

Dear friend,

I apologize to you, but yesterday the festival management prepared a new, more favorable offer for groups for the year 2025, and I am sending it to you now.

Please read it and put the information that is important to you on the website, thank you for your help.

Informations and Rules of the Festival 2025

Address of the festival centre:

6900 Makó, Hunyadi Street 10. - GPS: 46.213351,20.476904

If any problem occurs during your arrival to the festival

<https://www.facebook.com/countywanderingfestival>

When arriving at the festival, group leaders need to check in at the reception desk where they will be directed to the festival's office. Meanwhile, the other members of the group have to stay on or near the bus. The group's guide shows the rooms to the group leaders, hands them the keys and together they go to the director's office to pay him the remaining fee in euros, you will receive an invoice for the amount paid immediately. The rooms can only be occupied after dealing with the financials. At the end of the festival the group leader has to leave the rooms the way they were when they arrived and give the keys back to the guide.

Participation price:

- Participation fee: for 3 night - 145 euró/person/festival.
- Participation fee: for 4 night - 165 euró/person/festival.
- Participation fee: (both festivals) for 7 night - 300 euró/person/festival, further detailed conditions of participation: <https://countywanderingfestival.hu/condition>

Hungarian bus: (if they arrive by plane)

5600 euró/Bus – 1 bus maximum 49 person. The bus cost is paid by the group. The bus can be used only within the festival program frames.

Meals for each festival: (3, 4, and 7 night)

On arrival hot dinner is possible 18 euró/person – all meals are buffet style – optional, ordering is not mandatory.

On departure hot breakfast is possible 18 euró/person – all meals are buffet style – optional, ordering is not mandatory.

Meals for 3-night festivals: - Bath Festival in Cserkeszölő

Monday - dinner - 18 euros/person paid by the group (ordering is optional).

Tuesday - breakfast - paid for by the festival.

Tuesday - lunch in Cserkeszölő Bath, lunch is self-paid, each group will manage and organize it themselves in the bath. But if you want a hot lunch (buffet lunch in the bath) it is possible, the price is 18 euró/person, ordering is not mandatory.

Tuesday - dinner - paid for by the festival.

Wednesday - breakfast - paid for by the festival.

Wednesday - lunch in Cserkeszölő Bath, lunch is self-paid, each group will manage and organize it themselves in the bath, but if you want a hot lunch (buffet lunch in the bath) it is possible, the price is 18 euró/person, ordering is not mandatory.

Wednesday - dinner - paid for by the festival.

Thursday - breakfast - 18 euros/person paid by the group (ordering is optional).

Meals for 4-night festivals: - International County-Wandering Festival

Thursday - dinner - 18 euros/person paid by the group (ordering is optional).
Friday - breakfast - paid for by the festival.
Friday - lunch in Cserkeszölő Bath, lunch is self-paid, each group will manage and organize it themselves in the bath, but if you want a hot lunch (buffet lunch in the bath) it is possible, the price is 18 euró/person, ordering is not mandatory.
Friday - dinner - paid for by the festival.
Saturday - breakfast - paid for by the festival.
Saturday - lunch - paid for by the festival .
Saturday - dinner - paid for by the festival.
Sunday - breakfast - paid for by the festival.
Sunday - lunch - paid for by the festival - sandwich.
Sunday - dinner - paid for by the festival.
Monday - breakfast - 18 euros/person paid by the group (ordering is optional).

[Meals for 7-night festivals - International County-Wandering Festival - Bath Festival in Cserkeszölő](#)
[- From Thursday to Thursday:](#)

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[Meals for 7-night festivals - Bath Festival in Cserkeszölő - International County-Wandering Festival](#)
[- From Monday to Monday:](#)

Monday - dinner - 18 euros/person paid by the group (ordering is optional).
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Sunday - dinner - paid for by the festival.

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Down payment and costs:

All ensembles must pay an advance by bank transfer, the amount of which will be between 300-2000 euros. You will receive an invoice for the amount paid in English, which we will scan and send to you, you will receive the original invoice upon arrival. All additional amounts must be paid in cash upon arrival in euros.

What happens if a group wants to pay all costs by bank transfer before their arrival, yes it is possible...but...

