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## About weddings in general

In Hungary the general <u>wedding planning period</u> is around <u>12-14 months</u>, however since in some Western-European countries this time is longer, the most popular wedding dates might be booked out a bit earlier. If your wedding date is flexible, then we can plan your wedding even during some months, don't worry! In the recent years the most busy wedding month was June, but July and August are also popular.

Hungarian couples mostly can imagine only a Saturday to hold their wedding on, so this day is the "default" <u>wedding day</u> in Hungary. As a foreigner, You might consider other days of the week, since as per our experience your wedding guests will come for at least 3-4 days to have a mini holiday in our beautiful country. Accordingly, for them, a Thursday, Friday or Sunday wedding will be just more than perfect. The main advantage of a "non-Saturday" wedding is that there will be a wider range of venues and vendors to choose from.

In Hungary You can choose from <u>official civil ceremony</u>, <u>symbolic ceremony</u> and <u>church ceremony</u>. Only the first one (official civil) has legal effect. About the different ceremony types, You can read our writing <u>HERE</u>. The rules of application for the marriage license varies as per the nationality of the couple. About <u>how to get married officially</u> in Hungary as a foreigner in general You can read our writing <u>HERE</u>.

Hungary and Hungarian wedding vendors are 100% prepared for weddings involving other cultures' traditions. The traditional Hungarian weddings are rather replaced by "American" dream weddings seen in Hollywood movies in the imagination of Hungarian brides, so if You also dream about something similar, then it will not be an extraordinary request for the vendors.

HungarianWeddings.com has a wide database and relationship to English-speaking vendors, so You needn't worry about the communication. We also believe that the quality of Hungarian wedding venues and service providers can compete with the Western-European and US ones. And the good news is that the price can be half of them.

# Wedding planning services

We are on the market for international weddings since 2009, when our website was established, and we are operating as wedding planners since 2007. During these years we collected tons of experiences not only about the different cultures of our clients, but also about the wedding vendors in Hungary. So for now we have a wide data-base about reliable wedding vendors having years of experience in international weddings.

In general, as local wedding planners our task is to help You throughout the whole process of planning your dream wedding. It is your decision, in what degree do You involve us, however the most efficient help, if we can participate from the very first step, i.e. selecting the wedding venue. And then, we help You in finding the right wedding vendors, evaluating their offers, reviewing their contracts and collecting the deposits. As the time is getting closer, we write the wedding scenario (agenda) and we are communicating with each vendors to have the "technical times" too. Finally, and most importantly we are present on the wedding day to coordinate all works from the morning till I am.

You can find our general wedding planning offer also in Download menu. You can see different packages there. The main factor our our fee is the number of locations on the wedding day. If everything happens at the same place (ceremony and reception), then package C is yours. If there is a/are ceremony(/-ies) at different location(s) and we need to involve an assistant owing to the simultaneous preparatory works, then we charge the fee of package D. In addition, we have a smaller package for smaller weddings, having less guests than 50. These are our most popular wedding packages, but feel free to ask a tailor-made offer, if You are thinking in e.g. a 2 or 3-day wedding celebration.

### Royal Wedding Style







This is our most popular wedding style for years. If You want to feel royalty during your wedding and You wish to show the most romantic and spectacular face of Budapest to your wedding guests, then this is yours. We used to organize these weddings in the Castle District on the Buda side of the city, where we can serve the various size of wedding receptions starting from 2 up to even 100. You can choose this location only for the ceremony or only for reception, or most practically for both. If the weather allows, the ceremony used to happen on an open-air terrace having wonderful view to the city, River Danube, the Parliament and the Chain-Bridge. And then, the dinner and party is located indoors.

The high quality service and the modern Hungarian and international fine-dining cuisine will amaze your guests.

You can order different ceremony packages of 1 hour length at a price between  $HUF_380.000$  and 1.350.000 depending on the number of guests (30-150 guests) and the food and drinks included beside the rental fee of the given terrace.

You needn't pay a rental fee for the function rooms, but there is a guaranteed consumption You can reach to get the rooms exclusively. It varies between HUF900.000 (only lunch or dinner and no dancing) and HUF 6.500.000 - 7.500.000 + 14% service charge (whole house rental) depending on the given location (and the number of guests). We can send You a detailed offer, if You tell us the planned number of guests.

