

BAMAKO-SUMMER 2026

COMMUNITY ROADBOOK

INTRODUCTION

We would like to thank everyone who has contributed to this roadbook.

Please note that this is a group project. Different parts of the roadbook were written by different people. Usually by people who know the local area. So, it may NOT seem like the Budapest-Bamako roadbook, which is a more coherent publication. Sometimes it gets a little chaotic. Sometimes you will need to skip paragraphs and jump ahead. Sometimes there are different alternative routes. If there is a problem, don't blame the "organizers" - this roadbook was not checked or verified.

OFFROAD OR ONROAD

This is not going to be a difficult 4x4 trip. There will be some dirt road sections in the Baltic countries, but mostly hard packed forest roads. In Poland we are including a nationwide dirt road map where you can choose a legal route. Please always respect private property. Do not enter closed or prohibited roads. We completely avoided highways for smaller, secondary roads.

MOSQUITOS

Bring insect repellent, mosquito coils or whatever method works for you against mosquitos. They may be present everywhere from Tallinn to Mohács.

BRIEFINGS AND MEDICAL TEAMS

There will be no morning briefings and there will be no medical teams. Make sure you have valid EU health coverage through your home country and know the local emergency phone numbers. Instead of briefings, will have a community chat group where you can talk to other members.

WHATSAPP COMMUNITY

Since there is no organization truck or organization, members of the community must rely on themselves and other members of the group. The main source for this is our WHATSAPP COMMUNITY.

- 1 - Download WhatsApp if you don't have it yet.
- 2 - JOIN THE BAMAKO SUMMER COMMUNIT



This map is not for navigation. Mohács is not by the sea. The Baltic Sea is not where Europe ends.

BEFORE THE TRIP:

If you arrive in Estonia a few days before the start and find yourself in need of spare parts, consumables, or last-minute vehicle-

related assistance, local support is available through ABC Varuosad.

Whether you need something as simple as windshield washer fluid or more specific vehicle parts, help can be provided with sourcing components quickly or pointing you in the right direction. No sales commitment is required, and advice is freely available if you need guidance.

If time is critical, please do not place an order through the website. Instead, contact Henry directly:

Henry: +372 5809 2885

www.abcvaruosad.ee

Languages spoken: **English and Estonian**

As many teams experience unexpected vehicle issues shortly before departure, this service may help resolve last-minute problems and keep you on schedule.

Please note: Henry is not a mechanic, but he can assist with sourcing parts and recommending appropriate solutions or suppliers.

JULY 13, 2026 - TALLINN to RIGA



The rally will officially start at **7:30 AM on July 13th** from the parking lot of Unibet Arena in Tallinn, Estonia.

Please note that, just like many things on this rally, the start will be somewhat different from a traditional Budapest-Bamako departure. There will be no grand ceremony, no national anthems, and no elaborate start gate. You may spot a flag or two, but do not expect a

major production. Unless someone shows up with a DJ set and a stack of speakers, it will be a fairly quiet and relaxed departure.

Take the opportunity to meet fellow teams, exchange contacts, and make plans for the journey ahead. The friendships and alliances formed at the start often become some of the best memories of the rally.

The first stage takes you from the Estonian capital to Riga, Latvia. While the journey can be completed in approximately 4 to 5 hours using the main highways, we have designed the route to offer much more than a simple transit day. Expect a mix of off-road sections, interesting points of interest, and the beautiful landscapes that make Estonia such a rewarding destination to explore.

Enjoy the drive, take your time, and ease yourself into the adventure ahead.

OPTIONAL ABANDONED SOVIET MILITARY SITE

Head east on the E20. It's an abandoned Russian submarine base east of Tallinn. According to Google Maps it's closed on Mondays.

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/rdJygESJE4bg7GuP9>

If you want to skip the submarine base go directly towards the first off-road section, the **Paukjärv/Põhja-Kõrvemaa** forest road network, Experience a Baltic forest without the pavement.

EXIT THE MAIN ROAD HERE:

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/YQkP5U4MLWZtdWts9>

Start driving south through the forest roads. These are generally compact gravel/forest roads rather than technical off-road terrain. Access restrictions can occasionally occur because nearby areas overlap with military training zones, so it is worth checking current closures before driving in.

