

# Versatility in Hospitality Industry around the Globe

## A Case Study on Cuisines and Culture of Hungary

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**Abstract:** • Hungary is a landlocked country in Central Europe. Its capital, Budapest, is bisected by the Danube River. Turkish and Roman influence on Hungarian culture includes the popularity of mineral spas, including at thermal Lake Hévíz.

- Hungary has a continental climate, with hot summers with low overall humidity levels but frequent showers and frigid to cold snowy winters.
- Hungary has a population of nearly 10 million, mostly Hungarian and a significant Romani minority.
- Budapest is the country's capital and largest city.
- Hungary has a highly developed road, railway, air, and water transport system. Budapest serves as an important hub for the Hungarian railway system

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### I. INTRODUCTION

- Hungary is divided into 19 counties (megye).
- The capital (főváros) Budapest is an independent entity. The states are further subdivided into 174 districts
- Hungary is an OECD high-income mixed economy with very high human development index and skilled labour force with the 16th lowest income inequality in the world.
- Hungary's population was 9,937,628 according to the 2011 census, making it the fifth most populous country in Central and Eastern Europe and medium-sized member state of the European Union.
- Hungarian is the official and predominant spoken language.
- Hungarian is the 13th most widely spoken first language in
- Europe with around 13 million native speakers and it is one of 24 official and working languages of the European Union.
- Hungary is a historically Christian country.

### II. SUMMARY

The most important thing you have to know about Hungarian culture is that people value family very much. Family is the cornerstone of Hungarian society, as per [1] Ignác Romsics (2002).

### HUNGARIANS

Hungarians tend to value relationships in general. They are very sociable people who enjoy interacting with each other as often as possible. Because Hungarians value strong and longterm relationships, and are thus rather emotion-driven, they like sharing.

All in all, Hungarians believe in transparency and honesty, so they're very open with each other about their lives—but not so much about their thoughts!



## RELIGION

Religion plays a rather large role in Hungarian culture and traditions. Hungary is a very religious nation, with nearly 70% of the population identifying as Roman Catholic. This bond with Catholicism not only influences many Hungarian holidays, but is also reflected in the fact that many Hungarians are regular church-goers.

[3]Higgott, Richard A. said, You can find other indicators of Hungary's religiousness in its cities. For example, in cities such as Eger, Esztergom, and Sopron, there are many beautiful, well-maintained, and regularly visited cathedrals.



## FAMILY

Hungarian culture is very much centered around the family. Back in the day, Hungarian families were huge, consisting of several members. Nowadays, the average Hungarian family consists of the parents and one to three kids.

Hungarian family culture extends far beyond the nuclear family. Grandparents, cousins, and other relatives are just as valued—in fact, many grandparents share a household with their children and grandchildren, usually in their own separate little room.

Consequently, it's quite rare in Hungary to send older family members to nursing homes when they're no longer able to live by themselves.



## WORK

- Hungarian business culture is rather strict. Everybody 'knows their place' and knows how to behave around certain people.
- The business etiquette and culture in Hungary are very much built on hierarchy.
- Besides respecting hierarchy in the workplace, Hungarians are rather detail-oriented.
- They usually play by the rules and they like to stay in the know about everything that's going on, as per the study of [2] Macartney, C. A. (1937).
- Punctuality is another top priority in Hungarian work culture. If you have to cancel a meeting, let your Hungarian partners know as soon as possible. If you forget to warn them far enough in advance, they may have a hard time forgiving you, resulting in workplace tension.



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## ART

- Hungarian music is probably the most famous art form in the country, with Hungarian folk and classical music being crucial parts of Hungarian history and culture. Hungarian folk music includes both traditional music and the genre that evolved from it during the twentieth century folk revival.
- Regarding classical music, some of the most admired Hungarian composers of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries include Ferenc Liszt, Béla Bartók, and Zoltán Kodály. Many skilled Hungarian painters lived during this same period. They include:
- Pál Szinyei Merse (Lady in a Purple Dress; The Balloon)
- Mihály Munkácsy (The Settlement of the Magyars in Hungary; Woman Carrying Firewood)
- Bertalan Székely (Leda With Swan)
- You can find many of their works in the Hungarian National Gallery [4] Laszlo Kontler, "A History of Hungary"

**Paining (The Lady In Purple Dress)****FOOD**

- Hungarian food and culture go hand in hand. But before you try any yourself, we must warn you that it's pretty rich. However, this only means their cuisine will feed your soul just as much as your stomach, so don't worry about putting on a few pounds during your stay.
- You must know that Hungarians love their belly, so their meals are rich in fat, spices, meat, and bread. Also, they like their food spicy and full of Hungarian red paprika, which is the core of most Hungarian dishes.
- Other ingredients that Hungarians use often include dairy products—like tejföl, túró, and cheese— meat (mostly pork and chicken), and all kinds of seasonal vegetables grown in Hungary.
- The signature Hungarian dish—which could even be considered a part of ancient
- Hungarian culture—is gulyás (“goulash”), which actually means “herdsman.” It is a thick soup that contains beef, pork fat, Hungarian red paprika (of course), onion, red wine, and lots of vegetables.
- Another Hungarian specialty is lángos, which is deep-fried dough usually topped with garlic, tejföl (“sour cream”), and cheese.
- Hungarians love their stomach, so they definitely like cooking! Keep your eyes peeled for our upcoming lesson on Hungarian foods, in which we'll share a few popular and easy-to-make recipes for you to try at home.





### III. CONCLUSION

Hungary is Highly rich in culture, tradition and they have vast variety in cuisines, Hungary is also a country which follows their family values till now, they value family and relations.

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