

# PRIVATE GRAND TOUR OF HUNGARY 2024

PREMIUM ITINERARY. PREMIUM LUXURY EXPERIENCE.





## ABOUT THIS TRIP

9 DAYS / 1 COUNTRY / UNESCO SIGHTS / LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: EASY

Enjoy the Premium Private Grand Tour of Hungary. From the stunning capital Budapest, Esztergom, Visegrad, Pecs, Balaton lake, Veszprem, Great Hungarian plain, Tokaj wine region, Eger. Visit with us all the highlights and discover out-of-the-beaten-tracks, medieval towns with fortification walls, UNESCO sights. Enjoy Hungarian cuisine and finest wines.

Let us pamper you, plunge into the wellness sphere and enjoy undisturbed moments. Fall in love with Hungary.



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Our top priority is the exclusive customer care. From the very first email, through the entire booking process, during your lovely tour and up to your departure – we will always care about your highest comfort, the attention to details, your safety, your special requests and of course that your tour is enjoyable and memorable.

As it is essential to have a top tour guide while you are enjoying your lovely holiday, our guide-drivers are highly qualified, licensed experts with vast knowledge of history of Central Europe with excellent English skills, driving skills, strong personal touch with sense of humor. They are friendly and always ready to help you and make your stay a lovely and unique experience.

Our vehicles are new, fully equipped luxury vans Mercedes Benz V class, for up to 7 travelers, they offer the highest possible comfort, you will enjoy our luxury suits on the wheels. For larger groups, our partner agency offers Setra 30 seaters and 50 seaters.



Peter & Jane Blazicek / Best Slovakia Tours – Travel Team

## ROUTE / TOTAL 1550km / 965miles

Start and end of the tour: Budapest, Hungary



## YOUR TOUR ITINERARY

### DAY 1

#### WELCOME TO BUDAPEST

Welcome drink and Welcome dinner. Your lovely holiday starts today.

Book with us an airport pick up service from Budapest airport and get the best possible price, travel in style with the highest comfort. How do we provide this service? We will wait for you at the airport's arrival hall holding a sign with your name, help you with your luggage, drive you safely and comfortably to your hotel in Budapest and help with the check in process. Maximum comfort, mineral water on board and a pleasant drive. At leisure.

Overnight in Budapest

Total driving distance: 25km/15mi, Total driving time: 50min

### DAY 2

#### BUDAPEST QUALITY SIGHTSEEING TOUR



We'll start with the Quality Sightseeing Walking Tour with our local specialist. Impressive **Buda Castle Hill** – UNESCO World Heritage during the 15th century, under the rule of King Matthias, Buda became one of Europe's most influential cities. Visit of **Matthias church** - the scene of a big coronation ceremony when emperor Franz Joseph and his wife Elizabeth (Sisi) were crowned, and thus the Austro-Hungarian Empire was established. Fishermen's bastion - only 100 years old - a favorite

lookout. In medieval times, the fish market was nearby and the bastion was built to commemorate



the fishermen who protected this part of the city. Enjoy the stunning views on European 3rd largest Parliament.

Lunch break on the Duna Corso, followed by the boat ride (1hr15min). Then, we'll continue with Andrassy boulevard, Hero's square. Visit of **the Heroes' square** – largest & most impressive - with its millennial monument was built in 1896 to commemorate the 1000th anniversary of the arrival of Hungarians in the Carpathian Basin. Iconic House of Parliament (outside) and liberty square.

**Optional visits:**

Parliament visit (guided tour with the local tour guide, advance booking is essential)

House of Terror museum (fascist Arrow Cross Party and communist AVH, 20th century exhibition)

Hungarian National Museum, Hungarian National Gallery

Visit of the Great Synagogue & Jewish Heritage Sights

Visit of Szechenyi Spa

Overnight in Budapest

Total driving distance: 15km/9mi, Total driving time: 45min, Walking distance: 2 miles / 4-5 hours

**DAY 3**

**BUDAPEST – SZENTENDRE – ESZTERGOM - VISEHRAD**



We'll discover the beautiful basilica in **Esztergom**, built in the 19th century according to St. Peter & Paul in Vatican. Esztergom which was historically an important town as it was the capital of Hungary until the 13<sup>th</sup> century. (the Celts, the Romans, the Slavs were here). The first Magyars came and settled here around the 10<sup>th</sup> century. Esztergom is the coronation town of the first Hungarian king Steven. Continue with **Visegrad Castle** to see the mighty fortress.

After Esztergom it was Visegrad which became the capital of Hungary. It is also historically important place

with a fortress. (an important meeting in 1991 was held here, so called meeting of the V4 countries – Czechia, Slovakia, Poland and Hungary, exactly on the same place where there was in the 14<sup>th</sup> century a meeting of Polish, Czech, Hungarian rulers). And the last visit of **Szentendre**, known for its Mediterranean vibes and Serbian history. It offers Baroque architecture, Hungarian folklore stores and lots of art, old and modern.

**Optional visits:**

Marzipan Museum – Szentendre (insight into the wonderful world of confectionery)

Overnight in Budapest

Total driving distance: 120km/75mi, Total driving time: 2hrs 30min, Walking distance: 1-2 miles / 3-4 hours

## DAY 4

### KESZTHELY – TIHANY – VESZPREM – A CITY OF QUEEN



We'll enjoy the 'Hungarian sea', the largest lake in Central Europe, **Lake Balaton**. First stop is in Keszthely (short walking tour), then, drive to **Tihany** and overnight in **Veszprem**, once home to Queen Gizella, the wife of the first Hungarian King Stephen I.

