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SOLO OFFER

Highlights of Hungary
9 days

Croatia, Hungary - Trip code HUG



Highlights of Hungary

On this trip by rail and road we'll explore Hungary's best known highlights as well as its lesser known attractions. In Budapest we'll see the emotive monument of the 'Shoes on the Danube'. We'll stay in the charming town of Eger, which was recently on the Telegraph's list of 'European cities you never thought to visit - but probably should' and relax on the shores of Lake Balaton. We also visit the Soviet labour camp of Recsk Gulag and have the chance to taste Bull's Blood Wine. To finish off our journey we'll cross the border into Croatia and explore Zagreb before returning home.

Trip highlights

- ★ **Budapest** - See the 'Shoes on the Danube'
- ★ **Eger** - Walking tour of this picturesque town with the option to visit the castle and thermal baths
- ★ **Tisza River** - Take a bird watching boat trip and walk along the island's nature trails
- ★ **Danube Bend** - Explore the beautiful towns of Szentendre, Visegrad and Esztergom
- ★ **Lake Balaton** - Spend time relaxing, hike on Tihany Peninsula and have the chance to go kayaking
- ★ **Holloko** - Visit this UNESCO listed ethnographic village and enjoy a tasting of local cheese and bread
- ★ **Zagreb** - Discover both the upper and lower town on foot with the opportunity to visit the Museum of Broken Relationships

ACCOMMODATION GRADE:

Standard

Our standard, mid-range accommodation offers a good level of service, often with other amenities such as a restaurant, bar, garden or swimming pool. Generally rooms will be comfortable with en suite facilities.

TRIP PACE:**Moderate**

Moderate pace tours are ideal if you want a holiday which combines exciting activities and experiences with plenty of time to relax and unwind. Typically you'll be active and busy for part of the day but then also have time to rest and recharge your batteries.

GROUP SIZE:**12 - 18**

Maximum group size ranges from between 6 to 20 people, depending on the type of trip, the transport and accommodation used and activities included. We rarely have groups that are smaller than five or six people and the average is 12 people plus an Explore leader.

Itinerary

Itineraries on some departure dates may differ, please select the itinerary that you wish to explore.

DAY 1 - Join trip in Budapest

Our adventure begins in Hungary's capital city of Budapest, where we spend the next three nights. Tonight is free for you to settle in and make your first explorations of the city. Situated on a beautiful stretch of the Danube River, the city consists of two parts: Buda and Pest. Buda is the older, more graceful part, with cobbled streets and Medieval buildings, whilst the latter is the more modern business centre. There are numerous beautiful bridges spanning the river that separates the two and the Chain Bridge is the oldest and arguable the most attractive, especially when it's floodlit at night. The city's Buda Castle Quarter, Andrassy Avenue and banks of the Danube are all UNESCO listed. Andrassy Avenue is one of the oldest streets in the capital and is lined with the fine facades of Neo-Renaissance mansions and townhouses. Buda is crammed with architectural delights from Baroque to Art Nouveau and the streets are perfect for wandering or you can jump on a tram or trolley bus to explore more.

Hungary is also known for a range of excellent wines and for the powerful fruit brandy, palinka. Hungarians say that a small amount is medicinal to help with your general good health. 'Palinkas jo reggelt' is a traditional greeting, which translates to 'good morning with palinka'!



Accommodation: Hotel Papillon (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Single room available



Meals Provided: None

DAY 2 - Discover Budapest including the Hospital in the Rock

This morning we'll take a guided tour of the city to see its main highlights and a couple of lesser visited spots. During our tour we will take the funicular up from the Chain Bridge to Buda Castle. The funicular was originally constructed in 1870, but was completely destroyed during World War II and only reopened in 1986. The journey should afford us some good views back over the Danube below.

Hungary's war history is a harrowing one and we visit the 'Shoes on the Danube Bank', which are a memorial to the Hungarian Jews that were shot and thrown into the Danube. It's a simple but poignant tribute created by Gyula Pauer and is made up of 60 pairs of old fashioned cast iron shoes scattered along the river bank.

