your visa application and all the supporting documents. Participants must have a travel insurance coverage prior to arriving in Lithuania. For more detailed information, please visit the Consular section of the Lithuanian Foreign Ministry website <http://www.urm.lt/index.php?-1655304184>, or contact the Ministry by phone +370 5 236 2599.

#### 4.2 Travel Information

Delegates are advised to book their flights well in advance, since July is a busy tourist season in Lithuania.

Airport departure taxes vary from one airport to another, but will always form a part of the cost of your air ticket.

#### 4.3 Airport Arrivals and Departures

Upon arrival at Vilnius International Airport, proceed through the immigration desk, collect your luggage and proceed through the green door of the “clear customs” area (unless you have something to declare).

There will be a Welcome Desk at Vilnius International Airport on 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 July 2006 to assist delegates on arrival. **It is of the utmost importance that you inform organizers** of your flight details (**Annex B II - Airport Transfers**) to enable them to assist you on arrival.

We recognize that you will have travelled a long way to attend the conference and are committed to providing you with a smooth and comfortable transfer between Vilnius International Airport and your hotel. Recognizable personnel will be at the airport to assist you (only on arrival and departure dates). Look for the World Heritage Committee meeting banner. You will be taken directly to your hotel.

Upon departure, transport will be provided on 16, 17, 18 July 2006 from the hotels to the airport as long as you book in advance (see **Booking Form** in **Annex B II - Airport Transfers**). Transfers can be pre-paid or paid on arrival.

From the airport, hotels can also be reached by taxi. Taxi stands are located outside the airport. It takes about 15 – 30 minutes to reach the hotels. The fare is about 35 – 40 Litas (equivalent to 10 – 12 EUR).

#### 4.4 Car rental

Cars can be rented in Lithuania from local or international companies. A valid international driver's license is required to rent a car. Drivers and all passengers must wear seat belts. There is a speed limit of 130 kilometres an hour on motorways and 50 kilometres an hour on urban roads. All cars are right-hand drive (drive on the left-hand side of the road) with manual or automatic gear change. Hired cars may normally be driven to neighbouring countries bordering Lithuania, which are members of the European Union (Latvia and Poland).

### 5. VENUE

The venue of the 30th session of the World Heritage Committee is the *Reval Hotel Lietuva* and its *Conference Centre*, Konstitucijos Ave 20, Vilnius, LT-09308 Lithuania. The Hotel is situated in the centre of Vilnius, on the bank of the river Neris, only a 10-

minute walk to the medieval Old Town – a World Heritage property. Many rooms in the hotel have wonderful views over the tourist attractions and the river.

## 6. PARTICIPANTS, REGISTRATION, SECURITY

### 6.1 Participants

The primary participants at the 30th session of the World Heritage Committee will be the 21 members of the Committee.

States Parties to the *World Heritage Convention* that are not members of the Committee may send representatives to the session as observers.

Non-States Parties to the *Convention* that are Member States of UNESCO or of the United Nations may also be permitted by the Committee, upon written request, to attend the sessions of the Committee as observers.

Representatives of the International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property (ICCROM), the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS), and the World Conservation Union (IUCN) will attend in an advisory capacity.

The United Nations and organizations of the United Nations system, as well as, upon written request, other international governmental and non-governmental organizations, permanent observer missions to UNESCO and non-profit-making institutions having activities in the fields covered by the *Convention*, may be authorized to participate in the sessions of the Committee as observers.

### 6.2 Registration

Delegates are strongly advised to register no later than **12 May 2006**, to allow sufficient time for administrative arrangements and printing of ID badges by the Lithuanian Organizing Committee. Delegates are invited to apply online on the Conference website <http://www.30whc.org/>, by filling in the Registration Form (see **Annex A - Registration Form**) and returning it to the Lithuanian secretariat by e-mail: [Viktorija.Budrekaite@urm.lt](mailto:Viktorija.Budrekaite@urm.lt), fax (+370 5 236 2857) or post (Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania, J.Tumo-Vaižganto str. 2, LT-01511 Vilnius, Lithuania).

There will be separate forms to complete – one for participation in the Committee session (**Annex A - Registration Form**) and the second (**Annex B I-VI – Hotel, Transfer, Tour, Excursion Booking Form**).

In addition, authorities of participating countries and organizations are requested to send a Note or Letter of Confirmation identifying each member of their delegation before **8 June 2006**. This requirement is to ensure orderly processing and prevent causing any inconvenience to the delegates. For registrations and/or modifications to registrations

made after **8 June 2006**, the Lithuanian Organizing Committee will continue to process but will be unable to guarantee smooth registration and early printing of ID badges.

**Please note:** As part of the registration process, it is imperative that we receive **one photograph together with the Registration Form** either online on the Conference website <http://www.30whc.org/>, by e-mail: [Viktorija.Budreckaite@urm.lt](mailto:Viktorija.Budreckaite@urm.lt), or post (Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania, J.Tumo-Vaižganto str. 2, LT-01511 Vilnius, Lithuania). ID badges will be issued accordingly.

