

Lake Balaton – Western Hungary

The "Hungarian Sea", is the people's name for the 50-mile long lake with silky green-yellow water in the middle of Transdanubia. Lake Balaton is one of Hungary's most precious treasures and most frequented resorts. It is also the largest fresh water lake in Central Europe. The southern shores are ideal for small children because of the shallow water, however, on the north shore the water gets deeper instantaneously. The summer water temperature is around 80 °F, (25 C°) which is warmer than the average air temperature in the morning and in the evening. The water and the sleek mud of the lake are excellent remedies for nervous complaints, anaemia and nervous fatigue. Picturesque vineyards in the region produce an assortment of excellent wines that go very well with the delicious local food. Large numbers of inns and restaurants welcome guests from home and abroad.

In summer the major towns (Keszthely, Balatonfüred, Siófok, Zámárdi, Balatonboglár, Fonyód) around the lake come alive with colourful programs including a buzzing nightlife. Should you get bored by lying in the sun or soaking in the silky water you surely will find a concert, a cooking festival or a sport event that will jazz you up.

The Mediterranean-like climate, combined with the soil (containing volcanic rock), has made the region notable for its production of wines since the Roman period two thousand years ago. Badacsony is a volcanic mountain and wine-growing region as well as a lakeside resort.

The lake is almost completely surrounded by separated bike lanes to facilitate bicycle tourism. Although the peak season at the lake is the summer, Balaton is also frequented during the winter, when visitors go ice-fishing or even skate, sledge, or ice-sail on the lake if it freezes over. Balaton International Airport provides air service to the lake region.

Beautiful Balaton - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=msKyhJLCJFg>

Day Trip Balaton - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MkPjK_paCwA

Around Lake Balaton - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=84707ulwitM>

BALATON - View - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uWogefb4RjM>

