

# UNWTO – SIGHT SEEING TOURS

28 SEPTEMBER - FRIDAY

All the programs include lunch and refreshments.

Upon selecting the program you would like to participate please consider that after finishing the tour 3 hours is needed before your flight (to get to the airport and do the check-in, security process, etc.).

The tours will be organised with a minimum number of 8 participants.

## FIRST OPTION – BUDAPEST

Tour starts at 9:00 with a duration of 4 hours

Budapest offers an abundance of historical sites and cultural landscapes to those. Located in the middle of the city, the **Banks of the Danube** were declared a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**, and they are described as “one of the world’s outstanding urban landscapes”. The Hungarian capital also boasts the world’s third largest parliament building and the largest synagogue in Europe. The largest collection of Hungarian arts can be found in the Hungarian National Gallery, located in the **Buda Castle**, while on the Pest side of the **river Danube**, two of the largest museums can be found on the opposite sides of **Heroes’ Square**.

Budapest offers tourists more than a hundred museums to visit. It does not matter if you are walking or just taking off from the bus, the surprise can wait for you at any corner. Contemporary does not mean to throw away the values of the past at all, but to rethink about them, and implement all values to the current time and circumstances.

We invite the guests to spend a spectacular time with us through a unique, interactive city discovery program, which guides you through the Hungarian history in Budapest from the settlement of the Hungarians until now days. During the cc. 4 hours program the group will cruise around Budapest and stop at different places where they will be introduced to the fascinating stories about the Hungarian history, culture or gastronomy (besides the main sights). You will have the chance to taste the local flavours as well.



Hungary is also the home of innovation and Budapest is a classical European capital committed to the digital future giving home to the first 360° smart hotel of the world, **KViHotel Budapest**. Explore the freedom of controlling everything with your cellphone, enjoy the advantages that digital arrival and smart room provide.

## SECOND OPTION – THE DANUBE BEND (ARTS AND HISTORY)

Tour starts at 9:00 with a duration of 6 hours

The Danube covers a great distance in Europe, but in very few places does it offer as much beauty as it does in this particular area, north of Budapest.

### SZENTENDRE



Szentendre is a charming little town near Budapest, right by the bank of the Danube with its Mediterranean atmosphere, offering everything a bohemian or a romantic soul could desire: narrow alleys, cobblestone pedestrian streets, colourful houses, restaurants with outdoor seating, hidden coffee houses, folk art stores, and tiny handicraft shops. Church towers of varying shapes and sizes make its cityscape unique – the cultures of many religious denominations can be discovered here. This is where one of the largest artist colonies in Central Europe was established, with works by contemporary painters displayed in numerous exhibition halls and galleries.

### VISEGRÁD

As it used to be the seat of medieval Hungarian kings, Visegrád offers a chance to discover fortresses that are breathtaking even as ruins. The beautifully restored **palace of King Matthias**, one of the most important rulers in Hungarian history, transports visitors back to the 15th century, the golden age of the Hungarian Kingdom. The Citadel sitting on top of the mountain offers a breathtaking view over the **Danube Bend**. Visegrád offers elements of traditional and modern cuisine such as renaissance feasts, jousts.



### ESZTERGOM



Located 50 kilometres from Budapest, Esztergom is considered to be the first seat of Hungarian kings and the birthplace of Christianity in Hungary. The Castle Hill and its museum boast exquisite treasures and valuable artefacts. The **Basilica** towering above the Danube is a masterpiece of Hungarian classicism and the fifth biggest cathedral in Europe, housing the world's largest altar-piece painted on a single piece of canvas, as well as the country's largest religious treasury.

The Mária Valéria bridge spanning the Danube is not only interesting because you can simply walk over to Štúrovo in Slovakia on it, but also because you get the best view of the

Basilica from here.

## THIRD OPTION – BUDAPEST AND ITS SURROUNDINGS: ETEK (WINE AND GASTRONOMY)

Tour starts at 9:00 with a duration of 5-6 hours

**Etyek** is famous for two things: the making of wine and the making of film. Locals like to think of it as a combination of Napa Valley and Hollywood – albeit on a proportionally tiny scale – rolled into one. The area has a long winemaking history, is surrounded by vineyards and its proximity to the capital means it has always drawn in wine-tourism.

Etyek lies 28 kilometres from the capital. Starting from the mid-1860s, it grew to become the vineyard of Budapest, and is today a popular meeting spot for wine and food lovers. You can always find an open wine cellar and hospitable vintners on the Gasztrosétány

(**Gastro-walkway**), who are proud to offer their wines for tasting, but you can also drop by a cheese workshop, a ham craftsman or even a workshop that produces artisanal chocolate.



Numerous top American film productions have been shot at **Korda Filmpark** on the outskirts of the city. This is where *The Martian*, starring Matt Damon, and other movies and TV series were made. You can take a sneak peek into every filming trick at the exhibitions of the visitor's centre; walk among the set pieces of a New York street and the Renaissance city, and - subject to registration - take part in numerous interactive activities to try your hand at filmmaking.

Due to the plentiful availability of thermal and mineral water, **Budapest bath culture** quickly evolved to incorporate a wide selection of spa services.

Spice up your program with a unique unexpected supplement.