The registration desk will be located in the *Conference Centre* of the *Reval Hotel Lietuva*. Every delegate must register prior to the beginning of the World Heritage Committee session. When registered, each delegate will be given a bag containing the information on the World Heritage Committee session and an ID badge.

### 6.3 Security

ID badges are not transferable. For security purposes, delegates are kindly required to wear their ID badges throughout the event, and when attending meetings, other activities and excursions. Access to the event will be denied to any individual who is not officially accredited or who uses the ID badge improperly.

## 7. ACCOMMODATION, LIST OF COMPLIMENTARY TOURS AND OPTIONAL POST MEETING EXCURSIONS

### 7.1 Hotel Reservation

We are offering hotels in the city centre that we believe will provide the most suitable accommodation close to the venue. Accommodation may be booked online on the website <http://www.30whc.org/>, or by sending the booking form by e-mail: [whc@baltic-clipper.lt](mailto:whc@baltic-clipper.lt), fax (+370 5 210 9770) or post (Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania, J.Tumo-Vaižganto str. 2, LT-01511 Vilnius, Lithuania). Please see **Annex C - List of Hotels** and complete the accommodation booking section in **Annex B – Hotel, Transfer, Tour, Excursion Booking Form** and **B I - Accommodation**.

**Please note:** All participants will be responsible for their own expenses such as telephone, facsimile, laundry, refreshments and meals.

### 7.2 Complimentary Tours and Optional Post Meeting Excursions

Complimentary tours and optional post meeting excursions will be available. Please consult the link on the website <http://www.30whc.org/> and fill out **Annex B III (Complimentary Tours)** and **B IV (Optional Post Meeting Excursions)**. A travel desk will also be available at the *Reval Hotel Lietuva* and the *Conference Centre* to assist with any tour/excursion requests.



## 8. CONFERENCE SERVICE AND FACILITIES

### 8.1 Public Office Area

The Lithuanian Organising Committee will provide a Public Office area with an Internet café. The area will be equipped with computers (with Internet access) and printing facilities. Technical staff will be on site to assist you.

### 8.2 Medical Services

A Medical Advisory Centre will be available in the *Reval Hotel Lietuva* and its *Conference centre*. In case of emergency, medical service will be provided to delegates. It is necessary to have a valid health insurance. The closest drug store is in the shopping centre *Europa*, Konstitucijos Ave 7a (open daily 10h00-22h00).

### 8.3 Cafeteria

The restaurant *Riverside*, the *Sky Bar* and the *Lobby Bar* will be available in the *Reval Hotel Lietuva*. There are also many restaurants near the *Reval Hotel Lietuva*, serving various types of cuisine: Chinese (*Kinija*, Konstitucijos Ave 12), French (*Terra Eldorado*, *Holiday Inn Vilnius*, Seimyniskiu 1), Japanese (*Miyako*, shopping centre *Europa*, Konstitucijos Ave 7a), Lithuanian (*Laikinoji sostine*, shopping centre *VCUP*, 5<sup>th</sup> floor, Konstitucijos Ave 16) and International (*Terrazza*, *Forum Palace*, Konstitucijos Ave 26), as well as pizza (*Cili pica*, *Fortas*, shopping centre *Europa*, Konstitucijos Ave 7a, *Mambopizza*, Upes g. 6, White Bridge).

## 9. MEDIA ARRANGEMENTS

The Media Centre in the *Reval Hotel Lietuva* is the work place for the media to cover the 30th session of the World Heritage Committee. All the Press Conferences will take place in a specially designated area in the *Reval Hotel Lietuva*. Only appointed and accredited media will be able to access the room. All interested media should contact Mr. Ramūnas Mačius via the e-mail address: [Ramunas.Macius@urm.lt](mailto:Ramunas.Macius@urm.lt).

## 10. GENERAL INFORMATION

### 10.1 Survey of Vilnius

Vilnius, the capital of Lithuania, is situated in the south-east part of the country. With a population of over 550.000, Vilnius is the largest city of Lithuania, the political, cultural and intellectual centre of the country. In 2009, Vilnius will be the first city from the new European Union Member States to become the European Capital of Culture.

The Old Town, which is the historical centre of Vilnius, is one of the largest in Eastern Europe (360 ha). The most valuable historic and cultural heritage is concentrated here. The buildings in the Old Town - there are about 1.5 thousand of them – represent all European architectural styles. Considered as a Baroque city, Vilnius is also a mosaic of

Gothic, Rococo, Classicism, Empire and modern styles. The multitude of narrow winding streets all contain fascinating and beautiful buildings, residential, religious, academic, etc. The sites of exceptional interest are the University complex, Saint Anne's Church, the extraordinary Gates of Dawn, Pilies Street, the oldest street in Vilnius, and its many churches. Much of the Old Town is hidden away in courtyards and the visitor is encouraged to explore them. In 1994 the Old Town of Vilnius was inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage list.

