

GENERAL CONDITIONS

Royal Days International Folk Dance Festival in Székesfehérvár, Hungary

The "Royal Days" International Folk Dance Festival is held once annually, between the 14th and 21st of August in Székesfehérvár, Hungary.

1. Invitation Procedure & Regulations

- **Invited groups** after receiving our official "Invitation Letter" must officially confirm their participation on the festival. (By fax or post.)
- The **maximum** number of participants per group cannot exceed more than **30 persons** including (dancers, musicians, directors, bus drivers, etc.) The number of directors/delegation cannot exceed 3 persons.
- **Live music is required.** Electronic music is not acceptable.
- Send us a CD/DVD containing photos in colour, a short video of your performances, history of the group and any references that you have etc.
- All participating groups must send a list with the names of participants

2. If a visa required

- You must send all required official data. (For every group member: copy of passport, name of participants, official document for the "Hungarian Immigration Office").
- You must organise the visa for your ensemble and cover all related costs.

3. Transportation – Travel Information

- You should inform us about your travel arrangements as soon as possible (means of transport, arrival and departure times.)
- Travelling to and from Hungary is organised and funded by your group or organisation. (Airfare, bus costs, etc.)
- You will have to pay for all other expenses related to your transportation from your home country to Hungary and the return journey (excess baggage, taxes, insurances, etc.)
- When travelling by plane or train, you will be **picked up** from the airport or station in Budapest and transported to the city of the festival "Székesfehérvár" (Approx.60 km from Budapest.)
- Otherwise, you will arrive to Székesfehérvár by bus.

4. Royal Days International Folk Festival provides the following Free of Charge

- **Accommodation** (from 14th until 21st of August -7 nights)
- **Breakfast, lunch and dinner** every day.
- **Translator**
- **Transfer** to Szekesfehervar:
 - a) your travel expenses from Budapest Airport OR
 - b) when travelling by bus: on entering the borders of Hungary the festival pays the journey to Szekesfehervar (from the border of Hungary) Paid amount is maximum 0.4 EUR / km. Same applies to return journey, at the end of the festival.
- **Medical service** (The necessary insurance has to be settled by the group in its home country.)
- **Personnel and technical background** during performances (host, stage, microphones, lighting, etc.)
- **Drinks** during the performances
- **Tickets** to open-air **swimming pool** and **museums** during the festival in Székesfehérvár.

5. Festival programs in Székesfehérvár and nearby cities

- Processions, open air and theatre performances.
- Performance times: from 10 – 90 minutes (depending on the programme)
- Performances: a) alone; b) in groups of two c) in larger groups d) with all the groups
- One **Folk Evening** of the group: to introduce your country's dances, songs, traditions, customs, games, gastronomy etc. (Example: short theatre performance, folk dance teaching for the audience, folk music, gastronomy)
- For your Folk Evening, please bring any **special ingredient** that is not probably available in Hungary: Unique ingredients, sweets, spices, drinks etc. General ingredients will be provided by the organisers (flour, oil, eggs, vegetables etc.) Cooking for the folk evening is possible at the centre of the festival.
- **Teaching** of dances, songs, games for children
- **Protocol programs** (On the protocol programs -e.g. at Mayor's reception- groups usually give a small **gift** or **souvenir** to the mayor
- You must bring your national flag. You can also bring the flag of your state, county, group, etc.
- You should bring a recording of the national anthem of your country.
- There is possibility to sell handicrafts in the centre of the festival (necklaces, earrings etc.)
- During processions, performances and protocol programs **all participants must wear traditional costume**
- **Free time** (for relaxing, sightseeing etc.)
- The program of the festival is susceptible to changes.

6. Accommodation

- The folk group – dancers, musicians and directors - and the bus drivers will have accommodation in youth hostels of our city. (3 persons/room)

7. Earlier Arrival – Late Stay

It is possible to extend your stay before or after the time of the festival (times stated in the "Invitation Letter"). In case of early arrival or late stay all costs must be covered by your group/organisation.

Youth Hostel: approximately 40 EUR per day including accommodation and dining; or:

Four Star Hotel: approximately 60 EUR per day – meals excluded

Please inform us about any early arrival or late stay.

8. Weather Information

During August, the time of the festival, average daily temperature is 25-35 °C. Evenings are sometimes cool with occasional rain. Please bring adequate clothing for all occasions.

9. Closing Statements

During the festival, your behaviour and activities in general must be governed according to the general arrangements of international festivals.

All other conditions shall be according to the general arrangements of international festivals. (CIOFF regulations.)

The acceptance of the invitation certifies the acceptance of the above conditions.

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