



## Herb Production

Medicinal plants have been collected or grown in house gardens since centuries. The first written records about medicinal plant cultivation derive from the Middle Ages and they can be found in the Latin works of Italian and French monks who arrived to Hungary. Moreover, some plant species had probably entered the area of the Carpatian Basin right at that time, enriching the medicinal plant treasure of the monasteries and manors.

In Hungary, areas specialised for medicinal plant cultivation developed traditionally during the last centuries and Hungary soon became the main supplier in Europe.

First in the world in 1915. in Hungary, the Medicinal Plant Experimental Station was established. Hungary soon became a „medicinal plant Great Power“.

Cultivation, processing and trade of medicinal plants and plants with aromatic oils became a success sector in spite of the undeniable economic, economic political contradictions. Medicinal plants and plants with aromatic oils produced in Hungary still appear on the export market as traditionally national products.

With this tour we would like to introduce the Hungarian herb production. It is a 6 day tour rich in technical visits at the most interesting farms, companies. Besides these programs, the tour offers tourist sights as well.



### PROGRAM

#### 1st day BUDAPEST

Arrival of the group at the Budapest International Airport. Transfer to the hotel, followed by a 3 hours city tour. Evening river cruise and dinner. Overnight.

#### 2nd day: BUDAPEST-GÖDÖLLŐ

After breakfast technical visit at the Essential Oil Distillery. After this visit departure for Gödöllő, visit at the Agricultural University, where a short presentation of the University is introduced. Visit of the Gödöllő Royal Palace, which is the largest Baroque palace in Hungary and the second largest in the world. It is famous for its unique history and its architecture. Dinner. Participation on your own of the cultural events, like chamber music concerts in the Grand Hall from fall to spring, open air concerts in the Grand Court in the summer. Traditional events: "Palace Concerts" , Annual Chamber Music Festival-late June - early July, International Harp Festival in the 2nd week of October.

Return to Budapest. Overnight.

#### 3rd day: ERDŐKERTES-SZENTENDRE-VISEGRÁD

After breakfast technical visit at Herbaria Company in Budapest and an other company in Erdőkertes, close to Budapest. The activity of this company is the growing of herb and spices plants, contract organising of production, processing and trade. In the afternoon trip to the Danube Bend. Visit the small town of artist's Szentendre and Visegrád. Dinner in Visegrád, overnight in Budapest.

#### 4th day: PÉCS-NAGYDOROG

After breakfast departure to Pécs via Nagydorog. Here will be a technical visit at the Nagydorog and Surroundings General Consumer's and Sales Co-operatives. Arrival in Pécs. With its variety of cultures, long history, pleasant, almost Mediterranean climate and beautiful surroundings, Pécs deserves to be the seat of the region. Dinner and accommodation in Pécs.

#### 5th day: JÁNOSHALMA-BUDAPEST

After breakfast city tour, than departure to Jánoshalma. Technical visit at Bácska Food Company (herbs and spices dried vegetables, processed foods). Typical Hungarian meal, with horse show and gypsy music in the Puszta. Overnight in Budapest.

6th day: after breakfast free time till the departure. Transfer to the airport, end of our services.

### SERVICES:

- 4 x overnight in Budapest \*\*\*
- 1 x overnight in Pécs\*\*\*
- 5 x half board
- 6 x technical visits
- all tourist visits according to the above program
- coach transfer for the whole tour
- guide service for the whole tour