



PPPT-7 – Preliminary social program

- 1. Monday, 17.09.12 (15:00 – 18:00)** – sightseeing bus-tour of **MINSK**
Departure/arrival from/to: the NASB Presidium, Nezavisimosti Av., 66)



Minsk founded more than 900 years ago. Minsk is the city where one can find the best of the Belarusian cultural heritage museums, exhibitions, theatres.



- 2. Tuesday, 18.09.12** – **Conference Welcome Party**

- 3. Wednesday, 19.09.12 (19:00)** – attending a ballet performance presented by the **National Academic Bolshoi Opera and Ballet Theatre of Belarus**



admirers.

For the last 15 years the theatre collective has visited more than 30 countries of the world: from Portugal and Spain to Japan and China, from Norway and Great Britain to Turkey and Thailand – everywhere the Theatre has found the hot

- 4. Friday, 21.09.12** – a choice of two activities is offered:

- 1) bus-tour to NESVIZH (9:00 – 19:00, 120km south-west of Minsk)**



Nesvizh is named **Belarus' 2012 Capital of Culture**. Nesvizh Palace is considered as the country's most beautiful and most famous palace in which several architectural styles are combined. Architectural, Residential and Cultural Complex of the Radziwill Family. The first mention about the construction of the castle dates from the year 1551. In 2006 this monument was added to the UNESCO World Heritage List. It has newly opened after being reconstructed.



The PROGRAM:

- Excursion along Nesvizh, one of the most ancient towns of Belarus: Sluck gate (Slutskaya Brama, the 16th century), the Nesvizh Farny Cathedral (established in 1587), the Nesvizh Town Hall
(http://www.minskguide.travel/culture_minsk_tours/nesvizh_mir_tour.html,
<http://explov.com/nesvizh>).
- Visit the Nesvizh castle, a former palace of the Radziwill family which has one of the largest landscaped parks in Europe (<http://www.belarus.by/en/travel/belarus-life/nesvizh-palace>, http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nesvizh_Castle). The tourist guide will tell you exciting stories about one of the most influential family in the Great Duchy of Lithuania - the Radzivilis.
- Lunch will be served in the City hall.

For details, see http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nesvizh_Castle
<http://www.belarus.by/en/travel/belarus-life/nesvizh-palace>
http://eng.belarustourism.by/catalog/14_20835.html

2) visiting the National Library of Belarus (9:00 – 13:00)

The National Library of Belarus is a major universal research library with the status of information, social and cultural centre of the Republic of Belarus.

(<http://www.wayfaring.info/2009/01/03/national-library-of-minsk-one-architectural-diamond/>, http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Library_of_Belarus)



The new Library building in high-tech style is a visiting card for the city of Minsk. Construction work on the new building of the Library started in 2002 and was finished in 2006. The upper part looks like a diamond placed in the centre of a stylobate (the lower part of the building). In the 'diamond' the collection of about 8.4 million items is kept.