THERE IS A 2KM OFFROAD SECTION, BUT MUST HAVE A GOOD 4x4 TO COMPLETE IT

https://www.google.com/url?q=https://www.google.lv/maps/dir/59.3675468,24.1285237/59.3751348,24.1089439/@59.3713263,24.1035508,2013m/data%3D!3m1!1e3!4m14!4m13!1m10!3m4!1m2!1d24.1241348!2d59.370401!3s0x4692a1319bdd98f:0xc06e9eb7661f42b5!3m4!1m2!1d24.1148127!2d59.3737025!3s0x4692a12eef028f:0x848c49d155f72582!1m0!3e2?entry%3Dttu%26g_ep%3DEgovMDI2MDUyMC4wIKXMDSoASAFQAw%253D%253D&sa=D&source=docs&ust=1780498203695234&usg=AOvVaw10gNBvHrqpZESbyXrQghZB

Here are some village names as navigation points:

Paukjärv

Kõnnu Suursoo

Aegviidu

It's easy to get lost. You will eventually find your way onto a paved road. Head towards Pärnu.

On the road to Pärnu there is an auto museum where you can see old communist era cars. [Automuuseum.ee](https://maps.app.goo.gl/HNZNqBfB2XzKJViw7)

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/HNZNqBfB2XzKJViw7>



If you prefer old trains instead of old cars, check out the Eesti Railyway Museum not far from Pärnu

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/afkboE4jES3tSNG86>

Your next stop is **Pärnu**, Estonia's most popular seaside resort and a favourite summer destination for locals. If the weather is inviting, take a refreshing dip in the Baltic Sea or spend some time exploring the town's charming historic center. Pärnu's old town is compact and easy to navigate, featuring colorful buildings, leafy parks, historic churches, and numerous cafés with outdoor terraces. Compared to the larger Baltic capitals, the atmosphere here is notably relaxed and laid-back.

Leaving Pärnu behind, continue south toward the Latvian border. Once you pass the village of **Häädemeeste**, resist the temptation to remain on the paved main roads. Instead, venture onto the network of forest and coastal roads connecting **Häädemeeste, Kabli, and Ikla**.

To follow the intended route, use the provided waypoints rather than navigating directly to a single destination. These coordinates have been selected to keep you on the historic coastal corridor and its smaller side roads, avoiding automatic rerouting back onto the busy Via Baltica highway. This scenic route follows what is commonly known as the **Rannametsa-**

Ikla Vana Riia Maantee, or the "Old Riga Road", which once served as the principal route between Estonia and Latvia.

Expect quiet forests, coastal scenery, and a far more rewarding driving experience than the main highway can offer.

So go to Häädemeeste and from here navigate the backroads to the border.

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/RiMnbcVduatLBhPa8>

Cross the border at this point

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/4Jqzrvx9cWpUygC38>

Or, if you want to be adventurous, find our own border crossing in the forests east of the beach road.

Those who are going on the road, here is a nice walk into swamp and watchtower - [Tolkuse raba matkarada – Google Maps](#)

WELCOME TO LATVIA!



On the way to Riga there are cliffs - Veczemju klintis. There is also place for camping, a possible place to spend the night.

PLACES TO STAY:

HOTEL OPTION:

Nice small off-road section, at the end there is also Baltvilla hotel where you can eat/stay the night - [Daugavas iela 2, Ādaži, Ādaži pilsēta, Ādažu novads, LV-2164 uz Baltvilla – Google Maps](#)

PAY CAMPING OPTION:

Riverside camping is a nice campground on an island in the Daugava river. We don't know how crowded it will be on a Monday night in July, but worth a try: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/1R72xXnZkBHcwFmX7>
<https://riversidecamping.lv/>

WILD CAMPING OPTION:

Parking lot next to a lake and next to the river. In the summer months a public toilet is available according to descriptions.
<https://maps.app.goo.gl/hb2s3poodAzhdMBB9>

JULY 14, 2026 - RIGA-ALYTUS, LITHUANIA 404 kms

Local knowledge for today:

Botanical garden, nice place to visit - <https://maps.app.goo.gl/9DoAMNejRY5DLhHi6>

Ogres zilie kalni, nice spot for small hike with a tower - <https://maps.app.goo.gl/pu1giAR8bBJprXR16>

