



**2026 ICF CANOE  
SPRINT WORLD CUP**

**8-10 MAY 2026, SZEGED**







## DEAR FRIENDS, DEAR FUTURE GUESTS,

On behalf of the Hungarian Canoe Federation, it is a great pleasure and honour for us to welcome you once again to Hungary, in Szeged, for the **2026 ICF CANOE SPRINT WORLD CUP**, taking place 8–10 May 2026.

I believe I can say that the Maty-ér Regatta Course is one of the strongholds of international canoeing. Year after year, it hosts prestigious international competitions, backed by more than 40 years of experience and a uniquely advanced infrastructure.

What's more, the city of Szeged—known in Hungary as the “City of Sunshine”—is located just a few kilometres from the venue.

The transformation of the Olympic qualification system marks the beginning of a new era for our sport. As you know, the importance of World Cups has increased significantly, as the results achieved here now also contribute to the quest for quota places for the LA28 Olympic Games.

This alone gives me every confidence that we can look forward to exciting races again in early May. Our organising team, already highly experienced, will once again do everything in its power to deliver a World Cup of the highest possible standard for you and for canoe sprint fans around the world.

I eagerly look forward to seeing you again. Until then, I wish everyone all the very best—and to the athletes, a successful and injury-free preparation!

Friendly regards,

Bálint Szakács

Secretary General of the Hungarian Canoe Federation

Chairman of the Host Organising Committee



On the following pages, we walk you through all the necessary information that may guide you and your team on the way to Szeged. Apart from the general introduction of the city and the Regatta Course, the most vital and useful bits of information on the competition, participation, visa issuance and accommodation options can also be found here.

The Hungarian Canoe Federation is hoping to see you at the ICF Canoe Sprint World Cup between 8-10 May 2026 in Szeged.

If you are looking for more information, do not hesitate to visit the official website of the competition:

***[www.szeged2026.com](http://www.szeged2026.com)***

Key information can also be accessed on the following website(s):

***[2026 ICF CANOE SPRINT WORLD CUP SZEGED](#)***

**SEE YOU IN MAY  
THE HOST ORGANISING COMMITTEE**





## **THE HOST ORGANISING COMMITTEE**

Chairman

**SZAKÁCS, Bálint**

Technical Organiser

**VASKUTI, Máté**

Event Manager

**VIDA, Gergely**

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**SZTAICS, István**

Secretary of the OC

**DOBA, Alfréd**

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**SZOVICS, Zoltán**

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**KOVÁCS, Orsolya**

Official Hotels Liaison

**VÉKÁSSY, Zsuzsanna**

Master of Ceremonies

**RÉDEI, Zsuzsa**

Head of Transportation

**ÁBRAHÁM, Csaba**

Media Officer/Press Chief

**KURILLA, Viktor**





**5 MAY (TUESDAY)**

Access period starts  
Accreditation opens  
Regatta Course opens for training

**6 MAY (WEDNESDAY)**

Official training time

**7 MAY (THURSDAY)**

Team Leaders' meeting  
ITO's meeting  
Official training times  
with starting machine test

**8 - 10 MAY (FRIDAY - SUNDAY)**

ICF CANOE SPRINT WORLD CUP  
competition days

**10 MAY (SUNDAY)**

Access period ends  
(in the evening)

Venue: **MATY-ÉR REGATTA COURSE, SZEGED, HUNGARY**

Event date: **8-10 May 2026**

<b>WOMEN</b>	K1	200m   500m   1000m   5000m
	K2	500m
	K4	500m
	C1	200m   500m   5000m
	C2	200m   500m
	C4	500m
<b>MEN</b>	K1	200m   500m   1000m   5000m
	K2	500m
	K4	500m
	C1	200m   500m   1000m   5000m
	C2	500m
	C4	500m





## ***COURSE***

The 2,400-metre long, 122-metre-wide regatta course is located two kilometres south of Szeged. Being an artificial course, current is not an issue here and it is quite well sheltered from strong winds as well. It is equipped with a new Albano system and has nine lanes along with a separate warm-up line. There will be electric time keeping with a photo finish camera and video recording. Automatic starting system will be used for the start. The facility fully meets the ICF requirements.

