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WELCOMING ADDRESSES

MESSAGE FROM THE FINA PRESIDENT



Dear Friends,

It is my great pleasure to welcome the Masters Family to the 17th FINA World Masters Championships 2017, to take place from August 7 - 20, 2017 in Budapest (HUN). This is the second time this competition is held in conjunction with the FINA World Championships, also staged in the Magyar capital from July 14 - 30.

Our hosts are ready to deliver a great event and will provide the best possible conditions to the thousands of participants in this competition. This will certainly reinforce the traditional values of the Masters Movement - friendship, understanding and fitness.

This significant change - introduced since the 2015 edition in Kazan (RUS) - gave additional visibility to the Masters athletes and allows, for many of them, to witness the performances of the elite stars in the pool.

This major event - in fact, the biggest championships organised by FINA in terms of participation - is certainly a milestone for those who devoted part of their lives to their passion for one of the five FINA disciplines: swimming, diving, water polo, synchronised swimming and open water swimming.

With the FINA World Masters Championships, we want to prove that even when retired from the high level competition, or just practicing sport for leisure, our athletes are still capable to delight us with their performances. Thousands of athletes, from 25 years old up to 90 or more, confirm that the aquatic vocation is still there no matter the age.

I take this opportunity to express my gratitude and recognition to the Hungarian Swimming Federation, to the city of Budapest, to the Hungarian Government and to the efficient Organising Committee of these championships for their professionalism and support. Their support will be a guarantee of a successful competition and the experience of Hungary in hosting aquatic events will certainly be an added value to this organisation.

I wish the Masters participants the best luck for the 17th FINA World Masters Championships in 2017.

Dr. Julio C. Maglione

FINA President

MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND CHAIRMAN OF THE OC, DR. MIKLÓS SESZTÁK



Dear Visitors!

'When you have walked so far that you can go no farther, you have only travelled half the distance you are really capable of.'

That is the essence of a favourite Greenland saying that highlights the essence of human capability. In sport in Hungary we are continuously breaking records - our 176 Olympic gold medal tally speaks for itself - and now, with the organisation of the FINA World Championships and World Masters Championships, we are reaching new heights outside the arena, too. We have only had two years to do what other hosts normally have seven for: constructing the Championship venues and performing all the related tasks, as well as preparing the two host cities, Budapest and Balatonfüred, to welcome an event which will be viewed by around one sixth of the global population.

As registration opens, competitors are getting closer and closer to the year's greatest sport event and we are expecting a greater number of participants than ever before at both the FINA World Championships and the World Masters Championships.

I am sure that the accompanying events and the beautiful backdrops to the competitions - the River Danube and Lake Balaton, and of course our capital - will provide unforgettable, life-long memories to the tens of thousands of visitors.

See you soon, in Hungary!

Dr. Miklós Seszták

Minister of National Development

MESSAGE FROM THE STATE SECRETARY FOR SPORTS, DR. TÜNDE SZABÓ



Dear Friends!

Following the two-week, FINA World Championships in July, it is a tremendous honour for us to host the FINA World Masters Championships from August 7th to 20th.

This will be the 17th time that the world's best master swimmers, divers, water polo players, open water swimmers and synchronised swimmers have gathered from all over the globe to strive for victory at their grand World Championships. Hungarians are passionate about aquatics and masters swimming has an especially great tradition in our country. A significant number of athletes compete in the annual National events, as well as in the World Championships; reinforcing the message that sport is not only the privilege of youth, but that any and all can live an active, healthy, daily life, regardless of age.

Hungary is keen to improve the health of its citizens, to raise the numbers of people regularly exercising and to popularise sports; which is why an international event hosted on home-soil is always a great opportunity for us.

The FINA World Masters Championships will not only offer unforgettable sporting experiences, but will be a great get-together, a jamboree, as well. Competitors are usually accompanied by family and friends, and multiple generations can enter the various disciplines at the same time.

Regardless of age, every athlete's ultimate goal is - through continuous endeavour - to stand on the top of the podium, to become a hero and to make their fans and nation proud.

I hope to prove to the world that our master athletes, too, are true examples of pure determination, desire and endeavour, and that August may see us crown many new heroes!

Dr. Tünde Szabó

State Secretary for Sports Ministry of Human Resources

HUNGARY

2.1. WELCOME TO HUNGARY

The 2017 World Masters Championships will probably be the biggest FINA event ever in terms of participation. As Budapest has become a top destination, not only is a broad selection of accommodation available but a wide range of swimming pools is at athletes' disposal for both training and competition. All Masters Athletes who make the grade are welcome to one of the most exciting periods of the year. Mid-August offers everything that makes Budapest and Balatonfüred so adorable in summer time. To avoid any clash in the field of accommodation with the Formula One Hungarian GP – which is to be held on the last weekend of July, parallel with the FINA Worlds –, the time of the Masters Championships have been set for August 7th -20th 2017. That also offers a unique opportunity for the participants to spend some time at the neighbouring Sziget Festival, for lovers of modern music, which is to be held during the first week of our event. In addition, it is also worth staying until the very end, as August 20th is the day when Hungary celebrates the foundation of its state with spectacular shows on, along and above the Danube; crowned by a breath-taking firework display after dark. Some might also take a further, 3 day, extension in order to take in the Robbie Williams concert at the Groupama Arena on August 23rd.

Hungary is a medium-sized country in the Carpathian basin, with a population of ten million. It has had statehood for more than one thousand one hundred years and has been a member state of the European Union since 2004. The country has an area of about 93,000 square kilometres and its official language is Magyar, which is the most widely spoken non-Indo-European language in Europe.

Hungary is relatively small and throughout history the country has had numerous influences, absorbing values, cultures and traditions from both eastern and western heritage. Hungary has given the world many well-known inventors, scientists, explorers, composers and sports stars, and has more Nobel prize-winners per capita than any other nation.

In addition to being a world leader in Nobel Prize laureates, Hungary has given the world many famous inventions and innovations: matches (János Irinyi), the dynamo and the soda-water machine (Ányos Jedlik), the telephone exchange (Tivadar Puskás), the helicopter (Oszkár Asbóth), the ballpoint pen (László Bíró) the concept of digital computing (János von Neumann) the colour TV (Peter Károly Goldmark) or the design of the Volkswagen Beetle, to name but a few.

Across the country there are 8 World Heritage Sites and the relatively small territory of Hungary contains many beautiful natural features both inside and outside its 10 national parks: charming rivers, gentle hills, lakes with soft fresh water, lush natural forests, broad plains, caves and caverns with fantastic underground treasures and, not least, the world's second largest thermal lake. The beautiful scenery provides great opportunities for hiking and other fun outdoor activities, making the country an increasingly popular European tourist destination. Currently, with over 12 million visitors annually, Hungary ranks as the 23rd most visited country in the world.

In Hungary, both Budapest, the capital, and the countryside evoke a strong sense of history and tradition at every turn. In Hungary many cities still have their classic old historical attractions, showing influences from various cultures, including Turkish invaders, Austrian emperors and Italian Renaissance designers.

Visitors can enjoy discovering some of the real treasures of the country: the Great Hungarian Plain is one of the most extensive in Europe, the northernmost historical mosque on the continent is to be found in the city of Pécs, while the nearby town of Villány produces some of the best red wines in Hungary. With its scenic setting and beautiful old houses, Hollókő is a village in which the traditional way of life is kept alive. Esztergom, a charming little town with an imposing Basilica is the spiritual home, and first capital, of Hungary and Aggtelek offers the unique adventure of visiting the largest cave system in central Europe. The Tokaj region's gift to the world is the dessert wine, produced there and known as the "wine of kings and king of wines". Lake Hévíz with its 25°C annual average water temperature is the largest biologically active thermal lake in Europe and there are many other historic spa towns and facilities throughout the country, offering everything from simple bathing in regenerative waters to longer, more sophisticated, stays in lovely spa resorts.

Although Hungary is a landlocked country, Lake Balaton, central Europe's largest fresh water lake, is often called "the Hungarian sea". The, more than 70-kilometre long, lake with its soft and silky blue-green water is one of Hungary's most frequented resorts. The open water contests of the 2017 FINA World Championships will be organised there, though that will be just one of the many aquatics events organized there, since Lake Balaton often welcomes swimming and sailing competitions and a cross-Balaton swimming competition is held annually.

We are happy to recall that the first European Swimming Championship (1926) took place in Budapest, followed – in great part thanks to the remarkable achievements of our athletes and professionals – by four more events; in 1958, 2006, 2010 and 2012 (with the last event in Debrecen).

Hungary proudly holds 8th position in both the all-time Olympic medal table and in that of the FINA World Championships, while ranking 5th in the European Championships (aquatics); despite being 108th according to size and 84th according to population.

Hungary was also among the eight founding nations of FINA and we are honoured to be hosting the third major global sport event. We very much look forward to welcoming you to the 17th FINA World Championships!



2.2. WELCOME TO BUDAPEST

Budapest is the capital, and the largest city, of Hungary; a metropolis which leaves the visitor thirsting for more. This impressive capital has some of the very best that Hungary has to offer. It is a large, vibrant city, harbouring a population of approximately 2 million people. Being one of the most densely populated cities in the region, it is not just the powerhouse of the Hungarian economy, but also an important cultural centre and the focus of the country's political life.

The history of the city began with Aquincum, which was originally a Celtic settlement that became the Roman capital of Lower Pannonia and the Hungarians arrived in the territory in the 9th Century. Budapest became a single city, occupying both banks of the River Danube, with the unification of Pest, Buda and Óbuda in 1873.

Today Budapest is a popular tourist destination in Europe. Even on a short stay there are many things worth seeing in Budapest.

2.3. WELCOME TO BALATONFÜRED

The capital of the northern shore of Lake Balaton, the town of Balatonfüred is the largest resort town on Lake Balaton; and perhaps the best-known. Its popularity is largely due to its proximity to the huge, 77km, lake and its being a favourable spot for swimming and all nature of water sports; though it is also known for its aerated mineral springs and its Mediterranean climate. Its tourist attraction is the perfect mix of sports, therapeutic services and culture.

Balatonfüred sits by the deeper waters of the lake's north side and has a population of some 13,500 inhabitants. Easily reached by road, rail, water or even cycle route, it is the oldest of the Lake Balaton bathing resorts, with an harmonious blend of past and present in the white-sailed yachts, the steamship 'Kisfaludy' in the port, the swans on the lake along Tagore Promenade and the splendid view of the Tihany Peninsula with the Abbey perched on top.

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3.1. REGISTRATION

In order to be accredited for the Masters Championships as a participant a person must complete online registration at: link <https://registration.fina.org>. The registration shall take place through the online FINA General Management System (FINA GMS). Registration will begin on Monday 30th January 2017 and end on Thursday 29th June 2017.

TO COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION FORM:

1. Go to <https://registration.fina.org>
2. Click "Create Account". Select either 'Masters Athlete', 'Masters Coach' or 'Masters Accompanying Person'. If you participated in the World Masters Championships in Kazan 2015, you can log back in using your existing e-mail address and password.
3. Enter your personal data into your profile
4. Attach your colour accreditation photo (please follow the photograph requirements)
5. Attach a scanned copy of the personal identification document you will use (if you require a visa, please submit a passport scan)
6. Select "FINA World Masters Championships 2017" in the Event Tab.
7. Indicate the disciplines in which intend to compete
8. Pay the Participation Fee online.
9. Select the events in which you wish to participate
10. Pay the event fees (for details see 3.2 below).

*Please note that only Visa and MasterCard are accepted for payment

The registration user guide can be found by clicking here (or at the bottom of every page of the registration system by clicking on "User Help").

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

**FINAL Registration and Events Entry Deadline:
Thursday 29th June 2017 (23:59 UTC).**

- All persons willing to participate must be registered, and have paid their registration fee for the event, by **Thursday 29th June 2017**.
- No registrations will be accepted after **Thursday 29th June 2017**.
- All individual and team event entries must be paid for by **Thursday 29th June 2017**.
- Registrations and event entries will not be considered without completed payment.

PHOTOGRAPH REQUIREMENTS

A passport style photo must be supplied during online registration and that will be used as part of the accreditation badge for access to venues at the Championships. In order for photographs to be uploaded into the system they must be in the *jpeg (*.jpg) format, in colour (not black and white), with a minimum image size resolution of 425 pixels wide by minimum 566 pixels high and a maximum size of 1Mb.



THE PHOTOGRAPHS MUST BE:

- taken against a plain white, light grey or light cream background (free from shadows).
- taken in full-face view directly facing the camera (chin and shoulders must be visible).
- with a neutral expression and the mouth closed (no grinning, frowning or raised eyebrows).
- taken with the eyes open, clearly visible and looking straight at the camera (with no sunglasses or tinted spectacles, and no hair across the eyes).
- in sharp focus and clear.
- free from reflection or glare on spectacles, the frames of which must not cover any part of the eyes.
- taken of the full head, without any covering unless worn for religious reasons (provided that the person is photographed likewise in his/her passport).
- of each person on their own (no objects, chair backs or other people visible).
- free from any editing to improve or alter the appearance in any way.
- taken no earlier than 6 months before the documents are submitted.
- originals only (copied or scanned photographs are NOT acceptable).

