



PRACTICAL INFORMATION NOTE

EU-CHINA TOURISM DIALOGUE MINISTERIAL MEETING
(EU-CHN TOURISM MIN)

BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

3-5 JULY, 2024.



GENERAL INFORMATION

The Hungarian Presidency of the Council of the European Union is pleased to provide the following practical information to help you to prepare for the **EU-China Tourism Dialogue Ministerial Meeting**, to be held in **Budapest** between **3 – 5 July 2024**.

DEADLINES

When?	What?	Where/who?
ASAP	Appoint a Delegation Accreditation Officer (DAO)	Email to: accreditation.presidency@hu24eu.hu
5 - 21 June	Register your delegation	Novento presidency accreditation platform
At the Airport / at the registration desk	Distribution of accreditations	By LOC (Local Organizing Committee)

ACCREDITATION

Delegations are kindly asked to appoint a Delegation Accreditation Officer (DAO) who will be responsible for the accreditation of every member of their delegation.

For the accreditation link and code please apply with the data below at the following e-mail address: accreditation.presidency@hu24eu.hu

- name of the event: EU-CHN TOURISM MIN
- full name as in ID
- cell phone number
- e-mail address of the DAO

The appointed DAO will receive an e-mail containing a link and necessary credentials (log-in information) for the official presidency accreditation platform to register the members of their delegation

We kindly ask you to register at your earliest convenience via the accreditation platform. The online **accreditation** platform will be **open from 5 June until 21 June**.

Please make sure that personal details are correctly entered on the platform, as certain information (e.g. your name) will appear on the badges. Please note that only accredited delegates will have access to the official meeting and other official programme venues. If you have any questions regarding your registration, please contact accreditation.presidency@hu24eu.hu.

All personal information provided for accreditation will be processed in accordance with the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), which can be found at the accreditation system.

Please note that the online accreditation platform will be closed on 21 June 2024.

BADGES

Access to the meeting venue requires a valid personalized badge or pin, which can be obtained after the registration request had been approved and the accreditation is confirmed by a confirmation message through Novento. Pins will be distributed by the designated Liaison Officer for the ministerial delegations. For the rest of the participants badges will be handed over upon arrival to the venue. Delegates will receive **one single badge or pin for the two-day event**. Please make sure to **wear your badge or pin visibly** at the official programme venues.

Please note that all participants are required to carry on their ID cards or passports, in order to comply with the on-the-spot identification process.

In case of loss of a badge, please report it immediately to: accreditation.presidency@hu24eu.hu. The validity of the badge will be immediately terminated, while the organisers will create a new badge upon your request.

For further information regarding the badges of any delegate, please contact accreditation.presidency@hu24eu.hu

INTERPRETATION

3 July - Signing Ceremony - Consecutive interpretation (CHN-HUN)

3 July - Plenary session - Simultaneous interpretation (CHN – ENG)

3 July - Best practice sharing of the ministers - Simultaneous interpretation (CHN-ENG)

4 July - Conference - Simultaneous interpretation (CHN-ENG)

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

All delegations are kindly asked to provide the arrival and departure **details in the accreditation system**:

- for delegations travelling by **car or train**: date and time of arrival, the border crossing point to Hungary, and arrival destination point
- for delegations travelling by **plane**: date and time of arrival and departure, as well as the flight number and the airline
- **Special flight**: airline and aircraft registration number; date and time of arrival and departure.

We kindly ask you to mark your luggage with your national colour ribbon.

LIAISON OFFICER

To ensure your visit runs smoothly, a Liaison Officer will be assigned to accompany the minister throughout the event and provide any logistical assistance required on site. Supervised by coordinator, Liaison Officer will be responsible for:

- Welcoming and accompanying delegation during the event;
- Assisting delegation in order to ensure a successful stay;
- Providing logistical assistance and administrative support;
- Distributing accreditation pins and badges;
- Reserving slots for bilateral meetings, if requested from your side.

Contact details of the assigned Liaison Officer will be communicated to each ministerial delegation in due course. Liaison Officer provides services for whole delegation as a single point of contact.