## ***ANTI-DOPING***

For the ICF World Cup each athlete, coach and support personnel must pass the relevant anti-doping online course on the Anti-Doping Education Learning platform (ADEL) corresponding to their role. More information on the website:

<https://www.canoeicf.com/anti-doping-education>

## ***ENTRIES IN THE ICF SDP SYSTEM***

The Host Organising Committee requires you to use the online entry system (SDP) of the ICF to submit your numerical and nominal entries.

The system can be reached at: <https://icf.mev.atos.net/icf/icf.jsp>

(In case you need help with the SDP, please contact the administrator directly at: [sdp@canoeicf.sport](mailto:sdp@canoeicf.sport))





## KEY DEADLINES FOR SUBMITTING YOUR ENTRIES AND FORMS

22 February 2026

**Hotel Reservation (HMS)**

24 March 2026

**Numerical entry deadline (SDP)**

8 April 2026

**Team Registration  
without Hotel Booking (HMS)  
Airport Transfer Reservation (HMS)**

22 April 2026

**Rooming List (HMS)**

28 April 2026

**Nominal entry deadline (SDP)**

## ***HOTEL BOOKINGS AND TEAM REGISTRATION IN THE HMS***

Kindly note that hotel reservations and team registrations (without a hotel reservation) must be submitted via the HMS (Hospitality Management System) at <https://hms.digicorp.hu/login>

Please, be informed that registering your team in the online system (arrival & departure dates, no. of persons) is a must even if you are planning to book your accommodation independently from the Host Organising Committee.

Prior to logging in for the first time, please, send an email to [booking@szeged2026.com](mailto:booking@szeged2026.com) even if you have used the system earlier, since we need to add the new event to your profile.

Please, note that email modification requests cannot be accepted and will not be considered: all changes should be indicated exclusively – before and after the deadlines – in the online system.

Please, remember that no booking or modification request can be considered as confirmed until you get a notification on it from the HOC.

## ***TEAM INFORMATION FORM***

In preparation for the upcoming 2026 ICF Canoe Sprint World Cup, we are gathering essential information to ensure that all participating teams receive the necessary support and services.

We kindly ask you to complete the following Google Form with your team's basic information, including the contact details of the onsite team leader, any food allergies, the number of boats delivered and any other relevant details.

This information is vital for the Host Organising Committee to make the necessary arrangements and ensure a smooth and inclusive event for all participants.

**Please submit your responses by 8 April at the latest to allow us sufficient time for planning and coordination.**



## **ACCOMMODATION PACKAGES**

Hotel reservations can be made through the HOC in four different categories, based on the room types and prices listed below. Each accommodation package includes three meals per day: breakfast and dinner served at the designated hotel and lunch provided at the Regatta Course. The accommodation package fee is required to be paid daily throughout your team's stay. For reservations before 5 May and from 10 May please refer to the section on training camps or inquire with the HOC for individual pricing.

### **CATEGORY 1 (3-STAR SUPERIOR AND 4-STAR HOTELS)**

- single occupancy<sup>1</sup> 195 EUR/person/day
- double occupancy<sup>2</sup> (twin/double room) 170 EUR/person/day

### **CATEGORY 2 (2-STAR SUPERIOR AND 3-STAR HOTELS)**

- single occupancy 165 EUR/person/day
- double occupancy (twin/double room) 140 EUR/person/day
- triple occupancy<sup>3</sup> 115 EUR/person/day

### **CATEGORY 3 (2-STAR AND 3-STAR HOTELS AND GUEST HOUSES)**

- single occupancy 140 EUR/person/day
- double occupancy 130 EUR/person/day
- triple occupancy 110 EUR/person/day

### **CATEGORY 4 (2-STAR MOTELS, GUEST HOUSES, HOSTELS)**

- single occupancy 115 EUR/person/day
- double occupancy 110 EUR/person/day
- triple occupancy 100 EUR/person/day
- quadruple<sup>5</sup> occupancy 90 EUR/person/day

