

5th Meeting of the Conference of Parties to the Carpathian Convention
10-12. October 2017, Lillafüred, Hungary

LOGISTIC NOTE

1. VENUE

We are glad to welcome all of the participants in the Fifth Meeting of the Conference of Parties to the Framework of the Carpathian Convention. The Conference will be hosted in Lillafüred, one of the nicest climatic resorts in Hungary. The elegant Hunguest Hotel Palace in neo- renaissance style is located in a picturesque valley in the eastern part of the Bükk mountains surrounded by mountains on three sides, and it meets all of today's comfort and quality expectations.

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Lillafüred

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2. REGISTRATION DESK

Registration desk will be located at the Hotel lobby, opposite side of the reception, right side of the entrance. Registration will be opened from the 9th October 2017 in the afternoon hours.

3. ACCOMODATION

Please be informed that a special rate and a preliminary block booking have been agreed upon with the hotel.

Participants are invited to book their accommodation in Hunguest Hotel Palace in respect of a discount offer, under the following conditions:

Rooms to book:

- Suite: 120 EUR/2 person/night (35.900 HUF/2 person/night)

- single room: 80 EUR/ person/night (23.900 HUF/ person/night)
- junior double room (with double bed): 95 EUR person/night (27.900 HUF/ person/night)

Prices include the accommodation with buffet breakfast and dinner and the free use of the wellness centre.

Prices do not include visitors' tax, amount: 450 HUF/1,6 EUR / person / night.

Participants shall book their accommodation via telephone (+36 46 400 126) or via email (hotelpalota@ligetfurdokft.hu).

The special rates could be guaranteed for bookings received by the Hotel by 15/September/2017, please use „491156” registration number and/or „COP5” promotion code as reference.

Means of payment:

Payments can be made in cash (EURO/HUF), by credit card (Master, Maestro, Visa), or bank transfer as the Hotel disposes of both Forint and EURO bank account.

Further accommodation facilities in the neighbourhoods:

[Tókert Panzió](#)

[Calimbra Wellness Hotel](#)

4. GETTING TO LILLAFÜRED

Arrival to the country:

- **by plane:** arrival to Budapest Liszt Ferenc International Airport. Public transport to the city: Bus - bus number 200E commutes between Terminal 2 and „Kőbánya-Kispest” metro terminal. From the Kőbánya-Kispest metro terminal, passengers can take the M3 metro towards Újpest Központ to reach the city center.

Train - the closest train station to Budapest Airport Terminal 2 is „Ferihegy railway station” with trains operating to and from the „Nyugati railway station” in Budapest. From Terminal 2 it can be reached by bus 200E.

Taxi services - (www.fotaxi.hu) or minibus/shuttle services are also available (miniBUD is the official airport shuttle service provider (www.minibud.hu)).

- **by train:** international trains arrive to the main 3 railway stations of the capital where 3 metro stations can be easily reached: „Keleti Pályaudvar” (metro line M2 and M4), „Nyugati Pályaudvar” (metro line M3) and „Déli Pályaudvar” (metro line M2).
- **by bus:** international buses arrive to „Népliget” bus station: (address: 1091 Budapest, Üllői út 131.) The station is also a terminal (named Népliget) on metro line M3 from where the other part of the city can be easily reached.

Single tickets, daily tickets or seasonal Budapest - passes are available for the public transport in Budapest (<http://www.bkk.hu/en/tickets-and-passes/>)

Approaching Lillafüred from Budapest:

The Ministry of Agriculture will provide a limited number of shuttle bus transfers to take participants from the Budapest Keleti railway station or airport to Lillafüred, provided that requests for transport are timely communicated to the Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention and supplemented by travel details given when registering for the meeting. Please see below the schedule:

