

The Budapest City & Suburban *flyer* Tour

(A SIX-DAY BREAK IN A RAIL SUPER CENTRE)
Wednesday 25th to Monday 30th August 2021



All-inclusive fare - Only £362.30

(Does not include travel to, from, and within Budapest)

Hotel Single Room Supplement - £132.00 (Optional)

**A Minimum Deposit of £90.00 will secure your seat on this tour, and
the balance must be received by 14th July**

Also Booking for the Hungarian Railtour?

If so, we can offer you a discounted fare of £300.40

& Hotel Single Room Supplement - £79.60 (Optional)

Budapest stands on the River Danube and was once two cities Buda, on the west bank and Pest on the east. The city was unified in 1873. The metropolitan area has an exceptionally large public transport system, as well as MAV-Start, the Budapest Metro and Trams (BKV) and the extensive Budapest Suburban System (BHEV-Budapesti Helyierdeku Vasut). This system is included in Volume 4 of STARS Tram & Metro Systems Stock Book series. The lines were included in the "Budapest City & Suburban Tour" in 2018 and proved to be a great success. The tour comprehensively takes in all five lines, all depots and museum. When not on BHEV territory we will have the opportunity to trawl trams, metro and surface MAV as we travel. Our base for the tour will be the familiar surroundings of the **Baross City Hotel**, which faces Keleti Station.

Unfortunately, with the UK's withdrawal from the EU, free transport travel for in Hungary for the over 65s may disappear, dependent on any withdrawal deal struck, if any! If it does, the best means of travel for the durations of our visit will be the economical Budapest Three Day Public Transport Ticket. **This ticket cost is not included in your tour fare.** You are responsible for arranging your own flights or overland travel.

We are pleased to point out that we can run at a slightly cheaper fare than we would have last year.

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Day One – Wednesday 25 August

Members have in the past had difficulty arranging early arrivals in Budapest and therefore no formal visits have been arranged for today. The "early birds" can keep themselves entertained at Tram and Metro "hotspots". Alternatively, there are the three busy termini of **Keleti**, **Nyugati** or **Deli**. A short Metro or train ride will take you to the busy station at **Kelenfold** where you can see both passenger and freight.

Day Two – Thursday 26 August

The first BHEV line we cover is H5 from Batthyany ter (Metro 2) to Szentendre. Here will visit **Szentendre BHEV Depot** and the **Budapest Urban Transport Museum**. The afternoon sees our attention drawn to lines H8/H9. From Ors vever tere (Metro 2), H9 extends to Csomar. We alight at **Cinkota** where we visit the depot. Here you have a choice, you can either travel on line H8 to the terminus at Godollo or stay at Cinkta. The units on line H9 will repeat after approximately 70 minutes. No units stable at the end of lines H8 or H9.

Day Three – Friday 26 August

Today we cover the two BHEV lines in the south of Budapest. First is H7 and a ride to **Csepel** for a depot visit. Returning north we stop off at **Szabadkikoto** to view the locos in the container terminal. The final line is H6 which extends from Kozvaghoid to **Rackeve** where our final BHEV depot visit takes place.

Day Four – Saturday 28 August

By today our travels around the city will have resulted in numerous Tram and Metro sightings. Now you will be able to maximise that as we “blitz” the Tram and Metro “hot spots”. Yes, today we will arrange to do what you want to do. However, you may wish to cover your own itinerary. But do not forget:

- The **Budapest Underground Railroad Museum**, situated at Deak Ferenc Metro Interchange.
- The **Budapest Castle Hill Funicular (Budavari Sikló)** which is sited near the Chain Bridge.
- The **Hungarian Museum of Science, Transport and Technology** has been undergoing refurbishment and at present we are unsure if it will be reopened in time for our visit.

Day Five – Sunday 29 August

Today we will be joined by participants of the Hungarian Railtour. An intense day in and around Budapest starts with a visit to **Ferencvaros** depot. We then make our way to **Vasutortenti Maygor Park** a very impressive railway museum. Visits to **Istvantelek Works** remains off the itinerary due to poor state of the building. **Eszaki** depot remains doubtful because of rebuilding works, time will tell. Our next visit is the depot at **Keleti**, then we are off to the hills to visit the **Children’s Railway** and the depot at **Huvosvolgy**. We travel the line to **Szechenyi-hegy** and descend the hill via the **Budapest Cog-Wheel Railway (Fogaskerku)** to **Varosmajor** and the lines depot for a visit.

Day Six – Monday 30 August

Dispersal day (unless you are continuing with the Hungarian Railtour)

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