TRANSPORTATION

For the event, the Hungarian Presidency will provide transfer with VIP limousine cars (for ministers) and minivans (for all the other members of the minister's delegations) from Liszt Ferenc Budapest Airport to the hotel or to the venue and back to the airport for departure. Please note that the Hungarian Presidency may only provide transportation on the territory of Hungary and only during the official part of the programme.

Delegates travelling separately from their HoD are kindly asked to make their own travel arrangements.

FACILITIES

All our venues provide free access for participants with reduced mobility.

SECURITY

Providing a safe environment for our delegations is of paramount importance to the Hungarian Presidency. For security reasons, **badges or pins must be worn visibly during the official programme**. Access to the meeting venue will be denied in the absence of a visibly worn badge or pin.

The Hungarian Police will be in charge of security for all meetings and delegations during all ministerial meetings and other high-level events of the Hungarian Presidency of the Council of the European Union, and will provide the convoy security escort.

Any national security officers accompanying the HoD must be properly registered via the online accreditation system, and therefore properly accredited.

ACCOMMODATION

Please note that **Hungarian EU Presidency** has booked hotel rooms and will **cover the costs for Head of Delegation plus one (1) member** of his/her delegation in **Kempinski Hotel Corvinus Budapest** ([Budapest, Erzsébet tér 7-8, 1051](#)) for two nights (3 - 4 July).

For the rest of the delegation hotel rooms have been only pre-booked, so please be sure to make your own reservation as soon as possible by sending an e-mail to HU24EU@jettravel.hu. Please note that delegations are responsible for making said reservations and covering their costs.

VENUES

The **EU-China Tourism Dialogue** meeting of the Hungarian Presidency will be held at different high representative locations.

When?	Venue	Address
3 July 2024, Wednesday	House of Parliament	1-3 Kossuth Square 1055 Budapest
4 July 2024, Thursday	Bálna	11-12. Fővám Square 1093 Budapest

Royal Palace of Queen Sissy	<i>Grassalkovich-kastély</i> <i>2100 Gödöllő</i>
Botaniq Castle	<i>37 Park Street</i> <i>2194 Tura</i>
Buda Castle, St. Steven Hall	<i>2 Szent György Square</i> <i>1014 Budapest</i>
Europa Ship	<i>The Pest side of the Chain Bridge</i>

