

# The Hungarian Railtour

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> August to Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2021

## *All-inclusive fare – Only £491.95*

(Does not include travel to and from Budapest)

Hotel Single Room Supplement - £185.00 (Optional)

5-day First Class Interrail Hungary Pass 60+ £171, Adult £189 (Optional)

5-day Second Class Interrail Hungary Pass 60+ £131, Adult £144 (Optional)

*NOTE. Interrail prices are based on 2020 rates are likely to have risen by the time the tour runs.*

*Do ‘shop around’ better deals may be available elsewhere.*

A minimum Deposit of £125.00 will secure your seat on this Tour  
and the balance must be received by 16 July

Unfortunately, with the UK's withdrawal from the EU, free transport travel in Hungary for the over 65s may no longer be available after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021. Supplements and reservations are compulsory on certain trains. Currently these costs are unknown, but we estimate an additional figure of approximately £40. Participants will need to purchase a Budapest Card for 24 hours for day 1 of the tour. All such costs will be in addition to the Interrail Pass.

Our base for the tour will be the familiar surroundings of the Baross City Hotel, Budapest, which faces Keleti Station.

Over the last few years, for one reason or another, we have not given Hungary the attention it deserves. 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. Of course, our attempt to run last year was confounded by the pandemic. Our last full Hungarian tour was back in 2016 so it is high time we brought it back, and so we do. Judging from the bookings received prior to postponement it was shaping up to be a very popular tour and one we certainly cannot deprive you of.

We are pleased to point out that, in common with the preceding City & Suburban Flyer, we can run at a slightly cheaper fare than we would have last year.

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### Day One – Saturday 28 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 a good amount of freight.

### Day Two – Sunday 29 August

Today we will be joined by participants of the Budapest City & Suburban *flyer* Tour. 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 visit the line’s depot.

### Day Three – Monday 30 August

We start the Railtour in earnest today and head to the Northeast of Hungary. Our first visit is the large depot at **Nyiregyhaza**. This will be followed by **Zahony**, home to broad gauge locos that cross into the Ukraine nine miles away. We partially retrace our steps to our final depot of the day, the prolific **Miskloc**.

### Day Four -Tuesday 31 August

The East of the country beckons today. **Bekescsaba** depot starts the day. We then head back north to **Debrecen**, a location many members have requested we visit (so here is your opportunity). Heading back west we visit the depot at **Szolnok** and then view **Szolnok Works**.

### Day Five – Wednesday 1 September

Quality rather than quantity today, an out and back journey to the South. Our first visit is the mainly DMU depot at **Szentes**. We conclude at our furthest point south and **Szeged** depot.

#### **Day Six – Thursday 2 September**

We embark west to GySEV country today. Our first port of call is the GySEV depot at **Sopron**. **Szombathely** is next where both GySEV and MAV share the depot. **Celldomolk** depot follows before returning to GySEV with a visit to the depot at **Gyor**. If time permits, we will make a short stop at **Komarom** to view the depot.

#### **Day Seven – Friday 3 September**

Our final day on the tracks starts with **Szekesfehervar** (our last visit here was in darkness, but not this time). It is then on to **Dombovar** depot and store. Our final depot and the furthest south of the complete tour is **Pecs**.

#### **Day Eight – Saturday 4 September**

*Dispersal Day*

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