3.2. FEES AND ENTRY PROCEDURES

THE PARTICIPANTS ARE INVITED TO PAY ALL THE FEES

THROUGH THE FINA GMS <https://registration.fina.org>

Once participants choose the discipline and event, they must pay a fee in order to be approved. MasterCard and Visa payments are accepted. A participant receives an e-mail notification of the successful or unsuccessful payment.

Registration for Team, Relay and Synchronised Events (Swimming, Diving, Synchronised Swimming, Water Polo)

Once a participant is registered, if he/she is nominated as a captain or coach, he/she is able to see the names of the other people who have registered from the same club. Then he/she can select those people in order to create a team to participate in an event. Once the team is complete, he/she must then pay the required fee and the entry is approved upon successful payment.

ONLY ONE PERSON MAY MAKE THE TEAM ENTRY.

REGISTRATION FEES

Registration Fee for Athletes (one-off fee)	USD 65
Registration Fee for Coaches/Support Staff only (one-off fee)	USD 40
Registration Fee for Family Members/Participant Friend only (one-off fee)	USD 40

*If you are participating as an Athlete and a Coach, you should register as a Masters Athlete.

Please note, that upon paying the Registration Fee you will be entitled to:

- free use of all public transport in Budapest.
- discounted hotel prices; available through the LOC website.
- special prices for various attractive cultural programmes during the event.

ENTRY FEES

Swimming Entry Fee	USD 18	/ event
Swimming Entry Fee	USD 40	/ relay
Open Water Swimming Entry Fee	USD 45	/ event
Diving Entry Fee	USD 18	/ event / competitor
Synchronised Diving Entry Fee	USD 36	/ event / team
Water Polo Entry Fee	USD 390	/ team
Synchronised Swimming Solo Entry Fee	USD 18	/ event
Synchronised Swimming Duet, Mixed Duet Entry Fee	USD 30	/ event
Synchronised Swimming Team, Free Combination Entry Fee	USD 90	/ event

REFUNDS

Except for Water Polo teams: where there are not at least three (3) teams in a bracket, there are no refunds. You may not transfer any entry to another competitor.

3.3. ACCREDITATION

In order to be accredited for the World Masters Championships as a participant it is necessary to complete online registration through the FINA GMS at: <https://registration.fina.org>

REGISTRATION FOR THE 17TH FINA WORLD MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS BUDAPEST (HUN) OPENS ON MONDAY 30TH JANUARY 2017 AND CLOSES ON THURSDAY 29TH JUNE 2017 (23:59 UTC).

Registration is mandatory for Athletes and Coaches. To gain accreditation for accompanying persons, it is necessary to complete online registration and make an online payment for the accompanying individual.

Once a person has registered for the 17th FINA World Masters Championships, they must pay a Fee in order to be approved.

FEES ARE DIVIDED INTO TWO CATEGORIES:

- Registration Fee for athletes and accompanying people
- Entry Fee which is paid for each registration by event

The detailed information on fees can be found on the official web-site at (<http://masters.fina-budapest2017.com>).

All fees can be paid through FINA GMS.

(MasterCard and Visa payments are accepted. The participant receives e-mail notification of successful or unsuccessful payment.)

Only coaches and/or captains can register a team. For that, you must be registered as a coach or as an athlete with the additional function of coach/captain. That will allow you to access a specific team entry tab where you will be able to see the members of your club and create a team. Finally you must pay the registration fee for a team.

All participants should visit the Main Accreditation Centres (at Danube Aquatics Arena or in the case of open water swimming in Balatonfüred – maps and directions will be available on the website) upon arrival, to undergo the accreditation procedure and receive their accreditation badges.

The personal identification document indicated in the registration form should be presented when receiving the accreditation badge.

Accredited accompanying persons receive accreditation badges at the same Accreditation Centre as the athletes

3.4. VISA INFORMATION

Hungary is a Member of the Schengen Area. Visas and residence permits issued by one Schengen Member State is valid also for Hungary, and visas/residence permits issued by the Hungarian authorities are – as a general rule – also valid for the entire Schengen Area.

SCHENGEN MEMBER STATES:

Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Norway, Switzerland, Liechtenstein.

Hungary issues visas itself in 89 countries, while in 67 more countries Hungary is represented by another Member State in issuing visas.

Check the Annex to see if you are eligible for visa-free entry.

WHERE TO SUBMIT A VISA APPLICATION?

Uniform visa applications must be submitted at the Hungarian Embassy/Consulate General in your country or at the Embassy/Consulate General representing Hungary in visa issuance.

WHICH OF THE HUNGARIAN CONSULATES IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ISSUING A VISA?

- a) where the applicant resides legally and has a habitual residence (the applicant is a citizen of the given country or holds a permit which makes a stay longer than 3 months possible – e.g., a residence permit),
- b) where the applicant does not have habitual residence or the right of long term stay, but at the given moment is staying there legally and has given reasons for applying at that consulate. This is not a personal right; it depends on the consulate's consideration and can only happen for an extremely good reason.

The stay is legal if, according to the third country's law, the applicant is entitled to stay within the consulate's authorized area for a short period (e.g., with a visa) or for a longer period (e.g., with a residence permit).

If there is no Hungarian consulate in the country where the applicant has his/her habitual residence, another Member State may represent Hungary for the issue of visas, within the framework of an existing visa representation agreement.

In the case that there is no Hungarian representation, nor another Member State issuing visas on behalf of Hungary in the country where the applicant has his/her habitual residence, a visa application can be submitted at any Hungarian Embassy/Consulate General outside the Schengen Area.

Please have a look at the list of the embassies and consulates at the end of this chapter.

WHO CAN SUBMIT A VISA APPLICATION?

The application should be submitted personally by the applicant.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

1. **Applications shall be lodged no more than three months before the start of the intended visit.**
2. Decisions about admissible applications, as main rule, must be made within 15 calendar days counted from submission of the application. **It is therefore advised to submit the application earlier than 15 calendar days before your planned departure. The consulate takes no responsibility for delayed submission and therefore for failed travel.**
3. The period covered by the visa may be extended up to a maximum of 30 calendar days or (in exceptional circumstances) a maximum of 60 calendar days.

Visa fee: 60 EUR per person

THE VISA FEE IS EUR 35 FOR APPLICANTS BELONGING TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

- Children over six years of age and under 12 years of age.
- The beneficiary of a visa facilitation agreement (as below).
- Kosovo citizens



DOCUMENTS NEEDED FOR VISA APPLICATION

1. **Completed visa *application form***;
2. Travel document with at least two empty pages for stamps. The passport should have been issued within the last 10 years. The passport must be valid for at least 3 months beyond the date upon which you intend to leave the Schengen area.
3. The **FINA BUDAPEST 2017 invitation** (the OC will provide the invitation letter to those who are approved by FINA in the FINA GMS).
4. Travel medical insurance covering emergency medical treatment, hospitalization and repatriation. The minimum cover should be of 30.000 EUR. (This insurance must be valid for the entire Schengen area and throughout the duration of the stay).
5. **Travel itinerary and evidence of planned accommodation**
The consul has the right to ask for further documents.

If the country of origin and the EU have signed a **visa facilitation agreement**, further exceptions may be given, e.g.,: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cape Verde, Georgia, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Russian Federation, Serbia and Ukraine. For detailed information concerning these agreements, please contact the competent Hungarian foreign representations in the respective countries.

According to Regulation (EC) No 767/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council, of 9th July 2008, concerning the Visa Information System (VIS) and the exchange of data between Member States on short-stay visas (VIS Regulation):

If the applicant is travelling in a group or with his/her spouse and/or children, the visa authority shall create an application file for each applicant and link the application files of the persons travelling together. Therefore it is advisable to apply for visas for all family members together.

Please be informed that the Tables on the recognition of travel documents by Hungary are published on the website of DG HOME, under the link:

http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/what-we-do/policies/borders-and-visas/index_en.htm.

Further information at:

<http://konzulizsolgalat.kormany.hu/en>

ANNEX - VISA FREE ENTRY

Citizens of countries/territories/entities listed in Annex II ("positive list") of the 539/2001/EC Regulation may travel to Hungary without visa:

- EU-Member States
- Albania (only holders of biometric passports)
- Andorra
- Antigua and Barbuda
- Argentina
- Aruba
- Australia
- Bahamas
- Barbados
- Bosnia and Herzegovina (only holders of biometric passports)
- Brazil
- British overseas territories*:
Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Gibraltar,
Turks and Caicos Islands
- Brunei Darussalam
- Canada
- Chile
- Colombia
- Costa Rica
- Dominica
- Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
(only holders of biometric passports)
- Curacao
- Faroe Islands
- Grenada
- Guam
- Guatemala
- Holy See
- Honduras
- Hong Kong (only holders of a "Hong Kong Special Administrative Region" passport)
- Iceland
- Israel
- Japan
- Kiribati
- Lichtenstein
- Macau (only holders of a "Regiao Administrativa Especial de Macau" passport)
- Malaysia
- Marshall Islands
- Mauritius
- Mexico
- Micronesia
- Moldova (only holders of biometric passports)
- Monaco
- Montenegro (only holders of biometric passport)
- Nauru
- New Zealand
- Nicaragua
- Northern Mariana
- Norway
- Palau
- Panama
- Paraguay
- Peru
- Puerto Rico
- Saint Kitts and Nevis
- Saint Lucia
- Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
- Salvador

- Samoa
- Saint Marteen
- San Marino
- Serbia (only holders of biometric passports)
- Seychelles
- Singapore
- Solomon Islands
- South Korea
- Switzerland
- Taiwan (only holders of passports issued by Taiwan which include an identity card number)
- Timor-Leste
- Tonga
- Trinidad and Tobago
- Tuvalu
- United Arab Emirates
- United States of America
- Uruguay
- US Samoa
- US Virgin Islands
- Vanuatu
- Venezuela

*509/2014/EU Regulation: 1. British nationals (Overseas); 2. British overseas territories citizens (BOTC); 3. British overseas citizens (BOC); 4. British protected persons (BPP); 5. British subjects (BS) can travel to the EU visa free



The Heroes' Square

Location Country/City	Visa needed	State issuing visas on behalf of Hungary	Contact information of the competent foreign representation
Afghanistan Kabul	Yes	-	TBC, ongoing discussions
Albania	No (for biometric passport holders)	-	only holders of biometric passports
Algeria Algiers	Yes	Hungary	Embassy of Hungary 29, Rue Ismail Chalaal, El-Mouradia, Algiers Phone: +213 21 697 977 Email: consulate.alg@mfa.gov.hu Web: www.mfa.gov.hu/emb/algiers
Andorra	No	-	-
Angola Luanda	Yes	Portugal	Embassy of Portugal Phone: +244 222333435 Fax: +244 222333656 E-mail: mail@luanda.dgaccp.pt
Antigua and Barbuda	No	-	-
Argentina	No	-	-
Armenia Yerevan	Yes	Lithuania	Embassy of Lithuania 2/13 Babayan Street 0037 Yerevan, Armenia Phone: + 374 10297680 Fax: +374 10297681 E-mail: amb.am@urm.lt
Aruba	No	-	-
Australia	No	-	-
Austria	No	-	-
Azerbaijan Baku	Yes	Hungary	Embassy of Hungary Mirza Mansur 72, Icheri Sheher, 1004 Baku, Azerbaijan Phone: +994 12 497 4581 Email: mission.bku@mfa.gov.hu Web: www.mfa.gov.hu/emb/baku
Bahamas	No	-	-
Bahrain Manama	Yes	-	Embassy of Hungary in Kuwait / Qatar
Bangladesh Dhaka	Yes	Germany	Embassy of Germany Phone: +880 2 985 35 21 E-mail: RK-10@dhak.auswaertiges-amt.de

Location Country/City	Visa needed	State issuing visas on behalf of Hungary	Contact information of the competent foreign representation
Barbados	No	-	-
Belarus Minsk	Yes	Hungary	Embassy of Hungary 220034 Minsk, Platonova 1/B Phone: +375 17 233 9416 Fax: +375 17 233 9417 Email: visa.msk@mfa.gov.hu Web: www.mfa.gov.hu/emb/minsk
Belgium	No	-	-
Belize Belmopan	Yes	-	TBC, ongoing discussions
Benin Cotonou	Yes	France	Consulate of France Phone: +229 21 31 26 80 / 21 31 26 38 / 21 31 50 08 / 21 31 50 12 Fax: +229 21 312 016 E-mail: consulat.cotonou-fslt@diplomatie.gouv.fr Web: www.ambafrance-bj.org
Bermuda	No	-	-
Bolivia La Paz, Santa Cruz de la Sierra	Yes	Spain	Embassy of Spain in La Paz Sección Consular de la Embajada de España en La Paz, Avda. 6 de Agosto, 2845 (edificio colindante al de la Embajada) Phone: +591-2 2117820, 2117850, 2117860 Fax: +591-2 2432752 E-mail: emb.lapaz@maec.es; ofc.lapaz@maec.es Consulate General of Spain in Santa Cruz de la Sierra Avenida Cañoto (1er.Anillo) esquina Calle Perú Santa Cruz de la Sierra Phone: +591 3 33 46 500 Fax: +591 3 33 46 501 E-mail: cog.santacruzdelasierra@maec.es
Bosnia and Herzegovina	No	-	only holders of biometric passports
Botswana Gaborone	Yes	Germany	Embassy of Germany Phone: +267 395 31 43, 395 38 06 Fax: +267 395 30 38 E-mail: info@gaborone.diplo.de Web: www.gaborone.diplo.de
Brazil	No	-	-
British Virgin Islands	No	-	-
Brunei Darussalam	No	-	-
Bulgaria	No	-	-

