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**Geography (estimates)**

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<th>Population</th>
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<td>Pop. Density</td>
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<td>Area</td>
<td>93,000 km²</td>
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**Government**

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**Third Republic & Membership of EU**

1989, 2004

HISTORY OF HUNGARY

- Medieval Hungary propelled its establishment in 895AD. Saint Stephen I became King of Hungary in 1000, in which the country was recognized as a Catholic Apostolic Kingdom.
- Hungary maintained active involvement during both World Wars, with Austria-Hungary as a formed constitutional union during 1867-1918.
- Following the fall of Nazi Germany, Hungary became a satellite state of the Soviet Union, swept with Community ideals from 1945-1989.
- Currently, Hungary’s Third Republic phase was the transition from communism to democracy.
Hungarian or Magyar Cuisine serve dishes that revolve around meats. Stews and pastries are predominantly found as staple dishes.

- Hungarian food is often spicy, with the common daily use of paprika.
- Traditional dishes include: Goulash Soup, Chicken Paprikash, Palacsinta (stuffed Hungarian crepes), Hurka (sausage), Dobos Cake (Sponge Cake)

Hungarian Public Holidays in 2017
- New Years Day – Ujev (Jan 1)
- National Day (Mar 15)
- Easter Holiday (Apr 16-17)
- Labour Day (May 1)
- Pentecost Sunday (Jun 4)
- Saint Stephens Day (Aug 20)
- Republic Day (Oct 23)
- All Saints Day – Mindenszentek (Nov 1)
- Christmas (Dec 25)

Language & Religion
- Hungarian is the official and predominant spoken language in Hungary, being the 13th most widely spoken first language in Europe.
  - Various Hungarian dialects can be distinguished from rural to urban areas.
- Hungary is historically Christian with the majority of the citizens being Roman Catholic.
  - Other denominations includes: Protestant, Judaism, Islam etc.

Cuisine
- The forefathers of traditional Hungarian folk music are Liszt and Bartok, considered the greatest Hungarian composers.
- Contemporary classical music has been internationally renowned, in addition to current popular music.
- Folk art including Urgos (or Jumping dances), Karikazo (folksong + dance), and Legenyes (men’s solo dance) combine both embroidered costumes and energetic music.

Music & Art

Important Dates & Holidays