The bank transfer can be made to the account of the festival restaurant, the restaurant account details will be provided later.

Bath Festival in Cserkeszölő lunch is self-paid, each group will manage and organize it themselves in the bath.

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Buffet meal:

The festival provides a buffet meal for groups of at least 30 people.

Invitation letter:

The festival does not send invitation letters in writing, since the groups come from Europe, but if the group requests it, please write it, I will be happy to send it.

Deposit, departure, cleaning:

Security deposit - 300 euró/group - must be handed over to the festival director upon arrival - if material damage occurs, the damage will be deducted from the amount. If there is NOT material damage, the 300 euró will be returned to the group upon departure. 20 euró is final cleaning per unit if guests don't clean by themselves. If cleaning is NOT done, the amount of 20 euró/room will be deducted from the security deposit.

Everyone must leave the festival accommodation by 9 am on the day of departure. You have to move out of all rooms and accommodation. The group that does not comply with this will have 50 euró/hour deducted from the deposit after each class.

Payment:

Each group must settle all payment obligations after arrival but before occupying the accommodation.

Many groups wonder why? - why can't it be done after booking the accommodation?

Unfortunately, based on the experience of older festivals, many groups wanted to pay daily after booking the accommodation, this form of payment is not allowed.

Unfortunately, based on the experience of older festivals, many groups wanted to pay at the end of the festival, on the last day, after booking the accommodation, this form of payment is not allowed.

I guess you are wondering what happened to such groups? – for them, the festival ended immediately and they had to leave the festival immediately.

There are few such groups, but the majority of groups are honest and fair, but I ask for your understanding on this topic.

Room division:

Room allocation is mandatory from a fire protection point of view, so we prepare this in advance. If the final number of the group is ready, please send it to me.

I am sending the room allocation in Word format and please fill it out and send it back to me, thank you for your help.

Festival Center:

The center of the festival is the city of Szeged. Szeged is a city of 160.000 inhabitants, the 3rd largest city in Hungary.

However, the accommodation of the groups is located in the city of Makó, Makó is a city with 22.000 inhabitants, which is located 32 km from Szeged, this is where we start our programs and come back here at the end of the day.

Items found after the festival:

In the history of the festival, there has never been a festival where the bands did not leave objects and instruments.

The festival never mails any items to anyone, it donates all found items to those in need, I ask for your understanding on this matter.

For wind bands:

Windbands think that the festival has instruments, well that's not true. The festival has no instruments and does not undertake to lend any instruments. So, each ensemble brings all its instruments, podiums, and sheet music stands.

If the wind band arrives to the festival by plane, they should bring instruments that can be transported by plane.

The other option is for the group to order a wooden box from the airline company, place all instruments and objects in it, and send it to the festival on the plane.

A transport company will bring it from the Budapest airport to the festival accommodation, where we staff will take it over, and when the group arrives, the wooden box will be waiting for them at the festival accommodation.

In all cases, the possibility of this transport is, organized and paid for by the group itself.

Makó, bath:

<https://hagymatikum.hu/en>

There is an experience and spa in the city of Makó. You can visit each ensemble at your own expense, if the program allows it.

Group foto:

In front of the accommodation building, the group guide takes a group picture, please help to take it.

Bringing gifts: (6-7)

We inform all ensembles to bring gifts typical of their country to the festival. A lot of people arrive empty-handed, I ask the group to take care of this.

Joint dance:

Link available on the festival's Facebook page: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O6lksfHiPoQ>

In 2025, I ask all groups coming to the festival to learn this dance, and have one person from the group conduct it. If you have learned the dance, please make a video and send it to me, thank you.

Festival Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/countywanderingfestival>

Please follow the festival's Facebook page, as a lot of information will be available on the page.

Festival Instagram page: <https://www.instagram.com/countywanderingfestival>

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Budapest:

Budapest is the capital of Hungary. Budapest is not part of the festival program, but many groups want to visit it.

If the group wants to do this during the festival, it is possible, but please let them know in advance. The festival group escort is not obliged to travel to Budapest.

Recommendation of the festival:

In Hungary, the use of a mask is not mandatory, but the person who wants to use a mask can do so.

Bring a hand sanitizer with each person, 4-5 hanger and a towel, the person who forgets to bring a towel can buy it at the festival office for 5 euros/piece. Bring a mask (if needed) with each person.