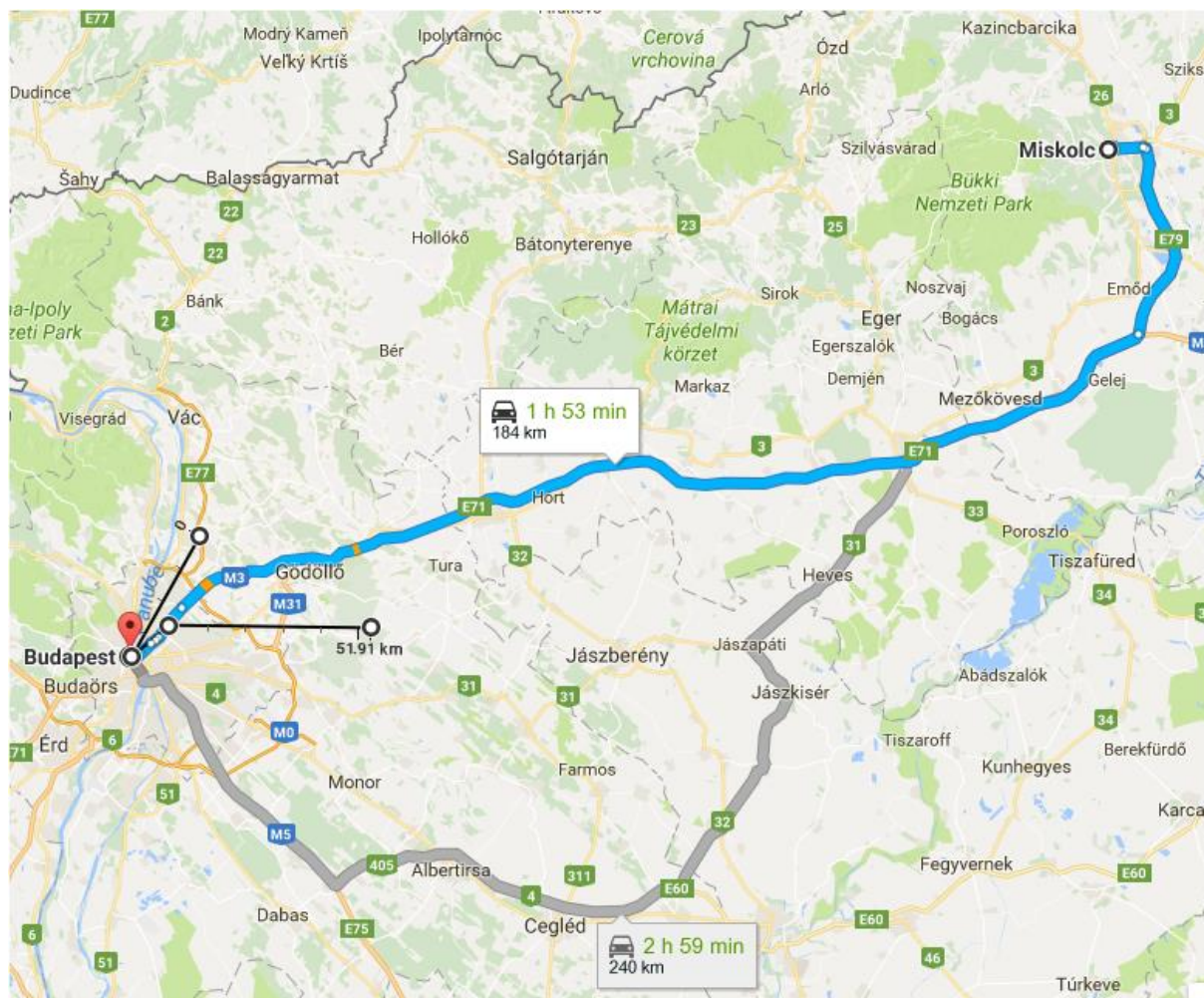
| Date | Time | Pick up |
|--------------------|-----------|---|
| 9. October | 4 p.m. | Keleti railway station |
| 9. October | 7 p.m. | Airport (BUD) |
| 10. October | 9:30 a.m. | Airport (BUD) |
| 12. October | 3 p.m. | Lillafüred Hunguest Hotel Palace : - 1 bus to Keleti railway station - 1 bus to the airport (BUD) |

The timetable is available also on the Carpathian Convention website.

Further possibilities

By car:

From Budapest get the direction towards Miskolc on motorway M3, the distance between the two city is around 190 km, the motorway route constitutes 170 km.



By train:

The journey by train takes approx. 2-2,5 hours from „Budapest Keleti Pályaudvar” to "Miskolc-Tiszaí pályaudvar" and it runs almost every 30 minutes. More detailed information can be found on the Hungarian railways website – Mav (<https://www.mavcsoport.hu/en>).

After arriving to the Miskolc train station, please take the tram Nr.1 until the end station ("Felső Majláth"). There please change for bus Nr.5 or 15, and get off at the "Palotaszálló" bus stop. Taxi services are also available at a price of approx. 20 EUR.

By scheduled long distance bus:

From „Stadion bus station” in Budapest buses go to Miskolc. In Miskolc change for bus Nr.5 or 15, and get off at the "Palotaszálló" bus stop (as indicated above). You find hotel at the bus stop "Palotaszálló". The bus departs every 30 minutes, and it takes 10-15 minutes to get to the hotel.

Time table: <https://menetrendek.hu/>

3 VISITING LILLAFÜRED AND THE SURROUNDINGS

Lillafüred is located in Borsod-Abaúj-Zemplén county, in the valley of the Szinva Stream. A hanging garden and an artificial waterfall are considered as a great spectacle in the territory of the Hotel Palace. You can choose hiking tours of the great possibilities in this gorgeous natural environment as the caves of Lillafüred, Hámor Rock, Hámor Lake, Molnár Rock, Velvet Stream. Well-established hiking routes are suited even for the beginners. Forest train is also a good but more comfortable way to discover the area. The Herman Ottó Memorial House is worth a visit too. Nearby the Baradla Cave in Aggtelek has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

4 VISA REQUIREMENTS

Citizens of the European Union can travel to Hungary with valid identity card or passport without any special restrictions. Valid visa is required for participants from Ukraine and from Serbia (visa is not required from Serbian citizen unless a participant has a valid biometric passport).

For further details please consult the following web page:

<http://konzuliszolgalat.kormany.hu/how-to-apply-for-visa>

5 LOCAL CURRENCY, CHANGE

The official currency in Hungary is the Hungarian Forint (HUF), which is available both in banknotes, and coins. The current euro foreign (average) exchange rate is: 1 EUR = 313 HUF. Currency exchange facilities are available in banks, in exchange kiosks, or eventually at hotel reception desks. There are several ATMs in the town.

Up to date daily exchange rates are available on: <http://www.mnb.hu/en>

6 IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Ambulance: 104

Police: 107

Fire service: 105

Single European emergency number: 112

7 WATER

Tap water in Lillafüred meets high quality standards, and is perfectly suitable for human consumption.

8 ELECTRICITY

Voltage: 230 V (European standard)

Frequency: 50 Hz

Plug: F type

For any further information, please contact the Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention at UNenvironment@unvienna.org