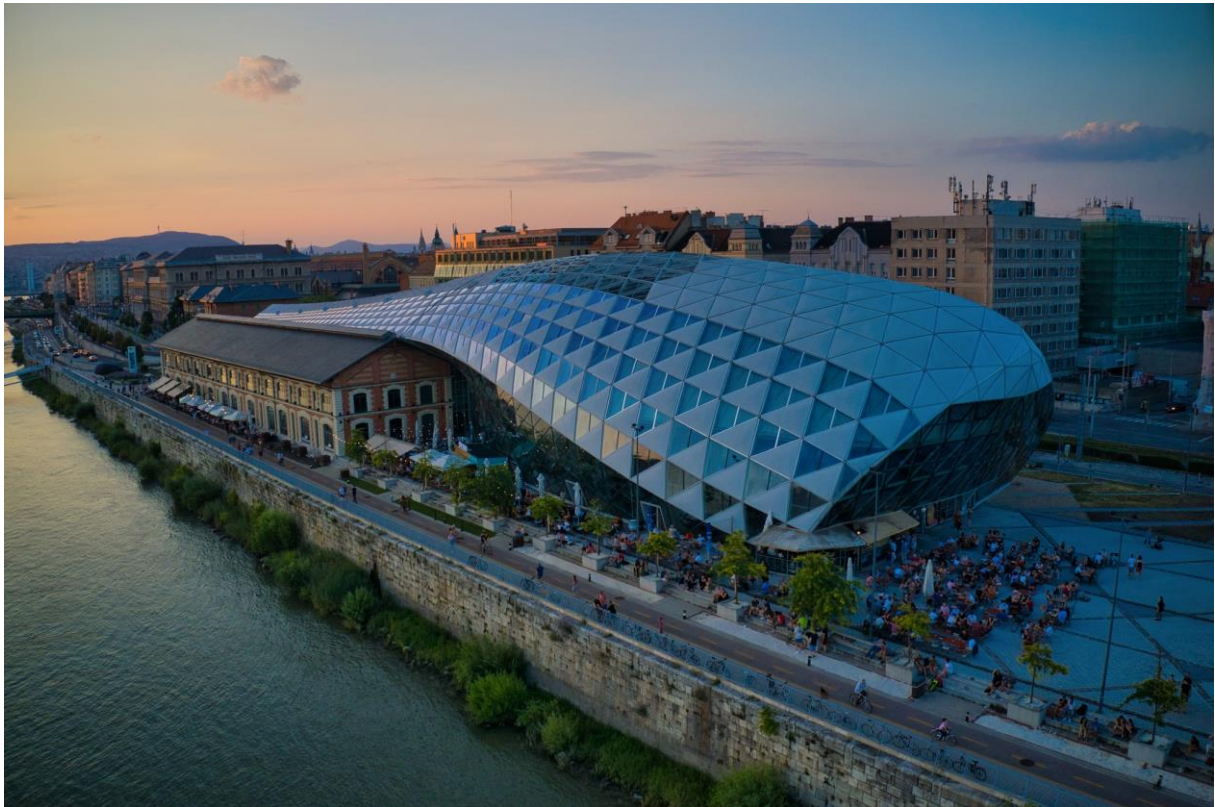
THE HOUSE OF THE HUNGARIAN PARLIAMENT - VENUE OF THE SIGNING CEREMONY AND THE GALA DINNER



The Hungarian Parliament is the seat of the National Assembly of Hungary, a notable landmark of Hungary, and a popular tourist destination in Budapest. It is situated on Kossuth Square in the Pest side of the city, on the eastern bank of the Danube. It was designed by Hungarian architect Imre Steindl in neo-Gothic style and opened in 1902. It has been the largest building in Hungary since its completion. The architectural style of the Hungarian parliament building was influenced by the gothic Vienna City Hall, the renaissance elements like the cupola was influenced by the Maria vom Siege church in Vienna.

For more information: [CLICK HERE](#)

VENUE OF EU - CHINA TOURISM DIALOGUE PLENARY SESSION



This extraordinary building connects two of the four warehouse buildings with an atrium, and at the same time extends them parallel to the Danube bank with a glass shell in the shape of a whale's head.

THE ROYAL PALACE OF GRASSALKOVICH IN GÖDÖLLŐ – SITE VISIT



Count Antal Grassalkovich I (1694–1771), one of the most notable aristocrats of the 18th century, began construction of the largest Baroque palace in Hungary in around 1735. The double U-shaped, 8-winged building was flanked by a church, orangery and bath house to the north, and stables and a riding hall to the south. The unique architecture of the Palace served as an exemplary model for other Hungarian palaces of the Baroque period.

The second golden age of the building began in 1867. Bought and reconstructed by the Hungarian state, the Palace was presented as a coronation gift to Emperor Francis Joseph I (1830–1916) and Queen Elizabeth (1837–1898) for use as a residence. The royal family would spend the spring and autumn hunting seasons here.

From 1920 onwards the Palace served as a summer retreat for Governor Miklós Horthy. This period ended with the outbreak of World War II. Although the building itself was left undamaged, most of the furnishings were carried away or destroyed by the German and Russian troops invading in 1944.

From 1945 onwards Soviet troops were stationed in the outbuildings, while the main building, classified as a historic monument, became a home for the elderly. These abuses led to a gradual decay of the Palace over the following decades.