<sup>1</sup> one person in the room, the type of bed can be either single or a double bed

<sup>2</sup> two persons sharing the same room. Please, choose a twin room in case you need two single beds or a double room in case the 2 persons would share a double bed

<sup>3</sup> only a limited no. of triple rooms is available in this category – please, contact the HOC before booking

<sup>4</sup> three persons sharing the same room

<sup>5</sup> four persons sharing the same room





## BASIC SERVICES AND HOSPITALITY

Please keep in mind that due to the limited availability of hotel rooms in various categories, reservations will be accepted on a 'first-come, first-served' basis. This means your team may be redirected to a different category than initially requested unless there is sufficient space available in the required category.

Check-in is from 15:00 and rooms must be vacated by 10:00 on the morning of departure. Upon request, the hotels will provide storage rooms for an additional fee, which should be paid directly to the property.

Disclaimer: the HOC does not take responsibility for any extra services provided by the hotel, such as minibar, telephone, parking, etc. These costs are to be paid directly at the front desk.

### ***PARTICIPATION FEE***

In case your accommodation has been booked independently and not through the Host Organising Committee, you are required to pay a participation fee of 30 EUR / person / day from the day of your arrival. This fee includes basic services but **does NOT include lunch** at the Regatta Course.

**Disclaimer:** please remember that the HOC cannot be held responsible for the quality and price of individually reserved accommodations, hence we suggest arranging your hotel booking directly with us.

### ***LUNCH***

National teams with individual hotel reservations can add lunch at the Regatta Course for 18 EUR / meal / person when purchased online in advance, or 20 EUR / meal / person when purchased on-site. Please note that **orders are accepted until 24 April** and purchases are subject to a 100% cancellation fee after this deadline. Eligibility will be verified by scanning the barcode on the accreditation badge upon entering the catering area, so on-site purchases will not be available. If you would like to order lunch for your team, please contact us directly at [booking@szeged2026.com](mailto:booking@szeged2026.com) to inquire about the Lunch Order Form.





## BASIC SERVICES AND HOSPITALITY

### ***BASIC SERVICES COVERED BY THE ACCOMMODATION PACKAGE AND PARTICIPATION FEES***

#### **Non-competition days**

- Accreditation services
- Info desk
- Boat storage facilities
- Boat measurements and control facilities
- Shuttle bus service between the Regatta Course and the official hotels during the access period, according to timetable
- Access to and operational costs of the venue
- Medical care at the course
- Security service at the course
- Fully comprehensive insurance for the event
- Access pass and parking for one trailer and one accredited vehicle (up to 3,5t) / team
- Drinking water during the access period

#### **Competition days**

- All the above
- Doping control
- Live streaming of the races
- Timing and results system
- Boat number distribution
- Results and information announcements
- EXPO village
- Athletes Lounge

**Kindly note that the participation fee and the accommodation packages do not include transportation between the Liszt Ferenc International Airport or Budapest railway stations and the city of Szeged.**



## **AIRPORT TRANSFER**

For teams larger than 3 persons arriving together at the same time, we offer transportation between Budapest and Szeged for 38 EUR / person / one-way. Individuals and teams of 3 or fewer requiring transfer should contact the HOC for an individual price.

Please note that if the airport transfer reservation form is not submitted to the HOC by the deadline of 8 April, or if your exact departure date and time are not known by the time of accreditation, the transfer fee will increase to 50 EUR / person / one-way.

## **PARKING**

Teams will receive one parking pass for one trailer and one accredited vehicle (up to 3.5t). The sticker is valid for a maximum vehicle size of a 9-seated minibus for parking behind the Athletes Area. Additional parking stickers are available for 50 EUR / car / competition.



## **VISA**


Participants are encouraged to reach out to the Hungarian Embassy or consulate in their country or the nearest one, well in advance to inquire about visa requirements. The process of obtaining a visa for Hungary can vary depending on the region, so it is advisable to allow for a 45-day processing period to secure the visa in time.