We also visit Vajdahunyad Castle set in the middle of the city park and with a boating lake out front it's one of the most beautiful fortresses in the country.

This afternoon we drive to Holočko, which is a UNESCO listed ethnographic village. It's a brilliant example of a preserved traditional Hungarian settlement from the 17-18th centuries. It's a living village, so we will be able to experience how people would have lived at the time in rural Hungary, what their traditional activities would have been and what their authentic and colourful Palóc folk costumes look like. We also have the opportunity to sample local homemade cheese as well as bread from the Kalácsos Bakery.

Returning back to Budapest, the Hospital in the Rock will be our next stop. Initially a secret emergency hospital before being transformed into a nuclear bunker, these underground facilities played an important role during World War II and the Cold War. They were kept a secret by the government for decades, and the museum provides us with a unique chance to see them frozen in time.

You will have the evening free in Budapest.



Accommodation: Hotel Papillon (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Single room available



Meals Provided: Breakfast

DAY 3 - Excursion to the Danube Bend; chance to go to a thermal bath

Today begins by driving to the scenic Danube Bend and visiting the picture postcard towns of Szentendre, Esztergom and Visegrád. Szentendre is known as an artist's village, but it is in fact a small riverside Baroque town. It's home to a collection of museums and galleries and a number of resident artists that have been drawn here by its location, as the gateway to the beautiful Danube Bend, where the river begins to meander its way through the Pilis Mountains. Wandering up through the narrow streets we get a great view back over the river below. One of the more unusual museums here that you might choose to visit is the Confectionary Museum where you can see people made from marzipan and of course purchase a range of enticing sweets, pastries and cakes. Esztergom is home to the largest cathedral in Hungary and they'll be the opportunity for you to visit this whilst here. From Visegrád there are yet more stunning views over the Danube Valley and you might like to visit Visegrád Castle and climb up to the Dome Lookout for the best views over the plains below.

Later this afternoon we'll return to Budapest for some free time and the chance to visit the historic and grand Gellert Thermal Bath with its impressive columned interiors and curved glass roof. The natural hot springs here have been a favourite bathing spot since 1918. There are a lot of hot springs in the area, so if you'd prefer something else then there are a range of Turkish, Art Nouveau and more modern spa establishments in the city. The locals believe that the spring waters are the best cure for a 'macskajaj' (cats wail) or what we'd call a hangover.



Accommodation: Hotel Papillon (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Single room available



Meals Provided: Breakfast

DAY 4 - Train to Eger, visit a former labour camp and wine tasting

This morning we take the train to Eger which takes around one and a half hours. This wonderfully preserved Baroque town was recently named on the Telegraph's list of 'European cities you never thought to visit - but probably should' countdown and they're absolutely right. The town is not only beautiful but packed with things to see and do and you can also learn more about its former Turkish occupation and the bloody defeat at its hilltop castle. On arrival our Explore Leader will take us on an orientation walking tour of the main sights and then you are free to discover more. You may like to visit the castle or walk the castle walls. Other attractions include the main Dobo Square where we can see the baroque Church of Minor Brothers, the Hammam Museum (Turkish Bath) where you can may like to admire the original Turkish architecture design or visit the Turkish Thermal Baths for some pampering.

This afternoon we drive to the former Recsk Gulag Soviet Labour Camp for a visit. Here we can learn about the forced toil that came about under Soviet Union rule after World War II but was kept hidden until after the fall of communism. The exact number of victims isn't known but it's believed that altogether some 600,000 Hungarians were sent to a number of labour camps.

Following our visit we'll head for the winery Bolyki Pince, where we will visit their cellar and enjoy a tasting of six of their wines. The nine cellars here are located inside a huge rock face in what was a former quarry and mining tunnels. Now it is set in 3.2 acres of gardens with walnut trees scattered near the entrance. The winery is quite quirky with a range of unusual bottle designs and a number of stories to accompany their award-winning wines. They produce a range of tantalising reds and whites.

