

GENERAL CONDITIONS

Effective 1st September 2011.

Royal Days International Folk Dance Festival in Székesfehérvár, Hungary

Royal Days International Folk Dance Festival is organised annually, between 14th and 21st August in Székesfehérvár, Hungary.

1. Dates, Regulations, Transportation, Visa

1.1 Festival Data

Name of the festival	Royal Days International Folk Dance Festival (In Hungarian: Királyi Napok Nemzetközi Néptáncfesztivál)
Organiser	Alba Regia Dance Association (In Hungarian: Alba Regia Táncgyesület)
Location	Székesfehérvár (60 km from Budapest, the capital of Hungary)

1.2 Dates of the festival

14 August	Arrival Day – All ensembles must arrive before 16:00
15 – 20 August	Official festival days
21 August	Departure Day (after breakfast)

1.3 Group and participant restrictions

- The festival accepts ensembles with **high artistic** level.
- The **maximum** number of participants per group is **30 persons** including dancers, musicians, directors, bus drivers, etc. If more persons wish to participate the extra participants will have to pay a fee to participate.
- The number of **directors/delegation** within the group **cannot exceed 3 persons**.
- **All participants must be 14 years old or above. No children groups are accepted.**
- **Live music is required.** Electronic music is not acceptable.
- Groups must have an **English speaking (min. intermediate level)** translator/member.
- The festival **does not allow** any group member to participate who suffers a **chronic illness** or **disease** or has suffered an illness in the past 6 months.
- Each ensemble must have **travel insurance** or individually each member of the group should have travel insurance.
- All members of the group must have **medical insurance**.

1.4 Transportation – Travel Information

- Travelling to and from Hungary is organised and paid by your group or organisation. (Airfare, bus costs, etc.)
- You will have to pay for all other expenses related to your transportation from your home country to Hungary and the return journey (excess baggage, taxes, insurances, etc.)

- **a) Arrival by air or train:** you will be **picked up** from the airport or station in Budapest and transported to the city of the festival “Székesfehérvár”. A bus will be provided to transport you to performances outside Székesfehérvár.
- **b) Arrival by bus:** you must arrive to Székesfehérvár by bus.
- **IMPORTANT! Your group must arrive together**, we do not accept arrival at various times and transport for individual members will be provided.

1.5 Visa

- Groups must arrange their visa to travel to Hungary and pay all visa related costs.
- The **festival organisers cannot / will not assist** in acquiring visas nor pay for visa costs.

2. Invitation, Deadlines, Notifications

2.1 Invitation

- All **applicants** of the festival **must register** on the website of the festival, provide **photos, video** as well as **references** to be considered as a potential participant.
- Applicants are selected by the festival committee, invitations are usually sent in December, January before the festival.
- **Within 15 days** after receiving the official invitation by email **you must confirm or refuse** your invitation. (By email or fax.)
- Each invited **group must pay a deposit of 200 EUR** (by wire bank transfer) to the bank account of the festival organiser **within 15 days** after accepting the invitation. **Important! This is a deposit** and the **group will be returned** the 200 EUR at the festival.
- **Bank account details**

Account holder's name: Alba Regia Tancegyesület

Account number: 11736116-20132606-00000000

Swift Code: OTP-VHU-HB

IBAN Code: HU45117361162013260600000000

Recipient Institution: OTP Bank Rt.

Address of Recipient Institution: 8000 Székesfehérvár, Ősz utca 13. - HUNGARY

2.2 Festival deadlines

Invited ensembles must keep all deadlines listed below. If a group fails to meet the deadlines the festival organisers have the right to cancel the invitation of the group.

Deadline	Requirement
December / January	Invited ensembles receive their official invitation from the festival. Invited groups have 15 days to officially confirm their invitation. (By email or fax.)
1 st May	Ensembles must send photos & written description about their ensemble
1 st June	List of participants must be sent to festival organisers
1 st June	<i>If visa is required:</i> Participants must send all requested documents to the organiser (Passport photocopy etc.)
1 st July	<i>If visa is required:</i> Groups must apply for the visa to travel to Hungary. Information about the visa application must be sent to the organisers.
1 st July	Travel arrangements to be sent (means of transport, arrival and departure times.) Repertoire information and technical requirements must be sent.