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Burkina Faso Ouagadougou	Yes	Belgium	Embassy of Belgium Rue du Pr. Joseph Ki Zerbo, 994 Ouagadougou Phone: +226 50312164; (226) 50312165 Fax: +226 50310660 E-mail: ouagadougou@diplobel.fed.be Web: www.diplomatie.be/ouagadougou
Burundi Bujumbura	Yes	-	TBC, ongoing discussions
Cambodia Phnom Penh	Yes	-	TBC, ongoing discussions
Cameroon Yaoundé	Yes	Germany	Embassy of Germany Rue Charles de Gaulle, Yaoundé Phone: +237 22 21 00 56, 22 20 05 66, 22 21 44 34, 22 21 72 92 Fax: +237 22 21 62 11, 22 20 73 13 E-mail: info@jaunde.diplo.de Web: www.jaunde.diplo.de
Canada	No	-	-
Cape Verde Praia	Yes	-	TBC, ongoing discussions
Cayman Islands	No	-	-
Central-African Republic	Yes	France	Embassy of France Boulevard du Général de Gaulle – BP 884 Bangui Phone: +236 21 61 30 000
Chad N'Djamena	Yes	France	Embassy of France Rue du lieutenant Franjoux – BP 431 N'Djaména Phone: +261 20) 222 38 02, 222 38 03, 222 16 91 Fax: +261 20) 222 66 27 E-mail: amba.france@intnet.td Web: www.ambafrance-td.org
Chile	No	-	-
China Beijing	Yes	Hungary	Embassy of Hungary San Li Tun, Dong Zhi Men Wai No.10 , Beijing 100600 Phone: +86 10 6532-0665 Email: consular.pek@mfa.gov.hu"

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China Chongqing	Yes	Hungary	Consulate General of Hungary HNA & Poly International Center 36-A, No. 235 Minsheng Rd., Yuzhong District, Chongqing Phone: +86 23 6399 7099 Email: mission.ckg@mfa.gov.hu Web: www.mfa.gov.hu/cons/chongqing
China Shanghai	Yes	Hungary	Consulate General of Hungary 200120 Shanghai, Pudong New District, Century Avenue 1501. and Xiangcheng 288., SOHO Century Plaza, Room 706-708 Phone: +86 21 6341-1007 Email: mission.shg@mfa.gov.hu Web: http://shanghai.kormany.hu/
Colombia Bogota	No	-	-
Comoros Moroni	Yes	France	Embassy of France Quartier de Hombo – Mutsamudu – Ile d'Anjouan Moroni Phone: +269 771 02 27 Fax: +269 773 09 22 / 773 03 95 Email: fransulat.anjouan@laposte.net
Congo Democratic Republic Kinshasa	Yes	Belgium	Embassy of Belgium Building du inquantenaire, Place du 27 Octobre – Gombe B.P. 899, Kinshasa Phone: +243 (0) 81 97 00 160; +243 (0) 81 97 00 159 Fax: +873 762 154 472 Email: kinshasa@diplobel.fed.be Web: www.diplobel.org/congo
Cook Islands Avarua	No	-	-
Costa Rica	No	-	-
Cote d'Ivoire Abidjan	Yes	France	Embassy of France Rue Lecoeur, Abidjan Postal Address: 01 BP 1385 – Abidjan 01 Abidjan Phone: +225 20 20 05 05 / 20 20 05 12 Fax: +225 20 20 05 03 Email: ambassade@ambafrance-ci.org Web: www.ambafrance-ci.org/spip.php?article304
Croatia	No	-	only holders of biometric passports

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Cuba Havana	Yes	Hungary	Embassy of Hungary Calle G. No. 458.entre 19. y 21. Vedado, Havana Phone: +53 7833 3365, 7833 3346 Email: mission.hav@mfa.gov.hu Web: www.mfa.gov.hu/emb/havanna
Curacao	No	-	-
Cyprus Nicosia	No	-	-
Czech Republic	No	-	-
Denmark	No	-	-
Djibouti Djibouti	Yes	France	Consulate General of France Boulevard du Maréchal Lyautey, Djibouti Postal Address: BP 75 - Djibouti Djibouti, Djibouti Phone: +253 35 25 03 Fax: +253 35 00 07 Homepage: www.ambafrance-dj.org
Dominica	No	-	-
Dominican Republic Santo Domingo	Yes	-	TBC, ongoing discussions
Ecuador Quito	Yes	Switzerland	Embassy of Switzerland Juan Pablo Sanz y Avenida Amazonas 3617, Edificio Xerox, 2do piso PO Box 17-11-4815, 17-11-4815 Quito Phone: +593 2-2434113; +593 2-2434948; +593 2-2434949 Fax: +593 2-2449314 E-mail: vertretung@qui.rep.admin.ch Web: www.eda.admin.ch/quito
Egypt Cairo	Yes	Hungary	Embassy of Hungary 29, Mohamed Mazhar St., Zamatek, Cairo, 11211 Phone: +20-2-2735 6478, 2735 8659 Email: mission.cai@mfa.gov.hu Web: www.mfa.gov.hu/emb/cairo VODAFONE Visa Appointment System: 0900 70678
El Salvador	No	-	-
Equatorial Guinea Malabo	Yes	-	TBC, ongoing discussions

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Eritrea Asmara	Yes	-	TBC, ongoing discussions
Estonia	No	-	-
Ethiopia Addis Abeba	Yes	Austria	Embassy of Austria N. Silk Lafto Kifle Ketema Kebele 04 H.No. 535, Addis Abeba PostaAddress: P.O.B. 1219, Addis Abeba Phone: +251 11 371 21 44 +251 11 371 24 45 +251 11 371 00 52 Fax: +251 11 371 21 40 Email: addis-abeba-ob@bmeia.gv.at Web: www.aussenministerium.at/addisabeba
Faroe Islands	No	-	-
Federated States of Micronesia	No	-	-
Fiji Suva	Yes	France	Embassy of France Dominion House - 7 th Floor - Private Mail Bag - Thomson Street, Suva Phone: +679 331 05 26 Fax: +679 322 39 02 Email: presse@diplomatie.gouv.fr Web: www.ambafrance-fj.org
Finland	No	-	-
France	No	-	-
Gabon Libreville	Yes	France	Embassy of France Rue Ange Mba - BP 2161 Libreville Phone: +241 74 34 20 / 74 34 21 Fax: +241 72 55 87 Email: consulat@inet.ga Web: www.ambafrance-ga.org
Gambia Banjul	Yes	-	TBC, ongoing discussions
Georgia Tbilisi	Yes	Latvia	Embassy of Latvia 16 Akhmeta Street (Avlabari) 0144, Tbilisi Phone: +995 32-224-4858 Fax: +995 32 2381-406 E-mail: consulate.georgia@mfa.gov.lv; embassy.georgia@mfa.gov.lv
Germany	No	-	-

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Ghana Accra	Yes	Netherland	Embassy of the Netherlands 89, Liberation Road, P.O. Box CT 1647, Accra Phone: +233 30 2214 350 Fax: +233 30 2773 655
Gibraltar	No	-	-
Greece	No	-	-
Great Britain	No	-	-
Grenada	No	-	-
Guam	No	-	-
Guatemala	No	-	-
Guinea Conakry	Yes	-	TBC, ongoing discussions
Guinea-Bissau Bissau	Yes	-	TBC, ongoing discussions
Guyana Georgetown	Yes	-	TBC, ongoing discussions
Haiti Port-au-Prince	Yes	-	TBC, ongoing discussions
Honduras	No	-	-
Hong Kong (only holders of a "Hong Kong Special Administrative Region")	No	-	-
Hungary	No	-	-
Iceland	No	-	-
India Mumbai	Yes	Hungary	General Consulate of Hungary TCG Financial Centre, #803, 8 th Floor, C53, G Block, BKC, Bandra East, Mumbai 400 098 Phone: +91 22 6770-1637 Email: consulate.mum@mfa.gov.hu
India New Delhi	Yes	Hungary	Embassy of Hungary 2/50-M Niti Marg, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi - 110-021 Phone: +91 11 2688-1135 Email: consulate.del@mfa.gov.hu Web: www.mfa.gov.hu/emb/newdelhi

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Indonesia Jakarta	Yes	Hungary	Embassy of Hungary Jl. Rasuna Said Kav. X/3 Kuningan, Jakarta 12950 Phone: +62 21 520-3459 Email: consulate.jkt@mfa.gov.hu Web: www.mfa.gov.hu/emb/jakarta
Iran Tehran	Yes	Hungary	Embassy of Hungary Tehran, Darrou, Hedayat Sq., Shadloo str. 10 T: +98 21 2255-04-52, 2255-04-60 Email: mis- sion.thr@mfa.gov.hu Web: www.mfa.gov.hu/emb/teheran
Iraq Erbil	Yes	Hungary	General Consulate of Hungary 319/246-5 Ankawa-Gulan Street, Erbil Phone: +964 751 184 3391, 751 184 3392 Email: mission.ebl@mfa.gov.hu
Ireland	No	-	-
Israel	No	-	-
Italy	No	-	-
Jamaica Kingston	Yes	-	TBC, ongoing discussions
Japan	No	-	-
Jordan Amman	Yes	Hungary	Embassy of Hungary 24, Hani Al-Akasheh st. Abdoun, Amman 11181 P.O.B. 3441 Phone: +962 6 593-4056 Email: mission.amm@mfa.gov.hu Web: www.mfa.gov.hu/emb/amman
Kazakhstan Almaty	Yes	Hungary	General Consulate of Hungary Ulitsa Muszabajeva 4., 050043 Almati Phone: +7 727 247-25-57, 247-25-70, 247-25-69, 258-18-36 Email: mission.ala@mfa.gov.hu Web: www.mfa.gov.hu/cons/almaty
Kazakhstan Astana	Yes	Austria	Embassy of Austria Kosmonavtov Strasse 62, 9. Stock, Mikrodistrikt Chubary, 010000 Astana Phone: +77172 97 78 69, +77172 97 78 78 +77172 97 78 79 Telefax: (+7/7172) 97 78 50 Email: astana-ob@bmeia.gv.at

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Kenya Nairobi	Yes	Hungary	Embassy of Hungary Kabarsiran Avenue (off James Gichuru Road) Lavington, Nairobi PO Box: 661146-00200 Phone: +254 738 905 187 Email: mission.nai@mfa.gov.hu Web: www.mfa.gov.hu/emb/nairobi
Korea People's Democratic Republic Pyongyang	Yes	Poland	Embassy of Poland
Kosovo Pristina	Yes	Hungary	Embassy of Hungary Rr. 24 Maj Nr. 23, Pristina Phone: +381 38 248 004 Fax: +381 38 247 764 Email: consulte.prs@mfa.gov.hu Web: www.mfa.gov.hu/pristina
Kuwait Kuwait	Yes	Hungary	Embassy of Hungary Kuwait, Bayan, Block 13, Street 30, Villa 381 Phone: +965 2537-9351, 2537-9352 Email: mission.kwi@mfa.gov.hu Web: www.mfa.gov.hu/emb/kuwait
Kyrgyzstan Bishkek	Yes	-	TBC, ongoing discussions
Lao People's Democratic Republic Vientiane	Yes	-	TBC, ongoing discussions
Latvia	No	-	-
Lebanon Beirut	Yes	Hungary	Embassy of Hungary Beirut, Sanayeh, Justinien street, BAC building, 9 th Phone: +961 1 730-083 Email: mission.bej@mfa.gov.hu Web: www.mfa.gov.hu/emb/beirut
Lesotho Maseru	Yes	-	TBC, ongoing discussions
Liberia Monrovia	Yes	-	TBC, ongoing discussions
Libya Tripoli	Yes	-	-
Lichtenstein	No	-	-
Lithuania	No	-	-
Luxembourg	No	-	-

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Macao (only holders of a "Regiao Administrativa Especial de Macau")	No	-	-
Macedonia	No	-	only holders of biometric passports
Madagascar Antananarivo	Yes	Switzerland	Embassy of Switzerland Immeuble "ARO" Solombavambahoaka, Frantsay 77, Boite postale 118 Phone: +261 20 226 29 97 / 98 Fax: +261 20 222 89 40 Web: www.eda.admin.ch/countries/ madagascar/en/home.html
Malawi Lilongwe	Yes	-	TBC, ongoing discussions
Malaysia	No	-	-
Maldives Male	Yes	-	TBC, ongoing discussions
Mali Bamako	Yes	-	TBC, ongoing discussions
Malte	No	-	-
Marshall Islands Majuro	No	-	-
Mauritania Nouakchott	Yes	France	Embassy of France Rue Ahmedould Hamed, Quartier de Te- vragh-Zeina, BP 231 Nouakchott Phone: +222 529 96 96 Fax: +222 525 41 57 Email: ambafrance.nouakchott -amba@diplomatie.gouv.fr Web: www.france-mauritanie
Mauritius	No	-	-
Mexico	No	-	-
Moldova	No	-	only holders of biometric passports
Monaco	No	-	-
Mongolia Ulaanbaatar	Yes	Hungary	Embassy of Hungary J.Sambuu str. 36., BLUEMON Center, Floor 6, Ulanbator 14200 Phone: +976 7700 5600 Email: consular.uln@mfa.gov.hu

