



## Tour

## Hungary

BUDAPEST • FÜVÉSZKERT BOTANICAL GARDEN  
BUDAI ARBORETUM • NATIONAL BOTANICAL GARDEN,  
VÁCRÁTÓT • SZARVASI ARBORETUM • FESTETICS CASTLE  
ALSÓTEKERESI FAISKOLA (NURSERY) • FOLLY ARBORETUM  
SABJÁN CONIFER COLLECTION • KÁMONI ARBORETUM  
PANNONHALMI ARBORETUM & BENEDICTINE ABBEY

## Dates

**8 September to 14 September 2019** (six full touring days)

## Organiser

Charlotte van Beuningen-Rauwenhoff

**30**  
PARTICIPANTS  
MAXIMUM



*Taxodium, Vácrátót Botanical Garden*

## TOUR INTRODUCTION

Hungary is a country with a long and intriguing history and the present day Hungary has a lot to offer. There is a very rich folk tradition, a fine cuisine which is very beefy with lots of paprika, and a thermal spa should be part of the experience. Also wonderful parks, gardens and vast forest areas. This part of Europe is unjustly neglected by many of us.

Together with Zdenek Blahnik (dendrologist, IDS member CZ), a wonderful reconnaissance trip has been made to Hungary and we are very happy to be able to show you

during the period of a week, some of the special dendrological highlights of Hungary.

The tour will focus on the central part of Hungary, from the Great Plain in the east to the lovely Lake Balaton in the west.

The general programme and the main locations to be visited are given below. This programme will be elaborated with cultural visits, folk traditions and where possible a further insight into the history of Hungary and Hungary of today.



# IDS Tour information

## TOUR SCHEDULE

### DAY 1

SUNDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

#### Arrival

Arrival of participants in hotel Budapest  
Welcome drinks and dinner in the hotel.

### DAY 2

MONDAY 9 SEPTEMBER

#### Budapest, Fővénkert Botanical Garden

One of the oldest botanical gardens in Hungary, established in 1771 and in its current location since 1847. It has over 200 endangered plants, a palm house with tropical and subtropical plants and a Japanese garden.

Parliament Building

Great Synagogue

#### Budai Arboretum, Budapest

One of the country's richest arboretums is located right in the middle of the city. It is a nature reserve and university campus in one. The garden is filled with book-clutching university



Budapest by night

students using the arboretum for their studies in gardening, landscape architecture, viticulture and beer brewing. In the garden some very lovely large old trees and a wonderful multistemmed *Parrotia persica*.

Castle Hill, Royal Palace.

Restaurant near Fishermen's Bastion.

Hotel Budapest.



*Ostrya carpinifolia*, Budai Arboretum



Szarvasi Arboretum/ 'Pepi-kert', Szarvas

## DAY 3 TUESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

- 08.00 Leave Hotel Budapest  
09.00 Visit to the National Botanical Garden, Vácrátót

### National Botanical Garden, Vácrátót

This old romantic landscape-designed garden, also a national monument and nature conservation area, is the richest scientific plant collection of Hungary (ca. 13,000 taxa, including ca. 3,200 dendrotaxa). This garden is one of the highlights of the tour!

Our host is Kóza Géza. He is the head of this garden and the president of the Association of Hungarian Arboreta and Botanical Gardens. His general field of interest is East- and Central-Asian vegetation and he has participated in several collection expeditions to these regions.

Tour through garden with Kóza Géza, director of the garden.

- 12.00 Leave Vácrátót  
Lunch on the bus  
15.00 Arrive Szarvasi Arboretum/ 'Pepi-Kert', Szarvas

### Szarvasi Arboretum/ 'Pepi-kert', Szarvas

A wonderful landscape park of 82 hectares with vistas and a rich collection of old and young trees. Among these collections the oldest and the most valuable one is the Pepi garden. The garden has developed continuously during the decades of its

history and the collections now comprise some 1,600 species, cultivars and varieties of trees and shrubs with about 300 conifers among them.

In river Körös which runs through the town of Szarvas, there is a unique number of *Taxodium distichum* in the river. This is the only place outside of Florida (US) where you can see this.

