



# IN ROMANI TABOR



In the tabor, its members are numerous, loud and communicative. The aim of this event is to provide the employees and their families with an opportunity to have great family time and spend a happy day socializing.

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION:

### INVITATION

A few weeks in advance an old gypsy (an actress) sneaks into the office and offers the employees to tell their fortune. When doing this she also gives them a piece of paper which turns out to be an invitation to the event. It includes the time, the date, the venue and the dress code which is Romani clothing and some specific accessories.

#### Welcoming of the Guests

At the entrance to the Romani Tabor several Romani representatives (event assistants in Romani costumes) meet the guests. The guests have been told beforehand what clothes and accessories they should wear in order to be allowed into the tabor and be regarded as the Romani family members. Background Romani music is playing in the tabor (DJ) and several hospitable gypsies are serving refreshments.

#### Opening of the Event

Suddenly an impressive and authoritative voice invites everyone to approach the stage. The Baron, the eldest and the most influential Rom in the tabor (the Host of the event) greets the guests and expresses his happiness seeing so many new faces. However that's not all: newcomers have to prove that they are good enough to become the real members of this Romani family.

#### Team Formation

Thus, the guests are divided into Romani families – teams. This can be done by joining several employee families (for example, in alphabetical order) into bigger units and giving the newly-formed teams some team identification items, such as scarves, caps, T-shirts or colored bands wrapped around their arms. The teams elect their Leader and use this person's name as a team name.

### TYPES OF ACTIVITY

Once the teams are formed, it's time to start competition and find out, if the new members are good enough to become the real members of this Romani family.

It all starts with the horse, or rather with **the search for the lost horse** (an entertaining orienteering competition).

Buying and selling horses is what Romani do for a living, and any time a horse disappears it causes a big turmoil in the tabor. This time it's even worse as one of the best horses has escaped from the tabor. Romani have a feeling that it's hiding somewhere nearby. The teams take part in an

orienteering competition to try and find the horse. They follow its footprints and the clues they have received from the old family members (everything is prepared by the organizers in advance). The first team to understand the clues and find the horse (a small horse statuette) is the winner and is awarded a prize later in the evening.

After the horse is found the teams take part in competition following the timetable prepared in advance.

### **Football with a Mega Ball**

Romani are not the usual guys, and the football they play is not the usual kind of football. The rules are like in a regular football match but the ball is a huge inflatable one. The match is 10 minutes long, and then the next two teams play against each other.

### **Romani basketball**

Romani people are used to riding carts, thus they prefer playing basketball in carts, too. While one team member pushes a cart (supermarket cart), the other one sits in it holding a ball and tries to throw it into the basket. The game is 10 minutes long, and then the next two teams compete against each other.

### **Tug of War**

Newcomers have to prove that they are strong enough to become the real members of the Romani family. This tug of war is for two teams, with one team at one end of the rope and the second team at the other. The team that makes their opponents step over the center line or let the end of the rope go is the winner.

### **Romani Fight on Horses**

Rom and his horse always come in a package, even in a fight. Wooden horses are made beforehand. One team member sits on top of it holding a huge inflatable bludgeon. The aim is to push the opponent off the horse. The fight is between two teams, each of them selects five strongest members to take part in the fight. The team that wins more duels is the winner.

### **Dinner: Preparing Stew in a Gipsy Style**

While the competitions are going on women from different teams gather to cook dinner. They are given boiled dried peas/chickpeas as well as other ingredients that could go into a stew, herbs and spices. They cook a stew which is later eaten for dinner (time for dinner between the competitions is indicated on the timetable).

### **Riding in Gypsy Carts** (if possible in the venue of your choice)

Those not participating in competitions can have a ride in a gypsy cart and enjoy the beautiful surroundings of the Romani Tabor. This type of entertainment should be especially popular with children who can ride in the carts as well as feed and stroke the horses.

### **The Pole of Happiness**

Romani people are happy people. If the guests wish to find out how happy they are, they can do this by climbing the pole of happiness. The higher they climb, the happier they must be.

### **Gypsy Magic**

All day long guests get a chance to try different kinds of fortune telling: palm reading, card reading, reading coffee grounds and tea leaves and many other white magic tricks that they probably didn't even know about. If the guests get really interested they can have some lessons in fortune telling (for a small fee😊).

### **Relaxation Area**

If the guests are tired or simply looking for a quiet spot to chat, there is a relaxation area. Some gazebos decorated with card deck motives are built for the guests to relax, to play their guitars and sing in (the guests are informed in advance that they can bring their own guitars to the event).

ENTERTAINMENT FOR LESS  
ACTIVE TEAM MEMBERS:

## PROGRAM OF THE NIGHT: BY GYPSY FIRE

After the day full of vibrant activity and competitions it's time for the Romani people to get together, socialize and get to know each other better. The Baron (the Host) and event assistants light a fire as it is an important part of Romani lifestyle. Then the Baron announces and awards the strongest, the swiftest, etc. families (the prizes and humorous diplomas in gypsy style are prepared in advance).

### **Traditional Romani Dinner**

Before the evening entertainment continues, it's time for a filling Romani dinner of grilled meat and flatbread.

### **Roman Music Concert**

After the dinner the night continues with an entertaining show by Romani musicians. The guests join the performers in singing, dancing and clapping, and later on take part in a competition of well-known gypsy romance songs. The musicians accompany the singing guests and help them with the more difficult parts of the songs.

### **Buying out Things from Gypsy Thieves**

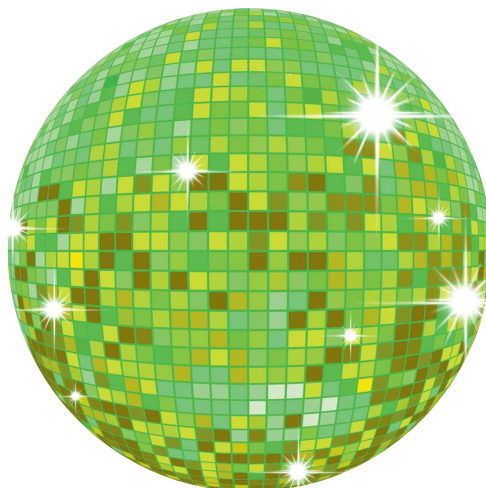
It goes without saying that some Romani people are quite dexterous, so it shouldn't come as a surprise that some of the guests' possessions have disappeared during the day. The Baron who has those possessions now takes them out of a sack one at a time and invites the owner to come to the stage. They can get their possessions back but only after completing some witty and funny tasks!

### **Gypsy Dances**

Just like horses, songs or fires, dancing is an essential part of Romani lifestyle. Experienced dancers help the new members of the big Romani family learn the basics of some gypsy dances. Later on, these new skills can be used in a gypsy disco that goes on until the break of the dawn.

### **Grand Finale**

It's time for the peak of the night – a spectacular fire show that is a beautiful ending to a really great day.



**We wish you a stunning party!**