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Jim Gold International Folk Tours

Hungary!

Folk Dancing, Music, Art, History, Culture, Adventure !

July 31–August 13, 2012

**Budapest, Eger, Mezokovesd Folk Festival,
Jászberény Folk Dance Camp,
International Folk Festival
of European Minorities!**

Led by Adam Molnar

- ★ **Jászberény Festival: Biggest folk festival in Hungary !**
- ★ **Mezokovesd Festival with Folk Crafts Fair and Tanchaz !**
- ★ **Hortobágy Plain, the Hungarian cowboy country !**
- ★ **Historic Baroque town of Eger and Bükk Hills National Park !**
- ★ **Visit villages, meet local folk dance groups !**
- ★ **Price includes transfers, hotels, private bus, English speaking guide, two meals daily, city sightseeing, folk performances, and folk dancing !.**

Itinerary

Day 1: Tuesday, July 31: Fly to Budapest on airline of your choice.

Day 2: Wednesday, August 1: Arrive in **Budapest**. Transfer to your Hotel Carlton. Meet your guide, **Adam Molnar**. Welcome dinner. Overnight in Hotel Carlton.

Day 3: Thursday, August 2: Sightseeing tour of Budapest: we have a half day tour of Budapest to show you the unique geographical setting and rich cultural heritage of the city. We will



look at the **City Park, Hero's Square, Parliament and St. Stephen's Cathedral**, marvel at panorama from **Gellert Hill**, stroll through majestic **Castle Hill**, stopping at **Matthias Church**. Dinner in **typical Hungarian restaurant with Gypsy music**.

Day 4: Friday, August 3: Jewish Heritage tour of Budapest, visit the Great Synagogue and the Jewish History Museum. Afternoon free. Discover Budapest on your own. After dinner, drive to Mezokovesd, a small town on the fringe of the Hungarian Great Plains, famous for its folk arts. We'll attend the **Mezokovesd Folk Festival** that has become one of the **greatest folk festivals in Hungary, with hundreds of performers participating**. Dinner and overnight in spa Zsory Hotel Fit, Mezokovesd.

Days 5-6: Saturday-Sunday, thermal waters of our spa. Then take part at the **Fair. Dinner with the followed by a "tanchaz" Mezokovesd-Zsoryfurdo.**

Day 7: Monday, August 6: Depart town situated among the **National Park. Dinner** Senator Haz Hotel in Eger.

Day 8: Tuesday, August 7: Morning **Hortobagy National Park, Site), or the Hungarian Museum and Crafts** Overnight in Hotel Solyom Jaszbereny.



August 4-5: In the morning, enjoy

Mezokovesd Festival and Folk Crafts dancers and evening performance to be ("dance house"). Overnights in

for Eger, a beautiful **Hungarian Baroque Matra and Bukk Hills. Visit Bukk Hills with wine tasting in Eger.** Overnight in

optional swim at the spa before driving to the **Pusztá (a UNESCO World Heritage cowboy country. See Shepherd's Center, then continue to Jaszbereny.**

Days 9-10: Wednesday-Thursday, August 8-9: Folk dance workshop in Jaszbereny with **folk dance instruction by the best Hungarian folk dance instructors!** Held in Center of the Jaszag Folk Dance Ensemble. Hotel Solyom Jaszbereny.

Days 11-13: , Friday-Saturday-Sunday, August 10-12-13: On Friday dance workshops continue. The **International Festival of European Minorities** begins! This is an **official CIOFF (UNESCO) folk festival, the biggest one in Hungary, the "Hungarian Koprivshitsa" with hundreds of folk dancers and singers from all over the world, but mostly from Central and Eastern Europe.** Parades, performances, concerts, and a wonderful craft fair. Hotel Solyom Jaszbereny.

Day 14: Monday, August 13: Transfer to Budapest airport for your flight home.



About Adam Molnar:

Adam has his Ph.D. in Oriental Studies, and has lectured in the history, languages, anthropology, and religious history of Central Asia at the University of Szeged, Southern Hungary. His book, *Weather-Magic in Inner Asia*, was published in Bloomington, Indiana. He is Secretary of the **International Society for Shamanistic Research**, publishes *Shaman*, journal of the society as well as a book series and *Journal of Hungarian Heritage* for the European Folklore Institute. As a guide, he offers programs in Hungarian folk dance, music and crafts.

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Land Only: \$3495

REGISTRATION: I can't wait to go! Enclosed is my registration deposit of \$200 per person, refundable until May 10th. Single supplement: \$325. Additional charges: \$85 hotel taxes and service. **Gratuities not included.** Cancellations 30 to 45 days prior to departure: Refund 50% of total price. Less than 30 days: No refund. Travel insurance recommended.

Balance due May 10, 2012

Name _____

Address _____

No. of people _____ Phone (____) _____ E-mail _____

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