## 10.2 Local Transportation

The hotels *Holiday Inn Vilnius*, *Best Western Naujasis Vilnius*, *Ecotel Vilnius* are very close to the *Conference Centre* (a five to ten-minute walk). A free shuttle service will be provided between the *Conference Centre* and *Novotel Vilnius*, which is located further from the venue. Buses will make trips from the hotel to the *Conference Centre* every half an hour in the morning, and every hour during rest of the day. Transportation will also be provided to the official events.

For any other private transport requests, the hotel reception desks will be able to help you find a taxi. The normal rate for a local taxi from the *Conference Centre* to the city centre (one way) is approximately 15-20 Lt (equivalent to 4 to 6 EUR).

## 10.3 Currency

The currency unit in Lithuania is the Lithuanian Litas abbreviated to Lt. Lithuania has a decimal currency system with one Litas equaling 100 cents. Denominations of Litas notes are 500 Lt, 200 Lt, 100 Lt, 50 Lt, 20 Lt, and 10 Lt, and the coins range from 1 cent to 5 Litas. The following exchange rates were applicable on 10 April 2006:

1 United States Dollar	= 2,84 Lt.
1 British Pound	= 4,97 Lt
1 Euro	= 3,45 Lt.

A currency exchange kiosk is available at the Airport (open daily 6h00 – 23h00) in the far left corner as you enter the main arrival hall. Foreign Exchange offices are also available at the main reception in the *Reval Hotel Lietuva* and *Holiday Inn*. The offices are open throughout the week. The currencies EUR, USD, GBP, PLN, CHF, NOK, CZK, SEK, LVL, DKK can be exchanged at these offices, but they do not cash traveller's cheques.

Currency exchange is available at banks (operating hours weekdays 09h00 – 16h00 or 17h00). Banks are closed on Sundays and, with few exceptions, on Saturdays. **Please note** that 6 July is a national holiday in Lithuania. Cash can be withdrawn from automatic machines that are widely distributed in the city and function around the clock.

Credit cards are accepted in most shops, restaurants, cafes and hotels. The most common credit cards are Visa, Mastercard and Eurocard.

## 10.4 Driving Licences

Foreigners with valid a international driving Licence are permitted to drive in Lithuania.

#### 10.5 Electricity Supply

In Lithuania, the electricity supply voltage is 220 V / 50 Hz and plugs have two round pins. Adaptors / transformers are therefore required for different voltages and plugs. The *Reval Hotel Lietuva*, *Holiday Inn*, *Best Western Naujasis Vilnius* and *Novotel Vilnius* have a limited number of adaptors / transformers for guests to use.

#### 10.6 Postal Service

Post Offices are generally open from Monday to Friday from 08h00 to 18h00 and on Saturdays from 8h00 to 14h00. The hotel reception desks will also be able to assist you with postal and courier services.

#### 10.7 Telephone Service

There is a public telephone in the lobby of the *Reval Hotel Lietuva* and the *Conference Centre* which can be used for both local and international calls.

Delegates will have the possibility to buy pre-paid calling cards for mobile / cellular phones near the *Reval Hotel Lietuva* and the *Conference Centre*.

#### 10.8 Smoking Regulations

Smoking is prohibited by law in most public buildings in Lithuania (airport, *Reval Hotel Lietuva* and the *Conference Centre*, etc), except in places that have specially designated areas where smoking is allowed.

#### 10.9 Time

Time in Lithuania is two hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

#### 10.10 Weather

The climate in Lithuania is continental and marine. The weather is normally mild and pleasant with an average July temperature of +23° C during the day and +14°C at night. However, sometimes temperatures can go up to +30° C. Rain is also common in July.

#### 10.11 Health

Lithuania has no health risks.

Lithuanian doctors and dentists are highly trained and hospitals well equipped. First aid will be provided by the organizers; you will be charged for extra medical services. Therefore, it is necessary to have a valid health insurance.

It is safe to drink tap water throughout Lithuania. However, for those who prefer bottled mineral water, it is readily available in various stores and hotels.

**List of Annexes:**

**To be completed:**

- **Annex A:** Registration Form
- **Annex B:** Booking Form for Hotel, Airport transfer, Tours and Excursions

**For information:**

- **Annex C:** List of Hotels
- **Annex D:** List of Complimentary tours and Optional Post Meeting
- **Annex E:** Map of Vilnius

## Annex A

## REGISTRATION FORM

Please attach  
your recent  
photo here

This form is also available online at: <http://www.30whc.org/>

**ONLY for participation at the 30th session of the World Heritage Committee, Vilnius, Lithuania, 8 – 16 July 2006.**

- Please print or type in capital Latin letters
- Please register online or send the Registration form by e-mail: [Viktorija.Budreckaite@urm.lt](mailto:Viktorija.Budreckaite@urm.lt), by fax (+370 5 236 2857) or by post to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania, J.Tumo-Vaižganto str. 2, LT-01511 Vilnius, Lithuania.

