

## **Enhance Your Stay in Budapest with Additional Privately Guided Sightseeing**

**Danube Bend – Full Day Tour with Private Car and Guide:** Discover three enchanting Hungarian towns on this full day excursion with your own chauffeured vehicle and guide. About 30 miles northwest of the capital, Esztergom was the nation's capital for 300 years. Enter beneath the enormous dome of the Esztergom Basilica, completed in the mid 1800's, to explore Hungary's largest cathedral. Fifteen miles downriver along the Danube, you'll visit Visegrád Castle, an impressive citadel built in the 13th century after the Mongol invasion. From its strategic hilltop location, you'll have commanding views of the Danube Bend. Before returning to Budapest, you'll also enjoy a walking tour in Szentendre, beloved for its rich artistic heritage and handsome Baroque architecture.

**Lake Balaton + Herend Porcelain – Full Day Tour with Private Car and Guide:** This in-depth excursion with your own personal guide showcases Hungary's natural beauty and rich cultural heritage. Begin along the lovely Tihany Peninsula on the northern shores of Lake Balaton. From the terrace of the 11<sup>th</sup>-century Benedictine Abbey, you'll enjoy breathtaking vistas of the lake. Next up is the world-famous Herend Porcelain Manufactory, founded in 1826. Learn about the company's history and witness the incredible craftsmanship that goes into every delicate piece. The Herend Museum houses an impressive collection of their porcelain. Continue to Balatonfüred, an enchanting lakeside town known for its tree-lined promenade, elegant thermal spa resorts, and vibrant wine culture.

**Gödöllő Royal Palace & Hollókő 🌐 – Full Day Tour with Private Car and Guide:** In the engaging company of your own personal guide, you'll discover two of Hungary's greatest cultural treasures. Just 20 miles from Budapest, begin your touring with the Gödöllő Royal Palace, former summer residence of King Franz Joseph and his wife Queen Elizabeth (Sisi). Marvel at the impressive Baroque architecture and discover the lavish halls and elegant salons that once entertained European royalty. Then step back in time on a guided walking tour in the lovely town of Hollókő, a UNESCO World Heritage Site heralded as a living example of rural life before the agricultural revolution. Marvel at the extraordinary preservation of its centuries-old buildings and ascend to the medieval hilltop fortress for commanding views of the surrounding countryside. Before returning to Budapest, you'll have time to enjoy lunch on your own in one of the village's local restaurants.

**Horse Farm, Show + Lunch – Full Day Tour with Private Car and Guide:** Depart Budapest with your chauffeured vehicle and guide and travel into the scenic and fertile farmlands of the Great Hungarian Plain. Begin your sightseeing in Kecskemét, an enchanting town known for its Art Nouveau architecture. Stroll through its historic town center admiring landmarks like Town Hall and the beautifully decorated façade of the Cifra Palace. Then head to

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a nearby horse farm where the enduring traditions of Hungarian horsemanship come to life. Enjoy a thrilling show featuring skilled riders and horses, followed by a relaxing horse-drawn carriage ride around the farm. Sample the local apricot brandy before sitting down to a 3-course lunch accompanied by Hungarian wine and traditional violin music.

**Eger with Gödöllő Royal Palace – Full Day Tour with Private Car and Guide:** With chauffeured transportation from Budapest, this extensive, privately guided excursion explores Hungarian history and culture. Begin with a visit to the opulent Gödöllő Palace, former summer residence of King Franz Joseph and Queen Elisabeth. Then travel into the northern Hungarian countryside to Eger, famed as the town that held off a Turkish invasion in 1552. Your privately guided walking tour in this handsome Baroque town includes important landmarks like the Archbishop's Palace, the 18<sup>th</sup>-century Cathedral, and an impressive 130-foot-tall minaret that dates to the Ottoman era. Before returning to Budapest, spend some time in the Valley of the Beautiful Women; visiting a few of the valley's famous wine cellars, you'll have the chance to sample regional wines and perhaps purchase a bottle to take home.