

Distribution limited

WHC-02/CONF.202/INF.2  
Paris, 7 May 2002  
Original : English/French

UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL  
ORGANIZATION

CONVENTION CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF THE WORLD  
CULTURAL AND NATURAL HERITAGE

30th Anniversary  
(1972-2002)

WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Twenty-sixth session

Budapest, Hungary  
24-29 June 2002

GENERAL INFORMATION

For further information, please consult the following  
web site : <http://www.whcmeeting.hu>

**World Heritage Committee, 26th session  
Budapest, Hungary, Budapest Congress Centre, 24-29 June 2002**

**VISITOR INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION FORM**

**Venue of the 26th session of the World Heritage Committee**

**Budapest Congress Centre**

After more than 15 years in operation, the Budapest Congress Centre is the largest congress and convention facility in the country; it has a tradition and experience in hosting congresses and different professional events.

The Budapest Congress Centre is located in the middle of a wonderful chestnut-tree park. It provides full and flexible services and it also has easy access to downtown, to the airport and to major highways.

Address: H -1123 Budapest, Alkotás u. 63-67, Hungary. Tel.: (36-1) 372 5700,  
Fax: (36-1) 466 5636

**Participants at the Committee session**

The primary participants at the 26th session of the World Heritage Committee will be the 21 members of the Committee.

States Parties to the World Heritage Convention that are not members of the Committee may send representatives to the session as observers.

Non-member States may be authorized by the Committee to participate in the session as observers.

Representatives of the International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property (ICCROM), the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS), and the World Conservation Union (IUCN) will attend in an advisory capacity.

The United Nations and organizations of the United Nations system, as well as, upon written request, other international governmental and non-governmental organizations, permanent observer missions to UNESCO and non-profit-making institutions having activities in the fields covered by the Convention may be authorized to participate in the sessions of the Committee.

Please send your written request for participation to the organisers at the following address :

Secretariat of the Hungarian WHC  
Budapest, 1014 Hungary  
Szinház u. 5-9.  
Phone: +36-1-487-09-33  
Fax: +36-1-487-09-36  
E-mail : [vilagorokseg@axelero.hu](mailto:vilagorokseg@axelero.hu)

With copy for:  
information

Secretariat to the World Heritage Committee  
UNESCO - World Heritage Centre  
7, place de Fontenoy  
75352 Paris 07 SP, France  
Phone : +33-1-45 68 15 71  
Fax : +33-1-45 68 55 70  
E-Mail: [wh-info@unesco.org](mailto:wh-info@unesco.org)  
<http://whc.unesco.org/>

### **Participation of the press**

Representatives of the press wishing to be accredited are kindly advised to contact:

Secretariat of the Hungarian WHC  
Budapest, 1014 Hungary  
Szinház u. 5-9.  
Phone: +36-1-487-09-33

To request accreditation : Fax: +36-1-487-09-36, E-mail : [vilagorokseg@axelero.hu](mailto:vilagorokseg@axelero.hu)

Please provide us with your name, address, nationality, newspaper or media name, and contact address in Budapest, Hungary.

The press will only be authorized to attend the opening session of the meeting, including the welcome address and the presentation of the Reports on thirty years of the Implementation of the Convention.

### **Programme to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the World Heritage Convention**

#### **24 June**

Opening ceremony of the 26th session of the World Heritage Committee under the auspices of the President of the Republic of Hungary, Dr Ferenc Mádli, including commemoration of the 30th anniversary of the Convention

#### **24-29 June**

26th session of the World Heritage Committee

### **Official events**

Reception hosted by the Minister of Cultural Heritage, Hungary  
Reception hosted by the UNESCO World Heritage Centre  
Reception hosted by the Chief Mayor of Budapest