<b>1.1 PLEASE COMPLETE THIS PART FIRST</b>					
I am participating as a Committee Member <input type="checkbox"/> _____ (Please specify the Head of your Delegation)					
I am participating as a representative of an Advisory Body: IUCN <input type="checkbox"/> ICOMOS <input type="checkbox"/> ICCROM <input type="checkbox"/>					
I am participating as a representative of a State Party to the Convention <input type="checkbox"/>					
I am participating as a member of the UNESCO Secretariat <input type="checkbox"/>					
I am participating as a representative of an NGO/IGO invited by the Director – General <input type="checkbox"/>					
I requested participation as an Observer, pending confirmation by the Committee <input type="checkbox"/>					
Other <input type="checkbox"/>					
<b>1.2 PERSONAL INFORMATION</b>					
First name				Last name Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. <input type="checkbox"/>	
Nationality				Date and place of birth	
Passport No.:		Passport issued by		Passport expiration date	
Name of organization:				Title / Position	
Address: (Please specify if business or personal)					
Office Phone:				Office fax:	
Personal Phone (optional):				E – mail:	
I prefer to be contacted by : E-mail <input type="checkbox"/> Fax <input type="checkbox"/>					
Do you need a visa? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	If you need a visa, please specify the country in which you intend to apply to the Lithuanian Embassy/Consulate:				
<b>1.3 PERSONAL INFORMATION OF SPOUSE / ACCOMPANYING PERSON</b>					
First name				Last name Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. <input type="checkbox"/>	
Nationality				Date and place of birth	
Passport No.		Passport issued by		Passport expiration date	
Relation to participant:					

## Annex B

### HOTEL, TRANSFER, TOUR, EXCURSION BOOKING FORM

*This form is also available online at: <http://www.30whc.org/>*

**30th session of the World Heritage Committee**

**Reval Hotel Lietuva, Vilnius  
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**HAVE YOU PRE-REGISTERED FOR THE CONFERENCE?  
IF NOT PLEASE COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION FORM - ANNEX A.**

- *Please print or type in capital letters*
- *Please register online or complete the **Hotel, Transfer, Tour, Excursion Booking Form** and send it by e-mail: [whc@baltic-clipper.lt](mailto:whc@baltic-clipper.lt), by fax (+370 5 210 9770) or post it to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania, J.Tumo-Vaižganto str. 2, LT-01511 Vilnius, Lithuania.*
- *Any amendments and cancellations will be accepted in writing and should be sent by e-mail: [whc@baltic-clipper.lt](mailto:whc@baltic-clipper.lt) or fax +370 5 210 9770.*

<b>Last Name / Family Name</b>		<b>First Name</b>		<b>Title: Dr/Prof/ Mr / Mrs / Ms</b>	
<b>Company or Institution</b>					
<b>Postal Address</b>					
<b>City</b>		<b>State</b>		<b>Zip Code</b>	
<b>Country</b>		<b>Phone (including code)</b>		<b>Mobile</b>	
<b>E-mail Address</b>				<b>Fax (including code)</b>	
<b>I prefer to be contacted by:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>E-mail</b>			
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Fax</b>			

## B.I ACCOMMODATION

For full details of the hotels see **Annex C** or visit the conference website (<http://www.30whc.org/>). Please make your hotel reservation with *Baltic Clipper* ([whc@baltic-clipper.lt](mailto:whc@baltic-clipper.lt)) (as soon as possible, since July is the high season in Vilnius. Please select the hotel of your choice from the list, and indicate your preference in the space provided below. All rates are quoted in Euros (EUR) and are subject to change. Rates include bed and breakfast and VAT (5 %). A deposit equal to one night's accommodation is required with your reservation. Balance of the accommodation must be paid to *Baltic Clipper* before 1 June 2006. As this is the high season in Vilnius (coinciding with the school holidays), you may only cancel your reservation up to **10 May** 2006 with full refund, less an administration fee of EUR 20. When cancelled later, the following charges will be applied:

- a. if cancelled between **May 10** and May 20, 10% of the booking value will be charged;
- b. if cancelled between May 21 and May 31, 25% of the booking value will be charged;
- c. if cancelled between June 1 and June 15, 50% of the booking value will be charged;
- d. if cancelled between June 16 and June 30, 75% of the booking value will be charged;
- e. if cancelled after 1 July or in case of no show, a cancellation fee equal to 100% of the booking value will be charged.

The deadline for hotel bookings is 30 June, 2006. Bookings will be processed on a “first come – first served” basis. Late reservations will be confirmed according to availability. All refunds, where applicable, will be processed after the session.