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Montenegro Podgorica	Yes/No-only holders of biometric passports	Slovenia	Embassy of Slovenia 81000 Podgorica, Atinska 41 Phone: +382 (20) 618 150 v. +382 (20) 618 151 Mobile: +382 (67) 246 555 Fax: +382 (20) 655 671 v. +382 (20) 655 672 Email: kpg@gov.si Web: http://podgorica.embassy.si
Morocco Rabat	Yes	Hungary	Embassy of Hungary 17, Zankat Ait Melloul Route des Zairs Souissi, Rabat B.P. 5026, Maroc 10000 Phone: +212 5 3775-7503, 3775-0757 Email: mission.rba@mfa.gov.hu Web: www.mfa.gov.hu/emb/rabat
Mozambique Maputo	Yes	Germany	Embassy of Germany Rua Damião de Góis 506, Maputo Phone: +258 21 48 27 00 Fax: +258 21 49 28 88 Email: info@maputo.diplo.de Web: www.maputo.diplo.de
Myanmar Yangon	Yes	Germany	Embassy of Germany 9 Bogyoke Aung San Museum Road, Bahan Township, Rangoon (Yangon) 11201 Phone: +95 1 54 89 51, 54 89 52, 54 89 53 Fax: +95 1 54 88 99 Email: info@rangun.diplo.de Web: www.rangun.diplo.de
Namibia Windhoek	Yes	Germany	Embassy of Germany Sanlam Centre, 6 th Floor, Independence Ave., Windhoek Phone: +264 61 27 31 00, 27 31 33 Fax: +264 61 22 29 81 Email: info@windhuk.diplo.de Web: www.windhuk.diplo.de
Nepal Katmandu	Yes	Germany	Embassy of Germany - Gyaneshwar, Kathmandu Phone: +977 1 441 27 86, 441 65 27, 441 68 32, 441 66 55 Fax: +977 1 441 68 99 E-mail: info@kathmandu.diplo.de Homepage: www.kathmandu.diplo.de
Netherlands	No	-	-
New Zealand	No	-	-
Nicaragua	No	-	-

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Niger Niamey	Yes	France	Embassy of France Route de Tondibia- BPI0660 Niamey Phone: +227 20 72 24 31 à 33 Fax: +227 20 73 40 12 Email: niamey.consulat@diplomatie.gouv.fr Web: www.ambafrance-ne.org
Nigeria Abuja	Yes	Hungary	Embassy of Hungary 61 Jose Marti Crescent, Asokoro District Phone: +234-807-494-9771 Email: consulate.abv@mfa.gov.hu
Northern Mariana Islands	No	-	-
Norway	No	-	-
Oman Muscat	Yes	Netherlands	Embassy of the Netherlands Way 3017, Villa 1366 Shatti Al Qurum, Muscat Phone: +968 246 03 706; +968 246 03 719 Fax: +968 246 03 778 Email: mus@minbuza.nl; mus-ca@minbuza.nl
Pakistan Islamabad	Yes	Hungary	"Embassy of Hungary House No 12,F-6/3 Margalla Road Islamabad P.O.B. 1103 Phone: +92 51 207-7800 Email: consulate.isl@mfa.gov.hu Web: www.mfa.gov.hu/emb/islamabad"
Palau	No	-	-
Palestine Ramallah	Yes	Hungary	Representative Office of Hungary Ramallah, Al Watania Tower Building, P.O.B. 4255, Al Bireh Phone: +972 2 240-7676 Email: mission.ram@mfa.gov.hu Web: www.mfa.gov.hu/ramallah
Panama	No	-	-
"Papua New Guinea Port Moresby"	Yes	-	TBC, ongoing discussions
Paraguay	No	-	-
Peru Lima	No	-	-

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Philippines Manila	Yes	Belgium	Embassy of Belgium Multinational Bancorporation Center 9 th floor – 6805 Ayala Avenue – Salcedo Village 1227 Makati City – Manila Phone: +63 2 8451869; +63 2 8451873 Fax: +63 2 8452076 Email: Manila@diplobel.fed.be Web: www.diplomatie.be/manila
Poland	No	–	–
Portugal	No	–	–
Puerto Rico	No	–	–
Qatar Doha	Yes	Hungary	Embassy of Hungary Doha, West Bay, Zone 66. Saha 83. No.: 7 Phone: +974 4493-2531 Email: consulate.doh@mfa.gov.hu Web: www.mfa.gov.hu/emb/doha
Republic of Congo Brazzaville	Yes	–	TBC, ongoing discussions
Romania	No	–	–
Russian Federation Kaliningrad	Yes	Latvia	Embassy of Latvia F. Engelsza 52a, Kaliningrad Phone: +7 (921) 107 42 24 +7 401 256 55 03 (üzenezőközpont) Fax: +7 (401) 295 74 41 +7 401 256 55 02 Email: chancery.kaliningrad@mfa.gov.lv
Russian Federation Moscow	Yes	Hungary	Embassy of Hungary Ul. Moszfilmovszkaja 62. Moskva 115127 Phone: +7 495 641-75-11 Email: consular.mow@mfa.gov.hu Web: www.mfa.gov.hu/emb/moscow
Russian Federation Saint Petersburg	Yes	Hungary	Consulate General of Hungary in Saint Petersburg Ul. Marata 15, 191025 Phone: +7 812 312-64-58 Email: mission.spt@mfa.gov.hu Web: www.mfa.gov.hu/kulkepviselet/RU/hu/
Russian Federation Yekaterinburg	Yes	Hungary	General Consulate of Hungary Ul. Gogolja 15., Jekatyerinburg 620075 Phone: +7 343 355-92-54, 310-10-06 Email: mission.jkb@mfa.gov.hu

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Rwanda Kigali	Yes	Belgium	Embassy of Belgium Rwanda, Embassy of Belgium, KN3AV BP81 Phone: +250 252 575 553; +250 252 575 552; +250 252 575 551; +250 252 573 995 Email: Kigali@diplobel.fed.be Web: http://diplomatie.belgium.be/rwanda
Saint Kitts and Nevis	No	–	–
Saint Lucia	No	–	–
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	No	–	–
Samoa	No	–	–
San Marino	No	–	–
Saudi Arabia Riyadh	Yes	Hungary	Embassy of Hungary Al Waha District, Ahmed Al-Touny Str. 23 11693, Riyadh P.O.B. 94014 Phone: +966 11- 454-6707 Email: consular.ryd@mfa.gov.hu Web: www.mfa.gov.hu/emb/riyadh
Senegal Dakar	Yes	Austria	Embassy of Austria 18, rue Emile Zola, Dakar Postal Address: B.P. 3247, Dakar Phone: (+221) 33 849 40 00 Fax: (+221) 33 849 43 70 E-mail: dakar-ob@bmeia.gv.at
Serbia	No	–	only holders of biometric passports
Seychelles	No	–	–
Sierra Leone Freetown	Yes	–	TBC, ongoing discussions
Singapore	No	–	–
Saint Marteen	No	–	–
Slovakia	No	–	–
Slovenia	No	–	–
Solomon Islands Honiara	No	–	–
Somalia Mogadishu	Yes	–	TBC, ongoing discussions

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South Africa Pretoria	Yes	Hungary	Embassy of Hungary 959 Arcadia Street Pretoria, Hatfield 0083 Phone: +27 12 430-3030, 3020 Email: konz.prt@mfa.gov.hu Web: www.mfa.gov.hu/kulkepvisolet/ZA/HU
South Korea	No	-	-
South Sudan Juba	Yes	-	TBC, ongoing discussions
Spain	No	-	-
Sri Lanka Colombo	Yes	Germany	Embassy of Germany 40, Alfred House Avenue, Colombo 3. Colombo Phone: +94 11 258 04 31 Fax: +94 11 258 04 40 E-mail: info@colombo.diplo.de Web: www.colombo.diplo.de
Sudan Khartoum	Yes	Germany	Embassy of Germany 53 Baladia Street, Block No 8 D, Plot No. 2, Khartoum Phone: +249 183 74 50 55, 77 79 90 Fax: +249 183 77 76 22 E-mail: info@khartoum.diplo.de Web: www.khartoum.diplo.de
Suriname Paramaribo	Yes	Netherlands	Embassy of the Netherlands Van Roseveltkaade 5, Paramaribo Tel: +597 477 211 Fax: +597 477 792 E-mail: prm@minbuza.nl
Swaziland Mbabane	Yes	-	TBC, ongoing discussions
Sweden	No	-	-
Switzerland	No	-	-
Syria Damascus	Yes	-	Embassy of Hungary Beirut, Sanayeh, Justinien street, BAC building, 9 th Phone: +961 1 730-083 Email: mission.bej@mfa.gov.hu Web: www.mfa.gov.hu/emb/beirut
Taiwan (only holders of passports issued by Taiwan which include an identity card number)	No	-	-
Tajikistan Dushanbe	Yes	-	TBC, ongoing discussions

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Tanzania Dar es Salaam	Yes	Finland	Embassy of Finland Phone: +255 22 2196 565 Fax: +255 22 2196 573 Email: sanomat.dar@formin.fi Web: www.finland.or.tz
Thailand Bangkok	Yes	Hungary	Embassy of Hungary Park Ventures Ecoplex, 14 th Floor (Unit Nos. 1401,1411-1412), 57 Thanon Witthayu (Wireless Road), Lumpini, Pathumwan, Bangkok 10330 Phone: +66 118 9600 Email: mission.bgk@mfa.gov.hu Web: www.mfa.gov.hu/emb/bangkok
Timor-Leste	No	-	-
Togo Lomé	Yes	France	Embassy of France Embassy of France (consular section) Rue de la Marina - BP 7485- Lomé Phone: +228 223 46 40 Fax: +228 223 46 56 Web: www.ambafrance-tg.org
Tonga	No	-	-
Trinidad and Tobago	No	-	-
Tunisia Tunis	Yes	Hungary	Embassy of Hungary 12, rue Achtart, Nord-Hilton, 1082 Cite Mahrajene Phone: +216 71-780-544 Email: mission.tun@mfa.gov.hu Web: www.mfa.gov.hu/emb/tunis
Turkey Ankara	Yes	Hungary	Embassy of Hungary Macaristan Cumhuriyeti Büyükelçiligi, Sancak Mahallesi, Layos Kosut Caddesi No.2., / Kahire Caddesi No. 30., 06650 Yıldiz, Cankaya, Ankara Phone: +90 312 442 2275 Email: consulate.ank@mfa.gov.hu Web: www.mfa.gov.hu/emb/ankara
Turkey Istanbul	Yes	Hungary	Consulate General of Hungary Metrocity A Blok, Büyükdere Cad. No. 171, 1. Levent/Istanbul 34330 Tel: +90 212 317 9214, 317 9215 Email: mission.ist@mfa.gov.hu consulate.ist@mfa.gov.hu Web: www.mfa.gov.hu/cons/istanbul

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Turkmenistan Ashgabat	Yes	-	General Consulate of Hungary in Kazakhstan Ulica Muszabajeva 4., 050043 Almati Phone: +7 727 247-25-57, 247-25-70, 247-25-69, 258-18-36 Email: mission.ala@mfa.gov.hu Web: www.mfa.gov.hu/cons/almaty
Turks and Caicos Islands	No	-	-
Uganda Kampala	Yes	-	-
Ukraine Beregovo	Yes	Hungary	Consulate General of Hungary 90200 Beregszász, Bogdán Hmelynickij u.53. Phone : +38-03141 425-81; 425-82 Email: mission.brg@mfa.gov.hu Web: www.mfa.gov.hu/kulkepvisolet/ beregovo/HU
Ukraine Kiev	Yes	Hungary	Embassy of Hungary Ul. Rejtárszkaja 33. Kijev 01034 Phone: +380 44 230 8001, 230 8002, 230 8003 E-mail: consulate.kev@mfa.gov.hu Web: www.mfa.gov.hu/emb/kiev
Ukraine Mariupol	Yes	Greece	Consulate General of Greece 10, Varganova ul., Mariupol 87500 Phone: +380 629 332492, 345384 Fax: +380 629 528719 Email: grgencon.mar@mfa Web: www.mfa.gr/mariupol
Ukraine Uzhorod	Yes	Hungary	Consulate General of Hungary 88000, Uzhorod, Pravoszláv rkp. 12. Phone : +380 312 61 57 88 +380 312 61 44 40 Email: mission.ung@mfa.gov.hu info.ung@mfa.gov.hu Web: www.mfa.gov.hu/kulkepvisolet/ungvar/HU
United States of America	No	-	-
United Arab Emirates	No	-	-
Uruguay	No	-	-
US Samoa	No	-	-

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US Virgin Islands	No	-	-
Uzbekistan Tashkent	Yes	Latvia	Embassy of Latvia 16 A Lashkarbegi Str. Tashkent, 10000 Fax: +998 71 120 70 36
Vanuatu	No	-	-
Venezuela Caracas	No	-	-
Vietnam Hanoi	Yes	Hungary	Embassy of Hungary Floor 9, Hanoi Lake View Residence, 28 Thanh Nien, Tay Ho District, Hanoi Phone: +844 37715714 /15 Email: consulate.hoi@mfa.gov.hu Web: www.hanoi.kormany.hu
Yemen Sana'a	Yes	-	Embassy of Hungary in Riyadh Saudi Arabia Al Waha District, Ahmed Al-Touncy Str. 23 11693, Riyadh P.O.B. 94014 Phone: +966 11- 454-6707 Email: consular.ryd@mfa.gov.hu Web: www.mfa.gov.hu/emb/riyadh
Zambia Lusaka	Yes	Germany	Embassy of Germany 5209 United Nations Avenue Ridgeway, Lusaka P.O. Box 50120 15101, Ridgeway, Lusaka Phone: +2 60 211 25 06 44, 25 12 59, 25 12 62 Fax: +2 60 211 25 40 14 Email: info@lusaka.diplo.de Web: www.lusaka.diplo.de
Zimbabwe Harare	Yes	-	TBC, ongoing discussions



The brand new Danube Aquatics Arena

3.5 COMPETITION AND TRAINING VENUES

The events of the 17th FINA World Masters Championships 2017 in Hungary, will take place at 4 competition venues (3 in Budapest, 1 in Balatonfüred). Two Water Wonder Parks adjacent to the venues, with shops, food courts and entertainment areas, also await participants.

