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Full Itinerary and Tour details for

# Hungary's Balaton Lake 7-day Self-guided Cycling Tour





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## Tour Details and Description

Embark on an unforgettable cycle tour around the enchanting Lake Balaton, starting and ending in Siófok. Explore picturesque places such as Balatonkeresztúr, Badacsony, Tapolca, Köveskál, the Tihany peninsula and Balatonfüred. From the vibrant promenades in Siófok to the majestic vineyards in Badacsony and the historical sights in Tihany, this tour not only offers breathtaking views, but also the chance to experience the unique culture and culinary diversity of the region.

Cycle through idyllic villages, discover underground caves in Tapolca and enjoy the hospitable atmosphere along Lake Balaton. This cycle tour is a perfect blend of nature experience, cultural richness and culinary delights.

#### **Tour Character: Level 1**

Well-developed asphalted cycle path around the lake, on several stages country roads with very little traffic. Also very suitable for families. This cycling tour however is not suitable for people with limited mobility. Individual requests are in special cases possible (e.g. handicapped accessible room) All distances are an approximate distance for the recommended cycling tours.

#### **Highlights:**

- Benedictine Abbey Tihany
- Tagore Promenade in Balatonfüred
- Festetics palace in Keszthely
- Wine-growing region Badacsony
- City Centre Székesfehérvá
- Boat ride on the lake
- Swimming in Lake Balaton

# Included in the Lake Balaton Cycling Tour:

• 6 nights in 3 star accomodation with shower/WC

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- Daily breakfast
- Visitor's tax
- Cab transfer in Siófok: train station hotel train station
- Luggage transfer
- Repair kit for bicycles
- Reception at the hotel and handover of the information package on the day of arrival
- 24 hour service hotline

#### Not included in the tour:

- Lunches, dinners, drinks
- Bike rental/ insurance
- Transfers before and after the tour
- Anything not mentioned in 'included'

#### Notes:

- Departures every Wednesday and Saturday
- Please let us know if you would like to upgrade to 4 star hotels
- In Hungary, high-visibility vests must be worn outside the local area in poor visibility and darkness. Bicycle helmets are not compulsory.

#### Arrival/parking/departure:

- Arrival by plane Airport: Budapest (BUD). The best-known airlines flying to Budapest from Germany are German Wings, Air Berlin, Ryanair and Wizz Air.
- Arrival by car Take the highway towards Vienna as far as the Nickelsdorf/Hegyeshalom border (toll sticker required). M1 highway, exit Veszprém-Balaton - this will take you to road 82. Continue from Veszprém in the direction of Lepsény, Enying, this will take you to road 70, which leads directly to Siófok.
- Arrival by train Train station: Siófok. Several connections daily via Budapest. (Keleti and Deli Station) A transfer will be organized from Siófok

station to the starting hotel.

If you would like to rent a bike (55 EUR) or e-bike (220 EUR) please contact our office when booking: <u>sales@slowtours.com</u>

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## Itinerary

#### Day 1

Siófok Individual arrival in Siófok. After checking in, there will be an information meeting

#### Day 2

Siófok – Balatonkeresztúr, approx. 65 km Your journey starts with a cycle tour along the southern shore of Lake Balaton. Today's route takes you through small vacation resorts, past beaches, inviting

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cafés and restaurants to Balatonkeresztúr.

#### Day 3

Balatonkeresztúr – Badacsony, approx. 54 km Today's tour first takes you along Little Balaton, which was declared a nature reserve in 1951. You cycle through the home of numerous bird species, aquatic plants and other animals. Today's destination is the historic town of Keszthely, some of whose monuments date back to the 13th century.

#### Day 4

Badacsony – Tapolca – Badacsony, approx. 33 km After breakfast, you set off for Tapolca, also known as the town of waters. The Tapolca basins between the famous basalt basins are impressive. It is also worth visiting the lake cave and the mill pond before returning to Badacsony.

#### Day 5

Badacsony – Köveskál – Tihany, approx. 35 km Today the route takes you through the Kali Basin and back to the shores of Lake Balaton. You cycle through small villages, picturesque landscapes and orchards. Through the Balaton Uplands National Park and on through Zánka you return to the Balaton cycle path before reaching your destination for today: the picturesque Tihany peninsula.

#### Day 6

Tihany – Balatonfüred – Siófok, approx. 75 km Before you cycle back to the starting point of Siófok today, you will pass a few popular small vacation resorts on Lake Balaton. In summer, for example, the spa town of Balatonfüred attracts visitors with its numerous wine festivals and events. Alternatively, you can shorten the tour from Tihany to a total of 15 km by taking the ferry (not included, ticket approx. € 3) across the lake to Szántód.

Day 7

Siófok Individual departure or extension

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