After our tasting we will return to Eger, which will be our base for the next two nights. This evening is free for you to enjoy the range of restaurants and bars.



Accommodation: Centrooms Park Eger (or similar)



Standard Guesthouse



Single room available



Meals Provided: Breakfast

DAY 5 - Train to Tiszafured for a bird watching cruise and nature walk

We begin by taking the train to Tiszafured for a half day excursion. The train journey will take around one hour each way. Located in the Northern Great Plain region, on the banks of Lake Tisza the town is a favourite spot for nature lovers. Whilst here we'll take a bird watching boat cruise on the Tisza River, which is part of a bird reserve and where we have the chance to spot the great egret, heron, grebe, white stork, cormorant, kingfisher and more. Over 200 different bird species have been spotted here. Following our boat trip we take an easy walk (for around one and a half hours and covering 1.5 kilometres) along the Tisza Lake Nature Trail, on one of the 16 islands in the lake, to examine the different wildlife habitats and see the backwaters of Borzonat and Lake Gobe. We will have the opportunity to have lunch on a boat restaurant in the harbour.

This afternoon we return to Eger by train and you'll have the chance to visit the nearby Valley of the Beautiful Women and taste the locally produced Bikaver, Bull's Blood Wine. No one quite knows how the valley got its name, but some say it's due to it once being a

pagan place of worship to the goddess of love whereas others believe that it's down to the beautiful women that sold the wine here in the past. The valley now boasts over 200 wine cellars and almost 50 of these are open to the public. They all come in a range of different shapes and sizes, some with modern patios and others with creaky old wooden doors that lead into rock hewed caves. At some you can even bring your own empty bottles to fill up for very reasonable prices. The deep red Bull's Blood wine that they are famous for is said to have got its name in the 16th century when the invading Ottoman Empire believed the local strong fighters got their strength from drinking wine mixed with bull's blood.



Accommodation: Centrooms Park Eger (or similar)



Standard Guesthouse



Single room available



Meals Provided: Breakfast

DAY 6 - Drive to Lake Balaton and hike on the volcanic Tihany Peninsula

This morning we leave Eger and drive to Csopak on the shores of Lake Balaton, which is Central Europe's largest fresh water lake. At 80 kilometres long the lake is known as the 'Hungarian Sea' and its tranquil waters make it a favourite holiday location with the locals.

Along the way we stop in Balatonfüred, which is a pretty resort town on the northern shore of the lake. Its architecture still reflects its past glories when the famous and wealthy built large villas along tree lined streets. There's also a lovely lakeside promenade and a stylish marina.

From here our bus will continue to our hotel in Csopak with our luggage ready for when we arrive later this afternoon to check-in. Whereas we will now continue exploring on foot with a couple of hours easy hiking on the Tihany Peninsula. The peninsula juts five kilometres into the lake and has been inhabited for almost a thousand years. Thanks to its volcanic roots it has a range of rare flora and fauna, as well as important historical sites. In the main church there's the crypt of King Andras I, which is unchanged since it was built in 1055. There's also the Museum of the Benedictine Abbey in the town where you can learn more of what it was like here in ancient times. After exploring the tiny town with its lovely thatched-roof houses, we'll head off into the surrounding nature reserve where we find marshy meadows, old limestone geysers, lavender fields and fantastic hilltop panoramic views. There are two inland basins, although one has all but completely dried up, however both still attract a range of birdlife. The peninsula was formed millions of years ago by a series of volcanic eruptions which created almost 100 hot spring geysers and the Golden House is the best known of these. Sadly these geysers have long since stopped spouting, but the jagged volcanic rocks left behind are still well worth exploring. Our walk will include some hilly sections and covers around 10 kilometres in total.