Hotel name: 1st Choice					
Hotel name: 2nd Choice					
In the event that my preferred hotel is unavailable, please book me in a <i>(please enter X where appropriate)</i>		Similar category	Higher category	Lower category	Do not offer me alternatives if 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> choice is unavailable
Arrival date		Departure date		Number of nights	
Room type required <i>(please enter the number of rooms)</i>	Single	Double	Twin	Other (Specify: executive, de luxe, suite)	
Other special hotel requests, e.g. non smoking room					
<b>I. Accommodation : Hotel Deposit</b>			<b>TOTAL</b>	EUR	

## B.II AIRPORT TRANSFERS

If you would like to book transfers between Vilnius International Airport and the *Conference Centre*, please fill out the details below. A pre-booked and paid transfer costs 10 EUR per person one way. A transfer paid on arrival costs 12 EUR per person one way.

Date of Transfer	Pick up from	Flight Time	Flight No.	Drop off Point	Number of persons	Cost
	Vilnius International Airport					EUR
				Vilnius International Airport		EUR
<b>II. Airport Transfers:</b>				<b>TOTAL</b>		EUR

### B.III COMPLIMENTARY TOURS

Delegates are entitled to complimentary tours to Vilnius Old Town (10, 11, 13, 14 July 2006), Kernavė Archeological Site (15 July 2006) and Kaunas (15 July, 2006). Please indicate your choice in the table below. Full itineraries are available on the website <http://www.30whc.org/>. The tour language is English, but tours in French will be conducted if there is a sufficient number of participants.

Tour / date / preferred language (EN, FR)	Name of delegate	Name of spouse / accompanying person
Number of persons:		

### B.IV OPTIONAL POST MEETING EXCURSIONS

For full details please visit the website <http://www.30whc.org/>.

Please select the excursion of your choice from the excursion list on the website and complete the excursion booking section. A deposit of 20 EUR is required with your booking to confirm the excursion reservation. The balance of the excursion price must reach *Baltic Clipper* by 1 June. Any excursions booked after this date must be paid in full immediately.

The deadline for booking excursions is 15 June. Late reservations will be confirmed according to availability.

**ALL** excursions are subject to *Baltic Clipper* and their appointed tour operators' terms and conditions.

**Cancellation of excursions:** You may only cancel your reservation up to 1 June 2006 with full refund, less an administration fee of 20 EUR.

Once excursions are confirmed, they will be subject to the following cancellation fees:

- a. if cancelled between June 1 and June 15, 20% of the booking value will be charged;
- b. if cancelled between June 16 and July 10, 50% of the booking value will be charged;
- c. if cancelled between July 10 and July 15, 75% of the booking value will be charged;
- d. if cancelled after July 15, or in case of no show, a cancellation fee equal to 100% of the booking value will be charged.



Option number and name of excursion	Name of delegate	Name of spouse / accompanying person	Cost per person
Number of persons:			<b>Total</b> EUR

In case the number of participants for an excursion does not reach the minimum required, you will be offered an alternative excursion at its actual cost.

#### B.V TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE AND SERVICES BOOKED

(Use this section to summarize your requirements and calculate the total of your payments due)

Section:	Amount
<b>I</b> Accommodation	EUR
<b>II</b> Airport transfers	EUR
<b>III</b> Complimentary Tours	0 EUR
<b>IV</b> Optional post meeting excursions	EUR
<b>TOTAL</b>	EUR

#### B.VI PAYMENT DETAILS *(please enter X in the appropriate box)*

Option One <b>Bank Transfer</b>	Please specify "World Heritage Committee Meeting" on your bank transfer. Forward to: UAB <i>Baltic Clipper</i> , Laivės al. 61-1, LT-44304 Kaunas, Lithuania. Beneficiary's bank: Vilniaus Bankas, Gedimino pr. 12, LT-01103 Vilnius, Lithuania, Account No. LT65 7044 0600 0308 6729, Swift No. CBVILT2X, bank BIC 70440. Correspondent bank: Dresdner Bank, Frankfurt am Main, Germany, Swift No. DRES DE FF.
Option Two <b>Credit card</b>	Should you choose to use this option, please complete the authorization below to enable <i>Baltic Clipper</i> to debit your credit card. Please fax a copy of the front and back of your credit card to <i>Baltic Clipper</i> Fax: +370 5 210 9770

I, the undersigned, do hereby authorize *Baltic Clipper* to debit my credit Card for the following amounts:

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Amount \_\_\_\_\_ EUR

(please print or type in capital letters)

as deposit \_\_\_\_\_  
as full payment \_\_\_\_\_

(please enter X where appropriate)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name of cardholder \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

- *Please register online or send the Booking form (Annex B I-VI) by e-mail: [whc@baltic-clipper.lt](mailto:whc@baltic-clipper.lt) or print the form and fax it (+370 5 210 9770), or post it to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania, J.Tumo-Vaižganto str. 2, LT-01511 Vilnius, Lithuania.*

*Any amendments and cancellations will be accepted in writing and should be sent by e-mail: [whc@baltic-clipper.lt](mailto:whc@baltic-clipper.lt) or fax (+370 5 210 9770).*

## Annex C

### LIST OF HOTELS

The hotel grading is as follows: \*\*\*\*\* 5 star: Superior; \*\*\*\* 4 star: Luxury; \*\*\* 3 star: Medium; \*\* 2 star: Budget. (The higher the grade the more expensive the accommodation, with corresponding quality and services.)

