

THE HUNGARIAN RAILTOUR

Sunday 11th to Sunday 18th October, 2020

COST ELEMENTS

All-inclusive fare - Only £520.50

(Does not include travel to and from Budapest)

Hotel Single Room Supplement - £195.00 (Optional)

5 Day First Class InterRail Hungary Pass - £199.00 (Optional)

5 Day Standard Class InterRail Hungary Pass - £150.00 (Optional)

NOTE. InterRail prices quoted are 2019 rates and likely to have risen by the time the Tour runs

Standard Class Rail Travel – Over 65 – **FREE**

(Means of identification & proof of age, must be carried)

At the moment Standard Class rail travel for the over 65s is free in Hungary but that might end if and when we exit the European Union. However, supplements and reservations are compulsory on certain trains. Until our timetable is established at the beginning of the tour, the total cost will remain an unknown quantity. However, some estimates put the additional cost at well under £40.

Those participants needing to purchase tickets will require only local tickets for Days 1 & 2.

A Minimum Deposit of £57.00 will secure your seat on this Tour, and the balance must be received by 28th August 2020

Our last Hungarian Railtour was a somewhat shortened version intended both as a 'warm-up' for the 'Golem Hunter' Railtour, and to arrange for visits to a couple of depots we had neglected for far too long. Our last full Hungarian tour was back in 2016 so it is high-time we brought it back.

The hotel throughout is **Baross City Hotel, Budapest.**

ITINERARY

Day One - Sunday 11th October

In the past members have had difficulty in arranging early arrivals in Budapest and it is for this reason that we have arranged no formal visits for today. However, participants arriving early can visit the three main termini of **Nyugati, Keleti, or Deli**. Other possibilities are **Vasuttorsteneti Magyor Park**. This is the site of the old **Fusti** depot which the preservationists have turned into the most impressive active museum with around 50 exhibits of all types of motive power. Please note that admission to the park is not included in your fare. For the remainder of the day why not 'take to the hills' for a visit to the 760mm gauge **Huvosvolgy depot** and the small system it serves (sometimes referred to as The Childrens' Railway or The Pioneer Railway)? Whilst you are there, why not ride up, or down, on the **Budapest Cog-wheel Railway (Fogaskerku)**.

Day Two - Monday 12th October

After observing the early morning 'peak' traffic into **Keleti**, we will take ourselves off to **Ferencvaros** for the first depot visit of the Tour. From here we hope to continue to **Eszaki depot** but that will depend on whether the extensive rebuilding work has been completed. One thing is certain, **Istvantelec Works** remains off the itinerary because of the poor condition of the building. The remainder of the day will be free during which you can consider a session at **Kelenfold** and excellent location for both freight and passenger traffic.

Day Three - Tuesday 13th October

We head to the far East of Hungary and the first location waiting for us is the one that we received the most requests to include on the previous tour, **Dobrecen depot**. We continue to the sizeable **Nyiregyhaza depot** and that will be followed by a visit to the ever interesting **Zahony depot**, home to the broad-gauge locomotives.

Day Four - Wednesday 14th October

North East is our route today to our eventual destination of the prolific **Miskolc depot** which will occupy our time for the best part of two hours. However, en-route we will visit two of the smaller locations we have neglected for a few years. Those are **Hatvan** and **Fuzeabony**.

Day Five - Thursday 15th October

Another 'out and back' awaits us today, this time to the south. We will include **Szolnok depot**, and **Szolnok Works**. The latter may just be a view but we understand that many locomotives can be identified in and around the yards. We continue to the mainly DMU **Szentes depot** concluding at the furthest point, **Szeged depot**.

Day Six - Friday 16th October

The part of Hungary south of Lake Balaton is our destination today with the prospect of some very interesting locations. First up is the very large **Szekesfehervar depot**. We continue to **Dombovar depot** and **Dombovar Works** (always good for a rare 'Privateer' or two), and finally **Pecs depot**.

Day Seven - Saturday 17th October

No Hungarian tour is complete without a Gysev day, and today is the day with visits to **Gyor** and **Sopron depots**. It's then back to MAV with visits to **Szombathely depot** and **Celldomolk depot**.

Day Eight - Sunday 18th October

DISPERSAL DAY

**Remember - Do Not Book Your Flight or Travel Arrangements
Until We have Confirmed the Tour as Running**