

A Taste of Hungary

Independent tour

Over 1,000 years ago the Magyar tribes from central Asia settled in today's Hungary, bringing with them their unique language, culture and cuisine. Although gulyás (goulash) is the most well-known Hungarian dish, you can also enjoy so many more wonderful specialities – köménymaglevés (caraway seeds soup), Hortobágyi palacsinta (savoury crepe filled with veal), töltött káposzta (stuffed cabbage rolls) or madártej (floating islands dessert). This tour includes visits to markets, a cooking class, dinner at a modern Hungarian restaurant with a "Show kitchen" and dinner at the most famous restaurant of all – Gundel. Another highlight is your visit to the famous spa baths at Gellert in Budapest, where you can pamper yourself in the relaxing hot, natural thermal springs.

5 days / 4 nights

Day 1: Budapest

Arrive Budapest at the river port, rail station or airport. You will be transferred by private car to your hotel. Overnight Budapest.

Day 2: Budapest

This morning, choose from 3 guided coach tours:

City Tour (3 hrs) See all the historic beauty spots – the Parliament, the Royal Castle, Fisherman's Bastion, Matthias Church and Heroes' Square.

Houses of Parliament Tour (1.5 hrs)

A guided visit inside this impressive building featuring the splendid Session Room and Great Vaulted Hall.

Jewish Budapest Tour (3 hrs) – Visit the Dohány Street Synagogue, Jewish Museum, Holocaust Cemetery, Raoul Wallenberg Memorial Park and the Tree of Life.

(Mon, Wed, Fri, Sun only)

This afternoon your private car takes you to the most famous thermal spa baths at the Gellert Hotel to relax and enjoy a unique experience surrounded by original Art Nouveau furnishings, artistic mosaics, stained glass windows and sculptures. Each day 70 million litres of 21-78 degree celsius, warm thermal healing water spring forth from Budapest's 118 natural thermal springs. This evening enjoy a buffet dinner cruise with live music on the Danube River – an unforgettable experience. Overnight Budapest. **BD**

Day 3: Budapest

This morning, your food specialist guide takes you on a personal tour of two of Budapest's markets. Begin at the Central Market Hall, one of Europe's finest. You will see and have the opportunity to buy a wide variety of fruits and vegetables that are available in Hungary as well as butcher stalls filled with hunks of bacon, tubs of crackling, rows of hanging salami, wedges of goose liver and more varieties of pickled vegetables and

sauerkraut than you could imagine. During your tour you will learn about seasonal produce, local traditions and specialties, recipes and the Hungarian eating style. Next continue to one of two markets depending on the day of the week. The afternoon is yours to enjoy. This evening your private car takes you first to the Royal Wine Museum in the 14th century cellars under Buda Castle to enjoy a short winetasting. Then, you will dine at nearby Alabárdos restaurant, housed in a 15th century gothic building. The restaurant boasts a "Show kitchen" where guests order directly from the friendly chef and then watch their meal being prepared. The restaurant's aim is to present traditional Hungarian dishes in a new, modern form. Live, classical music, dining by candlelight and superb food, ensure a wonderful night. Return by private car to your hotel. Overnight Budapest. **BD**

Day 4: Budapest

At 09:00 hrs meet your Hungarian chef and visit the Grand Market Hall to purchase ingredients before continuing to the nearby cooking school where you will learn to cook 3 classic Hungarian dishes over three hours. At 13:00 hrs, dine on your creations. It will be lots of fun and you'll really impress your friends with your new culinary skills! Your afternoon is free to enjoy. This evening, you will be transferred by private car to legendary Gundel Restaurant. In 2007/8/9 it was voted Hungary's most recommended restaurant by Michelin Guide. It has many signature dishes including Beefsteak Tokány Gundel Style, Gundel Fisherman's Soup and its famous walnut-stuffed Gundel palacsinta (pancake). Historic surroundings, live gypsy music and an outstanding 4-course dinner – a fitting climax to your Budapest visit. Return by private car to your hotel. Overnight Budapest. **BLD**

Day 5: Budapest

After breakfast you will be transferred by private car to the river port, rail station or airport. **B**



Budapest, Chain Bridge



Cooking school

Inclusions

- ① 4 nights accommodation in hotel category of your choice with breakfast daily
- ① Arrival /departure transfers & return transfers to/from restaurants by private car
- ① Budapest tour by coach – choice of 3
- ① Visit to the natural hot thermal spas at the Gellert hotel
- ① Danube cruise with buffet dinner and live music
- ① Budapest markets tour with specialist local guide
- ① Half day cooking class to prepare 3 typical Hungarian dishes
- ① Royal Wine Museum with wine tasting
- ① 3-course dinner and "Show kitchen" at Alabárdos restaurant
- ① 4-course dinner with wine at Gundel restaurant

Your hotels

★★★★★

ⓐ BEST WESTERN PREMIER HOTEL PARLAMENT

Contemporary, stylish, central hotel cleverly housed in a traditional historic building.