Later this afternoon we'll take either a public bus or a train to Csopak and walk to our hotel where we spend the next two nights. Our hotel has an outdoor swimming pool and it's possible to hire bikes to explore the local area.



Accommodation: Hotel Comfort (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Single room available



Meals Provided: Breakfast

DAY 7 - Free day on the shores of Lake Balaton; chance to go kayaking

Today is free for you to relax and swim in the lake or perhaps join a half day kayaking excursion on the waters. Alternatively it is possible to take a train back to Balatonfured to explore more or to continue from there by train to Badacsony, which is the most famous area for vineyards on the lake. Wine has been produced here since Roman times and the nearby basalt mountains make for a beautiful backdrop. Whilst here there will be the opportunity for you to see one of Europe's largest areas of protected prairie land where grey cattle, stud horses, buffalo and racka sheep are reared and have lunch at one of the farms, Idranyi Puszta, where you can help to prepare the traditional stew of magyar gulyas, which is a goulash flavoured with paprika - a very popular ingredient in Hungarian cooking.



Accommodation: Hotel Comfort (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Single room available



Meals Provided: Breakfast

DAY 8 - Drive to Croatia's capital Zagreb; walking tour on arrival

This morning we bid farewell to Hungary as we begin our drive into neighbouring Croatia and to the capital Zagreb where we will spend the night. The journey will take around five hours, but we'll have chances to get out and stretch our legs along the way.

Zagreb is a city rich in art, culture and gastronomy, but for a capital city it doesn't experience the huge rush of tourists that most other European capitals do, with most visitors choosing instead to visit better known Dubrovnik or Split. However Zagreb is just as deserving of a visit with its blend of Austro-Hungarian architecture and more hard edged socialist buildings. It's an ideal city for strolling and has a booming cafe culture and a range of museums, galleries and theatres. Jarun Lake in the southwest of the city is a popular spot year round with swimming, sailing and lakeside discos in the summer months and it's only a short tram ride from the centre.

On our arrival in Zagreb we will have an orientation tour of the maze of historic streets in the Upper Town and explore the lively and more modern Lower Town too. We'll see the old cathedral and you'll have the chance to finish up in the bars, restaurants and cafes on Tkalciceva Street, which is known for its nightlife. There will also be the option for you to visit the unique Museum of Broken Relationships. Located in the Baroque Kulmer Palace, here you can take an emotional journey around the world through the story of hundreds of lover's break-ups.



Accommodation: Hotel Laguna (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Single room available

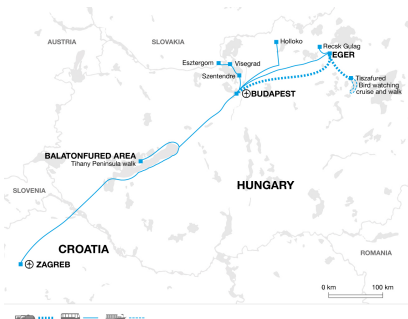


Meals Provided: Breakfast

DAY 9 - Trip ends in Zagreb

Trip ends at our hotel in Zagreb after breakfast.

 Meals Provided: Breakfast



Why book this trip

On this new trip for 2017 we explore the best of Hungary's cultural and natural attractions. Amongst many other things we will take a boat ride through a bird reserve, have the chance to drink bull's blood wine and finish up our travels in Croatia's capital, Zagreb.

What's included?



Included meals

Breakfast: 8



Transport

Bus
Boat
Funicular
Public Bus
Train



Trip staff

Explore Tour Leader
Driver(s)
Local Guide(s)



Accommodation

2 nights standard guesthouse
6 nights standard hotel

Trip information

Country information

Croatia

Climate

The Croatian Adriatic has a Mediterranean climate with mild winters and warm, dry, sunny summers. There is a chance of sporadic rain in spring and autumn, though generally it is in the form of short showers. Thunderstorms can occur in summer, generally helping to cool the air. Hvar Island gets the most sunshine in summer with 10-12 hours each day, followed by Split, Korcula Island and Dubrovnik with around 7-8 hours. Temperatures from May to October are generally in the low to mid 20's (in °C), but can reach into the 30's (in °C) in July and August. Trip itineraries with boat cruises can occasionally be disrupted due to bad weather.