City sign for programmers - Code - <https://maps.app.goo.gl/vj9x45NcKC9naAtB6>

There is such site where you can buy offroad routes in Latvia for good price - [Aizraujoši auto tūrisma maršruti Latvijā | Self Drive Latvia](#) . This could be inspirational route to take - [What to see in Zemgale? Find out here! | Self Drive Latvia](#)

Rundāles pils is a must see - <https://maps.app.goo.gl/ffD2sXNSg3R5Ddqe9>

Small detour, in Biržai there is nice lake and castle, also they have their own beer - <https://maps.app.goo.gl/Ff4sEvM2fQdbGDej8>

If you are in a hurry or want to spend more time in Vilnius take the A7/E67 highway for fastest route. However if you'd like to enjoy **Latvia's lake region and northeastern Lithuania**, using secondary gravel roads through forests, wetlands, and small villages we have the option for you. This gives a much more scenic drive than the highway and stays realistic for a normal car in dry conditions.

Riga → Baldone forests → Vecumnieki → Nereta →

BALDON FOREST AREA TO VECUMNIEKI

We help you drive through the woods with a starting point and some pass through points:

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/TRSQtf7zEUdw8iv6>

PASS THROUGH POINTS:

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/SAvHXcSk6Se29KSs5>

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/E4BB9RzuccUJ5k3y9>

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/QKJGudUtpatF18Xg6>

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/hyNGY8zUFSR8T3ya9>

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/q6eX9LjWhC86m3347>

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/3Su1YkUK5XZdHN1L8>

VECUMNIEKI TO NERETA

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/yXVWUnxMsoq19GVD7>

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/JHigLqc2G6NusLaK8> - Back on the paved road

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/c4oPiGvFFW5Z46HZ8> - Cross the Nemunelis river

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/p45qqkrr9f6MjuRE7>

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/mfqYvSESfEArzMRf9> - Find the river crossing and get back on the paved road

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/NaFHpi8k4qs1js1h6> - Cross the river again off the paved road

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/Zh8QYt4uvJVJZj818> - Cross the border to Lithuania

If you chose to go to Vilnius don't miss Trakai lakes and castle around it. <https://maps.app.goo.gl/z2fbUvu9qyU5z8xQ7>

From the town of Suvainiskis head to Panevezys on small backcountry roads.

From Panevezys you can continue on the A8/E67 highway or continue navigating south west towards Alytus on secondary roads. From Alytus cross the bridge to Uzupiai and head to the bivouac.

AWD ORIENTACINES suggestions for Lithuanian part from the Latvia border to Prienai/Alytus.

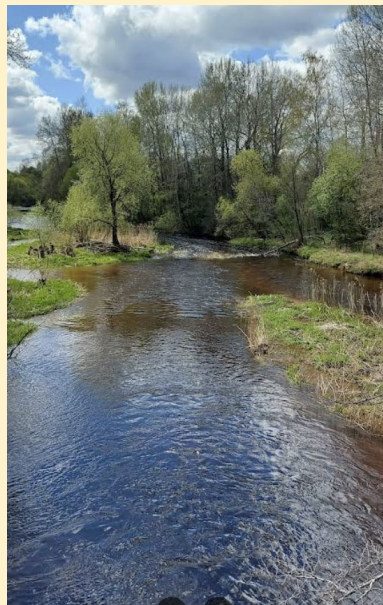
Panevėžys part

[Nevėžnikų Chapel](#), abandoned chapel, offroadable.



[Josvainių buvęs karinis miestas](#), abandon Soviet nuclear bombs area. Interesting, you can go inside the bunkers.
<https://maps.app.goo.gl/Fk8LP1f9ec1RmrS67>

[55.259737, 23.813629](#) river crossing, and hanging bridge





[54.963053, 23.919860](#) Senasis Vandžiogalos plentas. Old rocky road, go down.

[Nemuno slėnio ekspozicija](#)



[Kruonio elektrinės apžvalgos aikštelė](#)



Some light offroad sections

1. Start [54.797363, 24.116267](#), finish [54.776999, 24.132627](#)
2. Start [54.759070, 24.110711](#) finish [54.735193, 24.077791](#)

54.67396, 24.08876 Old partisan's bunker

54.672604, 24.125990 Old tankodrom area

Some light offroad sections:

1. Start [54.653066, 23.932681](#), finish [54.633021, 23.907415](#)
2. Start [54.629999, 23.925051](#), finish [54.619635, 23.912856](#)
3. Start [54.618811, 23.920883](#), finish [54.584774, 23.972473](#)

campsite: [Giraitiškių poilsio vietė](#)



<https://maps.app.goo.gl/LLkHQXHACNUYu7NV7>

OFFICIAL BIVOUAC IN THE WOODS.

