

# DANUBE TRAVEL STORIES

## Danube for the soul

**Soul-Searching**  
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**7 day itinerary inspiration  
from Győr to Murska Sobota based on  
@griekarnskii Trip**

**We would suggest extending the trip by a few days to have more  
time to experience each destination**

## Locations

Destinations
Győr
Szombathely
Murska Sobota
Jeruzalem

## Program

### Day 0 | Travel & Arrival Day

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#### Individual Arrival & Check-in at a hotel

**Website to plan your arrival:** [www.rome2rio.com](http://www.rome2rio.com)

**Train:** [www.mavcsoport.hu/en](http://www.mavcsoport.hu/en)

**What to see & experience in Győr:** [hellogyor.hu](http://hellogyor.hu)

**What to experience in Győr & Pannonhalma:** [visithungary.com/category/gyor-and-pannonhalma](http://visithungary.com/category/gyor-and-pannonhalma)

### Day 1 | Győr

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**Find a Guide in the Tour inform:** [hellogyor.hu](http://hellogyor.hu) or [www.gyeregyorbe.hu](http://www.gyeregyorbe.hu)

**Mobil application (free tourist guides):** [hellogyor.hu/en/mobile-applications/](http://hellogyor.hu/en/mobile-applications/)

#### Five Churches Guide Tour – Sightseeing walk in Győr

The Five Churches Tour is about faith and acceptance, dialogue between cultures and religions. The occasion and the venue are five churches, each one unique and distinct, of five different denominations, which together can become a European curiosity, as they have been promoting the values of European cultural diversity for centuries, standing side by side in peace. The Five Churches Tour presents the religious, cultural, architectural and local historical values of European Judaeo-Christian culture through the architectural treasures of Győr-New Town, the sites of the Five Churches Festival, and in particular the five churches.

#### Guide Tour – Sightseeing walk in Győr

- Bishop's Castle
- Blue paint workshop
- Benedictine Building Complex

#### Sunset Boat trip on the Danube or Walk along the banks of Danube and Rába

## Day 2 | Győr / Pannonhalma

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### Visit Pannonhalma

Pannonhalma Archabbey lies just approximately 20 km to the south of the city of Győr. Győr – Pannonhalma with bus or train. Timetable: <https://menetrendek.hu> or rent the bike.

More information in the Tour inform Győr

**Address:** Baross Gábor út 21., 9021 Győr

### Visit **Pannonhalma Archabbey (Monastery) + library & Winery**

The oldest (Benedictine) abbey in Hungary with an over 1,000-year history is situated in a striking location on the Mount of St. Martin and is visible from afar. The hill is known as the Mount of Saint Martin because St. Martin of Tours, the abbey's patron saint, is said to have been born here in the early 4th century. The library and the Classicist hall are the highlight on tours of the abbey. In addition to the historic cloister, the precious library and splendid basilica, a beautiful herb garden and the superbly equipped wine cellar also welcome visitors. The courtyard in front of the church offers stunning views of the surrounding countryside. The abbey has been included on the list of UNESCO World Heritage sites since 1996.

**Address:** Vár 1., 9090 Pannonhalma

- **ARBORETUM:** The arboretum is free to visit on a self-guided walk.

The abbey's 22-hectare garden has been an integral part of the Benedictine monks' daily life since the monastery was founded in 996. It includes Abbey's arboretum, home to over a thousand species of plants and almost 150 species of birds. In addition to the familiar woody and herbaceous plants of our everyday life: hazel, sum, linden, stork's nose and bloody swallow-wort, there are also special species such as the silky-leaved gum tree and the ironwood, which are rare in our country.

