



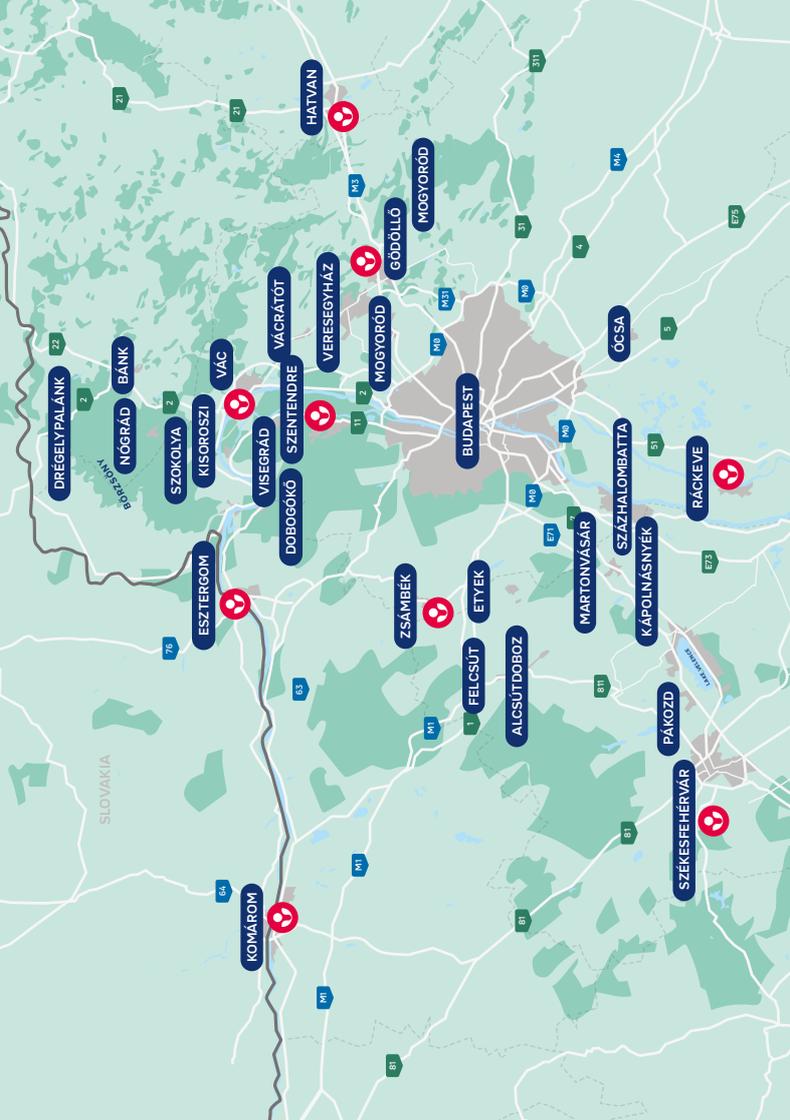
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# Adventure is just a stone's throw away

In Budapest, you can experience something new every single day of the year. With its rich history, bustling life and cosmopolitan atmosphere, with the different characters of Pest and Buda, the riverbank at the Bálna, at Római part and Kopaszi-gát, the city offers a lot to explore—again and again—to Hungarians as well.

The surroundings of Budapest are equally amazing. Leave the city centre behind, and after an hour's ride you can explore a totally different environment. However, the bustling life of Budapest and the natural beauty of its surroundings are intertwined, with one making the other even more appealing. Travelling around Budapest, you can visit impressive palaces and castles that have witnessed centuries of history, and you can immerse yourself in nature as well. Wherever you go, adventures await. Visit the Danube Bend, explore the cities, take a backpack and go hiking in the woods or relax, sipping a glass of fine wine in the Etyek-Buda or Neszmély wine region.

# 5+1 unmissable experiences

## CRUISING IN THE DANUBE BEND

Cruise ships and hydrofoil boats depart from Vigadó tér in Budapest and take you to the Danube Bend with its historical and natural sights and its gems, the towns of Esztergom, Visegrád, Vác and Szentendre.