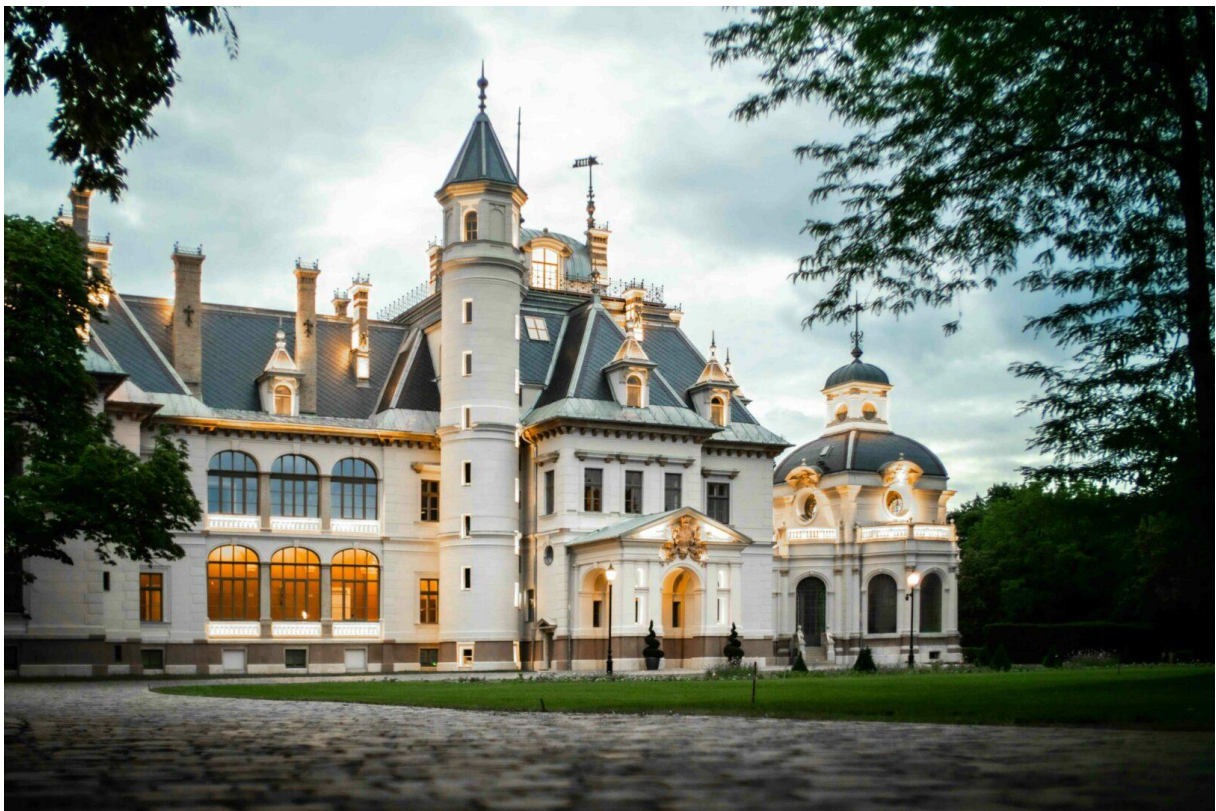
Conservation work on the Palace began again in 1985. As a result of this, the first permanent exhibition was opened in 1996: the ceremonial hall and the royal suites. Several new halls have been added to the exhibition since then. Renovation of the Baroque Theatre was completed in 2003 and the Pavilion in 2004.

2010 saw the Gisela and Rudolph wings (named after the royal children) restored to their former splendour with EU support, a section of the Park was renovated and reconstruction of the riding hall and the Baroque stables was completed.

Historical traditions, a variety of cultural events and its wonderfully restored, uniquely impressive complex and surroundings make the Palace one of the most attractive and exciting buildings and institutions in Hungary.

For more information: [CLICK HERE](#)

VENUE OF THE LUNCH - BOTANIQ CASTLE OF TURA



For more information: [CLICK HERE](#)

The baron had purchased the land, located in the town of Tura, Pest County, from the Esterházy family in 1869, and he had had his visionary castle built there by 1883.