## Excursions

- 23 June (8h00 – 22h00)** Pannonhalma and Komárom/Komarno Historic Forts (130 kms. from Budapest)  
The Millenary Benedictine Abbey of Pannonhalma and its natural surroundings was inscribed on the World Heritage List in 1996. The Komárom/Komarno Forts are on the Tentative List of Hungary. Lunch will be provided.
- 28 June** Evening cruise on the Danube in Budapest  
A short cruise in the evening hours to view the splendidly illuminated buildings on both sides of the Danube included in the list of World Heritage.
- 29 June (9h00 – 13h00)** Budapest Sightseeing Tour in the morning.
- 30 June (all day)** Hortobágy, Tokaj (250 kms. from Budapest)  
The Hortobágy National Park, one of the largest grasslands of Europe, was inscribed on the World Heritage List in 1999. Lunch in the Hortobágy Inn by the 'Kilenclyukú híd' [bridge with nine arches]. Tokaj. The Tokaj Aszu - Vinum regnum, rex vinorum, i.e.: the king of wines, the wine of kings - acquired the town the status among the most outstanding Hungarian settlements.  
Programme: visit to a wine-cellar, wine tasting, wine auction, dinner

## General Information on Hungary

Hungary is situated in central eastern Europe and comprises an area of 93,036 km with a population of more than 10 million. The climate is continental with Mediterranean and Atlantic influences. Vast plains make up the greater part of its territories, with the highest point reaching 1,015 meters. Two large rivers, the Danube and the Tisza, cross and border the country. The biggest lake of the region, Lake Balaton, 600 sq.km, is located here. Hungary is made up of 19 counties, and the capital Budapest has a population of 2 million. Religions: Roman Catholic (majority), Calvinist, Lutheran, Unitarian, Greek Catholic and Jewish. The Hungarian language originates from the Finno-Ugric with strong links to the Turan language. The constitution is republican, with elections every four years; the Parliament comprises a single Chamber with 386 deputies. Since 2000, the President of the Republic is Dr Ferenc Ádl.

The Hungarian State was founded in the Carpathian Basin in the buffer zone between eastern and western civilizations, in the year 1000, during the transition period of Greek influence and Latin Christianity.

The Tartar invasion of Hungary took place in the 13th century, followed by the Golden Age of the Hungarian Kingdom during the second half of the 15th century under the reign of Matthias Corvinus. In the 16th and 17th centuries the greater part of the country was under Osman rule. Following this period, Hungary became part of the Hapsburg Empire and after a series of struggles for independence and the 1848 Revolution, the joint Austro-Hungarian Monarchy was established

with the signature of a historic treaty in 1867. This era saw the development of modern society with the country achieving significant spiritual and economic progress.

By the end of World War I, the Monarchy fell apart and Hungary lost more than half its territories. Consequently, there is an important Hungarian minority living in the neighbouring countries. After World War II, Hungary fell under Soviet influence which eventually led to the 1956 Revolution against Stalinism, and which was crushed. Since 1989, Hungary has played an exemplary role in the region in the establishment of democratic political transformation and market economy.

### **Public Transport**

Within the city limits of Budapest, the same tickets can be used for buses, trams, metros and trolleybuses. One ticket for each trip, bought in advance that costs HUF 110. There are clusters of 10 or 20 tickets for HUF 1000 and 1800 respectively. There are also day passes or tourist passes valid for 4 or 7 days which entitle you access to certain museums. The tickets are available at hotels, bus stations, metro stations.

### **Other information**

The Hungarian climate can be very hot at this time of the year. The average temperatures in June vary from 22 to +31° C, with a possibility of rain. The participants are advised to bring light, summer clothes.

The time zone in Hungary is GMT + 1 hour

Hungarian currency is the forint (HUF).

EURO 1 = HUF 250 (April 2002)

USD 1 = HUF 280 (April 2002)

Please note that the voltage in Hungary is 220V.

Tap water is suitable for drinking.

According to law, smoking is not allowed inside public buildings, but smokers' areas are marked. More information on Hungary can be obtained from the www-sites indicated on the Committee meeting web site: <http://www.whcmeeting.hu>

### **Travel to Hungary**

Hungarian Airlines “MALÉV” provides a frequent service to Budapest from many destinations. Many other airlines also fly regularly to Hungary. The airport tax is included in the ticket price.