## WINE TOUR IN ETEYK

Etyek is well-known for its film studio and its history in viticulture, winemaking and sparkling wine production—hence the epithet, “Budapest’s vineyard”. You can taste truly memorable wines, sparkling wines and enticing snacks.

## THE GRAND ROYAL PALACE OF GÖDÖLLŐ

The favourite summer residence of Queen Elizabeth aka Sisi is an unforgettable experience with its ornate suites, castle theatre (considered a rarity in Europe) and its romantic park.



## NOT JUST FOR THE VIEW: HEAD TO ESZTERGOM!

One of Europe’s largest basilicas with the world’s largest altarpiece painted on a single canvas and the Renaissance Bakócz Chapel. The 400 steps to the lookout of the dome and the view will surely take your breath away.



## STROLL AROUND SZENTENDRE

A bustling town with narrow streets of cobblestone, offering all kinds of activities. The main square looks straight out of a fairy tale, and you can explore a number of museums, heritage buildings, churches and the open air museum.

## WALK UP TO THE VISEGRÁD CITADEL

You can learn about feasts, intrigue and how the crown was stolen. If you come by car, you will take the most scenic route in the county, and from the court you can enjoy the magnificent view of the Danube Bend.



# Amazing palaces nearby

## **GRASSALKOVICH MANSION, HATVAN**

The ruins of Hatvan Castle were also used in its construction at that time. Today, it is home to the Széchenyi Zsigmond Carpathian Basin Hunting Museum.

## **LAFFERT MANSION, DUNAHARASZTI**

The Baroque mansion has a ceremonial hall, connecting salons, a modern exhibition area on the upper floor and a lovely, remodeled garden.

## **TELEKI-WATTAY CASTLE, POMÁZ**

The castle with the 2-hectare Baroque park is an island of calm at the foot of the Pilis Mountains. Today there is a complex art school in the building and the Wattay memorial room is open to the public.

## **HALÁSZ CASTLE, KÁPOLNÁSNYÉK**

A tiny yet impressive castle, this neo-Baroque building has a 1.5-hectare park, an event centre and an exhibition area.

## **HABSBURG PALACE RUINS, ALCSÚTDOBOZ**

Only the main facade of Palatine Joseph's palace has survived. The English landscape garden is now the Alcsút Botanical Garden, with rare plant species on 40 hectares.

## **BRUNSZVIK MANOR, MARTONVÁSÁR**

The Neo-Gothic castle, once owned by an aristocratic family, has a magnificent English landscape garden. Make sure you visit the Beethoven Memorial Museum and the restored Streicher piano of the Brunszvik family.



# Time travel at Royal Palace of Gödöllő

## **SPLENDOR AND GRANDEUR**

Built by Antal Grassalkovich I, a special part of the castle is the ceremonial hall from around 1758, designed by court architect Nikolaus Pacassi. The orangery, the stables, the castle theatre that can accommodate 100 people and the huge park full of flowers are worth a visit.

## **THE ROYAL WAITING HALL**

The Neo-Renaissance royal waiting room built for Sisi and Emperor Franz Joseph was renovated according to the original plans from 1882. Today it is an exhibition space with exhibitions about the history of transportation and the royal family.