### **THE TYPICAL STEPS FOR OBTAINING A VISA ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

- 1) Booking accommodation via the HOC or sending the confirmation of your hotel booking to the HOC (if booked individually) - please note, the HOC cannot take responsibility for rejection of visa issuance
- 2) Sending the filled-in visa application form to the HOC ([booking@szeged2026.com](mailto:booking@szeged2026.com))
- 3) The HOC issues the Letter of Invitation
- 4) Contacting the Hungarian Embassy / Consulate serving in your country / territory and do the paperwork they request from you
- 5) Visa issuance

Please be informed that the HOC will not issue an invitation letter without knowing your team's arrival and departure dates, accommodation details, the number of participants and their identities. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Hungary and the respective embassy or consulate require the same information from us, therefore, we cannot support your request without your cooperation in providing this information.





# PAYMENT AND CANCELLATION TERMS

## **PAYMENTS AND KEY DEADLINES**

The accommodation package and participation fees are to be paid as follows:

As outlined above, the hotel reservation deadline is 22 February 2026. Once the HOC confirms your booking, 60% of the total amount will be invoiced with an 8-day payment term, while the remaining 40% is due by 24 April.

Please note that the booking will remain provisional until the payment of the invoice has been received in our bank account.

The Host Organising Committee reserves the right to alter or cancel the reservation until that time. Upon receipt of payment, the reservation will be confirmed. An updated proforma invoice will be sent verifying the arrival of your payment in our bank account.

The participation fee (for those who booked their accommodation independently and not through the HOC) will be invoiced based on the information you submit about your team's stay in the HMS Accreditation Only module. Please ensure that you provide the appropriate data on time so we can arrange lunch, designate a boat storage area, and display a flag for your team.

Please remember that the participation fee does not include lunch, so be sure to add lunch separately upon request. The lunch order will be invoiced with an 8-day payment deadline, which comes with a 100% payment obligation in case it's cancelled after 24 April.

Please ensure you meet the deadline for submitting the nominal entry in the ICF's SDP system.

All accommodation and / or participation fees must be paid in full by 24 April.





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## **BANKING DETAILS**

Please ensure you verify the banking details on the pro forma invoice and transfer the appropriate balance to the bank account listed below. **The Hungarian Canoe Federation does not intend to change its banking details or request funds to any other account. If you receive a pro forma invoice instructing payment to a different account, please report it immediately so we can take the necessary legal actions.**

Name of the bank: Granit Bank Zrt. | Address of the bank: 8. Lechner Ödön fasor, Budapest, Hungary, 1095

Bank account no: 12100011-10208890-00000000

BIC CODE: GNBAHUHB | IBAN: HU65 12100011 10208890 00000000

Beneficiary: Magyar Kajak-Kenu Szövetség, H-1138 Budapest, Latorca utca 2., Hungary


The currency of the account is Euro, so please ensure that your payment is made in Euros. Additionally, please remember to account for the transaction fees. It is your responsibility to cover these fees when transferring money to our bank account.

## **ACCEPTED METHODS OF PAYMENT ON-SITE IN THE ACCREDITATION CENTRE**

In addition to cash (only Euros are accepted), we also accept Visa and MasterCard credit / debit cards.

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## PAYMENT AND CANCELLATION TERMS

### **CANCELLATION TERMS**

Should you cancel or modify your hotel booking, a charge will be made equivalent to any loss suffered by the Host Organising Committee, as itemised below. The amount of the cancellation fee will be calculated as a percent of the accommodation package fee according to the following period of notice given:

**No cancellation fee, if cancelled until 22 February 2026**

**50% cancellation fee, if cancelled between 23 February - 13 March 2026**

**100% cancellation fee / non-refundable, if cancelled after 14 March 2026**

*Please, note that in case you submit your room reservation after the reservation deadline (22 February 2026) and we can confirm your request, the relevant cancellation terms will come into effect immediately from the moment of your reservation.*



## ***BOAT TRANSPORTATION***

Please contact Your Chamber of Commerce or Customs Office to obtain the accurate information regarding the documents necessary for boat transportation.

