



# Hungarian Newsletter

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## Updates for 2001

### News

We offer a nice guided promenade extending to the whole castle area.. This program is organized by the Buda Castle Information Office of the Budapest Tourist Office in Hungarian and English languages, however, our colleagues also undertake to organize walking tours in German, French, Spanish and Russian languages if required.

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Furthermore, the Budapest Tourist Office wishes to involve in the program the Budapest hotels whose guests are interested in such an excellent, cultural-tourist promenade.

### Attractions

*The Budapest Tourist Office will organize walking tours in the Castle of Buda this season again, however, with a little change compared to the previous year.*

### Hotels

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**From 2001 we offer reduced prices for pensioners and students in order that Hungarian tourists should find our services more attractive.**



Castle on the Danube

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#### **Will Andrassy út become a part of the World Heritage?**

On the initiative of the Local Government of Terézváros District (Budapest), the Ministry of Hungarian National Cultural Heritage applied to the UNESCO International World Heritage Committee for granting Andrassy út (Andrassy Avenue) and its surroundings a world heritage status as an extension of the existing Budapest world heritage area.

In the middle of February, the UNESCO announced the registration of Andrassy út, together with Liszt Ferenc tér (Liszt Ferenc Square), Hősök tere (Heroes' Square) and the millenary underground line among the possible future sites possessing the world heritage status.

The so-called protection zone of the designated area will include the Pest Broadway Cultural Quarter, the Synagogue Quarter and the whole area of Városliget (City Park). This protection area is meant to satisfy the demands of increased tourism expected within the area.

#### **WELTRA Meeting**

*This is the 14<sup>th</sup> time that the Meeting & WELTRA professional conference tourism fair was organized in Brussels.*

Hungary had not participated in this exhibition before, and this year we were given the opportunity to introduce ourselves as a special guest. As a registered site of 300 international organizations, the town of Brussels is an excellent place for a conference tourism fair, since the community market is the dominant segment of conference tourism.

223 companies exhibited in the fair: the conference offices of 14 towns/countries, 17 tourist offices, 15 conference centers, 49 hotels, 37 incentive offices, 24 press representatives and several service provider companies.

Continuous educational programs and lectures were presented in different topics during the exhibition. The leader of the Hungarian Conference Office held a 15-minute presentation on the situation of the Hungarian conference tourism and the topical issues.

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2-4 June	<b>INTERNATIONAL VEHICLE PARADE</b>	Hungarian Railway History park
3 June	<b>8<sup>th</sup> DREHER MARATHON RELAY RACE</b>	Start and arrival at Kossuth Square (V., Kossuth tér)
15-24 June	<b>WATER POLO EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP</b>	Margaret Island, National Sports Swimming Pool (Margitsziget)
16 June	<b>DANUBE CARNIVAL</b>	Margaret Island Open Stage (Margitsziget)
21 June	<b>CELEBRATION OF MUSIC</b>	Tabán, Vérmező, Gellért Hill (Gellérthegy), City Park (Városliget), Hero's Square (Hősök tere), Margaret Island (Margitsziget), Nehru-part (Nehru Bank)
23 June	<b>CELEBRATION OF THE BRIDGE</b>	Clark Ádám tér (Clark Ádám Square), Roosevelt Square, Chain Bridge (Lánchíd), Tunnel (Alagút)
23 June	<b>DANUBE WATER CARNIVAL</b>	Bank of the Danube
23 June	<b>KARATE WORLD CUP</b>	SAP Event Hall
30 June – 1 July	<b>BUDAPEST KERMESS (commemorating the withdrawal of Russian soldiers)</b>	Shipyard Island of Óbuda (Óbudai Hajógyári Sziget), Vörösmarty Square, (Vörösmarty tér), Andrassy Avenue (Andrássi út), Hero's Square (Hősök tere), Felvonulási Square (Felvonulási tér), City Park (Városliget), Vajdahunyad Castle (Vajdahunyadvár)