### General F&B prices:

Seated 5-course menus	from HUF19.500,-
Midnight menus	from HUF4.800,-
Open bar for 4 h (excl. spirits)	from HUF7.800,-
Open bar for 6 h (excl. spirits)	from HUF10.200,-
Open bar for 6 h (incl. spirits)	from HUF15.000,-

For the F&B prices 14% service charge will be added. After midnight an extra hour fee of HUF100.000 / h applies as room rental + the extra hour fee for the chosen drink package.

For more photos about this style, please click here!

### Five-Star Wedding







If You prefer to experience the modern luxury of Budapest during your wedding, then we offer You one of the five-star hotels on the vivid Pest side of the city. Different function rooms of different hotels are waiting for You. At most of them, we organize not only the reception, but the ceremony too. In addition, at your highest comfort, at some hotels above a certain number of guests You get DBL room for your wedding night complimentary.

The high quality service and international cuisine will serve as a trustworthy background for the festive moments. Some hotels are located on the most beautiful boulevard of Budapest, others are laying at the beautiful River Danube having view to the Buda Castle and the Chain Bridge. Their central location is a good choice for the additional programs before and after the wedding day (rehearsal dinners, after-parties, relaxing days at spas, etc.). In addition, your guests can find other hotels and apartments nearby in different price-ranges and ratings.

Above a certain number of guests most of them don't require any room rental fee until midnight or 1-2 am, but might have a minimum consumption (1-3 million HUF).

### General F & B prices:

Buffet menus from HUF12.650,Seated 4-course menus from HUF11.450,Seated 5-course menus from HUF14.850,Open bar for 7 h excl. spirits from HUF10.950,Spirits open bar HUF5000/h/person

For more photos about one of our favorite five-star wedding we planned, pls click here!

### Country-Side Wedding







Another really popular wedding style among our guests is the Country-side Wedding. This is an ideal choice for those couples who are dreaming of hiding away from the busy metropolises and everyday's stress, and who wants to get together with family and friends at a wonderful resort, where they can spend some days not only celebrating their Big Day, but also hanging around an outdoor pool and experiencing the World-famous Hungarian hospitality through the kindness of the country-side people.

We have a "secret" venue, where the traditional Hungarian country feeling, luxury hotel rooms, outdoor pool and jacuzzi terrace, a vintage function room and a Mediterranean park are combined in such a perfect mix You never dared to dream of. It's enough to stay here 10 minutes, walk around, and You will fall in love with it, we promise!

This venue it's just at I hour drive from the city centre of Budapest and 45 minutes from Budapest Airport. We have experience in organizing the transportation of the guests, so it is really worth to travel 60 further minutes, even if your guests are coming from the totally other side of the World. It's proven at several times yet. :) It's low prices compensate the necessity of paying the traveling costs of the wedding vendors coming from Budapest.

### General prices:

Accommodation in standard DBL room Superior extra price Half pension (buffet lunch or dinner) Ceremony rental location Function room rental/Service charge Horse-show Welcome drinks and bites I h Open bar excluding spirits Open bar including spirits Wedding menus from HUF10.600/night/person HUF3.00/person/night HUF3.700/person/occasion HUF50.000 HUF1.000/person but min. HUF100.000 HUF40.000 HUF1.800/person HUF5.600/person HUF10.500/person HUF9.200/person

Children discount between age 4 and 12

50%

More photos HERE.

### Lake-Balaton Wedding







Lake Balaton for a Hungarian recalls childhood memories about happy summers, so it's not rare that our Hungarian clients insist on this location. However, hotels and restaurants around Lake Balaton are on the market for tourism and they rarely undertake weddings, especially in the high touristic season. But, we have a small family-run hotel, what You can rent exclusively for the wedding and/or a mini holiday for your guests during the low-season months (until June and from September). In their 15 rooms they can accommodate maximum 48 people. If You book accommodation for min. 36 adults, then they grant the exclusivity of the whole hotel.

At this location You can be privately and You can have an own beach as well! They have a function room with view to the Lake (max 115 guests). They open the next year "wedding calendar" in November, and they weekends becomes booked out very quickly, but if You are okay with a weekday wedding, then You have a good chance to be able to book a wedding date for You. Owing to the touristic peak season, they don't undertake weddings in July and August.