Baron Sigmund may have drawn inspiration from the Halton House castle owned by the Rothschild family, who were at the top of international financial life, still, the building was long referred to as the “little brother of the Opera House” among people. This could be explained by the fact that the interior decorative paintings were made by Róbert Scholtz in both buildings, moreover, the architect of the castle has been considered to be Miklós Ybl until recently. An

article which was published in the Sunday Gazette in 1885 however says, that the architect of the castle was in fact Gyula Bukovics, the talented student of Ybl.

All the architectural achievements of the time can be discovered in the castle. Beside the up-to-date central heating system, there was electricity and a dumbwaiter, as well. There was a bathroom on every floor, with fresh water coming from an artesian well. It was achieved with the help of fanlight windows found on the upper floor and mirrors placed with fine engineering that the spectacular entrance hall on the ground floor could get natural light even without windows.

The high-quality construction was of primary importance in the case of the interior of the building as well as outside the building, considering that the plants in the spectacular park of the castle were watered with a rainwater irrigation system partly. The gardeners created a park in the immediate surroundings of the castle in European style, which was typical of the period. Farther away the landscape characteristics were highlighted. Part of the original park was separated from the castle in the middle of the last century, and a football field was built on it.

SITE VISIT - BUDA CASTLE, ST. STEVEN HALL



St Stephen's Hall was placed in the new south range of the palace, and was a true jewel box. Its interior had a Romanesque design, but at certain points accommodated some Hungarian ornament and Hungarian character. Hauszmann gathered the finest craftsmen in the country to produce a masterpiece of turn-of-the-century Hungarian applied art. Among those who worked on the furniture, fittings and decoration were Endre Thék, Alajos Strobl and Gyula

Jungfer, and the central element of the room, the monumental pyrogranite fireplace, was made in the factory of Vilmos Zsolnay.

The assemblage of masterpieces was much appreciated by the monarch, Franz Joseph, who ordered that the interior be displayed at the 1900 Paris World's Fair. The installation in the French capital city gained enormous public and critical acclaim, and won several prizes, including the Grand Prix. The public was also permitted to view the ornate hall in the Palace of Buda Castle when it was completed in 1902.

The buildings of the palace suffered extensive damaging from the bombing and the several-week-long fire in the Second World War. St Stephen's Hall was completely burned out, and all its furnishings destroyed. It was not restored after the war, and was mostly used as a store.

Under the National Hauszmann Program, St Stephen's Hall is being authentically recreated. Its internal layout, materials, decoration and furnishings all follow Hauszmann's original plans. Design has been assisted by surviving plans, sketches and photographs, and the fittings and furniture are being made in about twenty workshops throughout the country by craftspeople who are using original materials to produce the ornate furnishings with the highest level of accuracy.

The work of today's artists and craftspeople are worthy of the words by which Hauszmann, one hundred years ago, characterised the products of his associates:

I must pay tribute to the fine artists and artisans who took part in producing this work, which in its material and the quality of execution will I believe be widely recognised abroad.

After 20 August 2021, visitors to the recreated St Stephen's Hall may appreciate for themselves the marvellous work of these artists.

For more information: [CLICK HERE](#)

VENUE OF THE NIGHT OF HANGZHOU GALA DINNER - SHIP EUROPA



The incomparable Europe Ship may carry 1000 passengers. This marvellous, 3-storey vessel with its renewed art-deco interior fulfills all the expectations of our modern world.

The elegant and stylish basic mood of the Europe event-ship is coming from the harmony of the different colours which have been used. The light-coloured floor and modern paneling provide an exclusive, welcoming atmosphere to our guests. Everybody can have a great time on the Europe event-ship with its total shipboard of more than 1500 square metres. Its indoor area is 920 square metres and its outdoor part is 2 x 320 square metres to admire the breathtaking view of the Danube river and the embankment.

It's an unforgettable experience to take a look to Budapest from our deck and praise its beauty, for You are not able to do that from any other part of the capital city.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

3 July 2024, Wednesday

Day 1

Arrival of the delegations in the morning.

Arrival of Ministers at Budapest Liszt Ferenc International Airport
Location: Budapest Liszt Ferenc International Airport, State Lounge

Departure from Budapest Liszt Ferenc International Airport with police escort to the hotel.