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/DaDPPECyrh5pt1n67>

The camp is 35 kms from Alytus by the river Nyeman



JULY 15, 2026 - ALYTUS-WARSAW 450 kms

Today the rally goes from southern Lithuania into north-eastern Poland, through lake districts, gravel roads, quiet borderland landscapes and the open river valleys of Podlasie and Mazovia.

Key route highlights:

Alytus → Druskininkai → Sejny → Wigry → Augustów → Biebrza Valley → Tykocin → Drohiczyn → Liw / Węgrów → Warsaw (The Farm Wild Camping)

Lithuanian gravel and forest-edge roads

The route begins around Alytus and Druskininkai, using scenic secondary roads and gravel sections before crossing into Poland. Suwalszczyzna and Wigry region

A highly scenic northern section with lakes, rolling landscapes, small villages and light gravel roads. Just beautiful and wild.

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/Bh4QWwywB4qjHcuZ9> Get off the paved road

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/6b143bt2HnT4DPqy9> Go south through the woods

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/in5Eaj2D7xK7aPW28> Vincas Krėvė-Mickevičius Memorial Museum (famous Lithuanian author)

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/QTfoyx7SeYDQLpa8> - 16th century road sign

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/NDCF6EB36n2z9RCW7> Cross the river

Cotinue on road 132, 134 and 2510 to

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/oz8yWQxxcRhiGaM2A> Polish border crossing

WELCOME TO POLAND!



From the Polish border we continue through village of Giby and very nice forrest section to Gorczyca waterdame (<https://maps.app.goo.gl/J3hdpcUMugG4TaeA8>) - in the vicinity there is nice lake with possibility to take swim.

Next, we continue through Gruszki, Lipsk and Dąbrowa Białostocka where we could take two routes:

1. west of białystok - on this route we continue through Korycin (famous for its local cheese), Knyszyn (where last kings from dynasty of Jagiellon's spent time) up to Tykocin - the city deeply intertwined with Jewish traditions and culture. In Tykocin You can enjoy traditional Jewish food (a lot of things with raisins and sweet in general) and visit nearby "european stork village" (<https://www.pentowo.pl/>)

2. east of białystok - if you decide to go east, you will encounter more of a wilderness, with mostly gravel roads and very unique architecture. The route leads through Kruszyniany - a village where Polish Tatar's lived for the past 300 years - with a wooden mosque and extremely good food (<https://share.google/FNylfJzKNmalkJfSQ>).

Continue through Bodnary and Narewka with the possible small detour to a monastery surrounded by water and peace (<https://share.google/QlxbLQFnfEfPI2OF3>) to Białowieża, where you can see Bisons in the reserve (<https://share.google/ZsqYYmawxwl6x9thh>) but they also live there freely in the forests.



Look for Polish bisons in the Białowieża Forest.

The two paths then merge again in Grabarka, where on the hill there is a place of a thousand crosses (<https://share.google/9TGNpPGBTCzfYvqxb>).

Next stop (or pass through point) would be Drohiczyn - historic capital of Podlasie region and where in the 13th century the only king in the history of Ruthenia was crowned. City also overlooks Bug river and is a also great place to eat local cuisine. If you still have time/goodwill i strongly recommend visiting Liw Castle (<https://maps.app.goo.gl/ZquX4fk3MMBTs4Eh6>).

Last leg should be considered as getting from point A to point B as we will be approaching Warsaw - roads are paved and not as scenic. I recommend driving through Katuszyn and Mrozy as it will be a calmer road. finish line for the day is The Farm Wild Camping, Nowy Zambrzyków 19, 08-443 Sobienie-Jeziory

Augustów and Biebrza Valley

An attractive landscape section with wide open wetlands, meadows, river roads and slow scenic driving.

Podlasie and Bug River landscapes

The route continues through Tykocin and Drohiczyn, offering a strong local character: small towns, river views, wooden architecture and quiet rural roads.