## ***INSURANCE***

All official participants of the World Cup are strongly advised to take out a medical insurance policy in their respective countries.

## ***MEDICAL CARE***

All official participants of the World Cup have access to the following medical services: an on-duty doctor, hospital and clinic support. A medical center with ambulance and first aid will be available at the Regatta Course. Any costs beyond basic first aid, ambulance and physiotherapy services must be covered by the athletes' own medical insurance. The Host Organising Committee will not cover expenses related to hospital, dental or any other medical treatments.



## ***TRAINING CAMPS IN HUNGARY***

With its nice calm waters and well-known heritage in the paddling sports, Hungary is a popular destination for training camps in 2026. Due to the typically high demand, it is advisable to organize your training camps and reach out to the Hungarian Canoe Federation at [booking@szeged2026.com](mailto:booking@szeged2026.com) well ahead of time. This will allow us to create a personalized package for you, including transportation and motorboat services.

## ***GENERAL INFORMATION ON HUNGARY***

Population:	9.6 million
Area:	93.036 km <sup>2</sup>
Capital:	Budapest (Territory: 525 km <sup>2</sup> )
Time zone:	GMT +1 hour
Official language:	Hungarian
State form:	republic

Hungary is a landlocked country in Central Europe surrounded by Slovakia, Ukraine, Romania, Serbia, Croatia, Slovenia and Austria. The Danube River forms part of Hungary's north-western border with Slovakia, and then flows south through Budapest, dividing Hungary into two general regions. A low, rolling plain known as the Great Hungarian Plain, covers most of the region east of the Danube extending east to Romania and south to Serbia. Hungary has a continental climate with cold, cloudy, humid winters and warm to hot summers.





**HUNGARY AT A GLANCE**

## ***CITY OF SZEGED***

Entitled as the capital of sprint canoeing, Szeged is the seat of Csongrád County and the fourth largest city in Hungary. It is situated near the south-eastern border of Hungary right by the Tisza River. A large part of the town lies on the right bank, while Újszeged (New Szeged), a suburban district of residential homes and parks is on the left bank of the Tisza. Szeged is the cultural and economic centre of South-Eastern Hungary and a thriving university town, which is also famous for its open-air theatre.

The city centre is marked by the medieval Tower of St. Demetrius and the stately twin spires of the Votive Church. This cathedral was built in the first decades of the 20<sup>th</sup> century to commemorate the revival of the city after the devastating flood of the river in 1879. By Hungarian standards, Szeged is a large city, with a population of 177 000. The climate is very favourable of canoeing; the annual mean temperature being about 11 °C (52F), somewhat higher than in the rest of the country. Szeged is sometimes called the City of Sunshine as there is an average of 2 000 hours of sunshine annually.