- **ABBEY WINERY PANNONHALMA**

The re-establishment of the abbey's viticultural and winegrowing tradition began with the vineyard planting programme following the reacquisition of part of the old abbey estates, continued with the construction of the new cellar and wine house, and since March 2004 the re-launched Pannonhalma Abbey Winery has been open to the public. The visit is guided by the Pannonhalma Abbey Winery and includes an insight into the history of Benedictine viticulture and wine culture, a tour of the new complex, a tour of the winemaking process and a tasting. For more information: <https://apatsagipinceszet.hu/>

**Go back to Győr with the bike or bus** <https://menetrendek.hu>

## Day 3 | Szombathely

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### Check out & take a train to Szombathely

Timetable: [www.mavcsoport.hu/en](http://www.mavcsoport.hu/en)

### Check-in at a hotel in Szombathely

### Information about guides @ Tourinform Szombathely

**Address:** Király u. 1, 9700 Szombathely, [szombathely@tourinform.hu](mailto:szombathely@tourinform.hu)

### Walking tour through Szombathely

#### **Saint Martin Birthplace and Church, Local [Via Sancti Martini](#)**

The St Martin Historical Walking Trail starts from the local Calvary Church and leads to St Martin Church. It has been designed to revisit the venues related to Szombathely's Early Christian

traditions. The works of art presented at each of the stations along the route help us remember particular episodes from St Martin's or St Quirinus' life.

Route and information: [www.viasanctimartini.eu/en/szombathely/historical-walking-trail](http://www.viasanctimartini.eu/en/szombathely/historical-walking-trail)

Map: <http://www.viasanctimartini.eu/cultural-database/brochures--issues>

### **ISEUM SAVARIENSE - night spiritual guided tour**

**Address:** Szombathely, Rákóczi Ferenc u. 7-8

## **Day 4 | Szombathely & Murska Sobota**

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### **Check-out and train from Szombathely to Murska Sobota**

Timetables: <https://jegy.mav.hu> or [www.oebb.at](http://www.oebb.at)

### **Check-in a hotel in Murska Sobota**

### **E-Scooter rent in the Danube Pearl Mobility Centre and ride to Sobota lake**

**Address:** Tourist Information Centre Murska Sobota, Slovenska ulica 41, 9000 Murska Sobota

### **Visit of Pavilion EXPANO – Regional Interactive Promotion Centre**

Regional Interactive Promotion Centre is placed in architectural creation that has represented Slovenia at Expo Milano in 2015. It was brought from Italy to represent a miniature of Pomurje presentation of cultural and natural heritage of the region via 3D movies, VR tools, aquarium, holograms, videos, music etc. Among others the interactive promotion park is incorporating these themes with contents and presentations linked to Pomurje: Panofilm – 3D time travel, Panoscope – panoramas of Pomurje, Panofly – virtual balloon flight, Neurospa – knowledge test about the waters of Pomurje and mental power test.

**Address:** Bakovska ulica 41, 9000 Murska Sobota

### **Rest at the Sobota lake beach / Recreation at Motoric Park / Activities on the water**

**Address:** Bakovska ulica 41, 9000 Murska Sobota

**What else to experience & see in Murska Sobota:** [www.visitmurskasobota.si](http://www.visitmurskasobota.si)

## Day 5 | Murska Sobota

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### Visit of the [Regional Museum Murska Sobota](#)

Regional Museum located in a renaissance castle in the middle of the city castle park has a rich exhibition on the life of people on the Mura from the first settlement to the present. It is showcasing the interweaving of the cultural influences of the neighboring countries and the creativity that comes from ethnic, national and religious diversity. The latter is also reflected in a permanent exhibition that will take you into the poetic story of life along the Mura river, throughout the centuries, all the way to the present. The permanent exhibition has been awarded a special recognition by the European Forum.

**Address:** Trubarjev drevored 4, 9000 Murska Sobota

### Experiencing the challenge "[Escape from Murska Sobota](#)"

Escape town adventure will offer fun and active exploration of the city - it consists of almost detective uncovering of clues while visiting the most interesting sights of Murska Sobota. The challenge will include among others a presentation of parts of cultural-tourism product Jewish path in Murska Sobota (in Art Nouveau city centre), taste of some local culinary products in "Treasury of Prekmurje delights", self-guiding app for Jewish heritage sites (a tool developed within Transdanube Travel Stories project), VR presentation of former Murska Sobota synagogue (designed by famous architect Lipot baumhorn and demolished in 1954), VR presentation of architect's Feri Novak legacy, religious diversity with visits of The Cathedral of St Nicholas One and Evangelical church's neo-Gothic complex of buildings, story of "The Republic of Prekmurje", an unrecognized state in Prekmurje in 1919 and few other points of interest like f.i. the victory monument one of the rare remaining monuments from the post war era that was erected in honour of the victors of WWII, set in the middle of a laid-out park, made of white marble and consists of a mighty obelisk and two guns. Part of the challenge will be Renting a city bike "[Soboški biciklin](#)"