HOTEL IN WARSAW. Warsaw Plaza Hotel

If you decide to stay in Warsaw for some sightseeing here it is the official hotel on the south side of town with easy access to the roads out of the city. There is parking:

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/nB3DePTxtn7T1ox87>

The Farm Wild Camping

Overnight Bivouac with Campfire, grill, beer and wine

Nowy Zambrzyków 19

08-443 Sobienie-Jeziory (45 km South Warsaw)

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/XyHjKXcdm9grzPNQ6>

Whatsapp Anna at the Farm if you want to book breakfast and dinner: +48510020040

They have grilled meat sets that you can grill yourself and don't have to shop and package.



the farm wild camping

MENU



CAMPING

EUR 35 per night per Bamako Rally Team



BREAKFASTS

Please order one day in advance.

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|---|--|--------|
| 1 | Good Vibes Only | EUR 10 |
| | Bread, butter, jam, seasonal fruit | |
| 2 | Nice & Easy | EUR 13 |
| | Bread, butter, eggs, cottage cheese or yogurt, herbs, seasonal fruit | |
| 3 | Take Your Time | EUR 15 |
| | Bread, butter, eggs, cheese, cold cuts, vegetables, seasonal fruit | |



BARBECUE SETS

For self-grilling over the campfire or on the grills.

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|---|--|--------|
| 1 | Local Sausage Set | EUR 12 |
| | Local sausage approx. 300 g, country bread, pickled cucumber, seasonal vegetables, mustard, ketchup, lard | |
| 2 | Marinated Pork Neck Set | EUR 17 |
| | Seasoned pork neck approx. 350 g, country bread, pickled cucumber, tomato, onion, seasonal vegetables, mustard, ketchup, vinaigrette, mayonnaise | |
| 3 | Chicken Grill Set | EUR 20 |
| | Chicken mix: breast, wings and thighs approx. 300-350 g, country bread, pickled cucumber, tomato, onion, pepper, olives, seasonal vegetables, mustard, ketchup, vinaigrette, mayonnaise, homemade cake | |



DRINKS

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| • Lager Beer | EUR 2.50 |
| • Craft Beer | EUR 3.50 |
| • Red Wine | |
| Bordeaux Mirambeau Villa Le Lucat Rouge, 2021 | EUR 35 |
| • White Wine | |
| Bordeaux Mirambeau Villa Le Lucat Blanc, 2021 | EUR 35 |





There should be room for everyone

JULY 16, 2026 - WARSAW-KOSICE 494 kms

Today is going to be a medium length (with Bamako standards) liaison stage sticking to paved roads, but with lots of attractions and sightseeing. Leave early in the morning. This way you'll have time to enjoy Krakow. After lunch head to the finish line in Kosice.

Also, we've been told that there are very few public dirt roads in this part of Poland. If you want to go explore off-roads, dirt roads in Poland here is a good map of unpaved roads:

https://mapa.wirtualneszlaki.pl/gravelmap#7/52.034/19.052/OSM_base:100-Drogi_szutrowe_osm:100-Drogi_szutrowe_bdot10k:100

After Krakow we can recommend zigzagging down to Kosice and visit one of more of these places:

Wieliczka Salt Mines

One of Poland's most famous sights and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Underground chapels, sculptures, carved in large salt chambers.

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/bUswNZUMQtkoueHG7>



Church made of salt in Wieliczka

Niedzica Castle

A dramatic medieval castle overlooking a reservoir near the Slovak border. One of the most photogenic stops in southern Poland.

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/D8MfMD6igefq8vZo6>



Cross into Slovakia

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/2FuAfqhtq7UMnwFJA>



If you're driving from the **Dunajec Gorge/Pieniny area toward Bardejov**, you're entering one of the best regions in Europe for historic wooden churches. Many belong to the tradition of Lemko, Rusyn, Greek Catholic, and Orthodox architecture, with several UNESCO-listed examples. Here are some:

Saint Francis Of Assisi

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/qLv8u5PmtGgGPwVD8>

Church Of Saint Michael

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/KdwyMdW78BhNybES9>

Church of Saint Nicholas

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/6jixNMc2tndimmMw6>

From here to head to Bardejov. The Bardejov Historic Centre is a remarkably preserved medieval town core located in Bardejov, northeastern Slovakia. Renowned for its Gothic and Renaissance architecture, it has been inscribed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site for exemplifying the urban layout and fortifications of a small Central European town.