DANUBE AQUATICS ARENA

The Danube Aquatics Arena is situated to the north side of the Dagály Swimming Baths site on the east bank of the River Danube, in the heart of the Hungarian capital, where throughout the course of history, natural springs have given birth to a series of important baths. The dimensions of the complex are complemented by the broad river and the tall structures of the Árpád Bridge. The Danube Aquatics Arena consists of two main facilities for the 2017 World Championships: a permanent building with seating for up to 6,000 spectators and a temporary facility, constructed specifically for the World Championships, which will host additional stands and support facilities.

The main building is designed to remain an outstanding structural adornment in Budapest; even after the temporary extension has been dismantled. The essential purpose of the final structure is the unique ability to fulfil the needs of the major Hungarian aquatics organizations of swimming, water polo, synchronized swimming and Diving.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION

Main Competition Pool, indoor

Commissioning:	August, 2017
Event:	Swimming
Seating capacity:	12,000
Area, Depth:	25x50m. depth 3 m
Water Temperature:	Controlled at 26-27 °C
Number of Lanes:	10 lanes

Competition Pool, indoor

Commissioning:	August, 2017
Event:	Swimming
Seating capacity:	100
Area, Depth:	25x50m. depth 2 m
Water Temperature:	Controlled at 26-27 °C
Number of Lanes:	10 lanes

Diving Pool, indoor

Commissioning:	August, 2017
Event:	Diving
Seating capacity:	3500
Area, depth:	22x25m, depth 5m
Water temperature:	controlled 27-28 °C

Warm-up Pool, outdoor

Commissioning:	August, 2017
Event:	Swimming
Area, Depth:	20x50m. depth 2 m
Water Temperature:	Controlled at 26-27 °C
Number of Lanes:	8 lanes

BASIC FUNCTIONS OF THE BUILDINGS

PERMANENT FACILITY:

Aquatics Arena

- Shops, restaurants, changing rooms, other training rooms, maintenance, concessions, restrooms
- Event area, VIP stands
- Media booths
- General maintenance and operation offices
- Management offices and meeting rooms

TEMPORARY FACILITY:

- Temporary stands, indoor seats and supporting structures
- Media booths, maintenance and support rooms, management and operations rooms

DIRECTIONS:

- Metro line M3, from " Forgách utca" station, (8-10 minute walk to the main entrance) main-line buses number 15 or 115 (bus stop is at the main entrance).
- Tramline number 1 from Árpád Bridge from „Népfürdő" stop (8-10 minute walk to the main entrance)
- Public transport ferries: information will be provided at a later date
- Address: 1135 Budapest, Népfürdő utca 36.

ALFRÉD HAJÓS COMPLEX

The Alfréd Hajós Complex was Hungary's first indoor swimming pool and the premiere location for domestic water sports.

In addition to hosting competitors of all ages in various aquatic sports - swimming, water polo, synchronized swimming, diving, scuba diving, modern pentathlon and triathlon - the facilities are also open for public use.

The indoor swimming pool was built in 1930, on the basis of the plans and design of Hungary's very first Olympic champion, Alfréd Hajós. The first outdoor pool and the diving facility were completed in 1937 and have been remodelled and extended several times since. The Margaret Island Swimming Complex was last refurbished prior to the 2006 European Aquatics Championships, when it was extended with an additional open, Olympic-size pool and another diving pool. This extension was named after legendary swimming coach, Tamás Széchy. Currently, 8 open-air or covered swimming pools, and international standard diving platforms, covering nearly 80,000 m² are available to professional and recreational athletes and the general public.



The Alfréd Hajós Complex on the Margaret Island

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION

Main Competition Pool, outdoor

Commissioning:	August, 2017
Event:	Water Polo, Swimming
Seating capacity:	8,000
Area, Depth:	20x50m, depth 2 m
Water Temperature:	Controlled at 26-27 °C
Number of Lanes:	8 lanes

Competition Pool II, outdoor

Commissioning:	August, 2017
Event:	Water Polo, Swimming
Seating capacity:	500
Area, Depth:	25x50m, depth 3 m
Water Temperature:	Controlled at 26-27 °C
Number of Lanes:	10 lanes

Competition Pool III, outdoor

Commissioning:	August, 2017
Event:	Water Polo (warm-up for swimming)
Seating capacity:	300
Area, Depth:	20x33m, depth 2 m
Water Temperature:	Controlled at 26-27°C

Competition Pool IV, indoor

Commissioning:	August, 2017
Event:	Water Polo (warm-up for swimming)
Seating capacity:	1,000
Area, Depth:	20x33m, depth varies, 1.80m to 4.5m
Water Temperature:	Controlled at 26-27 °C

The Alfréd Hajós Complex has already served as the main competition venue at numerous major championships over recent decades. Most fans surely remember the 2001 Men's European Water Polo Championships, the 2006 and the 2010 European Aquatics Championships; where the home crowds witnessed many memorable Hungarian victories. There were also the modern pentathlon European Championships in 1954 and 1999, Water Polo Champions' League Finals and, for many years, the Complex been the location for a number of other prestigious international summer Water Polo tournaments.

The Complex is located on Margaret Island, in a scenic environment, which is accessible to motorized vehicles only with specific authorization.

DIRECTIONS:

- Bus number 26, (1-minute walk to the main entrance)
- Tram number 4 or 6, to Margaret Island, (8-10 minute walk to the main entrance)
- Please note that the island is a closed green area, no cars (not even taxis) are permitted to access the complex (only public transport buses and vehicles with special permits can drive onto the island)
- Address: 1138 Budapest, Margaret Island (Margitsziget)

HEROES SQUARE, THE CITY PARK

During wintertime, the ice rink in the City Park (Városliget) is used for ice skating by both adults and children. The ice rink has always played an important role in the lives of sport-lovers, as the whole city has been able to enjoy the fun of winter since the beginning of the 1900s. As the second ice rink in Europe to be given an artificial freezing system, skaters have been able to use the rink even during very mild winters from as far back as World War I.

The City Park, and the ice rink have already been the main location for a number of important competitive sports events; such as the very first European Speed Skating Championships.

World War II left its mark on the ice rink, though after its reconstruction, it underwent a serious modernizing change in the 1960s the sixties when the 300m skating track became a 400m standard track. After what had been a long gap, the ice rink was once again able to host the European Speed Skating Championships in January, 2012; the efficient organisation of which, and the beautiful surroundings, captivated the entire continent.

After so many memorable events, the ice rink will once again be presented a new challenge at the 2017 FINA World Championships and World Masters Championships. This venue will be the location of the synchronised swimming competitions, which will require two temporary pools, instead of ice, on the rink. This initial event may well lead to a tradition, as the conditions here are great! There is the scenic view of the park, the monumental sculptures of Heroes Square, Vajdahunyad Castle next to the rink, and the historic building of the "Múcsarnok" exhibition hall.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION:

Competition Pool, temporary, outdoor

Commissioning:	August, 2017
Event:	Synchronised Swimming
Seating capacity:	7,000
Area, Depth:	25x30m, depth 3 m
Water Temperature:	Controlled at 27,5 °C

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION:

Warm-up pool, temporary, outdoor

Area, Depth:	25x50 m, 3m depth
Water Temperature:	Controlled at 27,5 °C

DIRECTIONS:

- Metro Line 1, Hősök tere (Heroes' Square) stop.
- Bus lines 30, 30A, 105, 230, Hősök tere (Heroes' Square) stop.
- Trolley bus lines 75, 79, Hősök tere (Heroes' Square) stop.
- Address: 1146 Budapest, Olof Palme sétány 5.



A sight from Lake Balaton

LAKE BALATON – BALATONFÜRED

A true paradise for open water swimmers, Lake Balaton is a well-tested venue for major aquatic events. The course is located by the main promenade of Balatonfüred, which offers a brilliant view of the race and the Tihany peninsula. Balaton, Central Europe's largest fresh-water lake, will be a comfortably warm and safe environment for participants.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION:

Commissioning:	August, 2017
Event:	Open Water Swimming
Seating capacity:	2,850

DIRECTIONS:

(Balatonfüred is located 129km from Budapest)

- By train, starting from Kelenföldi Pályaudvar (Railway Station)
- By coach, starting from Budapest Népliget Bus Station (accessible by Metro Line 3)
- On highway: M7, exit at 90km, take Route 710-7

Please note that the OC is to arrange special transportation for the registered Masters open water swimming participants once the number of entries are known: further details will be available on the event website.

The freshwater lake is quite shallow, perfect for fun in the water with friends and children or with a hired paddle boat. Most of the beaches have been renovated and are fully equipped, while the quality of the water is excellent. Offshore though, the waters are deep enough for sailing, so Balaton is also a popular mid-European sailing spot.

The cultural centre of Balatonfüred on the northern shore, a place for concerts and open-air theatres all summer long, should not be missed. The promenade on the lakeside is one of the most beautiful around Lake Balaton. Tihany is also a must-see spot with its hill-top church, its panoramic view and its winding, romantic streets with restaurants and souvenir shops. The hill and the town of Badacsony are mainly associated with quality white wines, though it is also a popular hiking spot and has a nice beach, too. Szigliget is loved for its citadel ruins and its wonderful view. These hills are the part of the Balaton Uplands National Park, which also includes the spectacular Káli Basin.

At the western end of the lake, can be found not only the health-giving waters of the world's largest natural, biologically active, thermal lake at Hévíz, but also one of the three largest baroque palaces in Hungary, the Festetics Palace in Keszthely. For contrast, after the grandeur and elegance of the palace, the area's tiny jungle, Little Balaton, a paradise for endangered plants and for 250 bird species, is not to be missed.

The highlights of the southern shore are the towns of Siófok with its vibrant night life and Zamárdi, with its Adventure Park and great beach, which is home to a number of music festivals during the summer season. Fonyód has the longest sandy beach on Lake Balaton and from its harbour it is possible to reach Badacsony by boat.

3.6 COMPETITION RULES AND REGULATIONS

FINA Rules in Part VIII (Masters Rules 2013-2017) and FINA Bylaws (section BL 10 - World Masters Championships) as presented on the FINA website, will govern all five aquatic disciplines at the FINA World Masters Championships.

Information on these rules and regulations is available from the FINA website at: www.fina.org. It is also possible to purchase the FINA Handbook 2013-2017 from the FINA Office.

3.7. COMPETITION PROGRAMME

Opening ceremony	7 August	Budapest, Margaret Island
Swimming	14-20 August	Budapest, Danube Aquatics Arena Budapest, Margaret Island
Synchro	7-13 August	Budapest, Heroes Square
Diving	7-13 August	Budapest, Danube Aquatics Arena
Open water swimming	10-12 August	Balatonfüred
Water polo - men	7-13 August	Budapest, Margaret Island
Water polo - women	7-13 August	Budapest, Margaret Island
Closing ceremony	20 August	Budapest, Margaret Island

3.7.1. SWIMMING

MINIMUM AGE LIMIT:

25 years

AGE DETERMINING DATE:

The actual age of the competitor as of December 31st of the year of competition.

AGE GROUPS, INDIVIDUAL EVENTS:

25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80-84, 85-89, 90-94... (five-year age groups as high as is necessary).

AGE GROUPS, RELAY EVENTS:

Based on the total age of team members in whole years: 100-119, 120-159, 160-199, 200-239, 240-279, 280-319, 320-359... (in forty-year increments as high as necessary).

EVENTS:

Freestyle:	50m, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m
Backstroke:	50m, 100m, 200m
Breaststroke:	50m, 100m, 200m
Butterfly:	50m, 100m, 200m
Individual Medley:	200m, 400m
Relays:	4x50m Freestyle, 4x50m Medley, 4x50m Mixed Freestyle, 4x50m Mixed Medley

ENTRY INFORMATION:

To control the number of entries, the entry process of an event can be closed if the number of entries exceeds what can be handled in a 10 hour period of competition. Athletes should be aware that to ensure safety, and to limit competition to 10 hours per day, entries may close earlier than the stated entry deadline. Pool allocation by age group will be published on the website 2 weeks after close of entries.

TRAINING PROVISION:

Seven days prior to the start of the Swimming competitions: Danube Aquatics Arena, 3, 50m pools (two indoors, one outdoors)

During the competitions: Császár-Komjádi pools (BVSC pool if necessary)

COMPETITION DATES:

14/08/2017 – 20/08/2017.

Daily start times: a.m. 8:00.