#### **Reval Hotel Lietuva \* \* \* \***

Konstitucijos pr. 20, Vilnius

Tel: + 370 5 272 6272 Fax: + 370 5 272 6270

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

Recently renovated, 291 room <i>Reval Hotel Lietuva</i> and its <i>Conference Centre</i> is situated on the bank of the River Neris in the centre of Vilnius, only a 10-minute walk to the Old Town. All rooms are equipped with a large working desk, direct dial phone, cable TV and paid TV, Internet connection, free Wireless Internet, minibar, hairdryer, individual air-conditioning. <i>Reval Hotel Lietuva</i> and its <i>Conference Centre</i> is the venue of the 30 <sup>th</sup> World Heritage committee session.		
<b>Location</b>	Vilnius International Airport International bus / train station Venue Vilnius Old Town	9 Kilometres 4 Kilometres 0 Kilometre 1,5 Kilometres
<b>Amenities</b>	Fitness room, sauna Restaurants: <i>Riverside</i> Bars: <i>Sky Bar, Lobby Bar</i>	
<b>Services</b>	Concierge Service Function Rooms Laundry Service Parking Business Service	
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	Disabled facilities. For any special requirements, please contact the Hotel Management.	
<b>Room rates</b>	Standard single room Standard double room Single de luxe Double de luxe Executive room Suite Presidential Suite	108 EUR 126 EUR 135 EUR 153 EUR 162 EUR 230 EUR 350 EUR

## Holiday Inn Vilnius \* \* \* \*

Seimyniskiu str. 1, Vilnius

Tel: + 370 5 210 3000 Fax: + 370 5 210 3001

<http://www.holidayinnvilnius.lt>

The <i>Holiday Inn Vilnius</i> is located in the city centre and close to the Old Town. The hotel has 134 comfortable rooms which have soundproofed windows, individually-controlled air conditioning systems, telephone, satellite TV, in – house movies and a working desk with data port.		
<b>Location</b>	Vilnius International Airport International bus/ train station Venue Vilnius Old Town	9 Kilometres 4 Kilometres 0,5 Kilometres 1,5 Kilometres
<b>Amenities</b>	Fitness room, sauna Restaurants: <i>Terra El Dorado</i> Bars: <i>Lobby Bar</i>	
<b>Services</b>	Concierge Service Function Rooms Laundry Service Parking Business Service	
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	Disabled facilities. For any special requirements, please contact the Hotel Management.	
<b>Room rates</b>	Standard single room	98 EUR
	Standard double room	119 EUR
	Business class single room	133 EUR
	Business class double room	154 EUR
	Suite	196 EUR

## Novotel Vilnius \* \* \* \*

Gedimino pr. 16, Vilnius

Tel: + 370 5 266 6200 Fax: + 370 5 266 6200

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

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

<i>Novotel Vilnius</i> is located in the heart of the city, in the historical and business centre. In each of the 159 rooms there is a bathroom, satellite TV, mini-bar, hairdryer, direct dial telephone with the Internet access and working desk.		
<b>Location</b>	Vilnius International Airport International bus/ train station Venue Vilnius Old town	7 Kilometres 3 Kilometres 1 Kilometre 0,2 Kilometres
<b>Amenities</b>	Fitness room, a sauna. Restaurants: the <i>Garden Brasserie</i> Bars: <i>Palanga</i>	
<b>Services</b>	Concierge Service Function Rooms Laundry Service Parking Business Service	
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	Disabled facilities. For any special requirements, please contact the Hotel Management.	
<b>Room rates</b>	Standard single room	108 EUR
	Standard double room	116 EUR

## Best Western Naujasis Vilnius \* \* \* \*

Konstitucijos pr. 14, Vilnius

Tel: + 370 5 273 9595 Fax: + 370 5 273 9500

<http://www.hotelnv.lt>

Built in 1975, adapted to modern standards, the hotel is situated on the right side of the river Neris, in the newly emerging business district, close to the venue of the 30 <sup>th</sup> World Heritage Committee session. The hotel has 114 rooms, all with private facilities, satellite TV, mini-bar, hairdryer, direct dial telephone with Internet access and a working desk.		
<b>Location</b>	Vilnius International Airport International bus/ train station Venue Vilnius Old Town	9 Kilometres 4 Kilometres 0,2 Kilometres 1,5 Kilometres
<b>Amenities</b>	Fitness Centre, swimming pool Restaurants: <i>Europa Classic</i>	
<b>Services</b>	Concierge Service Function Rooms Laundry Service Parking Business Service	
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	Disabled facilities. For any special requirements, please contact the Hotel Management.	
<b>Room rates</b>	Standard single room	98 EUR
	Standard double room	110 EUR