Budapest Ferihegy airport is located 20 kilometres from the City Centre. There will be a Hospitality Desk for the participants of the World Heritage session at the airport terminal. There is a frequent and reliable bus service from the airport to the Hotel called “Airport Minibus”. The Minibus is like a *group taxi service* and will take you to your destination within Budapest in about 30-50 minutes for HUF 1800 one way or HUF 3300 return ticket. Please request your stop at the Airport Minibus desk. These buses run on a regular basis.

A visa is required for citizens of some countries only. Please consult your local Hungarian Consulate.

### **Travel Insurance**

It is recommended that participants have travel insurance coverage prior to arriving in Hungary.

### **Registration for the Committee session at the Budapest Congress Centre**

Registration will be possible at the Registration and Information Desk at the entrance of the Congress Centre, from **14h00, Sunday, 23 June 2002**.

At the Registration Desk, delegates will be provided with documents for the session as well as a name badge. For security reasons, please wear the badge at all times when attending the meetings, official events and excursions.

### **Pre-registration before arriving in Hungary**

You are kindly requested to pre-register **before 15 May 2002**, for the World Heritage session and to reserve accommodation otherwise you risk having difficulties in finding a hotel room. To book your hotel room and excursions, please complete the registration form attached and that can also be found on the web site of the session: **<http://www.whcmeeting.hu>**

We recommend that you register through our web site, but you can also register by fax or by post.

*The registration form must be completed so that we can book your accommodation and excursions!*

### **Accommodation and Restaurants**

#### ***Novotel\*\*\*\****

Address: 1113. Budapest, Alkotás u 63-67.

The Novotel Hotel, totally renovated in 2000, is located in the middle of a wonderful chestnut tree park in the green belt of Buda. The Hotel provides full and flexible services for business and leisure. The Budapest Congress Centre and the hotel are situated next to each other.

Single room: 95 EURO /night/room

Double room: 108 EURO /night/room

#### ***Park Hotel Flamenco\*\*\*\****

Address: 1113 Budapest, Tas Vezér u. 7.

Park Hotel Flamenco is located on the Buda side of the capital, overlooking a beautiful, small lake, near the green Buda Hills. Close to the City centre, easy to access by all public transportation.

The Budapest Congress Centre is accessible by tram No. 61 (3 stops). Tickets: 110 HUF/route.

4-star category: 94 EURO /night/room

3-star category: 68 EURO /night/room

Both single and double rooms have the same price per night.

***Hotel Astoria\*\*\*\****

Address: 1053 Budapest Kossuth L. u. 19

This is one of the most charming hotels of Budapest, located directly in the city centre. Its classical turn-of-the-century atmosphere and the Empire style interior decoration invite the guests for a romantic journey back in time.

The hotel has 131 cosy rooms with bath or shower, phone, TV, minibar, safe, room service, laundry service, money exchange.

Rent-a-Car, Drug Store.

The first-class Restaurant Empire and their traditional Café await the guests with the specialities of the Hungarian and international cuisine and salon music.

The Budapest Convention Centre is accessible by bus N ° 5 (4 stops). Ticket: 110 HUF/ route

Single room: 87 EURO/night/ room

Double room: 107 EURO/night/ room

***Art'otel\*\*\*\****

Address: 1011 Budapest Bem rakpart 16-19.

Single room/superior: 110 EURO/night/room

Double room/superior: 130 EURO/night/room

Apartment: 210 EURO/night/for 1 person

230 EURO/night/ for 2 person

***Hotel Erzsébet\*\*\****

Address: 1053 Budapest, Károlyi Mihály u. 11-15.

The hotel is situated in the heart of Budapest within a few minutes walk from the business, financial and commercial centre near the main shopping area. It offers a wide range of additional services including airline agency, money exchange, rent-a-car, souvenir shop, cab service, transfer service.

The Budapest Congress Centre is accessible by bus No. 112 or No. 8 (4 stops).

Single room/superior: 85 EURO/night/room

Double room/superior: 98 EURO/night/room

Single room/standard: 70 EURO/night/room

Double room/standard: 86 EURO/night/room

***Hotel Bara\*\*\****

Address: 1118 Budapest, Hegyalja út. 34-36.