Time difference to GMT

+1

Plugs

2 Pin Round

Religion

Roman Catholic

Language

Croatian

Hungary

Climate

Summer days are generally quite hot and sunny with usually between 9-10 hours of sunshine daily. Winter days are usually quite windy and temperatures are regularly around or just below freezing. Night time temperatures can drop quite low in the hills whilst most rain falls in spring and early summer. Sudden rain showers can, however, occur at any time of the year.

Time difference to GMT

+1

Plugs

2 Pin Round

Religion

Christian

Language

Hungarian

Budgeting and packing

Optional activities

The following excursions and/or activities are usually available and may be arranged locally. Estimated costs are provided below for guidance only, are on a per person basis unless shown otherwise, and may depend on the number of participants. Prices quoted are correct as of the date these tour notes were originally issued but may change at any time due to currency fluctuations. Please note: These activities are booked and paid for direct with the supplier and do not form part of your Explore holiday contract.

Budapest - Gellert Baths - optional weekdays with locker €17.00 or with cabin €19.00.

Eger - Dobo Square with baroque Church of Minor Brothers (optional entry €1.00); northernmost Ottoman minaret in Europe (optional entry €1.00); Museum of Hammam (optional - without bathing - (historical monument with a beautiful authentic Turkish architecture design) 500HUF/€1.50 30 mins); Eger Castle (optional €6.00 inc permanent exhibits and castle entry or €3.00 to walk the castle walls and see the view); Turkish Thermal Baths (Wellness ticket 2.5hrs stay €8.00).

Csopak - trip to Siofok (return boat ticket €11.00); kayaking on Lake Balaton €30.00.

Clothing

July and August are the hottest months and lightweight cotton clothing is best. During spring and autumn temperatures can be lower or drop during the evenings and there is also a stronger possibility of rain. You'll need your swimming costume and light rainwear may be needed at any time of year. A warm fleece/jacket is recommended for cooler evenings.

Footwear

We recommend taking comfortable walking shoes for exploring and trainers or sandals for relaxing.

Luggage

20kg

Luggage: On tour

One main piece of baggage and a day pack. Remember you are expected to carry your own luggage so don't overload yourself.

This trip is at a busy pace, including train journeys with short walks and/or stairs between platforms, stations and accommodation, so for this reason please take care to make sure you can comfortably carry your own luggage throughout the trip.

Equipment

We recommend taking a water bottle for our included walks, sun glasses, sunscreen and a sun hat are all essential, and a torch may be useful in case of power cuts or emergencies. You might also find walking poles helpful and insect repellent for when we're at Lake Balaton. Most importantly don't forget your camera and also binoculars for discovering wildlife at the bird reserve.

Tipping

Explore leader

At your discretion you might also consider tipping your Explore Leader in appreciation of the efficiency and service you receive.

Local crew

Although entirely voluntary, tipping is a recognised part of life in this region of the world. Some local staff will look to members of the group for personal recognition of particular services provided. Accordingly you should allow approximately £18.00 for tips. In order to make things easier for you, the Explore Leaders may organise a group's tips kitty and if this is the case, they will account for it throughout the trip.

Country Information

Croatia

Food and drink

The costs for meals may vary depending upon location, type of restaurant and number of courses eaten and so the prices given are an average guide. Local restaurants located off the beaten track may be less expensive, whereas an upmarket restaurant located in the centre of a major city may charge more.

Dinner price

£18

Beer price

£2

Water price

£1.5

Foreign Exchange

Local currency

Croatian Kuna.

Recommended Currency For Exchange

Pound Sterling, US Dollars and Euro cash can all be exchanged for the local currency.