In 2020 they are working at the following general prices (calculated for 80-100 guests):

Event hall rental (incl. default furniture):
Saturday surcharge for 60-79 adults:
Saturday surcharge under 59 adults:
Accommodation incl. breakfast:
City tax:
Wedding dinner from
Welcome drinks I h from
Welcome bites from
Open bar excl. spirits
Midnight menu
Dinner/lunch on the day before/after

depends on date depends on date HUF14.000/person/night HUF400/adult/night HUF15.500/person HUF2.500/person HUF2.500/person HUF7.500/person HUF5.500/person HUF5.500/person

HUF450.000

They offer children discount.

Gourmet Weddings







Hungarian gastronomy is World-famous for a good reason. If You are dreaming about a real gourmet wedding and You wish to amaze your wedding guests with the wedding menu, then we have some ideas for the location of the wedding reception. In this case we used to propose one of the high-quality restaurants of Budapest like Gundel or Gerbeaud. These location are accepting weddings, when they provide the same food and service quality as in their all carte restaurants. Both of them have function rooms of different size and they undertake off-site catering orders.

### General prices:

Welcome drink (1 glass of champagne) from HUF<sub>1</sub>800/person Welcome drink open bar I h HUF<sub>2</sub>800/person Welcome bites from HUF1.300/person Seated wedding dinners from HUF10.900/person Buffet wedding dinners from HUF12.900/person Open bar excl. spirits 6 h from HUF8.200/person Open bar extra hours from HUF1.500/person Spirit open bar 2 h HUF4.900/person Midnight menus from HUF2.400/person Service charge (to be added to the above prices) **I4**%

Dance-floor (in certain rooms)
Room rental fee after midnight from
Sound equipment and technician fees also might apply.

HUF55.000 HUF55.000 Wedding 'n' Wine







Another thing Hungary is famous for is wine - and town Etyek is called "the vineyard of Budapest". The Etyek Wine Region is located in the suburb of Budapest, and we have several wineries there operating also as a wedding venue. The shuttle of the wedding guests from and to Budapest can easily be organized, so You needn't be afraid of leaving the city for your wedding celebration. The different venues are going with different prices, of course, and we can find You the one You are dreaming about (and can afford) from the small cosy one up to the luxurious.

At most of them they run an own kitchen and at others we need to involve a caterer. Most of them are having their own furniture and at others we need to rent these items. Owing to these various opportunities it is hard to state general prices here, so the only thing we can tell You that we used to plan 70-guest weddings here at a budget between HUF2-4 million (venue, furniture, catering).







### Blue Danube







River Danube is undoubtedly the gem of Budapest. We hardly can imagine a more romantic location for a wedding celebration than a boat on the river. On the Pest side You can find standing boats operating as a restaurant and/or wedding venue. The spectacular view to the lit-up Buda Castle and the Chain-bridge hardly can be won by anything else.

If You wish, You can have the ceremony on the standing boat, on or a smaller traveling boat, but this style also can be combined with Royal Wedding Style having the ceremony on the Fisherman's Bastion, which is on the Buda Side of the river.

### General prices:

Plated wedding dinner Open bar incl. spirits Kids' and staff menu incl. drinks Service charge Room rental after 1 am from HUF8.900/person HUF16.000/person HUF7.000/person 14% HUF70.000/h



# General wedding services

Of course, the prices of the wedding vendors are varying in a wide range as per their price policy. Here we collected some general prices of top quality, English-speaking vendors we used to work the most. There might be differences both downwards and upwards. These prices are valid mostly within Budapest. In case of location on the country-side travel fees and accommodation costs apply.

Photography (8-10 h site availability)	HUF400.000
Videography (8-10 h site availability)	HUF400.000
DJ incl. sound technique	HUF350.000
Symbolic ceremony	HUF90.000
Wedding mc	HUF300.000
Party band	HUF450.000
Show band	HUF800.000
String quartet for 1 h	HUF120.000
Cello or violin for 1 h	HUF35.000
Decoration incl. flowers	between HUF450.000-950.000
Bridal make-up incl. trial	HUF45.000
Bridal hair incl. trial	HUF45.000
Wedding cake	around HUF1.600/person
Wedding favors	from HUF1.000