Centrally located only 5 minutes walk from the Congress Centre. Offers comfortable rooms with private facilities, satellite colour TV, direct dial phone, buffet-breakfast. 40 rooms in the new wing, and 44 rooms in the garden wing. The cosy restaurant welcomes you with exquisite Hungarian and international food.

The Budapest Congress Centre is accessible by bus No. 8 or No. 112 (1 stop).

3-star category:

Single room 55 EURO/night/room

Double room 65 EURO/night/room

2-star category:

Single room 40 EURO/night/room

Double room 50 EURO/night/room

Dining within walking distance in the area:

Aranyhíd Restaurant/Pub (opposite to Hotel Novotel)

Three-course meal ca. 15 EURO

Restaurant with 150 person capacity and a garden wing.

MOM Park Shopping Centre (ca. 200-300 m from Congress Centre): McDonald's, pub, restaurants, international fast-food chains, where lunch is ca. 10-15 EURO.

Novotel has proposed to provide to the participants a 3 course lunch + soft drink in the Novotel restaurant (within the building of the Congress Centre), at a special cost of 18 EURO (to be paid by the delegates), but it is important to confirm your reservation at the time of registration.

### **Updated information of the session**

- <http://www.whcmeeting.hu>



**26<sup>th</sup> Session of the World Heritage Committee**  
**26ème Session du Comité du Patrimoine mondial**

**(24-29 June 2002)**  
**(24-29 juin 2002)**

**REGISTRATION FORM**  
**FORMULAIRE D'INSCRIPTION**

## PARTICIPANT

<input type="checkbox"/> Prof. <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs.			
Family name/Nom		First name/Prénom	
Organisation		Position	
Street address/Adresse			
Postal code/Code postal		City/Ville	
Country/Pays		Nationality/Nationalité	
Phone/Téléphone	Mobile / Téléphone portable	Fax	E-mail
Working language/Langue de travail <input type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> Français			

## DETAILS/ DÉTAILS

<input type="checkbox"/> UNESCO/WHC	Advisory body/Organe consultatif	<input type="checkbox"/> Observer/Observateur
<input type="checkbox"/> Committee Member/Membre du Comité	<input type="checkbox"/> ICOMOS <input type="checkbox"/> ICCROM <input type="checkbox"/> IUCN	

ACCOMPANYING  
PERSON /  
ACCOMPAGNANT

<input type="checkbox"/> Prof. <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs.	
Family name/Nom	First name/Prénom

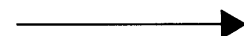
## EXCURSIONS

		NO. OF PERSONS/ NOMBRE DE PERSONNES
<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday, June 23, 08:00 Dimanche June 23, 08:00	Visit to Komárom-Pannonhalma Visite de Komárom-Pannonhalma	
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday, June 28, 20:00 Vendredi, June 28, 20:00	Sightseeing boat tour by night in Budapest Croisière nocturne sur le Danube à Budapest	
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday, June 29, 09:00 samedi, Juin 29, 09:00	Sightseeing Bus Tour in Budapest Visite de Budapest en autobus	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday, June 30, 08:00 Dimanche, June 30, 08:00	Visit to Hortobágy and Tokaj Visite de Hortobágy et Tokaj	

All reservations should be made via Bridge-Tours to benefit from the special room rates.  
 Pour bénéficier des tarifs de chambre d'hôtel réservations seront faites via Bridge-Tours.

ACCOMMODATION/  
HÉBERGEMENT

<b>Novotel ★★★★★</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Double non-smoking (EUR 108) Chambre double non-fumeur	<input type="checkbox"/> Double smoking (EUR 108) Chambre double fumeur
<input type="checkbox"/> Single non-smoking (EUR 95) Chambre simple non-fumeur	<input type="checkbox"/> Single room smoking (EUR 95) Chambre simple fumeur
<b>Park Hotel Flamenco ★★★★★</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Double non-smoking*** (EUR 68) Chambre double non-fumeur	<input type="checkbox"/> Double non-smoking**** (EUR 94) Chambre double non-fumeur
<input type="checkbox"/> Double smoking *** (EUR 68) Chambre double fumeur	<input type="checkbox"/> Double smoking **** (EUR 94) Chambre double fumeur