Where To Exchange

Most major towns and cities - your Explore Leader will advise you on arrival. Only exchange money at reputable places like banks, ATM's and official Forex Offices.

ATM Availability

Most towns and cities have ATM's for cash withdrawal.

Credit Card Acceptance

Generally accepted throughout including most restaurants and hotels.

Travellers Cheques

Travellers Cheques can only be exchanged in banks.

Hungary

Food and drink

The costs for meals may vary depending upon location, type of restaurant and number of courses eaten and so the prices given are an average guide. Local restaurants located off the beaten track may be less expensive, whereas an upmarket restaurant located in the centre of a major city may charge more.

Lunch price

£10

Dinner price

£18

Beer price

£1.5

Water price

£1.1

Foreign Exchange

Local currency

Hungarian Forint²

Recommended Currency For Exchange

British Pounds Sterling and US Dollars can be exchanged locally for Euros

Where To Exchange

GBP, USD and Euros cash are accepted at exchange offices

ATM Availability

All the main towns and cities have ATM's for cash withdrawal

Credit Card Acceptance

Credit cards are widely accepted

Travellers Cheques

Travellers Cheques can be exchanged in the main banks

Transport, Accommodation & Meals

Transport Information

Bus, Boat, Funicular, Public Bus, Train

Accommodation notes

Booking a Single Room

All of our group tours are planned and operated on a twin-share basis, meaning that the standard cost is based either on individual travellers sharing accommodation with another group member of the same sex, or people who book together sharing accommodation. Please refer to the tour notes where the single room option availability is detailed on a night by night basis for this tour, and the price for the available nights is detailed on the dates & prices tab by departure date. For Self-Guided trips the Single Room supplement offers the option of a single room each and is charged per person. The Single Room supplement also applies to the third person in a party of three that will be accommodated in a single room.

At our hotel in Csopak if you wish to use the air-conditioning in your room then there is a charge payable locally of €7.00 per room per night.

On day 5 and 6, we walk a short distance from our overnight hotel to have breakfast before starting our morning itinerary.

Essential Information

FCO Advice

We strongly recommend that you check your government's travel advisory for up-to-date information and advice about your destination: safety and security, entry requirements, health, local laws and customs. For UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office advice [click here](#).

For more information from Explore about travel advice, [click here](#)

Under 18 immigration guidance

Please note that some countries require proof of parental consent when travelling overseas with under 18s. Please check requirements with the relevant embassy or consular office well in advance of travel if this applies to your party.

Price Guarantee

Once your booking has been confirmed we guarantee the price will not increase, whatever the circumstances. Before booking please ensure you have read our important tour pricing information. [Booking Conditions](#)

Visa and Passport Information

Hungary: Visas are not required by UK, US, Canadian, Australia and New Zealand citizens.

Croatia: Visas are not required by UK, Australian, New Zealand, US or Canadian citizens.

Other nationalities should consult their local embassy or consular office.

If you do require assistance in obtaining a visa then you may consider applying through Explore's recommended visa service in the UK, Travcour. See www.travcour.com to download the relevant visa application for your trip, if applicable (UK citizens only), along with details of how to apply for your visa through Travcour. The Team at Travcour will be happy to answer specific questions relating to visa applications, please call them directly on 0208 5431846.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you are in possession of a full passport, with the correct validity for your chosen destination.

Booking conditions

Before booking your Explore trip, please ensure that you read both our [Essential Information](#) and [Booking Conditions](#).

Transfers

[Find out more about Trip Transfer Terms and Conditions before you book.](#)

Booking a land only package with Explore

Customers who have chosen to book on the 'Land Only' arrangements of our tour, please ensure that you have checked your tour specific 'Joining Instructions' prior to booking your own travel arrangements. Your joining instructions can be found below in the dates and prices information.

You may also be eligible for the Free Explore Transfer.

