

# HUNGARY, Hungaria.



**H**UNGARY is a Part of the Ancient *PANNONIA*, which comprehended all that is now call'd *Carniola*, *Croatia*, *Carinthia*, *Styria*, a great Part of *Austria*, almost the Half of *Hungary*, *Slavonia*, *Bosnia*, and a Part of *Servia*. It was divided into *Pannonia Superior*, or *Consularis*, and *Inferior*, or *Secunda Consularis*. The former lay towards the West, and comprehended *Carniola*, *Croatia*, *Windorum Marchia*, *Carinthia*, *Styria*, and the greater Part of *Austria*. The latter lay towards the East, comprehending *Bosnia*, *Slavonia*, and as much of *Hungary* as lies between the Rivers *Danube*, *Drave*, and the *Raab*. So that not above a third Part of that which is now call'd *Hungary*, lay within

the ancient *Pannonia*, the rest lying in the Countries of *Jazyges Metanassa*, and the *Daci*. Whether the *Pannonii*, who first inhabited *Pannonia*, gave Name to the Country, or it to them, is more than can be learned, as *Reiskius* observes, from the *Grecian* or *Roman History*. *Julius Caesar* first invaded it, *C. Octavius Cas. Augustus* subdu'd it, and *Tiberius* reduced it into a Province. From that Time until the declining State of the *Roman Empire*, it was under the Jurisdiction of *Rome*; but afterwards the *Goths* invaded it, who were expell'd by the *Huns*, as these were by the *Longobards*, whom the *Huns* drove out again. At last, about the Year 900, in the Time of the Emperor *Arnolphus*, there came a watlike People out of *Scythia*, who

who overcame the *Huns*, and mixing with the Remnants of those that were left, made themselves Masters of all that Country, that is now call'd *Hungary*; which is bounded (according to *Cluverius*) with the Mountains *Crapack* on the North, which divide it from *Poland* and *Russia*; on the East with *Transylvania* and *Valachia*; on the South with the *Drave*; and on the West with *Siria*, *Austria*, and *Moravia*. It lies between 45 and 49 Deg. Lat. and 38 and 44 Lon.

The Air of the Country is abundantly temperate, but not very healthful in many Places, where Mists and Fogs are too frequent, but the Soil is good, and yields such Plenty of all Things, for the Life and Delight of Man, that it hardly yields to any Country in *Europe*; for it brings forth all Sorts of Corn, especially *Wheat*, in great Abundance, and produces plenty of generous *Wine*. It so abounds in Cattle, that one Year with another the Number of Oxen and Cows that go from hence to *Vienna*, have been computed to be about 80,000; which are not all consumed there, but dispers'd over a great Part of *Germany*. And there is so great Plenty of *Venison* and *Wild-Fowl*, that (Hunting and Fowling being free to every Body) *Hares*, *Pheasants*, *Partridges*, and other such like, which seem the Property of the Great and Rich among us, are the common Food of the meanest Boors there. This Country is also mighty rich in Mines of *Gold*, *Silver*, and other Metals of less Value, which we shall give a particular Account of, when we come to describe the Towns and Places near to which they are, and especially that at *Gremnitz*, in which they have worked 950 Years. There are also many excellent hot Baths in this Country; especially those at *Buda*, which are esteem'd the noblest in *Europe*, not only in respect of the large and hot Springs, but the Magnificence of their Buildings.

There is no County in *Europe* better River'd than *Hungary*; on the East Side it is washed with that noble and navigable River, the *Tibiscus*, or the *Teyse*, which runs into the *Danube* between *Peter-Waradin* and *Belgrade*; on the West Side runs the River *Arabo*, or *Raab*, which rises in *Styria*, and falls into the *Danube* near *Jaurinum* or *Raab*; on the South runs the *Drave*, which rising in the Territory of *Salzburgland*, falls into the *Danube* near *Erdod*, or Old *Teutoburgium*, and *Esseck*, about 300 Miles from its Spring. On the same Side is also the River *Sava*, which arising in *Carinthia*, enters the *Danube* at *Belgrade*. Upon the North Side of *Hungary*, are the Rivers *Gran* and *Waag*, which rise from the *Carpathian* Mountains. But above all, the great *Danubius*, or *Thonau* is most considerable; it runs through *Hungary*, and begins to be navigable at the City *Ulm* in *Swabenland*, or *Suevia*; and passing by *Ingoldstadt*, *Ratisbon*, *Straubing*, *Passau*, *Lintz*, and *Vienna*, to *Presburg*, and from thence thro' *Hungary*, makes a Course of above 300 Miles before it passes by *Belgrade*; and having washed the Shoars of *Servia*, *Bulgaria*, *Walachia*, and *Moldavia*, at last empties at many Mouths, into the *Euxine*, or *Black Sea*, after having drank in above sixty considerable Rivers, and perform'd a Course of above 1500 Miles.