Overnight in Veszprem

Total driving distance: 280km/174mi, Total driving time: 3hrs 45min, Walking distance: 1-2 miles / 3-4 hours

## DAY 5

### PECS - EUROPEAN CAPITAL OF CULTURE 2010 / SOUTHWESTERN HUNGARY

We'll drive to **Pecs**, one of the best places to visit an off the beaten place while in Hungary. Start with a short walking tour to see the highlights such as Pecs Cathedral (to get the best views, it is possible to climb one of the four bell towers). We'll enjoy the atmosphere of Szechenyi Square full of cafe's and historic buildings in Art Nouveau style such as **Town Hall** and **Mosque of Pasha Qasim** (historically, it was built as a mosque during the Ottoman occupation, today, it is no longer a mosque and it is known as Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary, see a 19th century Synagogue.

Overnight in Pecs

Total driving distance: 165km/102mi, Total driving time: 2hrs 30min, Walking distance: 1-2 miles / 3-4 hours

## DAY 6

### PECS – SZEGED - HORTOBAGY - NORTHERN GREAT PLAIN



We'll stop in **Szeged**, the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest Hungarian city and the centre of Southern Great Plain. Famous for its paprika and the Szekelygulyas, a goulash made with pork, sauerkraut and sour cream. Short walking tour, coffee and cake on Dom Ter, the city's most beautiful square and drive to **Hortobagy National Park** – UNESCO to see the horse show.

Overnight in Hortobagy National Park

Total driving distance: 420km/260mi, Total driving time: 5hrs 45min, Walking distance: 1-2 miles / 3-4 hours

## DAY 7 TOKAI WINE REGION



We'll drive to **Tokaj**, firstly visit the Museum of the World Heritage Wine region then the Wine Tasting.

Tokaj wine region is surrounded by Sator mountain, Kopasz mountain and the Tisza and Bodrog rivers while the vineyards are located on exceptionally colorful volcanic rock formations.

Tokaj is a World Heritage Site and famous for its sweet white dessert wine, Tokaji Aszu. Drive to Eger.

Overnight in Eger

Total driving distance: 250km/155mi, Total driving time: 3hrs 15min, Walking distance: 1-2 miles / 3-4 hours

## DAY 8 EGER – GODOLLO



Morning walking tour through the square of Istvan Dobo, admire baroque church of the minorits, Turkish minaret (you can walk up to enjoy some views), Basilica of Eger and many more. If you like wine, try a special Egri Bikaver (special red wine called Bull's blood).

Then, visit of the **Godollo palace** – the one of the most important and largest monuments of Hungarian palace architecture. Visit of the palace

and its gardens.

Godollo palace was often visited by famous princess Elisabeth, nicknamed Sisi, the wife of the Austrian emperor Francis Joseph 1. Drive to Budapest and relaxing afternoon.

\*\*\*\*\*END OF GUIDE-DRIVER SERVICES\*\*\*\*\*

Overnight in Budapest

Total driving distance: 130km/80mi, Total driving time: 1hrs 30min, Walking distance: 1 mile / 2-3 hours

## DAY 9 DEPARTURE FROM BUDAPEST

Your memorable holiday comes to an end today. We are ready to arrange for you an airport transfer, a comfortable door-to-door service for discounted rates.

Pick up from your hotel at:

Drive to Budapest airport, Departure flight time: Flight number:

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS TOUR

UNESCO World Heritage sights

- ✓ Explore Budapest and Danube Bend
- ✓ Enjoy breath-taking Balaton and the beautiful sights around
- ✓ Admire the Pecs
- ✓ Relax in Hortobagy national park
- ✓ Wine Tasting in Tokai Wine Region
- ✓ Try delicious Hungarian cuisine
- ✓ Enjoy first class Guide-driver services and a professional local tour guide in Budapest

## WHAT IS ALWAYS INCLUDED

**Meals:** 8x Breakfast, 1x Welcome dinner

**Accommodation:** first class 4star carefully selected hotels, VAT tax (value added tax), local city tax

**Tour guides:** Top Guide-driver, 1x local guide in Budapest

**Transportation:** luxury van Mercedes Benz Vclass (1-7 travelers), Mercedes Benz Sprinter (8-18 travelers), Setra 30 or 50 seaters (from our partner bus agency)

**Entrances to the top sights:**

Refreshment on board (sparkling and still mineral water)

Map of Hungary, information material, brochures

## WHAT IS EXCLUDED

Flights to/from Hungary, Return airport transfers (ask and get the special rate),

Meals and drinks, Travel insurance, Personal expenses, Cable car tickets, Souvenirs

Gratuities to Guide-driver (optional), Any services not listed above as "Included"

## AVAILABILITY AND PRICES - TRAVEL SEASON 2024

Our price policy is to offer fair and attractive prices for high quality tours.

**Group of 2 travelers: € 3850.00 per person**

**Group of 4 travelers: € 3150.00 per person**

**Group of 6 travelers: € 2250.00 per person**

## IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

\* During the low season, some tourist attractions might be temporarily closed due to reconstructions or due to bad weather (cable cars), alternative program will be offered

\* All prices are per person sharing twin/double room in 4star carefully selected hotels

\* Extra bed possible for a surcharge, single supplement for a surcharge of €480.00

\* Generally, this tour is available for travelers on wheelchair (and with other physical limitations), however, some sights might not be accessible (castles)

## TOUR REVIEWS

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