

HUNGARY



Capital *Budapest*
Government *Parliamentary democracy*
Currency *Forint (HUF)*
Population *10,049,000 (2008 est.)*
Language *Hungarian 98.2%, other 1.8%*
Religion *Roman Catholic 67.5%, Calvinist 20%, Lutheran 5%, atheist and other 7.5%*

Hungary (*Magyarország*) is a country in Central Europe, member of the European Union and the Schengen Border-less Europe Agreement. The country offers many diverse destinations: relatively low mountains in the north-west, the Great Plain in the east, lakes and rivers of all sorts (including Balaton - the largest lake in Central Europe).

Magyars

The Hungarian traditional outfit has a lot of Renaissance and Baroque features. But until the beginning of the 20th century, the folk clothing of Hungary was simpler and had fewer decorations. Only in the 1930s, colorful threads were added to the patterns, and the amount of embroidery was increased. Today, Hungarian folk dress is rarely used by locals. Though, it still is unique and outstanding.



Magyar

Hungarian is an Ugric language with about 13 million speakers (in 2012) in Hungary, Romania, Serbia, Ukraine and Slovakia. There are also many people of Hungarian origin in the UK and other European countries, the USA, Canada and Australia.

- ▣ The past is formed using the suffix –t or –tt: lát 'sees'; látott 'saw', past.
- ▣ János látja az almát. - 'John sees the apple.'
Neutral sentence.

Sample text in Hungarian

Minden emberi lény szabadon születik és egyenlő méltósága és joga van. Az emberek, ésszel és lelkiismerettel bírván, egymással szemben testvéri szellemben kell hogy viseltessenek.

Translation

All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood.

(Article 1 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights)

Bokod floating houses



Busójárás carnival festival, Mohács



Vineyards



The thermal baths are some of the world's finest



Some things I'm guessing you didn't know about Hungary

- ▣ Last names come first
- ▣ Take my name, all of it
- ▣ Hungarians are not Slavic
- ▣ Naming your kids requires government approval