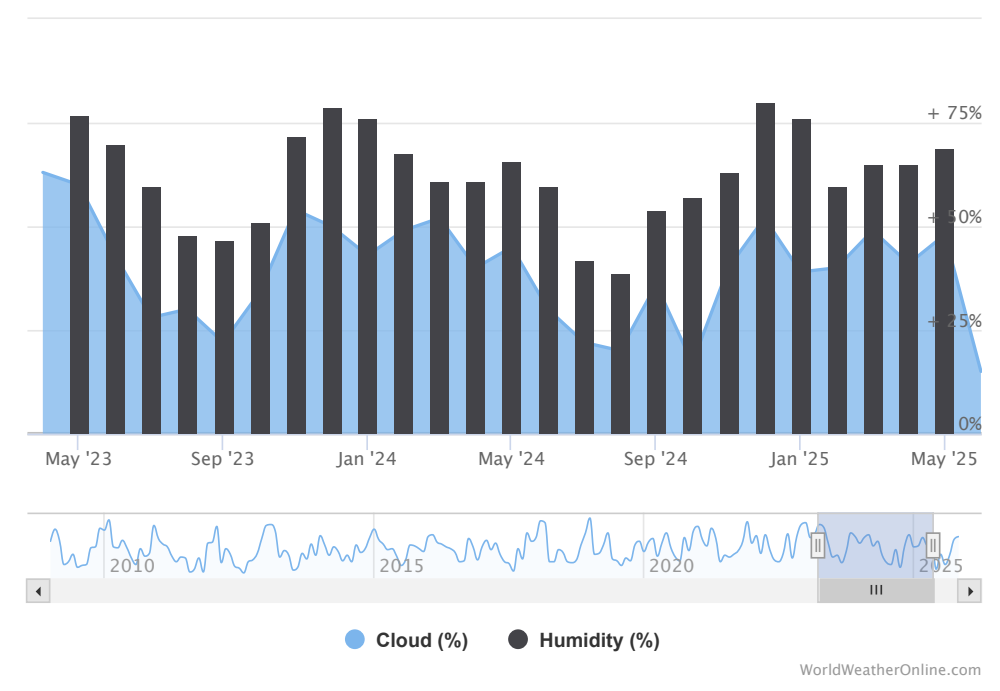


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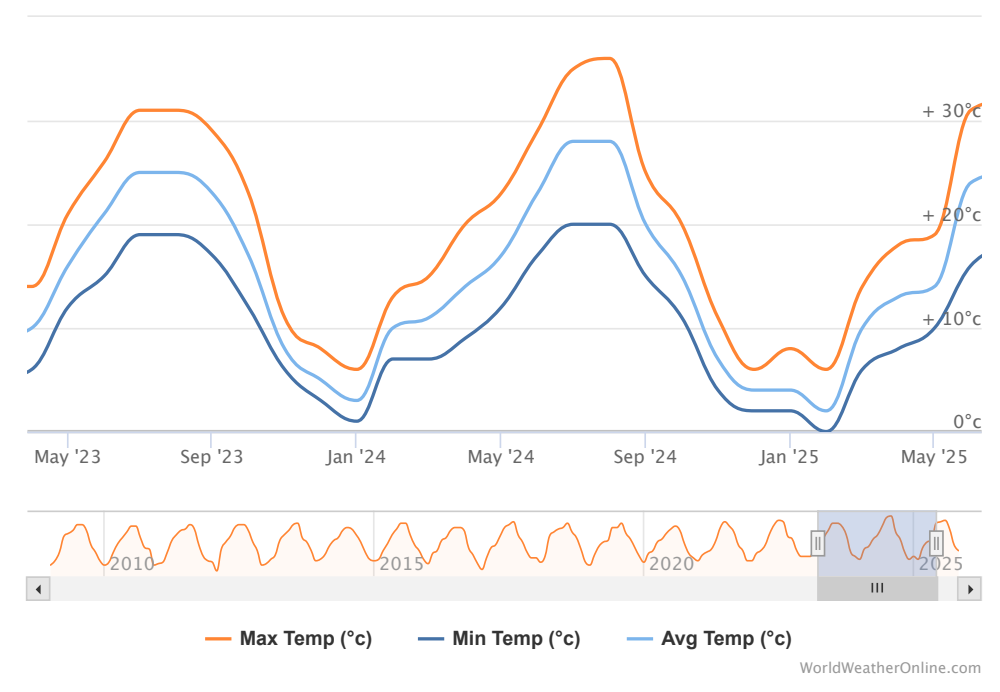
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## SZEGED ANNUAL WEATHER AVERAGES BETWEEN MAY 2023 AND MAY 2025