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12 July	<b>LIGHT OPERA GALA</b>	Vajdahunyad Castle (Vajdahunyadvár)
1-8 August	<b>STUDENT ISLAND FESTIVAL</b>	Shipyards Island of Óbuda (III., Óbudai Hajógyári Sziget)
4-19 August	<b>BUDAPEST SUMMER OPERA AND BALLET FESTIVAL</b>	Hungarian State Opera House
16-19 August	<b>FORMULA 1 MARLBORO HUNGARIAN PRIZE</b>	Hungaroring in Mogyoród
18-20 August	<b>DANUBE BANK FESTIVAL</b>	Lower Embankment of Pest (V., Pesti alsó rakpart)
20 August	<b>FESTIVAL OF CRAFTS</b>	The Castle Of Buda (Budai vár)
25 August	<b>BUDAPEST PARADE</b>	Andrássi Avenue (Andrássy út), Felvonulási Square (Felvonulási tér)
28-30 August	<b>SUMMER JEWISH CULTURAL FESTIVAL</b>	Petőfi Leisure Centre (Petőfi Csarnok)
4-16 September	<b>10<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL WINE AND CHAMPAGNE FESTIVAL OF BUDAPEST</b>	Szent György Square (I., Szent György tér), Congress Centre of Szentendre
14-16 September	<b>12<sup>th</sup> CHAMPAGNE AND WINE FESTIVAL OF BUDAFOK</b>	Törley Champagne Factory, Promontorbor Cellar, Hungarovin Cellar, König Cellar, Lics Cellar
14-23 September	<b>INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION OF BUDAPEST FAIR OF CONSUMER PRODUCTS</b>	Budapest Exposition Centre
2 September	<b>16<sup>th</sup> NIKE INTERNATIONAL SEMI-MARATHON OF BUDAPEST</b>	Start and arrival: City Park (XIV., Városliget)
30 September	<b>16<sup>th</sup> KAISER-PLUS INTERNATIONAL MARATHON AND RUNNING FESTIVAL IN BUDAPEST</b>	Start: Hero's Square (Hősök tere) Arrival: City Park (Városliget)

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19 October – 4 November	<b>BUDAPEST AUTUMN FESTIVAL</b>	Budapest
18 October – 18 November	<b>WORLD PRESS PHOTO EXHIBITION</b>	Museum of Ethnography
30 October – 3 November	<b>HOVENTA – INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND CATERING TECHNOLOGY EXPOSITION</b>	Budapest Exposition Centre
14 October	<b>4<sup>th</sup> AVON WOMEN'S WORLD RUN AND FINAL</b>	Start and arrival: Margaret Island (XIII., Margitsziget)
23 October	<b>VIENNA-BUDAPEST SUPER MARATHON RUNNING RACE</b>	Budapest
1 December – 24 December	<b>BUDAPEST CHRISTMAS FAIR</b>	Vörösmarty Square (V., Vörösmarty tér)
1 January 2002	<b>NEW YEAR'S CONCERT</b>	Hungarian State Opera House (Operaház)

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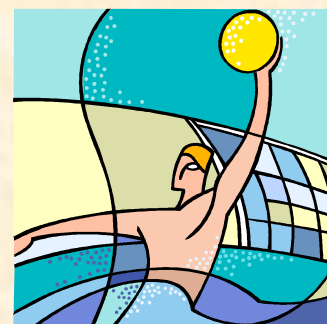
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### **Water Polo European Championship in Budapest**

The 25th Water Polo European Championship for both men and women will be organized in Budapest between 15 and 24 of June 2001.

The event takes place in Hajós Alfréd National Sports Swimming Pool on Margaret Island (Nemzeti Sportuszoda – Margitsziget).

Tickets are sold from 15 April. The pass valid for 64 matches costs 36000 HUF and the ticket prices for the individual matches range from 1500 HUF to 7500 HUF, depending on the date and the stake of the match in question.



### **The most important events of Budapest Sports Office**

- 30 September 2001 Kaiser's Plus Budapest International Marathon and Running Festival
- 02 September 2001 Nike Budapest Semi-Marathon
- 14 October 2001 Avon Women's World Run - Budapest World Final

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## Events — Music

### NEW ORLEANS MUSIC CLUB & RESTAURANT

#### News

The New Orleans, a new Central-European jazz club, was opened on 17 April 2001. It is expected to provide high-standard music programmes, and thus, become one of the most frequented music clubs of the capital and the Broadway of Pest.

