

Scottish Country Dance Weekend and Ball in Budapest, Hungary

17-19 October 2025

for intermediate and advanced dancers

**Musicians: Shona MacFadyen (fiddle), Ewan Galloway
(accordion)**

Teacher: Heather Cowan

Dear Dancing Friends,

We are happy to announce that in 2025 we can meet and dance again at an international Scottish Dance Weekend and Ball in Budapest.

Wonderful musicians, Shona MacFadyen and Ewan Galloway are going to make the weekend memorable. You might have met them at other SCD events, but this will be the first time for them to play in Budapest.

We are also eagerly looking forward to meeting Heather Cowan, who will teach at our weekend course for the first time.

In 2025 we are going back to our roots and will be dancing in Hotel Bara Budapest, where we have had seven previous SCD weekends. The hotel is on the leafy Buda side on the edge of Gellért hill, from where the city centre is just 2 bus stops away. Its big advantage is that we have the course, the evening dances and the gala dinner under one roof.

Course

The Scottish country dance weekend will start with a welcome dance at 20:00 on Friday 17 October but those who can come earlier can join our club members at our usual Thursday dance (from 18:00).

The first workshop will be held on Saturday morning (from 09:00 to 12:30) and the second on Sunday morning. The Sunday morning workshop will start at 10:00 to leave enough time to recover for those who stayed up late after the ball.

The highlight of the weekend will be the Saturday evening ball, which will be preceded by a gala dinner in the hotel.

Course fee: EUR 195 (EUR 180 for participants under 35)

This includes the workshops, the welcome dance, the ball, the gala dinner on Saturday and coffee, tea and mineral water in the intervals of the course.

You can secure your place at the weekend course with a non-refundable deposit of EUR 50 (or an equivalent amount in another currency) after your registration has been confirmed. Payment details will be included with in the email with your course confirmation. The rest of your participation fee is to be paid in cash in October on arrival.

Cancellation policy: we cannot refund the deposit of EUR 50, but you can transfer your place to a new applicant.

All applications will be acknowledged, and notification of acceptance (or waiting-list status) will be sent out in the order of received applications.

Dance Programmes

You will find the dances on our website when the programmes have been completed:
www.bstk.hu/ball2025

Accommodation

Accommodation is NOT included in the course fee, and you need to organise it yourself, but we agreed with Hotel Bara Budapest that it would offer a limited number of rooms to course participants, which you can book through us. So, you need NOT contact the hotel directly, we will book and confirm your hotel room in Hotel Bara Budapest, and you will pay for the hotel accommodation at the hotel reception by cash or card on arrival. The hotel does not require any deposit or bank details to make the booking.

- Single room: 51 Euro/room/night
- Double room: 62 Euro/room/night
- Triple room: 93 Euro/room/night
- Quadruple room: 124 Euro/room/night

The above prices include buffet breakfasts. Extra tourist tax: HUF 500/person/night

If there are no more vacant rooms in the hotel or you would prefer another hotel, you can see the list of nearby hotels below:

- **Novotel Budapest City ****** (10 minutes walking) 1123 Budapest, Alkotás u. 63-67,
<https://novotelcity.hu-budapest.com/>
- **Hotel Mediterran ****** (10 minutes walking) 1118 Budapest, Budaörsi út 20/a.
<https://hotelmediterran.hu/>
- **Hotel Charles ***** (2 minutes walking) 1016 Budapest, Hegyalja út 23
<https://www.charleshotel.hu/>
- **Gold Hotel Budapest ****** (3 minutes walking) 1016 Budapest, Hegyalja út 14
<https://goldhotel.hu/>

Tourist program

We will organise a tourist program in two parts (15-17 October and 20-22 October), before and after the course, the price of which will be EUR 60 each. This includes transportation (except to and from the airport), local club entrance fee, tour guide, organisation.

To be paid separately: meals, entrance fees

Depending on the number and interests of applicants we retain the right to modify the program.

Tentative tourist program 1: 15-17 October

- Gödöllő (Royal Palace of Gödöllő, Sissy's Palace)
- Buda
- Pest
- Local club dance (Thursday, 16 October 18:00-21:00)

Tentative tourist program 2: 20-22 October

- Thermal baths
- Visegrád
- Szentendre
- Local club dance (Tuesday, 21 October 18:00-21:00)

Note: If you would like to take part in tourist program 1, it is recommended to arrive on Tuesday, 14 October the latest.

Let us keep in touch until we start dancing!

See you in October.

Budapest Scottish Dance Club

Organising Committee

P.S.: whenever in doubt visit www.bstk.hu/ball2025/ or write to ball.budapest@gmail.com