Joining Tour Abroad

Customers booked on the 'Land Only' arrangements will now receive a Free Transfer, provided you arrive and depart on the tour only itinerary start and end dates. The transfers will be from the Explore designated airport or train station to the joining point of your tour, and then back from the ending point to the designated airport or train station. The exception to this rule is customers who are booked on a tour where the joining and ending point is at the designated airport or train station.

Free transfers are not available for Self-Guided, Polar, Tailormade or Tours for Churches customers.

If you are not eligible for the Free Transfer then you will need to make your own way through to the joining and ending point. On a majority of our tours Explore will be able to provide a private transfer at an additional cost. Please ask for a quote at the time of booking.

For more information regarding the Explore Free Transfer [click here](#)

Insurance

It is a condition of booking with Explore that you have adequate valid travel insurance. It is your responsibility to arrange appropriate travel insurance and ensure you have read and understood the full terms and conditions of your travel insurance policy to ensure that you are covered for all activities you intend to undertake whilst on the tour, including all optional activities. Your Insurance Policy must fully cover you for medical expenses and emergency repatriation to your home country. Please ensure your policy includes medical emergency helicopter evacuation in the event of illness or injury and covers the entire duration of your holiday. If you are trekking at altitude please ensure that there is no upper altitude limit which may limit or exclude cover for your trip. The cost of many of our Polar Voyages will exceed the capped amount covered by standard insurance premiums and you will be required to pay an additional premium to cover the full value of your trip. Please ensure that you are covered for the full amount of your holiday cost, as insufficient cover could invalidate a claim under the policy. Medical and repatriation insurance cover is not mandatory for UK residents who are travelling on trips within the United Kingdom.

Read more information about what travel insurance is required.

Flight information

Explore offers a wide range of flexible flying options to make joining and leaving our trips easy. [Read more about them here.](#)

Flight Information

You are able to book this tour on a 'land only' basis or as a 'flight inclusive' package. Your flight inclusive package will be fully protected by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) ATOL protection scheme.

Booking a flight inclusive package with Explore

We have a good selection of flights not only from London but from many regional airports around the UK allowing us to compare fares between scheduled carriers as well as low cost and charter airlines. Our dedicated flights team will match the best flight options to your arrival and departure airport.

On our website we display a UK flight inclusive package guide price which is generally based on a London departure. To avoid

paying supplements or to secure your preferred flight option, we recommend booking as early as possible, especially for peak travel dates.

Included activities

This trip is designed to show you the best of Hungary and a taster of Croatia in just 9 days, so the pace is busy. We'll be using a range of public transport as well as charter buses to get around and we will do most of our exploring on foot in each place visited. Please therefore pack light to ensure you can lift your bag onto trains and bring comfy walking shoes and walking poles should you need them.

Non refundable permits

Croatia

Vaccinations

Nothing compulsory, but we recommend being up-to-date with your routine vaccination courses and boosters as recommended in the UK including protection against measles, mumps, rubella, tetanus, diphtheria, hepatitis A, typhoid and polio. Tick-borne encephalitis protection is recommended by some medical sources at certain times of the year. Ticks are most active between spring and late autumn. Please check the latest requirements with your travel clinic or doctor prior to departure. The above is not an exhaustive list. Further information regarding vaccinations and travel health advice can be found by following the NHS and NaTHNaC links at [Explore Travel Health](#) and from your local healthcare provider. Visa and vaccination requirements are subject to change and should be confirmed by you before travelling.

Hungary

Vaccinations

Nothing compulsory, but we recommend protection against tetanus, polio and hepatitis A. Tickborne encephalitis is recommended by some medical sources if travelling in certain areas of Europe, at specific times of the year. Please check the latest requirements with your travel clinic or doctor prior to departure. The above is not an exhaustive list. Further information regarding vaccinations and travel health advice can be found by following the NHS and NaTHNaC links at [Explore Travel Health](#) and from your local healthcare provider. Visa and vaccination requirements are subject to change and should be confirmed by you before travelling.