2.3 Cancellation of Invitation by the Invited Group

- If the group should cancel the invitation they must inform the organiser **immediately**.
- The festival organisers **cannot accept** any last minute cancellations (after 1st June)

2.4 Cancellation of Invitation by the Festival

- All invited groups must have **continuous communication** with the festival organisers. If an invited ensemble fails to answer email/telephone calls over a period of 30 days the festival organiser has the right to cancel the invitation of the group
- If the invited group fails to meet the deadlines of the festival the festival organiser has the right to cancel the invitation of the group

3. Festival Conditions, Programs etc.

3.1. Royal Days International Folk Festival Provides (Free of Charge)

- **Accommodation** (from 14th until 21st of August -7 nights). All members of the group will be accommodated at a youth hostel in Székesfehérvár. (3 persons / room).
- **Breakfast, lunch and dinner** every day.
- **Water** during the performances
- **Guides** - The festival will provide English speaking guides to accompany the groups
- **Transfer** to/from Szekesfehervar:
 - a) *travelling by air/train*: from/to Budapest Airport / entrance point to Hungary
 - b) *when travelling by bus*: on entering the borders of Hungary the festival pays the journey to Szekesfehervar (from the border of Hungary) Paid amount is maximum 0.4 EUR / km. Same applies to return journey, at the end of the festival.
- **First aid, medical assistance** (the members must have medical insurance!)

3.2 Festival programs

- Processions, open air and theatre performances.
- Performance times: from 10 – 60 minutes (depending on the programme)
- Performances: individually, in groups of two, in larger groups, with all the groups
- Performance types: Procession, street dancing, Folk Evening, Performance in Open Air Stage, Performance outside Székesfehérvár, Music band concert, Programme for Children, Protocol program(s)
- During processions, performances and protocol programs **all participants must wear traditional costume**
- **Free time** (for relaxing, sightseeing, excursions etc.)

3.3 Items your group should bring

- Up-to-Date **List of Participants**
- **Photocopy of medical & travel insurance**
- For the gastronomy on your Folk Evening: **unique and special ingredients** (that are probably not available in Hungary): spices, sweets, sauces, drinks etc. General ingredients (flour, oil, eggs, vegetables etc.) will be provided by the organisers. Cooking for the folk evening is possible at the centre of the festival.
- You must bring your national flag. *Optional*: You can also bring the flag of your state, county, group, etc.

- *Optional:* There is possibility to sell handicrafts in the centre of the festival (necklaces, earrings etc.)
- *Optional:* souvenir to the mayor, organisers, possibly to the other groups.

3.4 Early Arrival – Late Stay

- It is possible to extend your stay before or after the time of the festival (times stated in the “Invitation Letter”).
- **All costs must be covered by your group/organisation** in case of early arrival or late stay.
- **Extra nights cost** approximately 30 EUR per day including accommodation (in a Youth Hostel) and three meals;

3.5 Weather Information

- During August, the time of the festival, average daily temperature is 25-35 °C. Evenings are sometimes cool with occasional rain. Please bring adequate clothing for all occasions.

4. Closing Statements

- The organiser of the festival, *Alba Regia Dance Association*, preserves broadcasting and recording rights, and has the right to present my group on television, radio programs or any other media without any payment to the ensemble, participants or any other body.
- During the festival, your behaviour and activities in general must be governed according to the general arrangements of international festivals.
- Participants must cooperate with the organiser of the festival, ***Alba Regia Dance Association (Alba Regia Tancegyesulet)***, as well as cooperate with other participating groups of the festival.
- The program of the festival is susceptible to changes.
- All other conditions shall be according to the general arrangements of international festivals. (CIOFF regulations.)
- **The application to participate at the festival certifies the understanding and acceptance of the above conditions.**



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