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

July 29–August 11, 2014

**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 29: Fly to Budapest on airline of your choice.

Day 2: Wednesday, July 30: Arrive in **Budapest**. Transfer to your Hotel Carlton. Meet you guide, **Adam Molnar**. Welcome dinner. Overnight in Hotel Carlton in Budapest.

Day 3: Thursday, July 31: 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, Heroes' Square, Parliament and St. Stephen's Cathedral**, marvel at panorama from **Gellert Hill** and stroll through the majestic Castle Hill, stopping at **Matthias Church**. Dinner. in **typical Hungarian restaurant with Gypsy music**. Overnight in Hotel Carlton in Budapest.

Day 4: Friday, August 1: **Jewish Heritage tour of Budapest, visit the Great Synagogue and the Jewish History Museum**. Afternoon free. Discover Budapest on your own. Dinner. In the evening drive to the town of **Mezőkövesd**, a small town on the fringe of the Hungarian Great Plains, famous for its folk arts. We'll attend the **Mezőkövesd Folk Festival** that has become one of the **greatest folk festivals in Hungary, with hundreds of performers participating**. Dinner and overnight in Mezőkövesd-Zsóryfürdő.



Days 5-6: Saturday-Sunday, August 2-3: In the morning enjoy thermal waters of Mezőkövesd-Zsóryfürdő. Then take part at the **Mezőkövesd Festival and Folk Crafts Fair, an official CIOFF (UNESCO) folk festival. Dinner with the dancers and evening performance to be followed by a “tánc ház” (“dance house”).** Overnights in Mezőkövesd-Zsóryfürdő.

Day 7: Monday, August 4: Depart for **Eger**, a beautiful **Hungarian Baroque town** situated among the Mátra and Bükk Hills. Visit **Bükk Hills National Park. Dinner with wine tasting in Eger.** Overnight in Eger.

Day 8: Tuesday, August 5: Morning optional swim at the spa before driving to **Hortobágy National Park, the Puszta, the Hungarian cowboy country (a UNESCO World Heritage Site).** See **Shepherd’s Museum and Crafts Center**, then continue to Jászberény. Overnight in Hotel Solyom in Jászberény.



Days 9-10: Wednesday-Thursday, August 6-7: Folk dance workshop in Jászberény with **folk dance instruction by the best Hungarian folk dance instructors!** Held in Center of the Jászság Folk Dance Ensemble. Overnight Hotel Solyom in Jászberény.

Days 11-12: Friday-Saturday, August 8-9: On Friday the dance workshops continue. The **International Festival of European Minorities** begins! This is another **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. Overnight Hotel Solyom in Jászberény.

Day 13: Sunday, August 10: Festival continues in Jászberény. Afternoon drive back to Budapest. Farewell dinner in a **typical Hungarian restaurant with Gypsy music.** Overnight Hotel Carlton in Budapest.

Day 14: Monday, August 11: 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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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.** Program subject to change without notice. Cancellations 30 to 45 days prior to departure: Refund 50% of total price. Less than 30 days: No refund. Travel insurance recommended. our rate based on minimum registration of 20 people. If less, surcharge of 10% may be added. **Balance due May 10, 2014**

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