

Hungary



Geography: This central European country is the size of Indiana. Most of Hungary is a fertile, rolling plain lying east of the Danube River and drained by the Danube and Tisza rivers. In the extreme northwest is the Little Hungarian Plain. South of that area is Lake Balaton (250 sq mi; 648 sq km). The Capital of Hungary is Budapest. Hungary is six hours ahead of EST; four hours ahead of GMT.

History: By 14 B.C., western Hungary was part of the Roman Empire's provinces of Pannonia and Dacia. In 896 all of Hungary was invaded by the Magyars, who founded a kingdom. The peak of Hungary's great period of medieval power came during the reign of Louis I the Great (1342–1382), whose dominions touched the Baltic, Black, and Mediterranean seas. War with the Turks broke out in 1389, and for more than 100 years the Turks advanced through the Balkans. When the Turks smashed a Hungarian army in 1526, western and northern Hungary accepted Hapsburg rule to escape Turkish occupation. Transylvania became independent under Hungarian princes. Intermittent war with the Turks was waged until a peace treaty was signed in 1699. After the suppression of the 1848 revolt, the dual monarchy of Austria-Hungary was set up in 1867. The dual monarchy was defeated in World War I. In World War II, Hungary allied with Germany. Hungarian Jews and Gypsies were sent to death camps. The German regime was driven out by the Soviets in 1944–1945. By the Treaty of Paris (1947), Hungary had to give up all territory it had acquired since 1937 and to pay \$300 million in reparations to the USSR, Czechoslovakia, and Yugoslavia. In 1948, the Communist Party seized control. From 1956–1988, Hungary became the most liberal of the Soviet-bloc nations of Eastern Europe. In 1989, the constitution was amended to allow for a multiparty state. The last Soviet troops left Hungary in June 1991. In April 1999, Hungary became part of NATO, and in May 2004, it joined the European Union.



Language: Hungarian [mɒɟɒɾ] is a Uralic language with about 15 million speakers 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. Hungarians call their language Magyar. Although Hungary is located in Central Europe, Hungarian is not related to any of the languages that surround it.

The Climate: Hungary has continental climate, with cold, cloudy, humid winters and warm to hot summers. Average annual temperature is 9.7 °C. Temperature extremes are about 38 °C in the summer and –29 °C in the winter. Average temperature in the summer is 27 to 32 °C, and in the winter it is 0 to –15 °C. Cuisine: In Hungary, breakfast may consist of fresh bread, fruit, vegetables, cereal, or a meat. Lunch is the major meal of the day, usually with

several courses: soup is followed by a main dish including meat, which precedes a dessert. Dinner is a far less significant meal than lunch. It may be similar to breakfast, with bread and vegetables, or perhaps a bowl of soup, and usually consists of only one course.

Children Available: Children ages 4 and up are typically available for adoption, most are Gypsy children. Children age 8 and up are readily available and sibling groups of 3 or more very young children are often available. Assignments are made faster for these children than single younger children. Children reside in orphanages or foster homes. Financial, drug/alcohol problems, death and unstable family situations are some the reasons why these children have been orphaned. The process from assignment to adoption completion may take one year or longer. If in the future you chose to adopt a second time through Hungary, Hungary requires that the second child you adopt from be younger than the first adopted child as they do not like to disrupt the birth order.

Eligibility Requirements: Race, religion, length of marriage, or prior divorces are non-issues for adoption requirements. Married couples are welcome to adopt as well as single women.

Time Frame: A referral may be immediate or may take up to 12 months or longer. Once referral is accepted, travel to Hungary to process the adoption can occur within 7-10 days. No commitment can be made regarding time frame.

Travel: Only one trip is required for a 30 - 40 day stay. Both parents must stay for the first 10 days to meet and get to know the child, Only one parent is required to remain in Hungary. The second parent should return at the end of the 30 or 40 day period to sign the final adoption papers.

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