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/cj1h5MWqD8Ju2xGi8>

The official camp is a campground in Jasov near forests and lakes. They have bungalows and places for tents. It is recommended that you book a place here. It's going to be the middle of the summer afterall. Since the place has bungalows and shower facilities we don't recommend a hotel for today. If there is no room for you in the camping try wild camping in the neighboring fields, forests, parking lot.

<https://www.autokempingjasov.sk/>

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/JnRKHupFBTAopvua9>

JULY 17, 2026 - KOSICE-GYOMAENDRŐD 286 kms

Today is not a particularly long day, but it will show you many of the landscapes that make this part of Europe so special. You'll drive from the mountains of Slovakia through the vineyards and wine regions of western Hungary before reaching the vast open spaces of the Hungarian Puszta.

Along the way, you'll cross the Tisza River and experience the unique nature, traditions, and flavors of Hortobágy. This is a day to slow down and enjoy the journey. There is good wine, good food, and plenty to see before reaching your destination.

BAMAKO SUMMER

ROADBOOK ENTRY

JASOV (SK)

→
GYOMAENDRŐD (HU)

DISTANCE: ~350 KM

SURFACE: MIXED

DIFFICULTY: ●●●●●



**BUDAPEST-
BAMAKO**
THE GREAT AFRICAN RUN



SLOVAKIA 🇸🇰

JASOV

Debrad Lake

BÖRKA

Take the dirt road behind Debrad Lake and continue via Börka on agricultural and forest connector roads where open and legal.

PASS THROUGH POINT
(Google link)

OLD WOODEN CHURCH
(Google link)

PASS THROUGH POINT
(Google link)

HÁJ WATERFALLS
(Google link)

Short walk required to reach the waterfalls.

SK

HU

BUZITA

ENCS

BOLDOGKÖVÁRALJA

MÁD

BODROGKERESZTÚR

TOKAJ

TISZATARDOS

BALMAZÚJVÁROS

HORTOBÁGY NATIONAL PARK

HAJDÚSZOBOSZLÓ

GYOMAENDRŐD

LEGEND

- Slovakia (Offroad/Gravel)
- Hungary (Paved / Your Route)
- Ferry Crossing
- Border
- Start
- Pass Through Point
- Church
- Waterfall
- Border Crossing
- Food / Restaurant
- Castle
- Jewish Heritage
- Wine / Winery
- Ferry
- Landmark / Nature
- Bivouac

**START
JASOV, SK**

Many forestry and agricultural roads in the Jasov Plateau and Miglinc Valley area. Check local signage – some tracks can be seasonally restricted but this area is perfect for overland-style driving.

PASS THROUGH POINT
(Google link)

OLD WOODEN CHURCH
(Google link)

PASS THROUGH POINT
(Google link)

HÁJ WATERFALLS
(Google link)

Short walk to reach the waterfalls.

BUZITA

Head towards Buzita.

BORDER CROSSING
(Google link)

Crossing the Slovak–Hungarian border. You are responsible for your chosen route in Hungary. No offroad recommendations given due to environmental restrictions.

HUNGARY 🇭🇺

ENCS

Restaurant "Anyukám Mondta"
Recommended to book.

BOLDOGKÖVÁRALJA

Boldogkő Castle – medieval hilltop fortress with panoramic views.

MÁD

Old Synagogue – rich Jewish heritage.

BODROGKERESZTÚR

Reb Shajele's home and cemetery. Spiritual site visited worldwide.

TOKAJ

Famous wine region. Visit the Tokaj Wine Museum.

TISZATARDOS

Take the ferry across the Tisza River. Sierra Leone & Guinea vibes!

HORTOBÁGY NATIONAL PARK

Do not drive offroad. Respect protected areas and local regulations.

- Nine-Arch Bridge – iconic landmark
- Puszta Animal Park
- Hortobágy Csárda – local cuisine

HAJDÚSZOBOSZLÓ

Mirage Restaurant
Szilfa Restaurant

**BIVOUAC
GYOMAENDRŐD
BEACH PARTY**

(Körös River)
Clean up after yourself.
Leave no trace.

IMPORTANT:

Use maps and satellite images to find your own legal and open routes in Hungary. Respect environmental restrictions and locals. Your route, your responsibility.