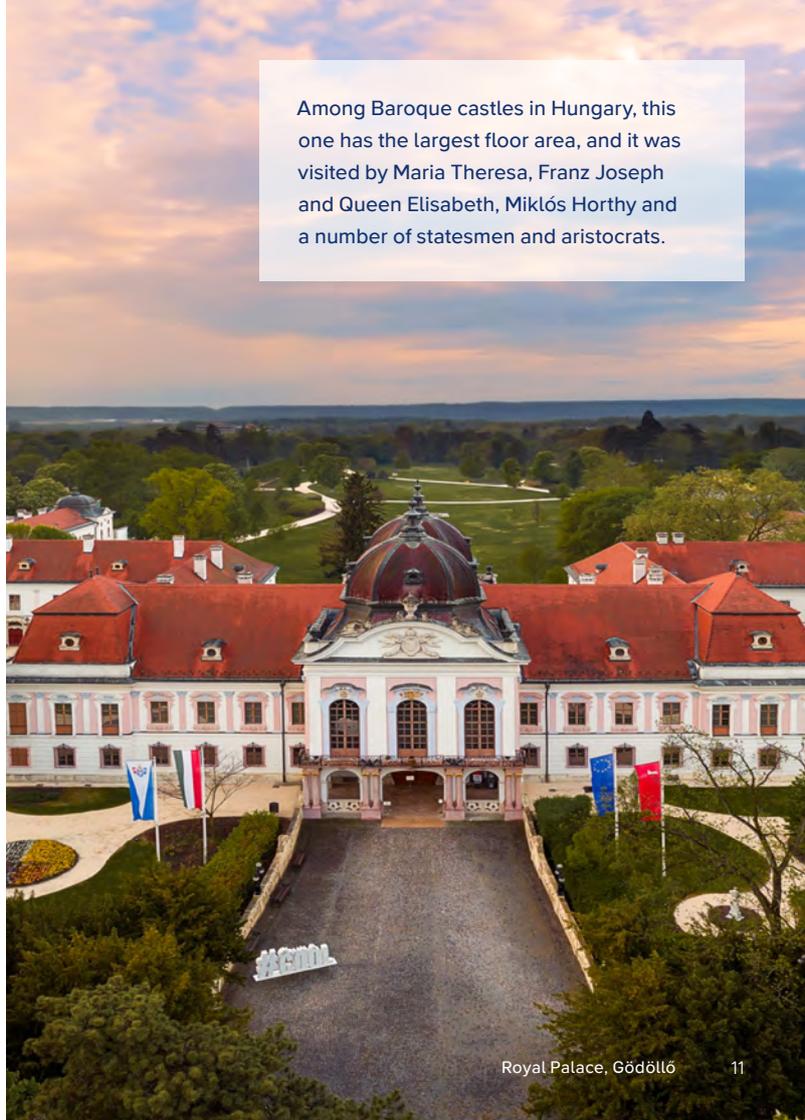
## **HORTHY'S BUNKER**

The blast shelter is 10 metres under ground and has 170-cm-thick reinforced concrete walls. The exhibition describes the period of the war, and you can also hear some songs by the popular singer Katalin Karády.

## **KIRÁLYDOMB PAVILION**

On the walls of the hexagonal building in the 26-ha castle garden you can see oil paintings of Hungarian rulers.

Among Baroque castles in Hungary, this one has the largest floor area, and it was visited by Maria Theresa, Franz Joseph and Queen Elisabeth, Miklós Horthy and a number of statesmen and aristocrats.



# Cultural attractions in Gödöllő

## **CITY MUSEUM OF GÖDÖLLŐ**

The renovated Hamvay Mansion is now a cinema and a museum where you can explore the national scout collection and learn about the history of the city and its legendary art colony.

## **GÖDÖLLŐ APPLIED ARTS HOUSE**

Following the tradition of the Art Nouveau artist group of Europe-wide fame, the Applied Arts House is a place for creation and an exhibition space.

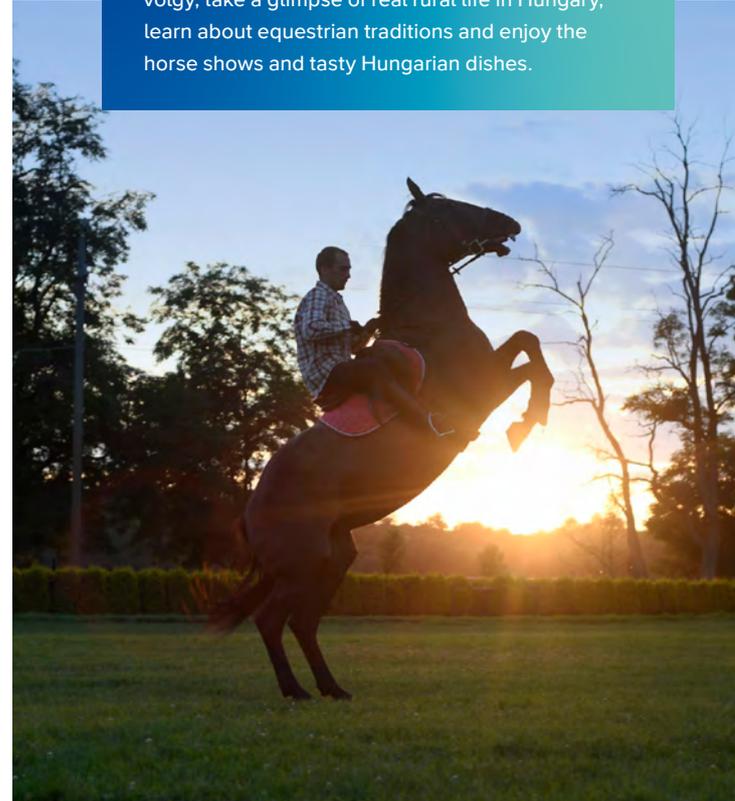
## **HUNGARIAN UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURAL AND LIFE SCIENCES**