★★★★★

ⓐ CORINTHIA GRAND HOTEL ROYAL

Elegant, impressive, highly recommended 5-star deluxe hotel – very central.

Tour price & departures

Prices shown per person in AUD. Daily departures 1 Apr-31 Oct 2011.

Higher prices may apply during trade fairs, special events and overlapping seasons.

Hotel/Season	Twn	Sgl
★★★★★		
BEST WESTERN PREMIER HOTEL PARLAMENT		
1-30 Apr, 1 Jul-31 Aug	1912	2696
1 May-30 June, 1 Sep-31 Oct	1999	2860
★★★★★		
CORINTHIA GRAND HOTEL ROYAL Superior Room		
1-30 Apr, 1 Jul-31 Aug	1984	2900
1 May-30 June, 1 Sep-31 Oct	2158	3228

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Extend your stay



PECS

3 days/2 nights

Day 1: Budapest to Pecs

You will be transferred by private car from your hotel to the train station to catch your express train to Pecs. You will be met at Pecs and transferred to your hotel. Take the afternoon to enjoy this fascinating and appealing city, named European Cultural Capital in 2010. Stroll along the fashionable, pedestrian Kiraly Street, lined with beautiful baroque-style buildings such as the National Theatre and the Art Nouveau-style Palatinus Hotel. Enjoy a drink in one of the many outdoor cafés. Tonight's dinner is at your hotel. Overnight Pecs. **D**

Day 2: Pecs

At 09:00 hrs your guide will take you on a walking tour of Pecs. The city is over 2,000 years old with extensive Roman ruins, an encircling medieval castle wall, a neo-

Romanesque Cathedral on Dom and Hungary's first university (1367). Amongst the many remnants from the 150 years of the Turkish occupation is the Gaza Kasim Pasha Mosque. This unique and unusual mosque today functions as a Roman Catholic inner city Parish Church, featuring inscriptions from the Koran. This impressive building stops you in your tracks as you enter Szechenyi Square. Other highlights include the beautiful County Hall and Post Office, both richly decorated with Zsolnay tiles, a feature of many buildings in Pecs. Continue with a visit to the largest Christian burial chambers outside Italy, dating from A.D. 390. This afternoon and evening are free. You may wish to take a short, 30-minute trip outside Pecs to the Villany Wine Region with its full-bodied reds, or the medicinal thermal baths of Harkany. Ask us for more details. Overnight Pecs. **B**

Day 3: Pecs to Budapest

You will be transferred by private car to the station for your 1st class rail to Budapest. **B**

Alabárdos Restaurant

Sample Menu – changed daily

Appetizers/Soup

Lamb ravioli – home made ravioli stuffed with lamb, green beans, tarragon-paprika sauce

or

Vegetable soup with tender vegetables, fried bacon, pike perch dumplings

Main Course

Saddle of rabbit in dark beer sauce -yellow split pea purée, bacon flavoured Brussels sprouts leaves, bread dumplings

or

Joint of "mangalica" pork with red wine tarhonya risotto, steamed purple onion, tomato confit

or

Steamed fillet of trout, semolina dumpling, root vegetables, parsley sauce

Dessert

Cream of Tokaji Aszú with apple purée, tokaji jelly, vanilla cream, walnut sponge cake

or

Pumpkin pie with pumpkin purée, dried sour cherry, pumpkin ice cream

Inclusions

- ① 2 nights accommodation with breakfast daily
- ① Arrival/departure transfers to/from rail stations by private car
- ① 1st class rail Budapest to Pecs return
- ① 3-course dinner at the hotel
- ① City tour in Pecs with local guide
- ① Free time options in Pecs

Your hotel

★★★★★

📍 CORSO

New, modern, recommended first class hotel just 5 minutes walk from the centre.

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CORSO		
1 Apr-31 Oct	597	918



Alabárdos Restaurant



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