**RESPECT
THE ROAD
RESPECT THE LAND**

REMEMBER:

- Drive responsibly
- Support local communities
- Leave no trace
- Enjoy the adventure!



Many of the forestry and agricultural roads around Jasov, Miglinc Valley, and Turňa are public gravel roads, but some forest tracks can be seasonally restricted, so check local signage. The Jasov Plateau and Miglinc Valley area are particularly attractive for overland-style driving. Head from Jasov to Háj Waterfalls.

Take the dirt road behind the lake Debrad and continue Bôrka using agricultural and forest connector roads where open and legal.

Pass through point:

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/jpJPQ7ZdM3Vf15jG6>

Old wooden church

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/aXH49AQ1kfDDyJmB7>

Pass through: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/gQxSyBY1efXBYSgc8>

Waterfalls: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/Mx7nGZVWkQ67Ts4SA>

If you want to GPX file for this offroad section download it from here:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1NpgODYvN34M3Elok1LYUaEtR2pcQPjLX/view?usp=drive_link

You have to walk a bit to get to the waterfalls.



From the waterfalls head towards the village of Buzita

Border Crossing

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You are crossing the **Slovak–Hungarian border transition zone of the Zemplén foothills**. There are many agricultural connector roads, winery roads and forest roads. Hungary has many environmental restrictions for these roads. If they see a Budapest-Bamako related group entering any protected road the rally itself can get into trouble. So, we will not recommend any dirt roads in Hungary to avoid problems. However, you are free to use maps and satellite images and share routes with one another. **The road you choose is your responsibility.** We did not send you there.

ENCS: Small village with a very famous and good restaurant called “Anyukám Mondta”. It may be wise to book a table.

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Boldogkővárálja:

Boldogkő Castle is a medieval hilltop fortress located in Boldogkővárálja, Hungary. Overlooking the Zemplén Mountains, it is one of the country’s best-preserved fortifications, known for its striking location and panoramic views of northeastern Hungary.

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Mád and Bodrogkeresztúr

The area is rich in Jewish history. See the old synagogue in Mád or the miracle worker rabbi’s (Reb Shajele) home in Bodrogkeresztúr. People still flock here from all over the world to feel the spirit of this man. Fascinating bits of history both places.

Mád:

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Bodrogkeresztúr:

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/j7d1u2DxfVECw28K9>

Bodrogkeresztúr cemetery:

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/jqk63To4auy6QZrc9>

This region is also a well-known wine region. The world famous Tokaj wine comes from here. Go to Tokaj for a quick visit if you find wines more interesting than Jewish history. Load up on Tokaji or sample other regional wines.

Tokaj Wine Museum

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Head to Tiszatardos and take the ferry across Hungary’s second largest river, the Tisza. Sierra Leone and Guinea ferry vibes await. If

you get there and for some reason the ferry doesn't work let others know in the Whatsapp group.

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From Tiszatardos continue to Balmazújváros and then cut across Hortobágy National Park. This is Hungary's largest protected grassland and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The vast steppe landscape, traditional shepherd culture, birdlife, and the famous Nine-Arch Bridge make it one of the most distinctive landscapes in Europe. Don't attempt to drive offroad. There could be a heavy fine attached to that adventure.

Nine Arc Bridge - iconic Hungarian bridge

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Pusztai Animal Park - dedicated to wild and domestic animals of Hortobágy

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The area is home to Hungarian shepherd foods such as goulash. The meat stuffed crepes, Hortobágyi Palacsinta also comes from here. For local Hungarian shepherd food and regional dishes try the following places:

Hortobágy Csárda

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Mirage Restaurant, Hajdusoboszló

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Szilfa Restaurant, Hajdusoboszló

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/TgozLqfgUwbVNW7i8>

BIVUAC - Gyomaendrőd Beach Party

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/CDuQfLKcvJkHuUpd8>

It is a bivouac by the Körös river. We are allowed to spend the night here with the permission of the city. We will get some private security, a lifeguard and some portable toilets. In return we kindly ask you to clean up around your car in the evening and in the morning. Let's not leave any trash here. Leave it the way you found it.



