

Welcome You in Balatonfüred!

Balatonfüred is situated on the north shore of Lake Balaton. It is a small town with 13,500 inhabitants. Lake Balaton is the largest freshwater lake in Central Europe and a popular tourist destination for the Hungarian residents as well as for foreigners, especially the town of Balatonfüred which is also considered to be the capital of the Northern shore.

Tourism has a decisive role in the life of the town. First of all, the location of the town captures every visitor: it is bordered by the lake from the south and surrounded by tender mountains on the north.

The mild micro-climate in Balatonfüred is very similar to the Mediterranean. The continuous air movement provides clean air that is free of dust and has a special effect: it heals diseases of the heart and blood-vessels. Beside the climate and the clean air, acidulous spring water can be found here as well that is used by the State Hospital for Cardiology, but anybody can reach this „magic” water from the wells, springs that can be found at different points of the town.

Thousands of people suffering from heart disease have recovered in this hospital. The famous Nobel-prize winner Hindu poet Rabindranath Tagore, recovered here in 1926 and denominated a beautiful promenade close to the shore of the lake. His memorial tree and statue can be found on the east side of the promenade. In the park of the memorial trees, many famous Hungarian and foreign poets, politicians, ministers and scientists have planted trees. The town is infinitely rich in historic memorial places that were built in the 18th-19th centuries. These were

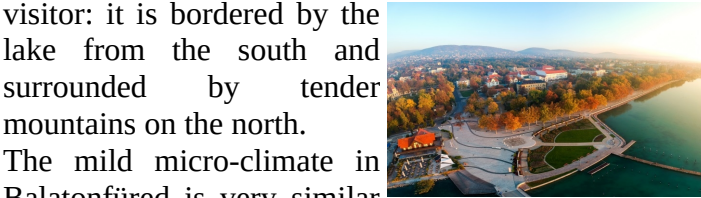
mostly renovated and restored. It may happen that some of these have been appointed different roles nowadays than their original one but they are part of our cultural life.

People can enjoy the rich cultural and sport programmes not just in the historic establishments, but also at outdoor cultural events. Visitors can find lovely and fascinating programmes with high quality throughout the year. The list of the programmes is infinite, but some of them are definitely worth mentioning.

Blue Ribbon Regatta is the oldest and longest race around a lake in Europe. It has been organized since 1934 on Lake Balaton, so no doubt it has an enormous amount of legacy behind its back. There are always 500-600 boats participating with 1800-2000 tireless sailors on the decks.

Anna Ball is one of the most prestigious and oldest social events in our country that is organized in July every year. The first Anna Ball was held on 26 July, 1825 in Balatonfüred at the Horváth House in honour of Anna Krisztina, daughter of Fülöp János Szentgyörgyi-Horváth. This special event has been held year by year since then. The title Belle of the Ball is given to the most beautiful girl visiting the ball.

The Balatonfüred Wine Weeks is one of the most prestigious and highest standard wine festivals of the Balaton region that is organized every August. This festival is more than a gastronomy event. The best wines of the wine region (nearly 250 types of wine of around 30 grape varieties, all from the Balatonfüred-Csopak wine region) can be



tasted on Tagore Promenade. Beside the wineries arts-and-crafts-, food and candy sellers join this event.

About the Tournament

The Senior Tournament on St István days was established at 1971 in Kiserdő, in this beautiful 10-acre park area. From the beginning the date of the Tournament was set to 20th August, the Hungarian National Day of King St. István and the new bred. In these days the inhabitants of the town is increased to 100000.

The Tournament is organised by the Balatonfüredi Petőfi Sportkör, which was established in 1935, and has around 150 member. The history of the tennis life in Balatonfüred is in the same age with the Hungarian one. The first events were held in 1887, and even the first Hungarian Championship was held here.

The Tennis Club was established in 1935. There was a blooming tennis and club life here until the II. World War. Couple of national championships organised here in the 30th and 40th. In the war the courts were destroyed. For some years the place was used for different sports. In the second half of 50th some workers of the State Hospital and other enthusiastic sportsman from Balatonfüred made the courts available to play tennis again. The Balatonfüredi Petőfi Sportkör was established at this time as well and operates the courts even up to now.



The Club has 4 clay courts, which number will be increased during the Tournament, using the clay court of Forras Tenisz park. Our tennis courts are beautifully located, with more than 100 stands providing a view of all the

courses, to watch the races. During the competition, we will provide support for our competitors in our Clubhouse, where a co-creation, a bar and washbasins and showers are available for the players.

Our Tournament has a great tradition in the Hungarian Senior Tennis life, most of the best Hungarian players visit us usually. We plan to increase the level of the Tournament to an international level. The facilities of the Club and the City of Balatonfüred, and the huge capacity of accommodation, with countless quality hotels and related wellness services ensure the high level standard for the Tournament.



The Tournament will be held between 20 and 23 of August, 2020. One single and one double event (or two doubles) can be played. All plays should be a best of three sets with a Match Tie-break in the final set. The player evening will be hold at 6 pm on 22nd August. 4+2 clay courts, (transportation between the courts will be arranged) official ball: Dunlop Clay Court, entry fee: 20 EUR.

Taken into account the rules of ITF players shold have IPIN. The fact-sheet, the sign in and withdrawal informations can be checked on the ITF web-site: <https://www.itftennis.com/en/tournament-calendar/seniors-tennis-tour-calendar> or on the web-site of the Hungarian Senior Tennis Association: www.szeniortenisz.hu

Events (without Consolation)

Woman singles: 40+,45+,50+,55+,60+,65+,70+,75+

Men singles: 45+,50+,55+,60+,65+,70+,75+

Woman doubles: 40+,45+,50+,55+,60+,65+,70+,75+

Men doubles: 45+,50+,55+,60+,65+,70+,75+

Mixed doubles: 45+,50+,55+,60+,65+,70+,75+

How you can get there?

Balatonfüred is situated on the north shore of Lake Balaton.

Nearest airports:

Liszt Ferenc International Airport, Budapest [BUD] (150km),

Hévíz-Balaton Airport, Sármellék [SOB] (70km)

National Railway station is approximately 3 km

By car: on the mainroad 71 (at 38 km)



Information:

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Official hotel:

will be available soon on the web-site of the club:

www.petofisportkorfured.hu/itf

St. István Tennis Cup

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Balatonfüred, Hungary

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