Information & Start at Tourist Information Centre Murska Sobota

**Address:** Slovenska ulica 41, 9000 Murska Sobota

### [Raft or canoe trip on river Mura](#)

Raft or canoe trip on river Mura will be a time for contemplation in part of world's first 5-country biosphere reserve 'Amazon of Europe' rich with flora and fauna.

Information at Tourist Information Centre Murska Sobota (Slovenska ulica 41, 9000 Murska Sobota)

### [Visit of the Island of Love](#)

Visit of the Island of Love (Otok ljubezni) - a natural island that the Mura River has created through centuries. You will explore the Bújraš Museum (note: 'bújraši' – workers at the Mura River), the Mura Floating Mill, Mura river ferry ride, walk along the river bank and experience a local speciality "pajani" bread - a local version of garlic bread and snack of Bújra people that traditionally dammed the riverbed or the banks of the Mura river.

### [Ride with E-Carriage](#)

Return to Murska Sobota using the E-Carriage (Hybrid nature-friendly transport – part of sustainable and innovative tourism product, based on regional cultural heritage - horses and carriages). Information at Tourist Information Centre Murska Sobota (Slovenska ulica 41, 9000 Murska Sobota)

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### Visit of the [Mansion Rakičan](#) and park

The fortified base in Rakičan was first mentioned in historic sources in the 15<sup>th</sup> cent. The country house as it is today was shaped during an extensive conversion in the 18<sup>th</sup> cent. It is surrounded by a well-preserved 10 hectares English landscape park, where the black walnut, tulip trees and even hares can be found. Many walking and educational paths lead through a magical forest to the chapel and vault from the year 1880. Today, the castle enables a lively environment featuring a gallery, museum collections, café and restaurant, horse-riding centre as well accommodation.

**Address:** Soboška ulica 32, Bakovci, 9000 Murska Sobota

### Return to Murska Sobota city centre using 'Soboški biciklin'

## Day 6 | Lendava

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### Take a bus to Lendava

Departure from Bus station Murska Sobota

### Cycling tour exploring the cultural heritage of Lendava:

- [Synagogue Lendava](#) and history of Jewish community in Lendava

The Synagogue is only one of preserved monuments of the former local Jewish community – the driving power of Lendava's development until World War II. This is the main Slovene Holocaust museum. The gallery offers a permanent exhibition titled 'Judaism of Prekmurje'. The ground level is adorned with 52 graphics by the Israeli artist Dan Reisinger, titled 'Ognjeni zvitki' (transl.: fire-rolls), which the author had presented to the municipality of Lendava.

- [The Holy Trinity Chapel](#) and the Mummy of Mihael Hadik

Chapel of the Holy Trinity, protector of Lendava, is surrounded by the picturesque vineyards and as a proud white guard it watches over the town below. On this strategically important point for protection against intruders once stood a military post. Due to its carefully chosen position not even the Turks were able to conquer it during the attacks in the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> centuries. In 1728, the grateful believers built the chapel on the Čonka hill, which you can visit and see the mummified body of general Mihael Hadik, one of the greatest heroes in the battles with the Turks.

- [Lendava Gallery – Museum in Lendava Castle](#)

Experience the tourism product "Casting in bronze" and various permanent exhibitions. Lendava Castle was first mentioned in documents dating back to 1192, but the structure we are familiar with today was created in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Since 1973, the castle has been home to the Gallery-Museum of Lendava, which collects, preserves, studies and promotes the cultural heritage of the Lendava Municipality and the Hungarians from Pomurje.

