

16. Sightseeing:

During the inevitable gaps between meetings Canadian businessmen can enjoy interesting city sightseeing. Among the leading attractions are the Kremlin Armoury museum, Kremlin grounds and cathedrals, Red Square (including Lenin Mausoleum), Pushkin and Tretiakov art museums, Novodevichy monastery, and a one-day weekend trip to the old Zagorsk religious centre north of Moscow. Business and pleasure may be mixed at the USSR Exhibition of National Economic Achievement. This permanent park of pavilions and displays demonstrates many aspects of Soviet agriculture and industry. Each republic of the USSR has its own pavilion showing agricultural achievements complete with many samples and descriptive data. Among the favourite pavilions are the cosmos and atomic energy pavilions. The livestock, agricultural machinery, and grains displays are also interesting. Always ask permission before photographing people. Do not photograph airports, factories, military installations, railways, or any other scenes which could be considered to have anything other than touristic interest. You are advised to bring camera film for processing outside the Soviet Union.

17. Timing and Clothing:

Avoid business visits in August when many officials are on holiday. It is also recommended that the first two weeks of May (1-2 May and 9 May holidays) and first week of November (7-8 Revolution holiday) be avoided. Moscow closes most of its hotels to foreigners during the above periods. It is advisable to check with the Canadian Embassy to ensure that your trip does not conflict with major political meetings, international conferences, or large trade fairs often held in Moscow. When visiting wear warm clothing in winter with a heavy overcoat and a hat providing ear protection. Good water-resistant snow boots and warm gloves are also suggested. Moscow and Leningrad are known for long, cold winters with heavy snowfall. It is preferable not to wear any nylon clothes. Wear light woollens or other clothing in summer and take a raincoat and/or umbrella, especially for the European portion of the USSR. A pair of good walking shoes will be needed. Shorts are not usually worn. Evening dress is not required for ordinary entertainment and formal wear is non-existent. During both farm and