ACCOMMODATION/  
HÉBERGEMENT

<b>Hotel Erzsébet ★★★</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Double/standard non-smoking (EUR 86) Chambre double/standard non-fumeur <input type="checkbox"/> Double/superior non-smoking (EUR 98) Chambre double/superior non-fumeur <input type="checkbox"/> Single/standard non-smoking (EUR 70) Chambre simple/standard non-fumeur <input type="checkbox"/> Single/superior non-smoking (EUR 85) Chambre simple/superior non-fumeur		<input type="checkbox"/> Double/standard smoking (EUR 86) Chambre double/standard fumeur <input type="checkbox"/> Double/superior smoking (EUR 98) Chambre double/superior fumeur <input type="checkbox"/> Single/standard smoking (EUR 70) Chambre simple/standard fumeur <input type="checkbox"/> Single/superior non-smoking (EUR 85) Chambre simple/superior fumeur		<input type="checkbox"/> I have arranged my own accommodation Please give address / phone number  J'ai pris mes propres dispositions pour me loger; Veuillez indiquer adresse/n° de téléphone  <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<b>Hotel Bara ★★★</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Double non-smoking** (EUR 50) Chambre double non-fumeur <input type="checkbox"/> Double smoking** (EUR 50) Chambre double fumeur <input type="checkbox"/> Single non-smoking** (EUR 40) Chambre simple non-fumeur <input type="checkbox"/> Single smoking** (EUR 40) Chambre simple fumeur		<input type="checkbox"/> Double non-smoking*** (EUR 65) Chambre double non-fumeur <input type="checkbox"/> Double smoking*** (EUR 65) Chambre double fumeur <input type="checkbox"/> Single non-smoking*** (EUR 55) Chambre simple non-fumeur <input type="checkbox"/> Single smoking*** (EUR 55) Chambre simple fumeur		
<b>Hotel Astoria ★★★★★</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Single (EUR 87) Chambre simple		<input type="checkbox"/> Double (EUR 107) Chambre double		
<b>ART'OTEL ★★★★★</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Single (EUR 110) Chambre simple <input type="checkbox"/> Apartman/1 person (EUR 210) Art Suite		<input type="checkbox"/> Double (EUR 130) Chambre double <input type="checkbox"/> Apartman/2 person (EUR 230) Art Suite		

Date of arrival/Date d'arrivée _____	<input type="checkbox"/> After/Après 18:00 p.m.	Flight number _____	<input type="checkbox"/> I reserve the shuttle bus for 8 EUR Je prendrai le minibus pour EUR 8
Date of departure/Date de départ _____		Flight number _____	
I share room with/Je partage la chambre avec _____		<input type="checkbox"/> I require lunch in the Novotel restaurant for EUR 18 Je prendrai le déjeuner au restaurant Novotel pour EUR 18	

Credit Card/ Carte de crédit	<input type="checkbox"/> Visa	<input type="checkbox"/> Eurocard	<input type="checkbox"/> Mastercard	<input type="checkbox"/> American Express	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
Credit card number/ n de carte de crédit _____	Date of expiry Date d'expiration _____/____				
Name on card/Nom de la carte _____					

Modifications received by 15 May are accepted without forfeit. Your booking after 15 May will cost extra 10 EUR/room/night.  
Jusqu'au 15 mai vous pouvez modifier votre enregistrement sans frais supplémentaires. Après le 15 mai toute réservation sera majorée de EUR 10/jour/nuit.

By filling in the data sheet, I do accept the conditions of participation and cancellation.  
Ayant rempli la feuille d'enregistrement je m'engage à accepter les conditions de participation et d'annulation.

Date

Signature

PLEASE REGISTER / VEUILLEZ VOUS ENREGISTRER

**Bridge Tours**

1074 Budapest, Dob u. 33.

Hungary

or

Fax: +361 341-6046 or

E-mail: bridge-tours@elender.hu

Send copy for information only : UNESCO World Heritage Centre (fax : 00-33-1-45-68-55-70).