As this Country excels in Rivers, so has it also many considerable and long Bridges, as that at *Vienna*, which takes above 2000 Trees to plank it; the long Bridge of Boats over the *Danube* between *Strigonium* and *Barchan*; that between *Buda* and *Pest*, is above half a Mile long: There is also a Bridge at *Calocza*, very handsome, and well contriv'd. But the most considerable of all, is that at *Esseck*, built partly over the *Drave*, and partly over the *Fens*, which are often overflow'd; it is five Miles long, and has Towers built upon it, at the Distance of every Quarter of a Mile, and is handsomely rail'd on each Side, and supported by great Trees erected under it, 9 or 10 in a Rank to each Arch.

There are also in this Country two considerable Lakes, viz. The Lake *Balaion* or *Platsee*, which lies between *Vesprimum* and the *Drave*, and has some Forts upon it; and the *Newfidel-Sea*, so call'd from the Town *Newfidel*; the former of which is said to be above forty, the other about twenty eight Miles long. There are also in this

Country several long and spacious Plains; insomuch that *Dr. Brown*, in his Description of it, says, he travell'd from *Vienna* to *Belgrade*, about 400 Miles, upon continual and uninterrupted Plains.

Many *Roman* Emperors have honour'd this Country with their Presence, Birth, Death, and Achievements; for (to omit *Trajan*, *Caracalla*, *Gulienus*, *Constantius*, and many more) the Emperors *Aurelianus*, *Probus*, *Gratianus*, *Maximianus*, were born at *Sirmium*. *Claudius Gothicus* dy'd in or near it: *Jovian* and *Valentinian* were born in *Pannonia*, and *Ingenius* and *Vetricio* were saluted Emperors there; and at *Sirmium* was held a general Council; and the *Roman* Armies being much in this Country, is the Reason why such vast Quantities of Old Medals have been found in it.

As to the *Genius* of the *Hungarians*, however barbarous their ancient Predecessors might be, the modern *Hungarians* are a warlike and politick People; but are by the Generality of Writers charged with Laziness and Gluttony, which seems to be the natural Effect of their excellent and fruitful Soil; and they are generally of a turbulent and rebellious Disposition. This Country having been the Seat of the War so long, and the *Turkish* Power so much prevailing in those Parts, Learning has not been allow'd to flourish, and so we are not to expect any University beyond *Vienna*. Those who have a Mind to be Scholars, and have Money to bestow upon their Education, commonly study at *Vienna*, *Prague*, or *Breslaw*.

The Language of the *Hungarians* is proper to themselves, and different from all other; a Specimen of which we shall set down for the curious Reader's Speculation, out of the Lord's Prayer: *My Attyanck Ky vagy az meniezbe-megh Szentel Tesseck az te nexed, &c.* In some Parts of *Hungary* they speak *Sclavonian*. The great Difference between the Languages of these Countries, obliges them to learn other Languages, especially the *Latin*, which the Gentry and Soldiers generally speak. It is very useful for a Traveller till he comes to *Belgrade*, but below it of no Use to him at all.

As to the Government of *Hungary*, Historians are divided about it; for some maintain (particularly *Coringius*) that even after the Establishment of Christianity, *Hungary* was no Kingdom, nor govern'd by any set Kind of Laws, before the 12th Century: But the *Hungarian* Writers say, that in the Time of *Paganism*, their Country was ruled by Dukes, who exercis'd Monarchical Power, tho' they never assum'd the Title of Kings; and the last of these Dukes was one *Geysca*, or *Geysa*, who in his old Age resign'd the Government, and recommended his Son *Stephen* to the Nobility; who, out of the Respect they bare to the old Man, chose his Son their King, and crown'd him during his Father's Life; from whom, down to this present Time, we have a Succession of 45 Kings, as the Reader may see in the following Catalogue. The Nature of the *Hungarian* Monarchy has been long in Dispute, some maintaining that it was Hereditary, others, that it was Elective; but the Civilians of that Nation are now generally agreed, that the present Emperor has a just Title to that Kingdom, and that *Jure Hereditario*. It has been also hotly disputed, whether *Hungary* was an independent and absolute Kingdom, or a tributary Province, under the Emperor of *Germany's* Protection; but *Lazius* proves by many Examples, that the Kings of *Hungary* have always done Homage to the Emperors, before their Accession to the Crown of that Nation.

The *Hungarian* Horsemen, whom they call *Hussars*, are much better Soldiers than the Foot, whom they call *Heducks*; which may be ascribed in a great Measure to the vast Number of excellent Horses, which are bred in this Country. In former Ages, the *Hungarians* never went to the Field without their long Shields: but in the Year 1572, their General, *George* Count of *Serin*, persuaded them to lay them aside, by reason they were too great a Burthen to them. Their Naval Force, which the Emperor uses for defending this Country, consists in his Ships and Gallies upon the *Danube*. At the Siege of *Belgrade*, as *Dr. Brown* relates from the *Turkish* History, the *Hungarians* sent down the River from *Buda* 200 Ships and Gallies;