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The delicious dishes served in the restaurant are prepared by Master Chef Miklós Juhász and his team.

##### Sports

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#### Upcoming programmes:

Nils Landgren Funk Unit	2-3 May
Al DiMeola World Simfonia	6 May
Johnny Ferreira	8-9 May
Robben Ford	12-13 May
Dave Weckl	14-15 May
Dewey Redman	20-21 May
Caribbean Jazz Project	29-30 May
John McLaughlin	7-8 Jul

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#### Further information:

1066 Budapest, Lovag u. 5.  
Phone: +36-1-268-0801 Fax: +36-1-268-0802  
Tickets are available on site.

#### History



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## Events — Music Cont.

### The programmes of Hungaria Koncert Kft.

#### News

Hungaria Koncert Kft. awaits people interested in music with a versatile cultural programme offer throughout the year.

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##### Danube Concert (Zrínyi u. 5.)

March	24, 31
April	14, 21, 28
May	3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26, 31
June	2, 9, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30
July	7, 14, 21, 28
August	2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30
September	1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29
October	4, 6, 11, 13, 20, 27
November	3, 10
December	25, 26, 29, 30

##### Opera Gala (Zrínyi u. 5.)

May	11, 18, 25
June	1, 8, 15, 22, 29
August	24, 31
September	7, 14, 21, 28
October	5, 12, 19

##### Duna Folk Ensemble (Zrínyi u. 5.)

April	30
May	2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30
June	4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27
July	2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30
August	1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 22, 27, 29
September	3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26
October	1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29, 31
December	27, 28

##### Hungarian State Folk Ensemble (Corvin tér 8.)

March	23, 25
April	15, 22, 26, 29
May	1, 3, 6, 8, 10, 13, 15, 17, 20, 22, 24, 27, 29, 31
June	3, 5, 7, 10, 12, 14, 17, 19, 21, 24, 26, 28
July	1, 3, 5, 8, 10, 12, 15, 17, 19, 22, 24, 26, 29, 31
August	2, 5, 7, 9, 12, 14, 16, 19, 21, 23, 26, 28, 30
September	2, 4, 6, 9, 11, 13, 16, 18, 20, 23, 25, 27, 30
October	2, 4, 7, 9, 11, 14, 16, 18, 21, 23, 25, 28, 30
November	1, 4, 6, 8, 11

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#### Rajkó Folk Ensemble (Andrássy út 69.)

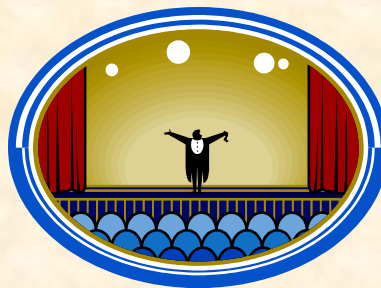
January	2, 6
March	3, 10, 17
April	7, 14, 28
May	5, 12, 19, 26
June	2, 9, 16, 23, 30
July	7, 14, 21, 28
August	4, 11, 18, 25
September	1, 8, 15, 22, 30
October	6, 13
November	17, 24
December	1, 8

#### Gipsy Band Concert (Corvin tér 8.)

March	30
April	13
May	4, 11, 18, 25
June	1, 8, 15, 22, 29
July	6, 13, 20, 27
August	3, 10, 17, 24, 31
September	7, 14, 21, 28
October	5, 12, 19, 26

#### Information and ticket reservation:

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#### Lázár Horse Ranch in Domonyvölgy

*Lázár Horse Ranch (Lovaspark) has been opened 35 km away from Budapest in Gödöllő-Domonyvölgy as a new tourist establishment.*

The enterprise, which was planned and brought into being by our coach driving world champions, the Lázár Brothers, mingles the atmosphere of the traditional Hungarian villages with the milieu of a high-quality European horse ranch and outstanding Hungarian catering.

Our programme offers can satisfy the demand of both foreign tourists, and Hungarian guests or companies.