COMPETITION VENUES:

1. Danube Aquatics Arena
2. Alfréd Hajós Complex - Margaret Island

POOL CHARACTERISTICS:**Danube Aquatics Arena:**

Main pool: Length: 50m, width: 25m, 10 lanes, depth: 3m, indoor

Second pool: Length: 50m, width: 25m, 10 lanes, depth: 3m, indoor

Margaret Island:

Széchy pool: Length: 50m, width: 25m, 10 lanes, depth: 3m, outdoor

Hajós pool: Length: 50m, width: 20m, 8 lanes, depth: 2.2m, outdoor

WARM-UP/WARM DOWN POOLS:**Danube Aquatics Arena:**

Outdoor pool: Length: 50m, width: 25m, 10 lanes, depth: 2.2m

Outdoor pool: Length: 25m, width: 20m, 6 lanes, depth: 1.8m

Margaret Island:

Outdoor pool: Length: 33m, width: 20m, 8 lanes, depth: 2.2m

Indoor pool: Length: 33m, width: 20m, 8 lanes, depth: 1.8-4.5m



WARM-UP PROCEDURES:

Competition Pools

- 1) Swimmers must enter the pool feet first in a cautious and controlled manner. No diving or backstroke starts will be allowed except in designated sprint lanes. One or more lanes shall be designated as ONE WAY SPRINT lanes during the pre-meet warm-up sessions in the competition pool only.
- 2) Pull-buoys, kick boards, fins, hand paddles and other training aids considered inappropriate are not allowed in the competition pool or warm-up pool, nor are watches or heavy jewellery.

Warm-up Pools

Same as competition pools except NO lanes will be designated as ONE WAY SPRINT LANES. There shall be no diving or backstroke starts in the warm-up pools.

WARM-UP PROCEDURES WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED. ANY SWIMMER WHO ACTS IN AN UNSPORTSMANLIKE OR UNSAFE MANNER WITHIN THE SWIMMING VENUE MAY BE CONSIDERED FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION OR PENALTY BY THE FINA MASTERS COMMISSION.

ENTRY RESTRICTIONS:

A swimmer may enter a maximum of five (5) individual events, but not more than two (2) individual events per day. Swimmers may also enter the open water swim in addition to the five individual events. The time entered for an individual event must not exceed the qualifying time for that event.

ENTRIES WITHOUT TIMES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. NO ENTRIES AND TIME CHANGES ARE ALLOWED AFTER THE REGISTRATION PERIOD ENDS (JUNE 29, 2017).

QUALIFYING STANDARDS:

The times should be obtained during a sanctioned meet. FINA suggests that the times should be obtained within two years of the Championships.

Please note that the actual time of the event swum which has exceeded the qualifying standards, will not be shown on the result sheets but instead will be noted on the result sheets as N.T. (No Time).

COMPETITION NOTES:

All starts will be "over the head", i.e., swimmers from the previous race will stay in the water until the next race has started. The one-start rule will apply for all swimming events.

RECONFIRMATION:

There will be reconfirmation of the following events, 800m free, 400m IM and 400m free. The reconfirmation shall be done electronically.

Details of reconfirmation procedure will be published on the website after the close of entries.

The rest of the events will be seeded from the entries.

PRE-SEEDING:

The 800m and 400m Freestyle, and the 400m Individual Medley, will be pre-seeded using the times entered, slowest to fastest regardless of age or age group. All other events will be pre-seeded using the times entered; with the oldest age groups first and with the slowest heats swum first with in each age group.

RELAY EVENTS:

Relay sheets or cards indicating the names of the pre-registered swimmers will be given to the team representative on arrival at registration. These competitors must be verified or amended, and given an entry time on the relay sheets or cards returned to the designated point. It is not possible to change the entered Age Group for a relay team after the deadline for entries. Change of swimmers in a relay team is allowed up to 12:00 noon on the day before the relays. All relay team members must be affiliated with the same swimming club. A swimmer may not swim for more than one team per relay event.

MIXED RELAYS:

"Mixed" means both sexes compete, i.e., two females and two males. The order of swimming is optional.

REPORTING:

It is the responsibility of all swimmers to report to the clerk of the course (marshalling area) at least 15 minutes prior to their designated races.

RESULTS:

All results will be posted on the Championships website after each event. Results sheets per event are available for purchase (an update on rates and location will follow).

MEDALS, INDIVIDUAL EVENTS:

Medals will be awarded 1st to 3rd place (gold, silver and bronze) in each age group and for places 4th to 6th of lesser value.

MEDALS, RELAY EVENTS; 1st to 3rd place (gold, silver and bronze) in each age group (each member of the team will receive a medal).

IMPORTANT:

No one may smoke in any of the pool complexes or in the surrounding areas.

QUALIFICATION STANDARD TIMES:

Swimmers should indicate date and place the Qualifying Time Standard was achieved.

http://www.fina.org/sites/default/files/general/budapest2017_masters_qualtime.pdf

3.7.2. OPEN WATER SWIMMING**MINIMUM AGE LIMIT:**

25 years

AGE DETERMINING DATE:

The actual age of the competitor as of December 31st (of the year of the competition).

AGE GROUPS:

25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80-84, 85-89, 90-94 ... (five-year age groups as high as necessary).

ENTRY INFORMATION:

Swimmers entering the Open Water Swimming must be familiar with the requirements needed to participate in an Open Water Swimming event and they must have made appropriate preparations for this event!

For safety reasons, competing in Open Water Swimming is limited to 1,000 swimmers per day. Entries will close when the limit of 1,000 participants (men and women included) is reached, by age-groups assigned for the respective days.

RACE INFORMATION:**RACE SCHEDULE**

10 August for Age Groups 55 to 90+

11 August for Age Groups 40 to 54

12 August for Age Groups 25 to 39

There will be an in-water start.

Race organisers, in consultation with the referee and subject to advice from FINA Masters Commission, are to designate in advance the cut off time for each Masters race. As a rough guide, a time of 30 minutes per kilometre will apply.

It shall be compulsory for all swimmers to wear highly visible coloured and numbered swim caps provided by the Organising Committee.

Transponders will be used during the competition.

TRAINING PROVISION:

Training times on 9-11 August:

Balatonfüred indoor pool (33m): 08.30-11.30, 15.30-17.30

Competition course: 16.00-17.30

TECHNICAL MEETING:

August 9, 10, 11, at 18.00. The meeting will be held at the competition venue (details will be published on the website). Swimmers must attend one of the OWS technical meetings.

COMPETITION DATE:

August 10, 11, 12

COMPETITION VENUE:

Lake Balaton, Balatonfüred

LENGTH OF COURSE:

Three (3) kilometres.

WATER TEMPERATURE / CONDITION:

Water temperature: 20-25 °C (depending on weather conditions)

Ambient temperature: 20-28 °C (depending on weather conditions)

Wind condition: Variable strength and direction

Tidal: NO

Current: NO

Swell: Fair to medium; minimum

Water depth on course: 1.6 m

Maximum water depth on course: 2.2 m

Course bottom material: Mud and sand

Any outlet points and under water obstacles: NO

During the competition, updated weather forecasts will be published for the information of all the participants.

Detailed short-term and medium-term weather forecasts will be received from the Observatory in Siófok.

TRANSPORT:

Information on transportation to the OWS venue will be published on the website.

TIME LIMITS:

Swimmers who cannot complete the 3km distance in 90 minutes are advised not to enter. Swimmers still on the course after this time may be stopped and ordered out of the water; and no time will be given.

MARSHALLING AREA:

All athletes must report to the registration area (Open Water Office) two hours before their starting time. All competitors shall be present at the marshalling area 30 minutes before their allotted wave. A map showing the course will be placed in the area, clearly visible for all the swimmers. Athletes will be called through a microphone system or megaphone; starting with the first wave.

SAFETY:

Full medical provision and appropriate safety craft will be provided during and at the end of competition.

CHANGING AREA:

Competitors must leave their equipment/clothes in the advised area. The Organizing Committee will provide a visible, numbered and coloured cap and timing chip for each swimmer. Each swimmer is required to wear this cap/chip all the way throughout the race. A second cap may be worn under the brightly-coloured, numbered cap.

SUPPORT FACILITIES:

Changing facilities will be available close to the start and the finish. A food and beverage area and a medical centre will be available on site.

MEDALS:

Medals will be awarded 1st-3rd place (gold, silver and bronze) and 4th to 6th places medals of lesser value, in each age group.

IMPORTANT:

No one may smoke in any of the athlete's complexes or in the surrounding areas.



3.7.3. DIVING

MINIMUM AGE LIMIT:

25 years

AGE DETERMINING DATE:

The actual age of the competitor as of December 31st (of the year of the competition).

AGE GROUPS:

Springboard and platform events: 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80+ (five-year age groups as long as necessary).

For synchronised Diving: 50-99 and 100+. (Age determined by adding together the ages of the two divers).

SCHEDULE:

The programme has been arranged over 7 days to allow as many participants as possible to enter. If the number of entries is low enough for a six-day programme, the 7th day will not be used. Divers should be prepared for a seven-day programme.

SAFETY:

Divers must indicate that they are able to execute the dive. Officials may remove divers from an event where the divers' safety is a concern.

PRACTICE PROVISION:

The days of 5th-6th August are designated as practice days for diving, prior to the first day of competition.

The open practice session during the two practice days will be between 07:00-19:00 hrs.

Practice times during competition days will be from 06:30 until 20 minutes prior to the start of the first competition. After the last competition, the pool will be available until 20:00 hrs.

Prior to the next event, only those divers who will participate in that event may use the respective boards or platform. When there is no event the other divers may use the platform or boards.

Between each event, there will be a 20 minute practice session.

Restrictions on simultaneous dive from platform and springboard will apply.

TECHNICAL MEETING:

The technical meeting will be on August 6th, at 9:00, at the venue.

COMPETITION DATES:

The competition will start on each competition day at 9 o'clock in the morning. The competition schedule will be published on the website prior to the championships, once registration closes. That will also be available for competitors at the venue.

TOTAL NUMBER OF DIVES REQUIRED:

SPRINGBOARD & PLATFORM				
Age group, Years	Men 1m and 3 m	Women 1m and 3m	Men Platform	Women Platform
25-29	7	6	6	6
30-34	7	6	6	6
35-39	7	6	6	6
40-44	7	6	6	6
45-49	7	6	6	6
50-54	6	5	5	5
55-59	6	5	5	5
60-64	6	5	5	5
65-69	6	5	5	5
70-74	5	4	4	4
75-79	5	4	4	4
80 +	4	3	3	3

Note: 10m limit; age 50+ may only perform dives with feet first entry and not exceeding 2.0 degree difficulty

SYNCHRONISED DIVING

	Age Group	Men	Women	Mixed Team
3 metre Springboard	50 - 99	2(*) + 2	2(*) + 2	2(*) + 2
	100 +	2(*) + 2	2(*) + 2	2(*) + 2
Platform	50 - 99	2(*) + 2	2(*) + 2	2(*) + 2
	100 + (x)	2(*) + 1	2(*) + 1	2(*) + 1

Note: (X) 10m limit; 100+ can only perform dives with feet first entries and not exceeding 2.0 in difficulty

(*) Degree of difficulty of 2.0 for each dive regardless of the formula for degree of difficulty of the dive.

WARM-UP PROVISION:

Warm-up time will normally be provided prior to competition for competitors involved in the ensuing session.

COMPETITION VENUE:

Danube Aquatics Arena

POOL CHARACTERISTICS:

The diving pool has been built according to FINA requirements.

Equipment

- 6x1m springboard Duraflex Maxi B (4 for the competitions) and two on the platform side for training
- 1x1m platform
- 3x3m springboard Duraflex Maxi B (3 for the individual and synchro competitions)
- 1x3m platform
- 1x5m platform adequate for synchro
- 1x7.5m platform which is inadequate for synchro
- 1x10m platform
- Water agitation system
- Fully equipped dryland facility
- Warming basin
- Showers behind the platform

COMPETITION FORMAT:

The divers can freely choose their dives from the table in FINA Diving Rules; providing each dive to be performed has a different dive number.

For age groups 50+, any dive from 10m must be with feet-first entry and with a maximum degree of difficulty of 2.0.

For age groups 70+, dives with the same dive number can be repeated if different positions are used.

In synchronised diving events, two divers from different clubs within the same Federation are permitted to compete as a synchronised diving team in the 3m springboard and the platform synchronised diving competitions.

In Synchronised Diving, both divers must perform the same dive number and position. Otherwise, the Referees shall declare a failed dive (0 points)

All divers will perform a full series of dives in their age group and there will be no preliminary or final contests. The Organising Committee reserves the right to run events concurrently, depending on the number of entries.

DIVE SHEETS:

The submission of Dive sheets will be communicated to each diver via the e-mail used in registration. In exceptional circumstances, FINA may accept dive sheets at the venue; not later than 24 hours prior to each event. In the case of online completion, the organisers will require the signing of the original dive sheet by the diver.

Late sheets, or changes to an existing sheet, will incur a penalty charge of 10.00 USD per sheet between 24 hours and three (3) hours prior to the event.

No changes or diving forms will be accepted after the deadline of 3 hours before the start of the event.

REPORTING:

All divers are responsible for being at the competition site for the start of their designated event.

MEDALS:

Medals will be awarded 1st to 3rd place (gold, silver and bronze) and 4th to 6th places medals of lesser value in each age group. If there are fewer than six divers in an age group, only the first three medals shall be awarded.

IMPORTANT:

No one may smoke in any of the pool complexes or in the surrounding area.