The campus has a botanical garden and an agricultural museum. One of the most famous reliefs by Amerigo Tot can be seen in the hall.



## **WHERE HUNGARIAN EQUESTRIAN TRADITIONS LIVE ON**

Visit Lázár Equestrian Park in the scenic Domony-völgy, take a glimpse of real rural life in Hungary, learn about equestrian traditions and enjoy the horse shows and tasty Hungarian dishes.



# Solidly built castles tell stories of the past

## **DRÉGELY CASTLE, WHERE HEROES WALKED**

Standing at a height of 444 meters, the fortified castle commemorates the most heroic defenders of Hungarian history, including Captain György Szondi. In Drégelypalánk, visitors can explore the Szondi Exhibition Hall and Tourist Centre dedicated to this historic theme.

## **BORY CASTLE: A SYMBOL OF MARITAL LOVE**

Every summer for 40 years, sculptor Jenő Bory was building this castle himself on the Öreghegy. He lived here with his wife and children, now it is a museum.



Fort Monostor, Komárom

## **TWO COUNTRIES, ONE FORT: THE KOMÁROM FORTIFICATION SYSTEM**

The fortress system in Komárom – the largest modern fortress in Central Europe – is well worth a visit. On the Hungarian side, the Csillagerőd, the Igmánd Fortress and Fort Monostor stand in a row.

## **NÓGRÁD CASTLE, THE TREASURE OF THE BÖRZSÖNY**

A witness to 1000 years of Hungarian history, this is the oldest stone castle with an irregular plan in the country. It is in ruins, but beneath the corner tower you can see a monument with carved wooden columns commemorating the leaders of the seven Hungarian tribes, erected at the 1100th anniversary of the Hungarian conquest.