Private relaxation.

13:40 Departure for the Hungarian Parliament with Police Escort.

14:00-15:00 Welcome Event

Signing Ceremony (Open for PRESS)

Venue: House of Parliament

1055 Budapest

1-3 Kossuth Square

15:00-16:30 Plenary session - Pathways to Prosperity - European-Chinese Tourism Partnerships in Tourism

Opening speeches

Venue: House of Parliament

1055 Budapest

1-3 Kossuth Square

16:30 – 17:00 Coffee break

17:00 -18:00 Best practice sharing of the European ministers regarding their tourism relationship with China

18:20-19:00 Guided tour at the Hungarian House of Parliament for Ministers

19:05-19:15 Family photo

Main Staircase of Parliament

19:15-22:00 **Mr. Márton Nagy, Minister for National Economy of Hungary hosts the Chinese and European Ministers for a seated gala dinner at the Parliament**

Venue: House of Parliament, Hunter's Hall

4 July 2024, Thursday

Day 2

08:30 – 09:30 Departure from the hotel with police escort for the Bálna event hall

Venue: Bálna - Plenary Hall

11-12 Fővám Square

09:30 – 10:30 **EU - China Tourism Dialogue Plenary session**

Conference Opening (Open for PRESS)

Venue: Bálna - Plenary Hall

11-12 Fővám Square

10:30 - 11:00 Doorstep interviews
Coffee break in the meantime

11:00 **Departure of the Ministerial delegations - special guided tour**

Royal Palace of Queen Sissy with police escort

Venue: 2100. Gödöllő, Grassalkovich Palace

11:40 - 12:40 **Visit of the Royal Palace of Grassalkovich in Gödöllő**

Venue: 2100 Gödöllő, Grassalkovich Palace

12:30 Departure for the lunch venue

12:45 - 14:30 **Lunch hosted by László Könnyid, Director General of the Hungarian Tourism Agency, for the ministerial delegations at Botaniq Castle in Tura.**

Venue: 37 Park Street, 2194 Tura

14:30 Departure for the Buda Castle

15:15 – 16:30 Walk at Buda Castle, visiting St. Steven hall

Venue: 2 Szent György Square, 1014 Budapest

16:30 Departure for the hotel

16:30 – 18:45 Private relaxation at the hotel

18:45 Departure for The presidency of the Council of the EU - WTA The night of Hangzhou

19:00 Arrival at the location of the Gala dinner with police escort

19:00 – 21:30 Gala Dinner The presidency of the Council of the EU - WTA The night of Hangzhou

Venue: Ship Europa, The Pest side of the Chain Bridge

21:30 Departure for the hotel

5 July 2024, Friday

End of the official programme.

The delegations are expected to leave.

MEDIA

Media representatives are welcome to attend the Signing Ceremony on the 3 of July and, at the opening ceremony of *EU - China Tourism Dialogue* Plenary session and also at the following doorstep interviews on the 4 July.

To attend the event, media representatives need to obtain a media accreditation via a special invitation letter to be sent out at a later date. Due to security reasons, the accreditation period for media will be closed a few days prior to the event. Transport arrangements for media

representatives must be dealt with individually. All journalists must wear a badge at all times, and are required to have an ID card at hand.

For any media-related questions, please contact us at the following email address:
media.presidency@hu24eu.hu

OTHER PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Emergency number: 112 (fire brigade, medical assistance)

Electricity: The voltage in Hungary is 230V, 50 Hz.

Local time: Central European Summer Time Zone (CEST) – GMT +2:00

Country code: Hungary +36

Currency: The official currency of Hungary is the Hungarian Forint. For official daily exchange rates, please consult the website of the Magyar Nemzeti Bank (National Bank of Hungary):
<https://www.mnb.hu/en/arfolyamok>

Weather in Hungary: <https://met.hu/en/idojaras/>

Tap water: Hungarian water is regularly tested for quality and is safe to drink.

Smoking: Smoking is only allowed in the designated area of the official meeting spaces.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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