3.7.4. WATER POLO

MINIMUM AGE LIMIT:

30 years

AGE DETERMINING DATE:

The actual age of the competitor as of December 31st (of the year of the competition).

AGE GROUPS:

30+, 35+, 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+, 60+ ... (five-year increments as high as necessary. Age Groups apply for both men's and women's teams.

The age of the youngest team member determines the age group of the team. There are no restrictions on the ages of players older than the youngest player on the team.

ENTRY INFORMATION:

During the preliminary rounds, when there are 17 or more teams entered, some or all teams may play more than one game per day.

The maximum number in each Age Group is 20 teams. A club may enter only one team per age group.

Maximum Number of entries: 120 teams.

COMPOSITION OF TEAMS:

FINA Masters Water Polo rules apply to this competition. Please ensure that the composition of a team complies with MWP 2.1.

A team may enter up to 15 players on their team entry form to participate in any game of this tournament, i.e., seven players and up to 8 reserves. It is not compulsory to name a substitute goalkeeper. A goalkeeper who has been replaced by a substitute may, if the player returns to the game, play in any position.

Women players may be members of a men's team.

A player may only represent one club in the competition and all players must be registered with the same club.

If less than three (3) teams are registered in an age group, they will be asked to compete in the next youngest age group while maintaining a separate ranking. Teams which do not accept this will have their team registration fee reimbursed; a team's players registered just for the water polo championship will also have their individual registration fee reimbursed.

PRACTICE PROVISIONS:

Training opportunities will be available at the Championship pools in the Alfréd Hajós Complex, on 5th-6th August. Requests for training should be made by written request prior to arrival, or upon arrival at the competitors' registration desk for Water Polo.

Further training opportunities may be available during competition; depending on the number of entries received. These additional opportunities will be announced at the technical meeting.

TECHNICAL MEETING:

The technical meeting for coaches and managers/team representatives will be held on Sunday, 6th August 2017 at 18:00 hrs. at the Alfréd Hajós Complex.

The final composition of the team shall be announced at the Technical Meeting.

COMPETITION DATES:

7th-13th August, 2017.

COMPETITION SCHEDULE:

The schedule for the competition will be provided on the website as soon as possible following the draw.

COMPETITION FORMAT:

The competition format will be determined according to the number of teams entered in an age group. The goal is to have each team playing a minimum of four games and to determine the final classification as far down in each age group as feasible. The format may be round robin, where one or more preliminary rounds can be played, followed by semi-finals and finals to determine the final classification.

COMPETITION VENUES:

The Alfréd Hajós Complex, featuring two 50 metre pools divided into two fields of play respectively (4 altogether) and two 33 metres swimming pools with one field of play each.



The summer sight of Városliget (City Park)

EQUIPMENT:

Teams will be responsible for providing their own practice and warm-up water polo balls. The Organising Committee will provide the competition balls, which will be the official FINA Water Polo ball by Mikasa.

Game caps will be available, but teams may use their own caps, provided the numbers on the caps conform to FINA rule WP 4 and are 10cm in height. Note MWP 2.1 provides for a list of up to 15 players in masters water polo and all players listed on the final roster are eligible to play in the competition.

ENTRY PROCEDURE:

To be eligible for the competition, each water polo player must complete an individual registration and pay the individual registration fee; and the team must pay the team entry fee.

A nominated coach, manager/team representative must submit the fully completed Team Sheet for entry into the competition. Changes on the Team Sheet are not allowed after the nominated coach, manager/team leader has reconfirmed the entries at the technical meeting on Sunday, 6th August, 2017.

REPORTING:

It is the responsibility of each team to be ready to play at least 15 minutes prior to the designated starting time for their match. Teams arriving later than 5 minutes after the designated start time for their match will forfeit the match, with the match awarded to the opponent with a score of 5-0. In the event that a forfeit may benefit the team forfeiting in terms of advancement, the Management Committee of the competition reserves the right to make any adjustment in the reported score to correct this possibility.

MEDALS:

Medals will be awarded 1st to 3rd place in each age group (each player on the team, and a coach, will receive a medal)

IMPORTANT:

No one may smoke in any of the pool complexes or in the surrounding area.

3.7.5. SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING

MINIMUM AGE LIMIT:

25 years

AGE DETERMINING DATE:

The actual age of the competitor as of December 31st, 2017.

AGE GROUPS:

SOLO: 25-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, 80 and over

DUET: 25-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, 80 and over with the age group determined by the average age of the competitors.

MIXED DUET: 25-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, 80 and over with the age group determined by the average age of the competitors.

TEAM: 25-34, 35-49, 50-64, 65 and over with the age group determined by the average age of the competitors.

FREE COMBINATION: 25-39, 40-64, 65 and over with the age group determined by the average age of the competitors.

TECHNICAL MEETING:

The technical Meeting will be held in the City Park (Városliget) on the day before the competitions (6th August) at 15.00

The computer draw for the Technical Routines will be done one month before the start of the competition.

PRACTICE PROVISION:

On training days (5th-6th August) the warm-up pool (50m pool) and competition pool (30m pool) are available for practice. In the competition pool everybody will have time for practice with music if the club have booked a session.

On competition days, there will be no practice with music, though time will be allocated for practice after the last event of the day; and all day in half of the warm-up 50m pool. Warm-up and cool down will be available in half of the warm-up 50m pool. The exact times of practice are subject to entry numbers.

SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING

Date	Time Start	Time End	Competition
5 August 2017	8.00	20.00	Training
6 August 2017	8.00	20.00	Training
7 August 2017	8.00	18.00	Solo Tech
8 August 2017	8.00	18.00	Duet Tech
9 August 2017	8.00	18.00	Team Tech, Mixed Duet Tech
10 August 2017	8.00	18.00	Solo Free
11 August 2017	8.00	18.00	Duet Free
12 August 2017	8.00	18.00	Team Free
13 August 2017	8.00	18.00	Free Combination, Mixed Duet Free

The 7 day programme to be limited to 10 hours per day + 2 days for training

COMPETITION VENUE:

Városliget

POOL CHARACTERISTICS:

There will be two temporary pools in the Városliget, one 50-metre long, 3-metre deep pool for warm-up and one 30-metre-long, 3-metre-deep competition pool.

SOUND EQUIPMENT:

Competitors are responsible for providing their own music. It is a requirement that music should be recorded on CDs only, and a separate CD should be provided for each routine. Each CD must bear the name of the competitor, the country and the club name, the event and the music time; written on the CD using a permanent marker. The same information should be written on the CD case. Do not attach a label directly to the CD itself. Music should be recorded so that the sound levels for soft, quiet and low-pitched music should be clearly audible. Competitors are responsible for ensuring that they have appropriate copyright authorization.

Music for each event must be delivered to the music controller on the pool deck at least 15 minutes prior to the start of each event. CDs will be available for collection at the conclusion of each event.

ENTRY RESTRICTIONS:

All duet, team and free combination competitors must represent the same club. Each club may submit up to a maximum of five (5) routine entries per age group and per event. Each club may enter one free combination in each age group. A competitor may take part in only one Duet, Team and one Free Combination.

TEAM MEMBERS:

Each team shall consist of a minimum of four (4) and a maximum of eight (8) members.

A half-point penalty will be deducted from the total team score for each member less than the eight (8).

Free combination shall consist of a minimum of four (4) members and a maximum of ten (10) members.

MAXIMUM TIME LIMITS:

Time limits for technical routines and free routines including ten (10) seconds for the deck movement.

Solo – Technical Routines	1 minute 30 seconds
Solo – Free Routines	2 minutes 30 seconds
Duet – Technical routines	1 minute 40 seconds
Duet – Free routine	3 minutes
Mixed Duet – Technical routine	1 minute 40 seconds
Mixed Duet – Free routine	3 minutes
Team – Technical routine	1 minute 50 seconds
Team – Free routine	4 minutes
Free combination	4 minutes 30 seconds

There is no minimum time limit.

There shall be an allowance of fifteen (15) seconds plus the allotted time for Technical Routines, Free Routines and Free Combination.

TECHNICAL ROUTINES:

Technical routines must include all required elements as described in Appendix 1 of MSS rules. Music selection is optional and may be the same as the music used in the free routine.

Technical routines will be recorded (video) in the event; and if necessary reviewed.

OTHERS:

Goggles may be worn.

Reserves Forms must be received at the designated point no later than 3 hours prior to the published start time of the event.

SCORING:

Judging and scoring will be made as in MSS 4.4 in the FINA Handbook.

REPORTING:

It is the responsibility of each competitor, including all members of duets, trios and teams, to report to the call room at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the designated event.

MEDALS:

Medals will be awarded to 1st to 3rd place in all events in each group (each member of a duet, team/free combination will receive a medal including reserves) and 4th to 6th places medals of lesser value in all events in each age group.

If there are fewer than six routines in an age group, only the first three medals shall be awarded.

IMPORTANT:

No one may smoke in any of the pool complexes or in the surrounding areas.

APPENDIX 1

Fina required elements for masters technical routines

General requirements

1. Supplementary elements may be added
2. Unless otherwise specified in the description of an element:
 - All figures or components thereof shall be executed according to the requirements described in Appendix II
 - All elements shall be executed high and controlled, in uniform motion with each section clearly defined
3. Time limits as in MSS 4.1
4. Swimwear shall be black and the competitor shall wear a white cap.

SOLO

Elements 1 to 5 must be performed in the order listed.

Element 6 may be performed at any time during the routine.

1. **FISHTAIL** – from a Front Layout Position, a Front Pike Position is assumed; one leg is lifted to a Fishtail Position, the second leg is lifted to a Vertical Position (ending is optional).
2. **BODY BOOST** – A rapid headfirst rise, with a maximum of the body above the surface (arms optional) a descent is executed until the swimmer is completely submerged.
3. **BARRACUDA BENT KNEE** – From the BACK PIKE POSITION with legs perpendicular and with the toes just below the surface, a Thrust is executed as one leg is drawn along the inside of the other extended leg to assume a BENT KNEE VERTICAL POSITION. A vertical Descent is executed in a Bend Knee Vertical Position at the same tempo as the Thrust.
4. **TRAVELLING BALLET LEG COMBINATION** – Beginning in a Back Layout Position to include at least 2 of the following positions: Right Ballet Leg; Left Ballet Leg; Right Flamingo; Left Flamingo; Double Ballet Leg.
5. **SPLIT POSITION** followed by a walkout front or walkout back.
6. **TWO (2) FORMS OF PROPULSION** – Must include Egg Beater travelling sideways &/or forward (arms optional)

DUET

Elements 1-5 MUST be performed in the order listed.

Elements 6-7 may be executed at any time during the routine.

1. **FISHTAIL** – From a Front Layout Position, a Front Pike Position is assumed; one leg is lifted to a Fishtail Position, the second leg is lifted to a Vertical Position (ending is optional)
2. **BODY BOOST** – A rapid head- first rise, with a maximum of the body above the surface (arms optional). A descent is executed until the swimmer is completely submerged.
3. **BARRACUDA BENT KNEE** – From the Back Pike Position with legs perpendicular and with the toes just below the surface, a Thrust is executed as one leg is drawn along the inside of the other extended leg to assume a Bent Knee Vertical Position. A Vertical Descent is executed in a Bent Knee Vertical Position at the same tempo as the Thrust.
4. **TRAVELLING BALLET LEG COMBINATION** – beginning in a Back Layout Position to include at least 2 of the following positions: Right Ballet Leg; Left Ballet Leg; Right Flamingo; Left Flamingo; Double Ballet Leg.
5. **SPLIT POSITION** – followed by a walkout front or walkout back.
6. **TWO (2) FORMS OF PROPULSION** – Must include Egg Beater travelling sideways &/or forward (arms optional).
7. **JOINED ACTION** – Where the swimmers are connected (touching) in some manner to perform one of the following:
 - A connected figure or a connected float or connected stroking.
 - Action must be performed simultaneously. Mirror action is permitted.
 - Stacks, lifts, platforms, throws are not permitted.

With the exception of the DECK WORK and ENTRY and as noted in the JOINED ACTION, all elements, required and supplementary, MUST be performed simultaneously and facing the same direction by all swimmers. Variation in propulsion and direction facing are permitted during pattern changes.

TEAM REQUIRED ELEMENTS

Elements 1-5 MUST be performed in the order listed.

Elements 6-9 may be performed at any time.

- 1. FISHTAIL** - From a Front layout Position a Front Pike Position is assumed; one leg is lifted to a Fishtail Position, the second leg is lifted to a Vertical Position (ending is optional)
- 2. BODY BOOST** - a rapid headfirst rise, with a maximum of the body above the surface (arms optional). A descent is executed until the swimmer is completely submerged.
- 3. BARRACUDA BENT KNEE** - From the Back Pike Position with legs perpendicular and with the toes just below the surface, a Thrust is executed as one leg is drawn along the inside of the other extended leg to assume a Bent Knee Vertical Position. A vertical Descent is executed in a Bent Knee Vertical Position at the same tempo as the Thrust.
- 4. TRAVELLING BALLET LEG COMBINATION** - Beginning in a BACK LAYOUT POSITION to include at least 2 of the following positions: Right Ballet Leg; Left Ballet Leg; Right Flamingo; Left Flamingo; Double Ballet Leg.
- 5. SPLIT POSITION** followed by a walkout front or walkout back
- 6. TWO (2) FORMS OF PROPULSION** - Must include Egg Beater travelling sideways &/or forward (arms optional).
- 7. JOINED ACTION** - Where the swimmers are connected (touching) in some manner to perform one of the following:
 - A connected figure or a connected float or connected stroking.
 - Action must be performed simultaneously. Mirror action is permitted.
 - Stacks, lifts, platforms, throws are not permitted.
- 8. CADENCE ACTION** - Identical movements (s) performed sequentially, one by one, by all team members. When more than one cadence action is performed, they must be consecutive and not separated by other optional or required elements. A second cadence action may begin before the first cadence action is completed by all team members but each team member must do the action of each cadence.
- 9. PATTERNS** - must show a circle and straight line. Elements may be performed when in the circle or the straight-line patterns.