- 18.00 Leave Szarvas  
19.30 Arrive Hotel Kecskemét  
20.00 Dinner in hotel

## DAY 4 WEDNESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER

- 08.00 Leave Hotel Kecskemét  
10.30 Festetics Palace, Dég

### Festetics Castle, Dég

The Festetics are an old and noble Hungarian family. The castle in Dég was built on behalf of Antal Festetics between 1810 and 1815, designed in the Classicist style. The house is now a museum. There is a wonderful park styled from England in the first half of the eighteenth century. Before 1945, along with its buildings and lake, this park was one of the largest and most important landscape gardens in Hungary. Nowadays, even after substantial losses, the park in Dég remains one of the most beautiful historic gardens in the country.



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**12.30** Leave Dég  
Lunch (venue to be decided)

**14.00** Alsótekeresi Nursery, Enying

## **Alsótekeresi Faiskola (Nursery), Alsótekeres**

The nursery is one of the largest and most significant producers of ornamental plants in Hungary.

**16.00** Leave Enying

**17.00** Arrive Hotel in Veszprém  
Dinner at the Hotel

## **DAY 5 THURSDAY 12 SEPTEMBER**

**09.00** Leave Veszprém

**10.00** Folly Arboretum, Badacsonyörs

## **Folly Arboretum, Badacsonytomaj**

On the shores of Lake Balaton the Folly family has created a unique collection of cedars and cypresses. Reka Folly, the

present owner and manager of the garden will show us around and make us part of the family history (she is fourth generation conserving the collection). Besides keeping up and expanding the collection she is making the arboretum more accessible and attractive for visitors.

**12.30** Lunch at Folly Arboretum with wine tasting

**13.30** Leave Badacsonytomaj

**14.30** Arrive Sabján conifer collection, Nemesbük

## **Sabján conifer collection, Nemesbük**

Mr Sabján has quite a rare conifer collection brought back from expeditions, including: *Abies chensiensis*, *A. densa*, *A. fanjingshanensis* (coning), *A. fargesii*, *A. gamblei*, *A. kawakamii* (coning), *A. salouenensis* and many others.

Guide: Sabján László

**15.15** Leave Nemesbük

**15.30** A swim in Lake Heviz, Europe's largest thermal lake, is therapeutic, medicinal, filled with lotuses with a constant temperature of 30° C. Quite an experience.

**17.00** Leave Heviz



Folly Arboretum, Lake Balaton



Kámoni Arboretum, Szombathely

18.30 Arrive at hotel in Veszprém

20.00 Dinner at the hotel

## DAY 6

## FRIDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

08.30 Leave hotel in Veszprém

10.00 Kámoni Arboretum, Szombathely

### Kámoni Arboretum, Szombathely

This garden was created in the late nineteenth century and developed into an internationally famous collection. It fell into decline during the 30s and the World Wars. In 1950 the National Preservation Council declared the arboretum a national protected area and the arboretum became the centre of the national conifer improvement and breeding. In the past decades many new species were planted. These are overlooked by several majestic old trees.

12.00 Leave Szombathely

Lunch (venue to be decided)

14.30 Pannonhalmi Arboretum and Benedictine Archabbey, Pannonhalma

### Pannonhalmi Arboretum and Benedictine Abbey

Perched on the top of a hill, the Pannonhalma Abbey is an architectural splendour with historical significance. It was founded in 996, and still functions as a monastery today. The most beautiful part of the abbey is the neoclassical library built in 1836.

The monastery gardens were principally used to cultivate medicinal herbs, industrial plants and food crops. Nowadays many special trees are planted here, many commemorating distinguished visitors to the Abbey.

Our guide for the garden will be Zdenek Blahnik.

