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## **The Busó Carnival** **27 February - 4 March 2014.** **Mohács, Hungary**

A fascinating end-of-winter custom, a must see you will always remember!  
Join the festive events, be part of something uniquely Hungarian!

During the carnival period the busos of Mohács, wearing a wooden mask carved from willow and a sheepskin cloak with the fur turned outside transform the town into a merrily loud, hustling and bustling place. They roam the streets with their indispensable clappers and cowbells, horns and beaters, friendly „annoying” or gently „frightening” passers-by, bringing the festive mood into town.

The programme of events reaches its peak on „Farsang” Sunday. Early afternoon the busos from all parts of town – even from across the Danube - gather at Kolo Sq. and from here a spectacular and noisy parade makes its way through the town to the main square. Unique home-made vehicles, horse-drawn rolling wheels and carts, the traditional Devil’s Wheel and an amazing variety of other fantasy cars are also part of the breathtaking procession.

In the main square the busos initiate the selected novice buso, then perform a dance on the river bank and set afloat the coffin symbolizing winter.



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In the evening a giant straw dummy is burned on a bonfire, accompanied by the dance of the busos and the members of the audience. The day is concluded by the Sokac Ball.

Immerse yourself in the carnival, witness stunning floats parading, folk groups dancing, tasty local cuisine wafting through the streets! Enjoy live folk music, take your pick from the amazing array of artisan products of the arts&crafts market, and get acquainted with the traditions of buso mask carving! Come and spend an extraordinary day in Mohács – the home of the busos!



### Programme of events – 2 March 2014, Sunday

- 9:00-            *Arts&Crafts Market* - throughout the day  
Venue: streets of Mohács town centre
- 10:00-17:00    *Open studio*  
While marveling at the buso masks made by Antal Englert Folk Artist, Gábor Lukács and his son, you can find out more about the craftsmanship of buso mask carving (a ticketed event).  
Venue: 7/a. Kigyó St. (showroom)
- 10:00            *„In the footsteps of our ancestors”*  
Culinary journey lead by buso groups  
Venue: Buso Yard
- 10:00            *Folk dance with the participation of various folk dance groups from Croatia and Hungary*  
Venue: Kossuth Cinema
- 10:30            *Sokac dance house*  
Music: Poklade  
Venue: Széchenyi Sq.



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- 11:00 *Bagpipe concert at the Buso Yard*
- 12:30 *Busos crossing the Danube by boat*  
Venue: „Sokac dock”
- 14:00 *Busos and carnival groups gathering in Koló Sq.*
- 14:20 *Busó Parade leaves for Széchenyi Sq.*
- 15:30 *Initiation of the selected novice buso*  
*Carnival – dance and music with public participation*  
Venue: Széchenyi Sq., Szabadság St. and Dózsa Gy. St.
- 16:00 *Bagpipers’ and buso groups’ performances*  
Venue: Buso Yard
- 16:50 *Ceremonial setting afloat of the coffin symbolizing winter*  
Venue: river bank of the Danube
- 17:30 *Bonfire – with the dance of the busos*  
Venue: Széchenyi Sq.
- 21:00 *Sokac Ball featuring Mohács Dance Ensemble and Tanac Folk Dance Ensemble*  
Music: Poklade  
(Ticketed event, tickets are available for 2000 HUF/person at the Mohács Tourinform Office)  
Venue: the Great Hall of Schneider Art School (3. Vörösmarty St.)







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## Do you fancy staying for a few days in Mohács?

See our selection of must sees in and around Mohács, and our recommendation for places to stay!

(for further information click on the name of the attraction or accommodation)

### Places to visit



Buso Museum



Kanizsai Dorottya Museum



Buso Courtyard



The Saint Nicholas Watermill



Serbian Church



Historical Memorial Park

### Accommodation



Szent János Hotel



Kovács Bed & Breakfast



Pannon Hotel