#### Further information:

Lázár Lovaspark 2182 Domonyvölgy  
Phone/fax: +36-1-322-8124  
e-mail: lazarteam@elender.hu  
www.lazarteam.hu

#### MEMENTO PARK

*The Statue Park of Budapest was opened in 1993. It is incomplete and its surroundings have not been organised. More than 240,000 visitors have seen it since it was opened.*

Owing to its success, the considerable number of foreign and domestic visitors as well as the positive press reviews, both the cultural authorities of the capital and the World Exposition Programme Office contacted the designer in 1993-94 in order to arrange for the appropriate completion of the project.

In 1999 The Ministry of the Hungarian National Cultural Heritage ordered the project plan of the Memento Park, then, after the co-ordination with the ministries concerned and based of the unanimous support, it launched the permission and implementation plans of the building complex of 'Tanú tér' (Witness Square) in 2000.

The plans are exposed in the Ferencvárosi Pincegaléria (Underground Gallery of Ferencváros) between 18 April and 12 May (Budapest IX. Mester utca 5.).

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#### **Four Seasons Hotel Gresham**

The Budapest establishment will be the second hotel in the Four Seasons hotel chain in Central-Eastern Europe and the first one in Hungary. With its 179 rooms, the Four Seasons Hotel Gresham Budapest will be one of the most elegant hotels in the world.

The building is a protected UNESCO World Heritage monument.

#### **Hotel Andrassy**

The 3900-squaremetre hotel building offers spacious rooms and suites and a special 2000-squaremetre garden at the corner of Munkácsy út (Munkácsy Street) and Andrassy út (Andrassy Avenue).

The hotel, which will be opened this summer, provides 71 well-furnished rooms, including 8 suites, and high-quality services for the convenience of its guests. There is a wonderful view over the terrace of Mosaic Café and Andrassy út from the balcony of the hotel rooms.

There is a conference hall in the proximity of the hotel providing opportunity for the organisation of open-air and indoor conferences.

Further information:

Hotel Andrassy

1063 Budapest, Andrassy út 111.

Office before opening: ORCO Hotel RT

1065 Budapest, Révay utca 10.

Phone: + 36 1 474 88 11 Fax: + 36 1 474 88 12

e-mail: am@orco.hu

#### **Renovation of the new York Palace**

The five-star hotel will be built on the site of the former Athenaeum Printing House, which will provide a 1300-seat conference hall, a fitness centre, a garage and a row of shops, furthermore, smaller-size apartments will also be built outside the hotel.

#### **Honour to Hotel Kempinski**

**Further information:**

Hotel Kempinski

1051 Budapest, Erzsébet tér 7-8.

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e-mail: hotel@kempinski.hu

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### **Budapest Zoo and Botanical Garden**

#### **News**

The Budapest Zoo is the oldest one in Hungary possessing the largest animal collection. It receives 1.2 million guests yearly, which makes it the most frequented cultural establishment of the country.

#### **Events**

The establishment was brought into being on the initiative of János Xantus, dr. József Szabó, József Gerenday és Ágoston Kubinyi on 9 August 1866, thus, it ranks among the thirty oldest zoos in the world.

#### **General**

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In 1909 the garden was closed down and almost completely rebuilt under the professional guidance of dr. Adolf Lendl. The renovated establishment was opened again on 20 May 1912 and then it was considered as one of the most modern zoos in Europe. During the Second World War it was completely destroyed, the majority of the buildings were in ruins and only 15 animals survived. The renovation of the establishment soon started and the zoo could reopen its gates for the third time on 1 May 1945. A really thorough reorganisation could only be carried out in 1956, when the first professional expert since World War II, dr. Csaba Anghi, was appointed to manage the zoo. Under the leadership of professor Anghi, the staff managed to improve the quality of the establishment to reach the European standards again by the centenary celebrations of the garden (1966) and Anghi's followers have intended to maintain this quality since then. However, unfortunately, the institution has always faced financial difficulties, thus, the plans of a larger zoo to be built on the greenbelt of the capital, in Hűvösvölgy, could not be implemented.

#### **Attractions**

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The Europa Nostra prizes of the Pan-European Heritage Association, comprising of more than 200 non-state organisations dealing with protection of cultural heritage in 35 countries, were awarded at the end of January this year. The Elephant House of the Budapest Zoo won a medal for the 'the sensitive and precise reconstruction of an outstanding example of the Hungarian art nouveau architecture'.

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