## **A BREATHTAKING VIEW FROM THE ESZTERGOM CASTLE**

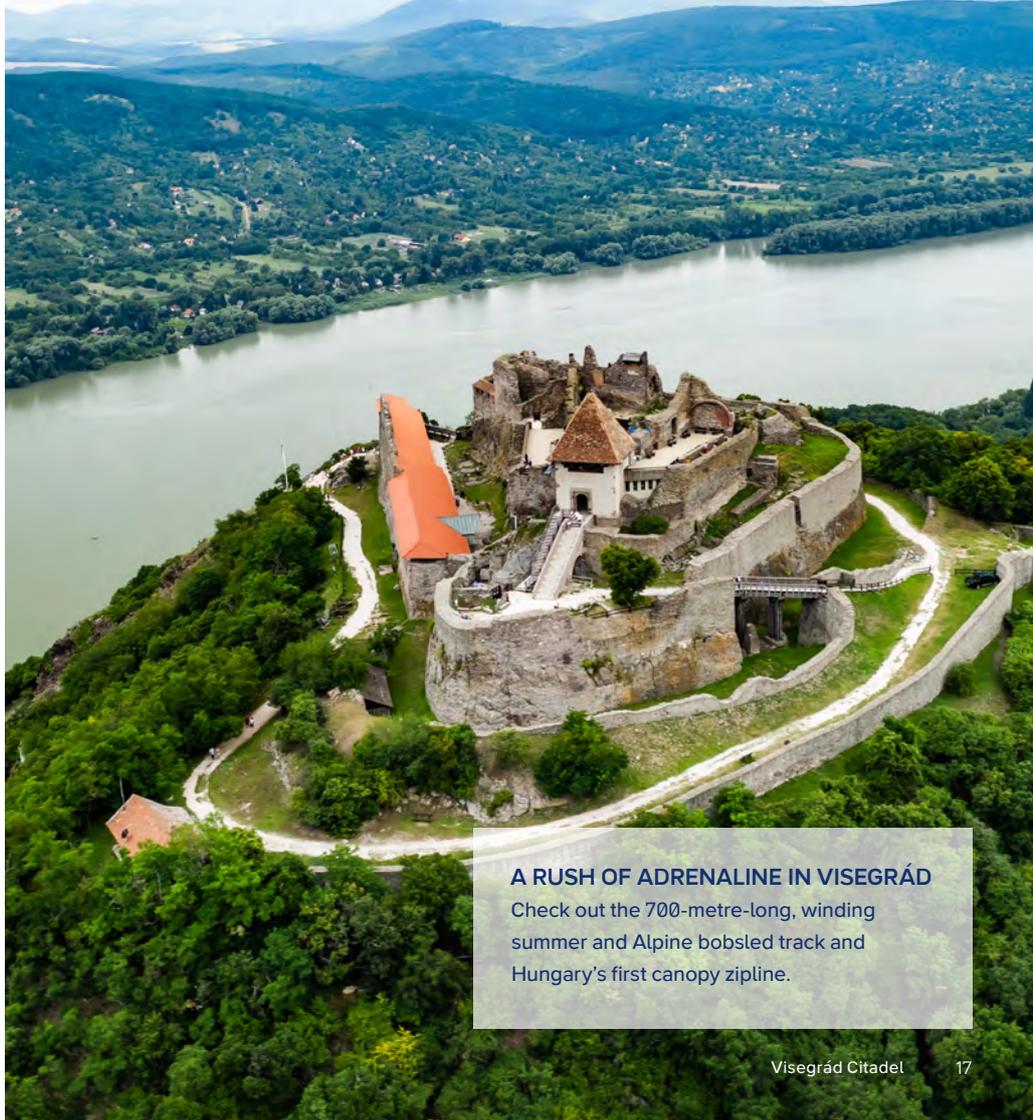
Visit the yard, the bastion and the grand building right next to the Basilica, enjoy the great view and explore permanent and temporary exhibitions.

# Visegrád: 1000 years of history

Spanning from the rocks at the top of the Visegrád Mountains to the bank of the River Danube, the Citadel, the Lower Castle (Solomon Tower), the Water Bastion and the defensive wall across the valley make up an impressive fortification system. Exhibitions in the castle take you to times of old and you can enjoy the most magnificent view of the Danube Bend from here.

## **A WALK IN THE ROYAL PALACE OF VISEGRÁD**

One of the most impressive royal palaces in the Middle Ages, with a Renaissance ceremonial courtyard, palace gardens and the extraordinary Hercules Fountain.



## **A RUSH OF ADRENALINE IN VISEGRÁD**

Check out the 700-metre-long, winding summer and Alpine bobsled track and Hungary's first canopy zipline.

# Explore the Pilis, Visegrád and Börzsöny Mountains!

Several lookouts offer  
a breathtaking view  
of the Danube Bend

## TOP 3 HIKING TRAILS

### **PRÉDIKÁLÓSZÉK | 10,6 KM**

As you set out on this 10.6-km trail from Dömös, the first section is rather steep. As you pass the Vadálló-kövek rocks, you can enjoy the view from Prédikálószték. From the Hubertus hut, take the trail through the romantic valley of the Szőke spring back to Dömös.

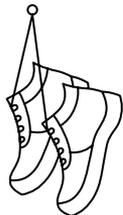
### **SPARTACUS-PATH | 14 KM**

This 14-km trail starting from Pilisszentlászló holds a cult status. In the Apáti-kút valley, you can cross the stream stepping on stones and walking through fords. Visit the Bertényi Miklós Botanical Garden and walk through the picturesque Telgárthy Meadow. The trail will take you back to Pilisszentlászló through the narrow valley of the Alpár spring.

### **RÁM-GORGE | 8,8 KM**

This 8.8-km trail starts from Dömös and takes you through a gorge. Walk through the valley of the Malom Creek, then visit the Holy Tree Chapel pilgrimage site. When you get to the ravine, use the ladders to get to the top. From there, walk back to Dömös through the Lukács Trench.

