“It was really a trip of a lifetime. You did a wonderful job of scheduling everything & herding everyone around to where they were supposed to be. The hotels, food, audiences, scenery, people were all just great!”

(Bob Ringwald, USA)

“We had a wonderful time in Hungary; thank you so much for making all the arrangements. We loved Budapest, but you only really get to meet people when you travel into the countryside and we were made to feel very welcome in Kecskemét.”

(Judy Eames, UK)

“Thank you so much for a wonderful time in a wonderful country! I really can’t say enough about how beautiful Hungary is, and how wonderful the people are!”

(Pat Dinneen, USA)

The Bohém Festival has its center in Kecskemét. The city is situated in the middle of Hungary, only one-and-a-half hours either by train or car from Budapest. The city’s charm itself is worth a visit but and if you are interested in ‘art nouveau’ (Jugendstil) architecture or want to see a traditional Hungarian horse show or just eat in one of the country’s best restaurants, you really should come down. And, of course, the Bohém Festival is one of those additional reasons that really should make you move.

The Bohém Festival is an event that, although being held in Kecskemét, has expanded its wings throughout Hungary. Most foreign performers that come to Kecskemét tour around the country. All such additional concerts are part of the Bohém Festival which operates as an umbrella event and runs all concerts not only under the same name but with the same design (posters, programme books, ads etc.). Thus, in case you decide to come over, you could follow your favourite performer(s) through the country. But even if you have little time, we encourage you to visit Hungary not only for the Festival’s weekend but at least for 5 days. In this case we could organize you a jazz cruise in Budapest, a little sight-seeing and a half-day excursion around Kecskemét. With the partnership of the Mauri Tours and Bugac Tours we can help you in making hotel reservations, car rental deals and everything you can dream of.

The Bohém Festival is part of the almost countrywide Spring Festival series and, of course, this is the time for the Budapest Spring Festival as well. There are many of the best known personalities of the artistic world (including classical music, opera, dance etc.) come to Budapest to perform. So if you enjoy other art forms besides traditional jazz, this is the time for you. You can check the Budapest Spring Festival programme on their website at www.festivalcity.hu and discover that, if time allows, you could listen all of Mozart’s operas, string quartets, Maxim Vengerov, Daniel Barenboim, the Basel Chamber Orchestra, the English Concert, the Mozarteum Orchestra Salzburg, the Suisse Romande Orchestra, the Royal Philharmonic orchestra, see the Béjart Ballet Lausanne and many of Hungary’s artists and orchestras. You could discover the many great museums of Budapest and try the historic spas and hotels. Or you can travel around the country – if you wish to do so, let us know and we’ll give you suggestions. Check the information on the second page and fill in the separate application form (also downloadable from the www.bohemragtime.com website).
Performers of the Bohém Festival in Kecskemét, Hungary (March 24-26, 2006):

Ophelia Ragtime Orchestra (Norway), Morten Gunnar Larsen (Norway) ragtime pianist, Mimi Blais (Canada) – ragtime pianist, Andor’s Jazz Band (the Netherlands), The Belgrade Dixieland Orchestra (Serbia), Bohém Ragtime Jazz Band (Hungary) with guest musicians: Herbert Christ (Germany) – trumpet and Matthias Seuffert (Germany) – clarinet, saxophones, Bolyki Brothers (Hungary) vocal jazz quartet of four brothers, Little Jazz Band (Hungary), Kecskemét Jazz Orchestra (Hungary), Freemen Jazz Band (Hungary), Iván Nagy (Hungary) – piano, János Apáti (Hungary) – piano

3-day pass (all events):
32 Euro/40 USD (till Nov 10, 2005)
36 Euro/45 USD (Nov 10-Dec 31, 2005)
40 Euro/50 USD (Jan 1-March 10, 2006)

Hotel accommodation:
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2005 group rates are guaranteed to Festival attendees if reservation is made until Nov 10, 2005.
40 Euro/53 USD per person based on double occupancy.
64 Euro/86 USD per person based on single occupancy.
Prices include all basics, breakfast and free use of all basic wellness services (swimming pool, steam cabin, light therapy sauna, fitness room).

Additional programmes (prices will be given by December 10 – nothing will be expensive for sure)
– Puszta programme (horse show, traditional Hungarian music and lots of food and fun) – March 23 Thu or 24 Fri
– half-day excursion to Kalocsa and Hajós (folk art, winery) – March 23 Thu or 24 Fri
– sightseeing tour in Budapest by bus – March 27 Mon
– jazz cruise dinner in Budapest with a jazz band aboard – March 27 Mon
– boat excursion to Szentendre (medieval town, famous for its museums, too) with a jazz band aboard – March 28 Tue

Flight tickets per person between major US cities and Budapest, Hungary
(prices may change – it might be cheaper obtaining your ticket at the place of departure):
1165 USD (San Francisco), 1015 USD (Chicago), 975 USD (New York)

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