

1956
1989
2009
23 OCTOBER

The Fall of 1956 was a milestone in Hungary's modern history. It was the time when citizens of Hungary rose up against the Soviet oppression. The uprising of 23 October swiftly turned into a revolution and swept across the country to shake the Soviet Regime in its foundations. Although shortlived, the Revolution of 1956 finally drew the world's attention to all countries trapped in the Soviet Bloc and their struggle for freedom.

The 1956 uprising sowed the seeds of change in Hungary which grew silently for over thirty years. On 23rd October, 1989 the desires and objectives of 1956 about an independent and democratic Hungary finally became reality with the proclamation of the Third Hungarian Republic.

We commemorate the 20th anniversary of the proclamation of the Republic of Hungary and the 53rd anniversary of the 1956 revolution and freedom fight on 23 October 2009.

We would like to invite you for a journey into the past: see, hear and become part of the scenes of the revolution at our open-air museum and photo exhibition or simply watch the official ceremonies and the spectacular light decorations in Budapest!

FESTIVE EVENTS

20-23 October 10.00-19.00	23-25 October 18.00-24.00
Open-air photo and vehicle exhibition, guided tours, pantomime shows, films	Festive light decoration on the Houses of the Hungarian Parliament Facade of the Parliament towards the Danube
19.00.-24.00.	25 October 10.00-19.00
Light decoration on neighbouring buildings Moszkva tér, Nyugati tér, Blaha Lujza tér, Corvin köz	Installation in remembrance of the victims of the Parliament fusillade in 1956 and candle lighting at the Light of Revolution Kossuth tér
23 October 09.30	4 November 11.00
Ceremonial hoisting of the Standard of the Republic Kossuth tér	National Memorial Day Closing Ceremony commemorating the heroes of the Hungarian Revolution of 1956 Hősök tere
11.00	
Wreathing ceremony at the 1956 Revolution Monument 56-osok tere	



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