# 6 items for your bucket list in the Danube Bend



## **REMETE CAVE, NAGYMAROS**

Not so easy to reach, but it is worth it: enjoy the mighty view of the Danube Bend with the mountains in the background.

## **STRÁZSA HILL, ESZTERGOM**

Here is the only cave in the county you can visit, there is a lookout on Kis-Strázsa Hill, and you can visit Kökőrcsin (pasqueflower) House and learn about wildlife in the region.

## **NAGY-HIDEG HILL, SZOKOLYA**

Listen to the rustling ferns and the murmuring stream as you walk up to the cabin on the hill. From there, you can also reach the lookout tower of Csóványos.



Remete Hill, Nagymaros



## **CANOE TRIP—IPOLY-DUNA**

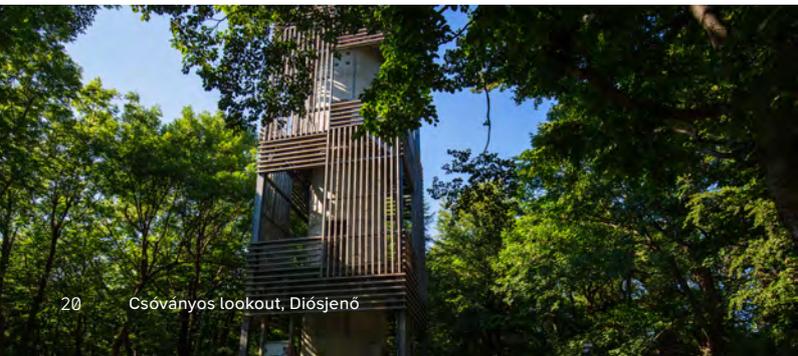
Canoe trips through wild and beautiful sections of the River Ipoly are getting more and more popular.

## **BIKE TOUR—GÖD-SZOB**

A most beautiful route with rest areas, beaches and bike repair shops.

## **MOTORBIKE TOUR—VÁC-SZENTENDRE**

The Vác-Szentendre route is very popular with bikers, but you can explore it without a motorbike, too.



# The Pilis Park Forest awaits hiking enthusiasts

Discover this more than  
50-year-old, 65-hectare  
paradise.

## TOP 4 EXPERIENCES IN THE PILIS PARK FOREST

### **RIDING IN PILIS**

Riding through the wild tracks of Pilis Ride is a great experience for both professional and amateur riders.

### **AUTUMN? DEER ROARING**

Foresters will take you on a tour to listen to deer roaring, and with a bit of luck you might even hear the rattling of antlers.

### **MAKOVECZ IN THE DANUBE BEND**

Did you know? The famous architect, winner of the Kossuth and Miklós Ybl Awards, designed the Zindelyes Guest House in Dobogókő, the Madas László Forest School and the lookout on Kis-Hárs Hill in the Buda Hills.

### **BIKING IN AND AROUND THE PILIS AND VISEGRÁD MOUNTAINS**

Mountain bikers love the Pilis, as they can ride 350 km on 34 trails here.

# Lookouts in the area

## 938 m CSÓVÁNYOS LOOKOUT, DIÓSJENŐ

Enjoy one of the most enchanting mountain views in Hungary from this lookout tower with a distinctive design.

## 756 m BOLDOG ÖZSÉB LOOKOUT, PILISSZENTKERESZT

This 17-metre-high lookout tower offering a 360-degree view was built with 3.8 tons of reinforcing steel and 6 tons of steel fittings.

## 699 m DOBOGÓKŐ LOOKOUT, PILISSZENTKERESZT

One of the greatest views in Hungary: you can see the nearby hills and the Danube Bend from here.

## 678 m REZSŐ LOOKOUT

Looking towards Dömös, you can see the Rám Hill, the Vadálló-kövek and Prédikálószték, and you can also enjoy the magnificent view of the Danube Bend.

## 639 m PRÉDIKÁLÓSZÉK LOOKOUT, DÖMÖS

The 12-metre-tall wooden structure with concrete foundation is among the most popular lookouts in the area.

