

CULTURAL OUTING TO THE CIMETIERE RUSSE and CHATEAU DE GROSBOIS

On Thursday, 3rd October 2019

RV 9.45 a.m. at the Cimetière Russe, 8, rue Léo Lagrange, 91700 Sainte-Geneviève des Bois



Morning: Guided Visit of the Cemetery

The Cimetière de Liers was created as the second communal cemetery on 8th February 1879 in the city of Sainte Geneviève des Bois in France, 25 km south of Paris. In 1927, some of the land was granted to Dorothy Paget, an English benefactress, in order to house the burials of the White Russians who arrived in Paris after the Bolshevik revolution in Russia. She had set up a (still active) retirement home for Russian émigrés in the nearby Château de la Cossionnerie, with Elena Orlov and her sister, Princess Vera Meshchersky. Since then, this part of the cemetery is known as the Russian Cemetery. In 1938-39 Albert Benois designed the Dormition Church (Eglise de la Dormition-de-la-Mère-de-Dieu) which serves the cemetery. The church is regarded as an important historic monument and is built in the style of Novgorod Churches of the 15th and 16th centuries



Afternoon: Guided visit of the Château de Grosbois, 46 av de Grosbois, 94440 Marolles-en-Brie (40 kms.)

Since 1226, Grosbois has been part of the royal estate. In 1562, Raoul Moreau, Epargne treasurer, became the owner and built the château, which was then sold 20 years later to Charles de Valois, Duke of Angoulême. The duke made drastic changes to the château and designed the park. He then had the surrounding wall built in 1623. The dining room has period decoration with frescoes by Abraham Bosse. When the duke died in 1650, many other people took over until the Revolution. In 1797, Barras acquired the Grosbois area but

after the 18th Brumaire coup d'état in year VIII (1799) Barras was placed under house arrest and General Moreau became the new owner; Grosbois changed hands once more when Marshal Berthier bought the property in 1805. He then expanded the area to the surrounding grounds and woods to provide the best hunting for the Empire. Through the decor of each room (Empire furnishings by Jacob Frères, paintings and family portraits, a battles gallery, Aubusson upholstered chairs, fan collections and frescoes etc.), a Napoleonic presence was created throughout the castle. His son, Napoleon Berthier also created the library containing over 3000 military and historic works

Price for the day: €58 (including lunch)

Mobile: 06 60 83 33 12

Registration Form

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First name.....Family name.....Membership Nr.....

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Mobile.....Landline.....

Number of persons:.....at €58.....= €.....

Send cheque (made out to PADFAS) to **Ghislaine Elliott, 7bis rue Monceau, 75008 Paris**

As transport during the day is complicated, we suggest taking a car (50 kms from Paris).

Please let us know if you have a car: Yes...No... If you do, how many places would be available ? 1...2...3...

Do you want a place? Yes....No....

Before sending your cheque and reply, please register by phone : 06 60 83 33 12 or e-mail to gammelliott@gmail.com