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Between Gyomaendrőd and Szarvas there are several legal levee and agricultural roads following the river. Some offer excellent views of the floodplain forests. Check local signage because access rules vary. Go towards Szarvas

From Szarvas follow the road to Kardos → Gádoros → Derekegyház → Mártély → Ópusztaszer → Szeged.

This is where the Hungarian plains come alive. You can find floodplain forests, great fields of sunflowers, isolated farms (tanya), historical sites and very little traffic. After Derekegyház you begin to transition from dry Alföld plains and into the Tisza wetland systems.

Ányás Beach - Perfect for cooling off in the Tisza

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/xqc6TPVqhWw1viVn7>

Ferry Crossing across the Tisza

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/z4ecEeTk8gTguBNt7>

Don't miss the the Ópusztaszer National Heritage Park. It commemorates the origins of the Hungarian nation and preserves traditional folk architecture, crafts, and historical exhibits in a park-like setting. According to Hungarian tradition, Ópusztaszer was the site of the first national assembly of the Magyars after their conquest of the Carpathian Basin in the late 9th century. The modern memorial park was established to honor this foundational event and to serve as a focal point for Hungarian national identity and heritage.

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Hungary's 3rd largest city, Szeged is half an hour south from Ópusztaszer. Elegant Art Nouveau architecture, lively café terraces, and broad tree-lined boulevards create a relaxed Mediterranean atmosphere on the banks of the Tisza. If you've never been here, it's worth a visit. You can continue to the finish line from here.

If you're there don't miss the famous art nouveau cafe, Reök.

Reök Handmade Confectionery and Coffee House

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One of Hungary's largest churches, with striking twin towers and a vast open square framed by arcades is also in Szeged. Dom

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The area around Hungary is famous for its spice paprika powder production, which is the foundation of most Hungarian dishes. It goes into most Hungarian food from Goulash to Chicken Paprikash. Find out how it's grown, processed and sold by visiting the Paprika Museum of a family paprika farm and factory. You can also pick up some useful souvenirs for home.

Paprika Molnár Museum

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The pride of Szeged, Paprika

East of the Paprika museum you can catch glimpses of Hungary's military style border fence that it built during the Orban years between the EU and Serbia. Word of the day is: NATO WIRE.

Take the road from here south to the fence:

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/dFqUWtSRKxF8j6yE6>

You can drive along the fence on the dirt road. Don't pick up hitchhikers.

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/kLcAm2T59nghQaCv9> Get back on the paved road here.

Follow whichever route you prefer to Dunafalva. This is the point where you cross the Danube by ferry.

Dunafalva Ferry

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/seHrsLRthZ9BBQny9>

Congratulations! You've crossed Hungary's two largest rivers the Tisza and the Danube on the same day. Nice work.

Head to the bivouac which is an organized campground by the city of Mohacs.

Welcome to Mohacs, a city of historical significance and calm riverside atmosphere. It was the site of the 1526 Battle of Mohács, a defining moment in Hungarian history. the moment that opened the way to 150 years of Turkish occupation. Today, it is most famous for the unique **Busójárás** carnival, a UNESCO-listed winter festival featuring masked processions and folk traditions. Beyond its history, Mohács offers a relaxed riverfront setting, ferry crossings to Croatia, and easy access to the Danube floodplain landscapes, making it a quiet but culturally rich stop in the southern Great Plain.



Busójárás in Mohács

Bivouac Entrance

The Mohacs bivouac is right by the Danube in the city.

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The finish line of Bamako Summer coincides with the **Danube Fish Festival**, one of Mohács' most popular summer events. The festival celebrates the rich fishing traditions of the Danube region and, above all, its most famous dish: spicy paprika-flavoured fish soup, known locally as *halászlé*.

Visitors can sample a wide variety of fish dishes, enjoy local wines, and experience the unique atmosphere of this Danube town.

In southern Hungary, fish soup is a matter of pride. The people of nearby Baja will confidently tell you that their version is the best in the country, while the residents of Mohács passionately defend their own recipe. This rivalry has been going on for generations, and no clear winner has ever emerged.

Come hungry, taste as many versions as you can, and decide for yourself who deserves the title. The festival offers live music, cultural programs, local food, and plenty of opportunities to celebrate the end of the rally with fellow teams.

Join us at 8:00 PM for the official Bamako gathering, where we will unveil the route of the 2027 Bamako Extreme.

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Programme: <https://dunamentihalfesztival.hu/de/programme>