



Hungary



Hungary is in Central Europe and it is part of the European Union.

It has a population of about 10 million people.

Hungary has been a republic since 23 October 1989.

Most of the country is flat. (Great and Small Hungarian Plains)

The highest point is a peak called Kékestető, which is in the Mátra Mountains.

The biggest river is the Danube which is 470 km long in Hungary.

Lake Balaton is the largest lake in Central Europe.

Visitors can enjoy the wonderful sights of Budapest, Pécs, Szeged, Debrecen, relax on the beaches of Lake Balaton, go and see the lovely Hungarian villages or visit some of the smaller but beautiful towns like Veszprém, Kőszeg, Eger or Szentendre. They can also go on outings in the romantic 'Pusztá', the Great Hungarian Plain.

The capital of Hungary is Budapest, with 2 million inhabitants.

It lies on the two banks of the River Danube. Budapest is the political and cultural centre of the country.



Békés county

The endless flat region in the south-eastern corner of the Great Hungarian Plain is crossed by several rivers (the rivers Körös, Maros, and Berettyó). The settlements are mostly established on the banks of these rivers. In the almost perfectly flat areas of county Békés a number of towns await visitors. The capital of the county is Békéscsaba.

Szarvas

Szarvas is situated in Békés county. Our town has 18000 inhabitants now. In the development of this town some outstanding personalities played an important role. In the 19th century Bolza family had palaces and parks built. They founded the botanical garden called Arboretum, which is well-known all over Europe. Here you can find different kinds of trees, bushes and plants from all over the world and these rare plants are worth a visit in every season. The building of the old Tessedik-school house is a museum with a rich collection. Constant and temporary exhibitions are held here. In Erzsébet Park the painter György Ruzicskay's Studio House is to be seen. On the riverbank you can find the Historical Memorial Path and on this path you can get to the geometrical centre of the historical Hungary which is a windmill-shaped monument.

There are a lot of pubs, restaurants, cafes, clubs and confectioner's shops. You can eat, have a drink, listen to music or play for example darts, cards or billiards at these places. There are also some supermarkets, bookshops, clothes shops, shoe shops.



THE HISTORY OF OUR SCHOOL

Our school Slovak Primary School and Students' Hostel was established in 1949, so it will be 60 years old this year. It was very important for people living in our town Szarvas at that time because children of Slovak minority could go to school where they could learn their own language.

First the circumstances were not too good and there were not enough teachers who spoke good Slovak,

From 1960 the school has been in its present place and the building was modernized in 1990 and it was rebuilt in 2003.

From 1991 we have had opportunity to employ native teachers from Slovakia so this fact gives us a chance to practice the language with native speakers.

It is a large building and you can find our nursery school, primary school and the students' hostel in it.

There is a big assembly hall where we also have lunch. There is a library, a computer room, a science lab, a gym and there are two language labs and a lot of classrooms. The school is nice, light and cosy.

We have a big school yard with a playground. There's an outdoor oven in the yard. In the yard there are also some trees, bushes, plants, roses and benches with tables. In the yard we can play ball, football, basketball, volleyball, hide-and-seek or badminton.