## Ecotel Vilnius \* \*

Slucko str. 8, Vilnius

Tel: + 370 5 210 2700 Fax: + 370 5 210 2707

<http://www.ecotel.lt/>

New economy-class hotel <i>Ecotel Vilnius</i> has 168 rooms. It is located in the centre of Vilnius in the most rapidly developing area of the city on the right bank of the river <i>Neris</i> . The hotel <i>Ecotel Vilnius</i> offers standard single, double / twin and triple rooms. All rooms have a shower or bath, WC, telephone, TV with remote control and satellite television.		
<b>Location</b>	Vilnius International Airport International bus/ train station Venue Vilnius Old town	9 Kilometres 4 Kilometres 0,8 Kilometre 1,5 Kilometres
<b>Amenities</b>	<i>Lobby bar</i> , breakfast room	
<b>Services</b>	Function Rooms Laundry Service Parking Business Service	
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	Disabled facilities. For any special requirements, please contact the Hotel Management.	
<b>Room rates</b>	Standard single room	49 EUR
	Standard double room	55 EUR

To view the exact location of the hotels, please consult **Annex E**.

## Annex D

### LIST OF COMPLEMENTARY TOURS AND OPTIONAL POST MEETING EXCURSIONS

*The full programme of social activities of the 30th session of the World Heritage Committee will be available on the Conference website <http://www.30whc.org/>*

#### COMPLIMENTARY TOURS

##### I. 10, 11, 13, 14 July 2006

###### **Vilnius Old Town**

See page 9, 10.1 Survey of Vilnius

##### II. 15 July 2006

###### **Option 1: Kernavė Archaeological Site**

The Kernavė Archaeological Site, in eastern Lithuania about 35 km northwest of Vilnius, represents an exceptional testimony to some 10 millennia of human settlements in this region. Situated in the valley of the River Neris, the site is a complex ensemble of archaeological properties, encompassing the town of Kernavė, forts, some unfortified settlements, burial sites and other archaeological, historical and cultural monuments from the late Palaeolithic period to the Middle Ages. The site of 194,4 hectares has preserved the traces of ancient land use, as well as the remains of five impressive hill forts, part of an exceptionally large defence system. Kernavė was an important feudal town in the Middle Ages. Although the town was destroyed by the Teutonic Order in the late 14<sup>th</sup> century, the site remained in use until modern times.

The State Cultural Reserve of Kernavė was established to preserve a territorial complex of cultural properties within the territory, organize permanent research, manage the site efficiently, exhibit and promote it. All the material concerning archaeological research (archaeological findings, scientific reports) can be consulted by the general public at the Archaeological and Historical Museum of the State Cultural Reserve of Kernavė.

The Kernavė Archaeological Site was inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List in 2004.

###### **Option 2: Kaunas**

Situated in the centre of the country, Kaunas, the second largest city of Lithuania, was the temporary capital between the two world wars (1919 – 1939). The city developed at the confluence of two rivers, where settlements had appeared back in the 9<sup>th</sup> century. In the course of the resistance to the invasions into Lithuania by German knights in the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> centuries, a complete network of castles sprang up along the banks of the main river Nemunas. The Kaunas castle fortifications were among Lithuania's first masonry structures.

In the Middle Ages, the history of Kaunas was linked with the name of Grand Duke Vytautas. After the city had been granted a Magdeburg Charter in 1408, the *Town Hall Square* became the liveliest part of the city. Cloaked in white and ornate late Baroque, its slender tower rising above the Old Town, the *Town Hall* is often referred to by residents as the *White Swan*. On the bank of the Nemunas, the *Vytautas Church*, one of the first to be built in Lithuania, used to welcome visitors and merchants from afar. In general, the heritage of Gothic architecture is more varied in Kaunas than in Vilnius, with surviving Gothic elements in the Renaissance structures.

Mikalojus Konstantinas Čiurlionis (1875-1911), the most famous Lithuanian composer, painter and originator of Lithuania symphonic music, renowned for his romantic passion, symbols and mysterious visions, influenced subsequent generations of artists. Those wishing to penetrate the Lithuanian soul should see his pictures in the National M. K. Čiurlionis Art Museum and not miss an opportunity to listen to his symphonic poems *The Sea* and *In the Forest*.

