

# BOTP 2020 - FAQ

## to read before registration!

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### 1. Where is located the Festival and how to get there:

Centre Expo congrès of Mandelieu La Napoule is the South Est of France:

Infos and details:

<http://www.balboaonthepromenade.com/en/venue/>

<http://www.frenchrivieraconvention.com/>

### 2. When does start and end the Festival:

Doors opening on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> of May 2020 and the last party will be on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> of May up to 2AM.

<http://www.balboaonthepromenade.com/en/schedule/>

### 3. What are the different Pass available:

- Full Pass from 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> of May 2020
- Beginner Pass for real beginner from 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> of May 2020
- Weekend Pass from 9<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> of May 2020
- Follower Pass from 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> of May 2020
- Party Pass from 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> of May 2020
- Party Pass + Competitions from 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> of May 2020
- Competition Pass from 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> of May 2020

<http://www.balboaonthepromenade.com/en/workshop/>

#### 4. What is included in each Pass:

Detail of the content of each Pass (hours, classes, ...) here:

<http://www.balboaonthepromenade.com/en/workshop/>

Pass & Option	Details			
	Dates	Workshops	Parties	Competitions included
<b>Full Pass</b>	7-10/05/2020	<b>7h</b> Friday afternoon, Saturday and Sunday	<b>4</b> Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Week-end Pass</b>	9-10/05/2020	<b>4h40</b> Saturday and Sunday	<b>2</b> Saturday and Sunday	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Followers Pass</b>	7-10/05/2020	<b>6h</b> Friday afternoon, Saturday and Sunday	<b>4</b> Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Beginner Pass</b>	8-10/05/2020	<b>7h</b> Friday afternoon, Saturday and Sunday	<b>3</b> Friday, Saturday and Sunday	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Party Pass</b>	7-10/05/2020		<b>4</b> Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday	<b>No</b>
<b>Party Pass + Competitions</b>	7-10/05/2020		<b>4</b> Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Competitions Pass</b>	8-9/05/2020		<b>2</b> Friday and Saturday	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Technic Intensives/Option (3)</b>	8-10/05/2020	<b>3h</b> 1h per day after group workshops		<b>No</b>

#### 5. What are the Options intensives available:

<http://www.balboaonthepromenade.com/en/optional-intensives/>

#### 6. What are the Free Practice:

**Free Practice** : In case of a break between two classes during the afternoon, there will be always a room where you will be able to practice.

## 7. What are the prices of each Pass / Options / Parties :

<http://www.balboaonthepromenade.com/en/prices/>

Pass & Option	Prices	
	before 31/12/2019	after 01/01/2020
Full Pass	165 €	180 €
Full Pass- Groupe (1)	150 €	165 €
Full Pass - Over Ocean (2)	115 €	
Week-end Pass	120 €	135 €
Followers Pass	150 €	165 €
Beginner Pass	100 €	
Party Pass	85 €	
Party Pass + Competitions	100 €	
Competitions Pass	65 €	
Technic Intensives/Option (3)	60 €	

(1) : Check for group conditions. One Group is composed of people leaving in the same country only

(2) : Valid only if you need to fly over one ocean. In case of price problem calculation, the organizer can adjust your price to the correct one

(3) : Technical intensive option is available only if you register first for a Full Pass or a Party Pass

Parties	Prices		Venue
	before 31/12/2019	after 01/01/2020	
Thursday 07/05	15 €		Mimozas Resort
Friday 08/05	25 €		CEC
Saturday 09/05	25 €		CEC
Sunday 10/05	25 €		CEC

### At the front desk during the Festival

Workshop Type		Prix €
Group (4)	1 class (1h10)	20
	Day (3h30) 3 classes	50
Follower solo workshop	1 class (1h)	16
	1 day (2h) 2 classes the same day	32
Technic intensive	1 intensive class (1h)	20

(4) : Only if the group level is well balanced

DVD :

43€ Shipping included

## 8. How to register :

Just click on the front-page button or registration menu.

You must fill one registration form per person. Each person must have its personal email address it's mandatory. You will need to confirm them during the registration process.

RQ: If your registration form appears in French, close your internet browser and re open a new one then connect to BOTP website in English

<http://www.balboaonthepromenade.com/en/>

then click to registration to access to the form in english. Some browsers are keeping the french reference.

If you are facing any problem during the registration process, instead of trying a new one with a new email address please contact us and we will solve the problem for you : [botp20.asd@gmail.com](mailto:botp20.asd@gmail.com)

## 9. When and How do I need to pay :

You have nothing to pay until you receive the confirmation email of your registration, then you have 2 weeks to proceed to the payment or your registration will be cancelled. Check your Spam box if you don't receive anything.

If you registered on the waiting list, you don't need to pay anything. As soon as one place become available you will receive an email to ask you to confirm your registration. You will have to pay when you will receive the confirmation email.

For Foreigners you can pay by :

- Bank transfer (you will get the IBAN in the confirmation email. Please precise in the comment of the transfer "**BOTP20**" and for who you are paying.
- Paypal (the link will be available in the confirmation email. ). Please precise in the comment of the payment "**BOTP20**" and for who you are paying.

If you decide to pay by Paypal, pay attention to the fact that there are Paypal fees between 2,5 to 4% in addition and sometimes currency exchange rate can be worse.

We don't accept payment by credit card but it's available through Paypal.

