

OPTIONAL PROGRAMS & TOURS

During or after the Congress, you will have the possibility to experience the beautiful landscape, museums, cultural and historic landmarks of Hungary. Chemol Travel offers guided tours by Eurama in English for participants and accompanying persons, covering the most attractive sights and monuments of Budapest and its surroundings, like the Danube Bend or Lake Balaton.

Departure: in case of most excursions – except for the Duna Bella Danube Cruise, the Wine tasting Tour to Tokaj and the Hungarian Dinner program - you will be picked-up at your hotel at the given time. Tours end in the city center and **no transfer** is provided back to your hotel. Please always check the information on your ticket.

To register, please fill in the relevant section of the booking form or book online: www.istm.org
It is highly recommended to book in advance, as availability onsite will be limited.

HUNGARIAN DINNER

Wednesday, May 27 and Thursday, May 30, 2009

Departure from the Conference Venue at 19:00

Duration: approx. 3,5 hours

Price: € 48.-/person (transfer included)

Dinner at a typical Hungarian restaurant. The restaurant is decorated with rustic-style wooden chairs and tables giving the feel of a traditional Hungarian hospitality. Upon arrival you are greeted by the master of the house, who welcomes everybody with special fruit brandy and fresh salty scones. An unforgettable evening is guaranteed by gipsy music and authentic folklore show, as well as typical local dishes and a good selection of wines.



A) Half day Excursions

GRAND CITY TOUR – BUDAPEST

Sunday, May 24 at 14:00, Monday, May 25 at 9:30 and at 14:00, Tuesday, May 26 at 9:30 and at 14:00

Duration: 3 hours

Price: € 27.-/person

Grand City Tour – Passing by the Parliament we cross the Danube through the Margaret-Bridge (Margaret-Island) and drive to the Royal Castle on the Buda side, where we visit the Fishermen's Bastion (short walk) and Matthias Church. Then we climb the Gellért Hill (Photostop), we cross Elisabeth-Bridge and drive towards Heroes' Square (short walk). Passing by the Opera and St. Stephen's Basilica we reach Hotel InterContinental, where the tour ends.



PARLIAMENT TOUR

Tuesday, May 26, Wednesday, May 27, Thursday, May 28 and Friday, May 29 at 9:00

Duration: 1,5 hours

Price: € 22.-/person

House of Parliament – Take the opportunity for a visit of the impressive House of Parliament – after a walk around Hungary's largest building, interior visit of the magnificent neo-gothic Parliament (Home of the Holy Hungarian Crown) with guidance through the splendid session room, the impressive staircase and the wonderful Great Vaulted Hall.

The tour ends at the Parliament.



JEWISH BUDAPEST

Monday, May 25, Wednesday, May 27, Friday, May 29 at 9:30

Duration: 3 hours

Price: € 27.-/person

Participants visit the Dohány Street Synagogue, the second largest synagogue of the world, the Jewish Museum (interior visit), the Jewish Cemetery, the Holocaust Memorial and the surroundings of the Synagogue. The tour ends at the orthodox centre, there is possibility for a lunch in a kosher restaurant and visit of the orthodox temple. (No tour during holidays and on special occasions)

DUNABELLA - Danube cruise & Margaret Island

Monday, May 25, Tuesday, May 26, Wednesday, May 27 at 11:00 and 15:30

Duration: 1 or 2 hours

Price: € 18.-/person

Duna Bella is a daytime sightseeing cruise on the Danube. The boat tour departs from the center of Budapest. During the trip you are guided by the two parts of the city as "Buda" and "Pest" are telling you their fabulous stories about the charming curiosities along the river. This dialogue ends at the Margaret Island, where you have the possibility to participate in an hour walking tour. (To skip the Margaret Island tour: stay on board! The ship stops only for 5 minutes. Those are walking, will return with the next boat.) Following the island break the boat turns towards the town again, but the show is not over yet. The final 15 minutes is full of surprises!



ROYAL TOUR - GÖDÖLLŐ

Tuesday, May 26, Wednesday, May 27, Thursday, May 28 and Friday, May 29 at 8:30

Duration: 4 hours

Price: € 48.-/person

In the 18th century Gödöllő has been a central estate of the Grassalkovich counts, from 1867 the castle became a royal estate. Today, the Castle Museum opens its doors to thousand of visitors. The excursion includes a visit to the former Summer-Residence of Queen Elisabeth (Sissi) in Gödöllő (the second largest baroque chateau of the world) – interior visit – Walk through the park of the castle to the Royal stables and the Riding School – coffee & cake at the Palace Café. Return to Budapest – Tour ends at the city centre.