The museum collection boasts a permanent archaeological, historical and ethnological exhibition, as well as a memorial room for the most famous sculptor of Lendava, György Zala.

- [Vinarium Tower](#)

The watchtower Vinarium Lendava, standing 53.3 meters tall, offers an incredible 360° view of the colorful landscape that stretches from the settlement of Lendavske gorice all the way to the river basin of Mura and encompasses a wonderful view of the plains and hills of Slovenia, Hungary, Croatia and Austria. You can reach the highest platform of the tower by a comfortable ride with the elevator or by climbing 240 steps, where you will then experience the most beautiful vantage point for many miles around.

### **Cuk Wine House (Hiša vina Cuk)**

The house of wine Cuk sits at the highest peak of Lendavske gorice hills, offering a magnificent view of the area. Famous not only for the beautifully groomed surroundings, eye-catching straw roof and excellent wines with the »post butterfly« logo, but also their hospitality and kindness. Address: Lendavske Gorice 217, 9220 Lendava

### **Zipline Vinarium**

Zipline Vinarium is a new feature at of the Vinarium lookout tower in Lendavske gorice and the first in the eastern part of the country and the first in Slovenia to have two parallel steel cables, so that two visitors can descend at the same time. The slightly more than 500-meter-long steel cables allow descending between 50 and 60 kilometers per hour at the fastest point).

## **Travel to Jeruzalem by bus**

Timetable: <https://arriva.si/en> or [www.rome2rio.com/map/Ljutomer/Jeruzalem#r/Bus/s/0](http://www.rome2rio.com/map/Ljutomer/Jeruzalem#r/Bus/s/0)

### **Arrival in JERZUALEM & Check-in a hotel**

#### **Guided Tours in Jeruzalem**

Information: [www.jeruzalem-slovenija.si/en/guided-tours/](http://www.jeruzalem-slovenija.si/en/guided-tours/)

### **Rent a bike and do a cycling wine safari**

Presentation of wine region Jeruzalem Slovenija which is among the top 5 % of the wine growing territories in the world for production of white wine. Today, Jeruzalem is the centre of the world's wine culture. Wine Route in Jeruzalem will be explored by using mountain e-bikes.

Informations about bike rental & tours: [www.jeruzalem-slovenija.si/en/bike-jeruzalem/](http://www.jeruzalem-slovenija.si/en/bike-jeruzalem/)

### **Meditation at Jeruzalem's bio-energy spots**

## **Day 7 | JerzuaLEM & Departure**

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### **Guided experience “Knight Andrew of Jeruzalem”**

Jeruzalem Slovenia embroidered with a golden yarn, is a treasure of our region; with its holy name, energy lines, wine road, exceptional viewpoints with a view of three countries: Austria, Hungary and Croatia, and a pilgrimage church – the town justifies the name of the heavenly place. In the 12th century the Crusaders passed through it in search for a way into today's Middle East Jerusalem. The Church of the Holy Mother of Sorrows from the 17th century like a lighthouse glows above the dark green ocean of waves of surrounding hills with thick manes of vineyards. The church used to be a Crusader's chapel, and was later gradually converted into a Baroque church. Jeruzalem was given to the Crusaders by Friderik of Ptuj, and the town has remained a place of pilgrimage. The history of Jeruzalem Slovenia which hides more than we could have ever imagined is explained by Andrew of Jerusalem the only survived Knight of the Cross coming to Jeruzalem Slovenia 800 years ago.

### [Thematic trail with myths and legends of Jeruzalem](#)

Presentation of myths and legends of Jeruzalem that are the basis for a new tourism product under preparation that will include also several infrastructure elements along the village.

### **Check-out & departure**

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#### **All destinations of the Trade Trail:**

Germany: Ulm, Ingolstadt, Regensburg

Austria: Engelhartzell, Aschach, Ottensheim, Linz, Mauthausen, Grein, Krems, Neusiedel

Slovakia: Bratislava

Hungary: Budapest, Mohács

Croatia: Zmajevac, Vukovar, Ilok

Serbia: Belgrad, Smederevo

Romania: Hunedoara, Bucharest, Sfântu Gheorghe