Passport or identity card: (Obligatory)

After occupying the accommodation, each person must be registered in the dormitory director's office, so we will need either a passport or an identity card from each person. The festival group attendant will help with this.

Own bus:

If the group comes to the festival with their own bus and their own bus breaks down during the festival, it is possible to order a Hungarian bus. The price of the Hungarian bus is 1000 euros/day.

Number of persons:

I will need 100% of the number of persons one month before the festival date.

But if you are done sooner you can send the number of persons, then I will send the room distribution in word format.

Homemade animal:

No pets are allowed at the festival.

List:

I ask that you only use this Word format.

The festival accommodation is located right in the middle of the city of Makó, so I am obliged to make a list from a fire protection point of view, so please send me this list absolutely and accurately.

I will need the following information, please fill it in exactly, thank you. Name, Women/Men - Date of birth - City of birth - Street, House number and Postcode.

Prominent person:

Please let me know if any prominent person will arrive to the festival (for example: mayor etc.)

Person with wheel-chair or disabled person:

If a disabled person with wheelchair to the festival, please let me know.

In case of bad weather:

If any of our performances will be deleted because of bad weather, in this case the performance will take place in the festival centre in our sport-hall, and we ourselves will be the audience.

Room keys:

Each time you leave the accommodation, the room keys must be put back into your group's small plastic basket at the reception. The group attendant will always check them at departure.

Smoking:

In Hungary the law concerning smoking is very strict. That is why there is a place where smoking is allowed but on all the other areas smoking is strictly forbidden. This area (where you can smoke) is in front of the festival centre. The group attendant will inform you about it. I ask you to observe it strictly. Within the rooms, within the building smoking is forbidden. There are smoke detectors in the building and it will sign immediately if smoke can be detected, and it is bound to the fire service, who has to come out, and a huge penalty has to be paid by the person caused the call. (500 euró)

Noise policy:

The festival centre is in the middle of the town surrounded by residential area and in the immediate neighbourhood of an open air theatre. Therefore you are asked to respect others and keep noise level down after 22.00 (it is required by law). Dancing, playing or listening to loud music is only allowed in the gym next to the hostel.

Bread:

If there is anybody in the group who has celiac disease, please bring them the appropriate type of bread to the festival.

Meals:

During the festival time the breakfast, lunch and dinner are buffet meals. Everybody can eat as much as they want, **but it is not allowed to take any meals out from the restaurant!**

Special dietary requirements:

If there is anybody in your group who requires special meals (vegetarian, gluten-free, non-lactose, etc.) please inform us at least one week before the festival date.

Flag, group-card:

If the group has a country flag and a card, please bring it to the festival with you.

Armband:

Upon your arrival at the festival, everybody will receive an armband, which has to be worn on the wrist during the festival time. It helps identify the festival participants both in Makó and in the performance venues.

Elevator:

The festival-centre can be found in a 4-floor building, there is an elevator in this building. The elevator has to be used only in purpose like method, so if there is excess weight or any object which makes difficult to close the door then the elevator stops and in this case everybody has to use the stairs and have to walk. I ask you to inform all members about the purpose-like manner use of the elevator.

Many thanks for your help in advance.

Interpreter:

I ask you to come with an English speaking person, who will be your interpreter. If there is not such a person, the communication will be difficult.

Foreign currency:

The official legal currency in Hungary is the Hungarian Forint (HUF).

The festival can help you to exchange money (banknote only) by request. In this case please put the money in an envelope, write your name and the amount on it and give it to your festival group-attendant.

You will get the exchanged money from him/her.

Accident insurance:

I inform you and at the same time I ask you to have an insurance for individual or group purpose by all means, this document has to be brought with you during the festival always.

If you are an EU country then you have to obtain the EU card. The medical treatment is very expensive in Hungary, so if somebody does not have this card or insurance for Hungary, then this person has to pay for this kind of treatment. You have to know that if somebody has to go to emergency then the examination can be one of those kinds that has to be paid, for example X-ray, CT. Thanks for your understanding.

Important:

The festival takes place in Hungary, where there are Hungarian rules, meals and habits.

Thank you for your attention!

Miklós Károly

Festival Director