SZENTENDRE TOUR

Tuesday, May 26, Wednesday, May 27, Thursday, May 28 at 13:30

Duration: 4,5 hours

Price: € 48.-/person

Half day excursion to the unique artists' village of Szentendre, just 20 minutes by coach north of Budapest. With its red-tiled roofs, narrow alleyways, brightly painted houses and Orthodox churches built by the Serbians who settled there in the 17th century, Szentendre became an artists' colony in this century and today hosts many festivals throughout the year. Hungary's largest open-air folk museum, or skanzen, is also in Szentendre. On the tour guest visit the magnificent “Caprice” Hungarian Jewellery Museum – Multimedia Presentation – coffee at the Marzipan museum – after a walk through the Baroque centre of the town – participants return by boat to Budapest on the Danube. The tour ends at the Pier in the city center.

B) Full day Excursions

DANUBE BEND TOUR

Wednesday, May 27, Thursday, May 28 and Friday, May 29 at 08:30

Duration: 10 hours

Price: € 70.-/person including lunch

The Danube Bend term signifies the twenty kilometre long bend of the Danube and its surrounding environment. The „real” scenic Danube Bend begins at VISEGRÁD. The Romans built a fortress at the settlement located at the foot of the steep rocks of the Visegrád Mountains. The Lower and Upper Castle of

Visegrád was built in the 13th century. The West Gate of Danube Bend is ESZTERGOM. The city is also of historical significance: St. Stephen, the first Hungarian king, was born here and he was crowned in this town in 1001. He founded the archbishopric of Esztergom. The main cathedral built in the 19th century is the largest church in Hungary. The South Gate of Danube Bend is SZENTENDRE. The tiny town squares, meandering streets, Serb temples, baroque bourgeois buildings contribute to a uniquely picturesque, Mediterranean atmosphere. Today, Szentendre is the town of museums. Many museums and galleries exhibit the works of artists who lived or currently live in the artists' quarter established in the past century.

During the tour we take you to Visegrád, the former Royal Residence and to Esztergom – after the interior visit of the Cathedral and Lunch (3-course menu) we carry on to the Baroque Artists' Village Szentendre (guided walk) – we visit the magnificent Caprice Hungarian Jewellery Center – coffee and softdrinks - return to Budapest – the tour ends at the City Centre.



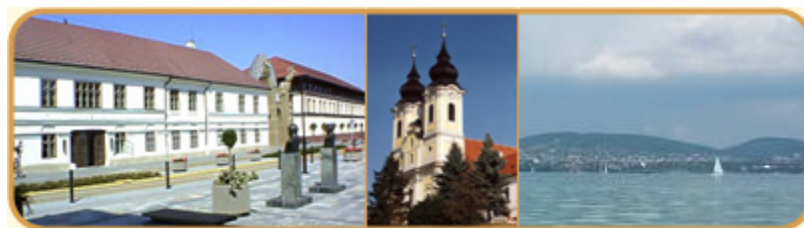
HEREND, LAKE BALATON TOUR

Tuesday, May 26, Saturday, May 30 at 08:30

Duration: 9 hours

Price: € 75.-/person including lunch

Herend a world famous centre of porcelain - after a guided tour through the world's largest Porcelain Manufacture (founded in 1826), coffee at the "PORCELANIUM" - possibility for shopping - afterwards we drive to the Peninsula Tihany, the famous nature reserve (interior visit of the Abbey, founded in 1051) - then lunch in a traditional Csárda (3-course menu with wine) - drive to the oldest Spa, Balatonfüred (short walk) - Return to Budapest - Tour ends at your hotel.



C.) Post Conference Tour

WINE TASTING TOUR TO TOKAJ (2 days)

Departure: Friday, May 29 - Arrival: Saturday, May 30

Tokaj Hegyalja is probably the most famous wine region in Hungary, a part of the World Heritage by UNESCO and also well-known for being the home of the "aszú" wine, "The wine of Kings, the King of wines"- as Louis XV, the French king said after tasting it.

Departure in the morning from Budapest, after a 2,5 hours journey arrive in Tarcal - check in and lunch in a 4-star, beautiful castle hotel. The hotel has a splendid wellness area with swimming pool, whirlpool and sauna world. After lunch we visit the Rákoczi Castle in Sárospatak, the famous school town of Hungary. The tour continues to Tolcsva, a picturesque town, famous of its wine cellar system and beautiful location. After visiting

the Oremus Winery in Tolcsva, you can enjoy dinner with wine tasting and live music at a beautiful local restaurant. After dinner participants are transferred back to the hotel.

The next morning the tour goes on to Tokaj. After a short sightseeing in the city situated in the flow of two rivers, the Bodrog and Tisza, we visit the Rákóczi Cellar, which was built in the 15th century and played an important role in Hungarian history: in 1526 János Szapolyai was elected to king in the cellar's spacious main hall. The wine tasting includes the introduction and tasting of 6 Tokaj wines. After lunch we return to Budapest, arrival in the late afternoon.



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The tour leaves with minimum 10 participants. Deadline for booking: latest till 10th May.