Currently many guests are also attracted to Kaunas for its famous *Pažaislis Music Festival*. The international music event takes place every summer in the churchyard of the Pažaislis Monastery in front of the grey sandstone façade with its twin towers. *Pažaislis Monastery*, lying on the shore of the Kaunas Sea, is one of the most important works of 17<sup>th</sup> century elite Baroque in northeast Europe. Sheltered in wonderful surroundings, the Pažaislis Monastery radiates ancient romanticism and spirituality.

## OPTIONAL POST MEETING EXCURSIONS

*17 - 18 July 2006*

### **Option 1: Žemaitija National Park**

The Žemaitija National Park was established to preserve the most important areas of the Žemaitija region from the natural and cultural point of view. The Park lies at the watershed of three rivers. The most important site is the Plateliai group of lakes, which includes Lake Plateliai, the largest in the region. Most of the area is covered with relatively high hills (150-190 m). Local people have preserved their dialect, customs and character features. The old cultural traditions and festivals of the Žemaitija region are maintained and revived here.

The Park has 12 natural features, one of the most impressive being the *Ragana* (witch) ash-tree, Lithuania's biggest ashtree, measuring 7.2 m in diameter and 32 m in height.

The Park contains over 200 cultural heritage features, more than 30 of which are archaeological monuments: traces of Stone Age settlements, mounds, altar hills and old burial grounds.

The former Soviet Army nuclear missile underground launching site, built in 1962, now contains a military exhibition.

The granary of Plateliai Manor exhibits a display of Shrovetide masks, archaeological findings, old tools and household implements. It is also used as a place for exhibitions on a permanent basis.

**Excursion price:**      108 EUR in shared twin room  
                                 135 EUR in single room

### **Option 2: Dzūkija National Park**

Dzūkija National Park is the largest protected area in Lithuania containing a variety of features from the smallest stream to Lithuania's largest river. A number of plant species reached Lithuania via valleys and sandy plains, especially from southeastern and central Europe. The Park is consequently rich in species which are either extremely rare in Lithuania or not found elsewhere.

The main features include the river valleys, the striking continental dunes, the erosional geomorphological sites, swamps, dry forests typical of Dzūkija, rare plant and animal species and other natural features.

The river Ūla, which crosses a strip of the continental dunes and flows through a narrow canyon-type valley with picturesque eroded steep slopes, is one of the most impressive rivers in Lithuania.

Old beekeeping practices in hollowed pines or tree hollows are also interesting. There are several dozen hollow pines measuring up to 70-90 cm in diameter and the oblong and vertical hollows once served as beehives.

Many Stone Age settlements can be found along the rivers of the Dzūkija National Park. The old villages, examples of the region's ethnic culture, situated in the forests and by the river Nemunas, are particularly interesting. The grouping of the boulders is believed to be evidence of a former astronomical observatory. Many stones have different marks, referred to as "devil's footprints" or "bull's hoofprints".

The Park has the Museum of Regional Studies, the Ethnographic Museum and the Čepkeliai Reserve Nature Museum.

**Excursion price:** 111 EUR in shared twin room  
145 EUR in single room

### **Option 3: Aukštaitija National Park**

The Aukštaitija National Park is the first national park in Lithuania to be known for its superb, clean lakes connected by picturesque straits, ethnographic villages, expressive land formations and an abundance of forests.

The main natural features include the interesting ridge with the hill-forts and the mound of Ladakalnis, one of the finest viewpoints in Lithuania.

The Park contains unique ethnographic villages, an architectural ensemble of a wooden church, water mills and graves of rebels from the 1863 uprising against tsarist Russia.

Among the Park's museums, the Beekeeping Museum is probably the most interesting, with various old beehives and bee-keeping equipment on display. Visitors can learn about the history of beekeeping in Lithuania.

As the Park has six water mills, one of them containing a complete set of authentic machinery, it has been listed as a monument of technology. The museum also contains a small display called *Rugio kelias* (The Way of Rye).

**Excursion price:** 37 EUR per person

### **Option 4: Curonian Spit**

People settled on the 98 km long and 0.4 - 4 km. wide sand dune peninsula in prehistoric times. The present landscape of the Curonian Spit is a result of man's incessant struggle against the elements of wind and water, which is reflected by centuries-old projects of stabilization and re-planting of dunes.

In the 15th century the whole Curonian Spit was covered in a majestic forest made up of oaks, firs and pines, which were subsequently intensively felled. The forests suffered particularly during the Seven-Year War (1756 – 1763). Destroyed forests freed sand masses and west winds brought additional sand from the seashore. The sand, driven by the wind, moved across the peninsula toward the Curonian Lagoon and on the way immense dunes buried more than one littoral fishing-village. Several generations had to work hard to control the sand and create the pleasant landscape of the present day Curonian Spit.

The Curonian Spit was inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List in December 2000.

**Excursion price:** 113 EUR in shared twin room  
142 EUR in single room



# MAP OF VILNIUS