With the exception of the DECKWORK, ENTRY, CADENCE and as noted in the JOINED ACTION, all elements, required and supplementary, MUST be performed simultaneously and facing the same direction by all swimmers, Swimmers need not face the same direction in the circle pattern. Variation in propulsion and direction facing are permitted during pattern changes. Mirror actions are not permitted except as specified in the description of the elements.

3.8. VICTORY CEREMONIES

Victory Ceremonies for Swimming, Diving, Synchronised Swimming and Water Polo will be held at the competition venues (Danube Aquatics Arena, Városliget and Margaret Island). Victory Ceremonies for Open Water Swimming will be held in Balatonfüred.

Medals for places 4-6 are to be distributed with the diplomas.

The detailed timeline of the award ceremonies will be available after the closing of the entries.

All Diplomas are to be collected by athletes or the Heads of Teams at the respective competition venues, at the assigned areas.



SERVICES

4.1. REACHING HUNGARY

Reaching Hungary

Travellers may reach Hungary and its capital by various means of transportation, such as:

- **By air:** the most important air hub is Budapest Ferenc Liszt International Airport, receiving flights from numerous destinations. The closest other international Airports are in Vienna (AUT) and in Bratislava (SVK), with available transfer flights or international coach bus/train.
- **By train:** Budapest is accessible by train from all major European cities. Further details at: <https://www.mavcsopot.hu/en>
- **By coach:** several companies offer coach services from the major European cities. Hungary's leading coach company is Volánbusz, please view their homepage at: <https://www.volanbusz.hu/en>
- **By waterway:** a unique transportation possibility on the River Danube – please consult the dedicated websites at: <http://www.mahartpassnave.hu/en/timetable/international-hydrofoil-lines/budapest-vienna-hydrofoil-line/>
- **By road:** all major highways and motorways reach the capital. Important: all vehicles (including rental cars) must have a pre-purchased virtual permit to use the highways (available at fuel stations and at main border crossings).

4.2. LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

Accredited Taxi Service

The participants and guests will be able to order accredited taxis. The service will operate 24 hours a day.

The vehicle can be ordered at the information desks or by using the Contact Centre. The taxi will arrive at the venue checkpoint outside the security perimeter.

Public Transport

The City Council of Budapest has approved the free use of its public transport for every accredited individual attending the FINA World Masters Championship in Budapest.

The following link is a useful tool to plan your travel (iOS application, Android application) as is this one to gain information on local travel fairs.

4.3. ACCOMMODATION

Through the co-operation of the Organising Committee and booking.com, we are able to offer a wide range of opportunities to find the most suitable accommodation. The site allows you to choose from several types of hotel, apartment or campsite for temporary residence in Budapest and in Balatonfüred as well.

Click here to find alternatives in Budapest, and in Balatonfüred.

DIRECT LINKS:

Budapest:

http://www.booking.com/searchresults.html?region=4908&aid=1195222&no_rooms=1&group_adults=1

Balatonfüred:

http://www.booking.com/searchresults.html?region=830&aid=1195222&no_rooms=1&group_adults=1

More information about accommodation will be available on the official website: <http://masters.fina-budapest2017.com/en>.

4.4. MEDICAL SERVICES

During the Championships the Organising Committee is pleased to provide high-quality medical care for participants and guests. Medical services provided at the Championships include medical care at:

- competition and training venues
- accredited hospitals.

All participants and guests are advised by the Organising Committee to purchase health and accident insurance for the full length of their stay in advance.

If an emergency situation arises outside the sports complex, you should dial the internationally accepted phone numbers of 112 or 104 (which is the direct line for the ER service).

The quality of medical care in Hungary is up to the standards of most Western countries. Medical services are free of charge for locals while citizens of EU and EEA countries are able to use their European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) for access to free-of-charge urgent care services. However, the card does not give cardholders access to medical treatment for pre-existing conditions or dental problems. For all but EU/EEA citizens, private health insurance may be needed to avoid payment in the case of required medical treatment.

CULTURAL AND SOCIAL PROGRAMMES

5.1. FINA WATER WONDER PARKS

During the 17th FINA and MASTERS World Championships, exciting events for the athletes, guests and fans from all the corners of the world will be on offer next to the Danube Aquatics Arena and the Alfréd Hajós Aquatic Complex in the so-called FINA Water Wonder Parks. There will be three main themes ranging from:

- Culture – daily concerts and music for all age groups;
- Family and children's events - with various kinds of water related games;
- Gastronomy – a festival-like atmosphere with a diverse selection of food and drink.

Everyone can visit the FINA (International Swimming Federation) Museum by the Danube Aquatics Arena; presenting the history and milestones of aquatic sports. Sponsors of the World Championships will also be there to meet and greet the public and there will be a merchandising stand, with the Event mascot and with all the other official products (as at the other competition venues).

In the close vicinity of the musical fountain on Margaret Island (next to the Water Polo Venue), the Championships' main entertainment area and stage are located in a beautiful green park. Before and after the cultural events a giant screen will show the daily sport action. We have no doubt that Margaret Island will be one of the top fan zones of the World Championships!

Entry is free of charge to the FINA Water Wonder Parks, both at Danube Arena and on Margaret Island. At Danube Arena, opening hours vary depending on daily competition schedules, while the WWP on the Margaret Island is open daily from 11hrs to 22hrs.

Please note that entry security checkpoints operate at the Danube Arena area, followed by additional accreditation, ticket and security screenings for the swimming and diving competitions.

Please refer to the list of items prohibited from the venues and related events in the annex.

5.2. OPENING AND CLOSING CEREMONIES

With the aim of making the Championships in Hungary one of the most personally memorable of events, the Organising Committee is pleased to be able to offer a diverse and exciting cultural programme, including the highlights: the Opening and Closing Ceremonies.

The Opening Ceremony will be held on 7th. August and the Closing Ceremony on 20th. August, 2017, both at the FINA Water Wonder Park on the Margaret Island. Exact times will be posted on the official website.

All participants and accompanying guests are welcome at both ceremonies.

5.3. PLACES TO VISIT

5.3.1. BUDAPEST

Budapest is the capital, and the largest city, of Hungary; a metropolis which leaves the visitor thirsting for more. This impressive capital has some of the very best that Hungary has to offer. It is a large, vibrant city, harbouring a population of approximately 2 million people. Being one of the most densely populated cities in the region, it is not just the powerhouse of the Hungarian economy, but also an important cultural centre and the focus of the country's political life.

The history of the city began with Aquincum, which was originally a Celtic settlement that became the Roman capital of Lower Pannonia and the Hungarians arrived in the territory in the 9th Century. Budapest became a single city, occupying both banks of the River Danube, with the unification of Pest, Buda and Óbuda in 1873.

Today Budapest is a popular tourist destination in Europe. Even on a short stay there are many things worth seeing in Budapest. The city has the largest thermal water system in the world, it contains the first underground railway to be built on the European continent and the Hungarian capital has the third largest Parliament building in the world, as well as the largest, and one of the grandest, synagogues in Europe.

The Buda Castle Hill, with the 700-year-old Matthias Church, the Royal Palace and the Fishermen's Bastion, is among the most charming of World Heritage Sites and it is from there that the panorama of the city and the river, with its many bridges – including the first permanent one, the beautiful Chain Bridge. – opens up.

The Opera House, opened in 1884 during the times of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, is attractive not only to music lovers but also to those who wish to admire its architectural beauty. The Opera House is located on Andrassy Avenue, often called "Budapest's Champs-Élysées", which takes the visitor to the Heroes' Square, which was laid out in 1896 to mark the thousandth anniversary of the settlement of Hungary by the Magyars. From there the City Park – with Vajdahunyad Castle, a replica of a Transylvanian castle of the same name, the Budapest Zoological Garden and a number of museums, is only a step away.

The city's cultural life is vibrant and diverse, with museums, galleries, theatres, and concert halls hosting festivals, concerts, exhibitions and other cultural events, the whole year round.

Budapest is packed with museums and galleries – some 223 of them – and there are plenty of temporary exhibitions presenting, not only Hungarian history, art and science, but also universal and European culture and science, in the most unlikely of settings, particularly in summer. Some of the greatest of them are the Hungarian National Museum, the Museum of Fine Arts and the Hungarian National Gallery.

Returning to the topic of water, the city's primary feature is the River Danube, which divides the city between hilly Buda and flat Pest though, in addition, Budapest is also a city of spas, with waters of a unique composition and temperatures and visitors can reinvigorate themselves in one the 19 different thermal baths, including classical, and even Turkish, spas.

Budapest and its surrounding is also a real paradise for sport events, for instance, marathon runs offer splendid views along the two banks of the river and, naturally, let's not forget that the city has already hosted many aquatic events like, for instance, the first European Swimming, Diving, Synchronised Swimming and Water Polo Championships back in 1926, which was later followed by three continental sport events (in 1958, 2006 and 2010).

5.3.2. BALATONFÜRED

The capital of the northern shore of Lake Balaton, the town of Balatonfüred is the largest resort town on Lake Balaton; and perhaps the best-known. Its popularity is largely due to its proximity to the huge, 77km, lake and its being a favourable spot for swimming and all nature of water sports; though it is also known for its aerated mineral springs and its Mediterranean climate. Its tourist attraction is the perfect mix of sports, therapeutic services and culture.

Balatonfüred sits by the deeper waters of the lake's north side and has a population of some 13,500 inhabitants. Easily reached by road, rail, water or even cycle route, it is the oldest of the Lake Balaton bathing resorts, with an harmonious blend of past and present in the white-sailed yachts, the steamship 'Kisfaludy' in the port, the swans on the lake along Tagore Promenade and the splendid view of the Tihany Peninsula with the Abbey perched on top.

Balaton's sailing centre is located here, and it is also the starting point for Europe's longest "Lake Tour" sailing competition, "The Blue Ribbon" (or "Kékszalag" in Hungarian). We must also mention that, in September 2014, the junior open water swimming World Championships were held here, as was the 10km Open Water World Cup, one year later, in 2015! The almost 200 km. cycle route around Lake Balaton also passes through the city and is one of its main attractions.

One of the town's emblematic buildings is the heart hospital, where – among others – Nobel prize-winning poet, Rabindranath Tagore came to regain his health. He fell in love with this beautiful town which, in recognition, named its most charming esplanade after him. It is from that promenade that spectators will be able to follow the open water swimming competitions of the FINA 2017 World Championships. The walkway, which has been recently renovated, extends imposingly by the waterside, shaded by mature trees and fed by winding pathways.

That is also the venue for the three-week long, Balatonfüred Wine Festival, held every August since 1932 and attended by all the major wine producers of the region.

When the Romans arrived in Hungary they found an inhabited settlement here already, and the town is still infinitely rich in historic monuments. Mostly renovated and restored, some of those may today have taken on roles different from their original purpose, but they still for part of local cultural life. The numerous villas and mansions, as well as the national heritage buildings in the old town, contribute to the particular beauty of Balatonfüred and have made the town famous at the far ends of the Earth.

5.4. USEFUL INFORMATION

Currency

The official currency of Hungary is the Hungarian FORINT (HUF). The word 'Forint' is often abbreviated to 'Ft'. Coins are in circulation in the following denominations: 5, 10, 20, 50, 100 and 200 Ft. Banknotes have the following official denominations 500, 1,000, 2,000, 5,000, 10,000 and 20,000 Ft. Since joining the European Union in 2004 the Euro is accepted in many restaurants and stores, though expect to receive change in Forints. It may be preferable to change your currency into Forints for use when shopping. Of course the major credit cards are accepted in many places.

For your information, 1 Euro is equal to around 310 Forints at present, while the American Dollar is worth around 290 Forints; though it is recommended to check the current exchange rates at: <http://www.mnb.hu/arfolyamok>.

Don't change money on the street, always go to authorised currency exchange offices!



Credit Cards

Major credit cards (MasterCard, VISA) are widely accepted throughout Hungary at banks, hotels, stores, restaurants and when paying for air and rail tickets. Please note that American Express cards and traveller's cheques are not widely accepted.

Electricity

In Hungary, electricity is supplied at 230 V, 50 Hz. Hungary uses two-pin electrical plugs with a current of 220 volts. For visitors from countries using other types, an appropriate adaptor is required for electric shavers, toothbrushes and other small appliances. The power sockets are of type F.

Water

The quality of tap water in Hungary is very good practically everywhere in the country.

Phone Calls

The international dialling code for Hungary is (+ or00) 36. The Budapest city code is 1.

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

104 – Ambulance;

105 – Fire/rescue services;

107 – Police;

112 – General emergency number,
where you can reach all emergency services.

Internet Access

Public Wi-Fi is available at the venues and in almost all hotels and restaurants.



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