17.00 Leave Pannonhalma

18.30 Arrive hotel Budapest

20.00 Final dinner at Callas Restaurant, Budapest

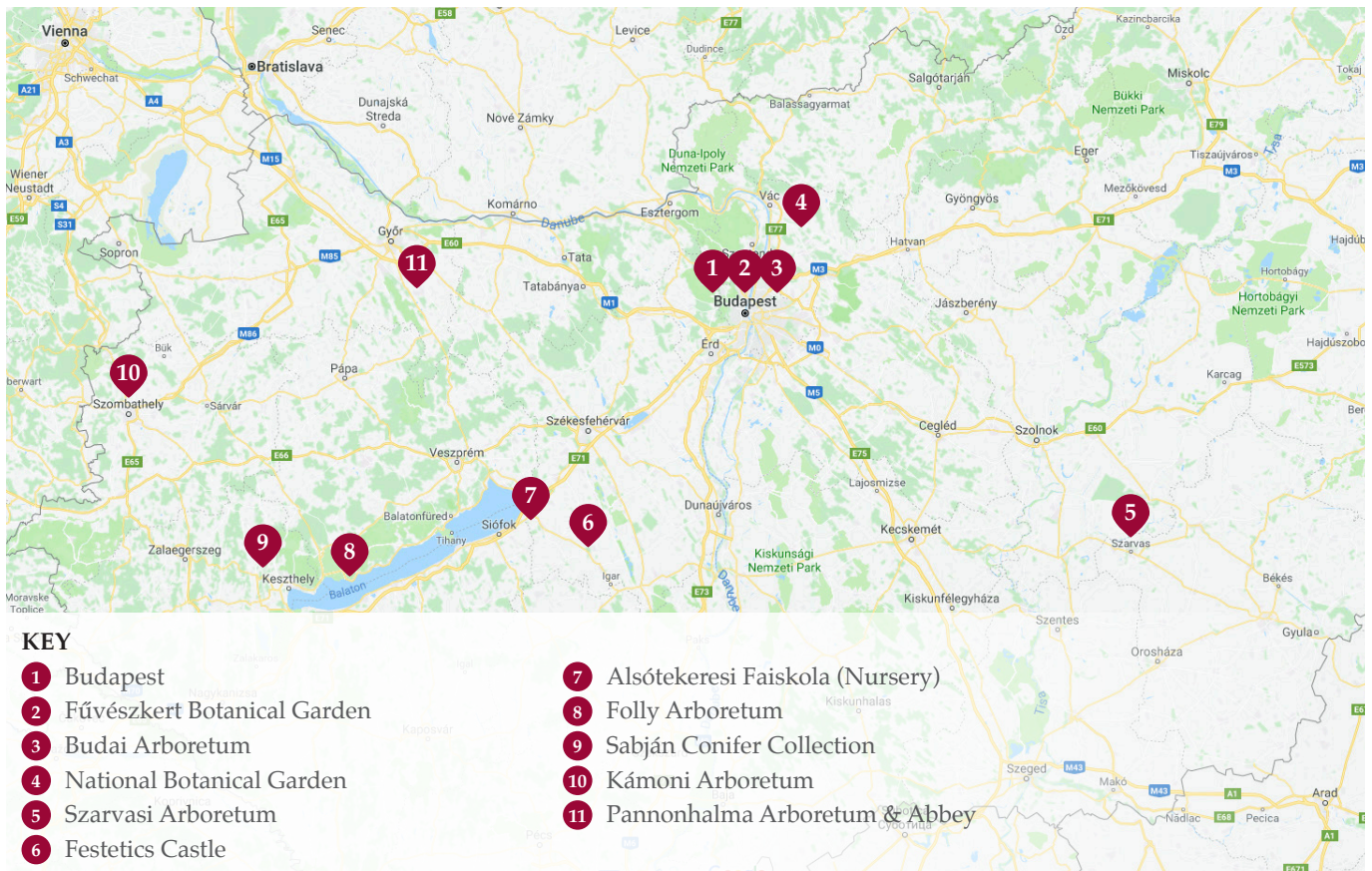
## DAY 7

## SATURDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

End of tour after breakfast.



## LOCATION MAP



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## TOUR SUMMARY

<b>Location</b>	Hungary
<b>Dates</b>	8 September to 14 September 2019
<b>Tour organiser</b>	Charlotte van Beuningen-Rauwenhoff
<b>Availability</b>	Tour restricted to 30 participants
<b>Accessibility</b>	Walking difficulty: 2. It will be relatively easy walking, but do take into account that a lot of travelling will be done, with moving from one hotel to the next.
<b>Cost and booking</b>	Approximate cost is €1,200 to €1,300 per person (based on two people sharing). Final costs to be confirmed in due course.
<b>What's included?</b>	From dinner Day 1 (8 September) to and including breakfast Day 7 (Saturday 14 September) all meals, and wine at all dinners, are included. Also included: hotel accommodation, excursions and entrance fees, transport, gratuities for bus driver, presents and guides.
<b>Travel insurance</b>	Not included in the cost of the Tour.