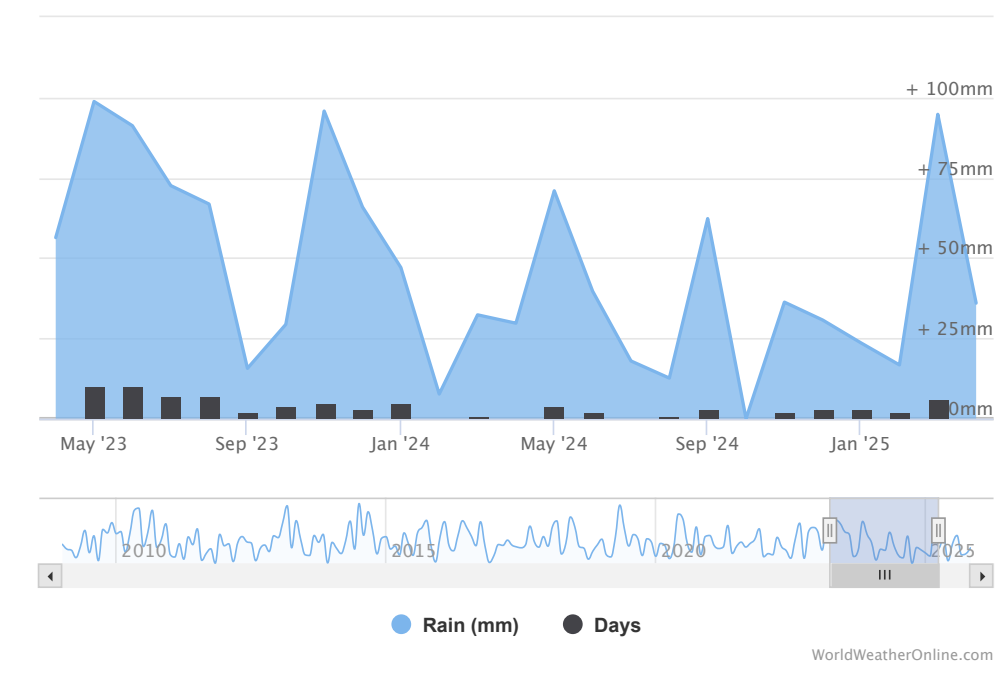
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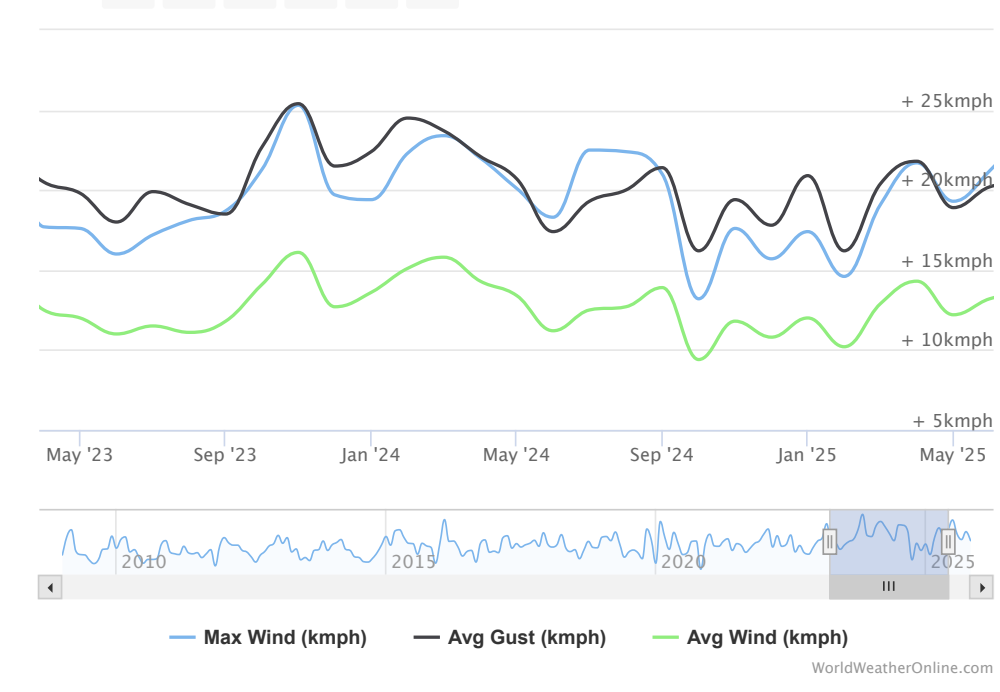
Max, Min and Average Temperature (°C)



Average Rainfall Amount (mm) and Rainy Days



Average and Max Wind Speed and Gust (kmph)







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