We normally do not accept cash payment but you can contact us for specific request if it's easier for you

## 10. How do I know if Pass are Open or Close :

When you fill in the registration form, on the chosen Pass page:

- The form will display all the Open Pass. If some are missing, it will mean that these Passes are full and closed
- The form will display if some levels are closed for followers registering alone. It doesn't mean that the Pass is full but at the time of the registration the balance between Leaders/Followers is under our ratio. So the follower can :
  - Register on the waiting list and become priority when the level will be balanced
  - Find a « leader » in the same level to register with as registration Partner

## 11. How does the balancing Leader/Follower system works :

For BOTP, the balance between leaders and Followers is THE priority for us. So, our system automatically suspends the registrations when our minimum ratio is reached and re-opens when the balance is back.

When Leaders, couples or group are registered, levels can be re-opened, but they are dedicated first for ladies on the waiting list.

According to their order of registration, Ladies on this list will receive an email to confirm their registration. They will have 2 days to accept, otherwise the system will cancel them and send the same message to the next lady on the list.

Once the waiting list is empty then the level will be re-opened through the registration form.

## 12. I am a follower without leader, how can I register :

Anyway you need to fill the registration form, the status of each level is constantly changing. You have to try

- If the level you want to join is closed for follower alone then register on the waiting list to be priority.  
When Leaders, couples or group are registered, levels can be re-opened, but they are dedicated first for ladies on the waiting list.  
According to their order of registration, Ladies on this list will receive an email to confirm their registration. They will have 2 days to accept, otherwise the system will cancel them and send the same message to the next lady on the list.  
Once the waiting list is empty then the level will be re-opened through the registration form.
- The easiest way is to register with a leader in the same level. When you fill in the form, you need to put his email address in the field registration Partner, and he will need to do the same in his form. If you try to put a fake address, your own address or the system cannot find any leader with this address then your application form will be cancelled.
- If you find one leader when you are already registered on the waiting list then contact us. We will cancel your waiting list registration then you will be able to do a new one with this leader as Partner.

## 13. Which languages will be used during workshops :

BOTP is an international workshop so the main language will be English.

As we do have a lot of french people attending this festival some people can ask for a French translation. If the Teachers are able to do it, they will or someone can do it to help them.

## 14. Can I buy options or workshops one by one :

For the Options you are not obliged to take them during your registration. You can add and pay them on spot at the front desk.

Concerning the possibility to buy them one by one, the answer is NO to warranty a good balance.

But according to the balance we will reach, we may sell some one by one for the options or per day for workshops but anyway the price will be slightly higher than the package price.

Nothing warranty that we will do it, you will need to ask the question each day at the front desk.

## 15. How to create a group :

If you want to create a group and get the group discount price, then you will need to work a little. The Group leader must :

- define his group before processing his own registration form
- get every family name, first name, home address, telephone and email of each group member. Prepare an Excel spreadsheet will help a lot.

Follow the rules hereafter :

- The group discount is applicable only with Full Pass
- A group must be composed by people from the same country only
- Be a minimum of 10 people (including the group leader) and less than 20 people
- For each follower register in one level you must have at least one leader register in the same level (it means that you can have more leaders but not more followers. If you are more than 10, we can accept one or two followers but not more)
- The group price is applicable at the group creation date
- Group price is confirmed when every member has paid his registration (if one person will not show up or cancelled his registration without being replaced, the group price will be cancelled)

After the validation of the leader's form, each member of the group will receive his own confirmation code by email to be added during his registration.

## 16. How the audition works:

We will organize an audition for the level 6 only on Friday and Saturday before the first classes. During the first classes for all the other levels, teachers can come to you and offer you to move to another level if they think that it could be more interesting for you.

## 17. What about the competitions ?

Competitions are free of charge for people who registered for a Pass and open to everybody on spot with fee. You can sign up only for one division for each type of competition.

- BOTP Classic Balboa Championship (couple registrations): Amateur or Open
- BOTP Mix & Match (individual registration without partner): Amateur or Open

In both types you will need to improvise on recorded musics or live musics for finals.

Only amateurs can register for Amateur BOTP CBC or Mix & Match. Everyone can register for Open (or Pro) BOTP CBC or Mix & Match.

To be consider as Amateur during BOTP X competitions, you must comply with the following conditions:

- Your salary from your Balboa class (or any other form of swing dance) must not represent more than 50% of your incomes.
- You must not have been qualified in the final in another Balboa international competition the last 2 years.

Note that the final decision to allow someone to register as an amateur remains at the discretion of the BOTP Competition Committee. In case of modification of your registration, you will be warned before the competitions.

- Preliminary rounds and final for Amateur Strictly will be on Friday night
- Preliminary rounds for Mix&Match Amateur and Open and Strictly Open will be on Saturday afternoon and finals in the early on the evening
- The results will be announced during the Saturday party

## 18. How to find an accommodation:

The Congress Center has a booking center with negociated price in some of the hotels nearby. On the accommodation page you will find the link and the code to get access to the booking form:

<http://www.balboaonthepromenade.com/en/accommodations/>

You can also check on AirBnB or other websites but be careful about the walking distance.

## 19. Is it possible to park easily nearby:

There is a free car park just on the right side of the congress center.

During the event, there will be also a safe bike parking just on the right side of the Congress Center.

<http://www.frenchrivieraconvention.com/plan-cec-mandelieu.php>

## 20. Water fountain :

In most of the workshops, you can find water fountain and the result is a huge plastic waste and water everywhere on the floor.

For those reasons we decided to not propose that king of fountain.

But luckily in France the water is free and fresh in the clean bathrooms of the Congress Center so you can fill your own bottles there.

## 21. Can I cancel my registration for a medical or other important reason:

During the registration, we advise you to take an insurance that covers your entire stay (travel, accommodation and internship). If you decide not to subscribe to this insurance, it will not be possible to cancel your registration.

Read the "Cancellation Policy" section on the page

<http://www.balboaonthepromenade.com/en/pricing-conditions/>

## 22. Can I get an invoice:

Invoices are only available at the front desk during the festival after your done your check in.