## 482 m HEGYES-TETŐ, JULIANUS LOOKOUT, NAGYMAROS

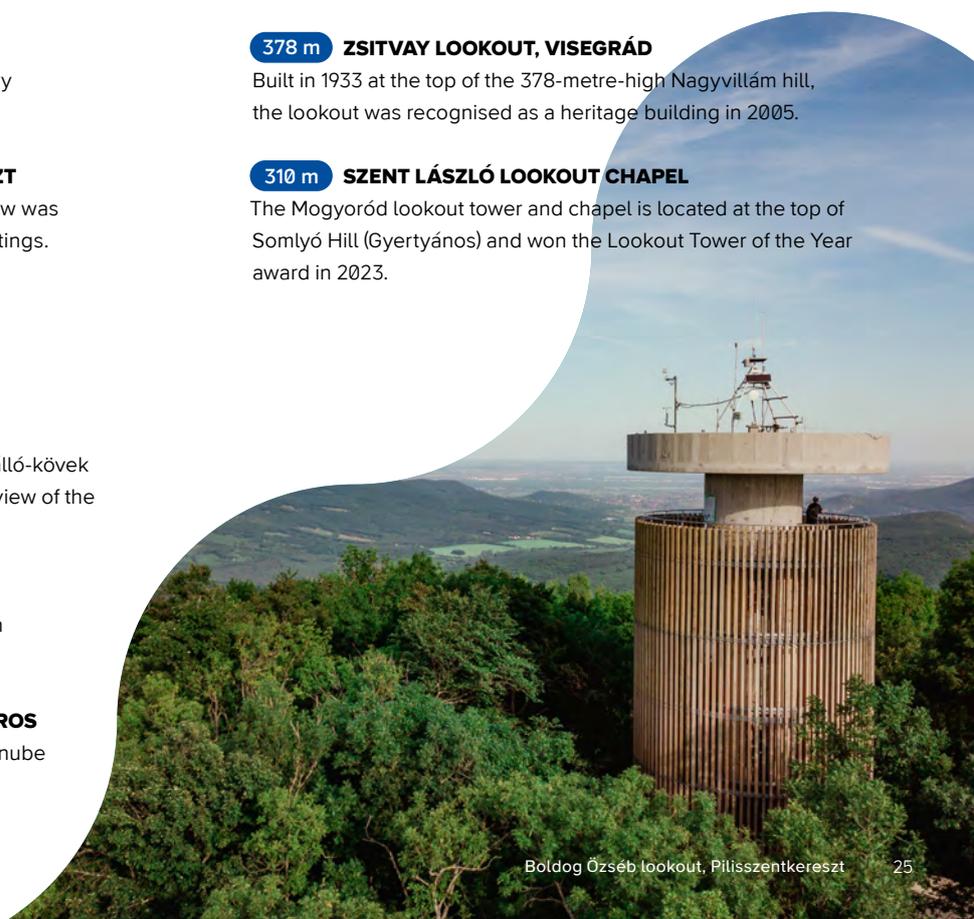
You can enjoy the most beautiful 360-degree view of the Danube Bend from this lookout that resembles a medieval bastion.

## 378 m ZSITVAY LOOKOUT, VISEGRÁD

Built in 1933 at the top of the 378-metre-high Nagyvillám hill, the lookout was recognised as a heritage building in 2005.

## 310 m SZENT LÁSZLÓ LOOKOUT CHAPEL

The Mogyoród lookout tower and chapel is located at the top of Somlyó Hill (Gyertyános) and won the Lookout Tower of the Year award in 2023.



# Top 9 child-friendly trails nearby

## KIRÁLYRÉT NATURE TRAIL, SZOKOLYA

The 2.9-kilometre-long trail will take you to lakes and forests, and you can also visit the Lynx House Visitor Centre.

## STRÁZSA HILL NATURE TRAIL, ESZTERGOM

The trail starts from Lake Gyilkos and offers a great view from the lookout tower of Strázsa Hill.

## HOLDVILÁG-GORGE, CSOBÁNKA

A mystical spot in the Visegrád Mountains.

## SELYEMRÉT NATURE TRAIL, ÓCSA

Take a pleasant trip through a magical swamp forest.



Balancing Rocks, Pákozd

## MOGYORÓHEGY NATURE TRAIL, VISEGRÁD

A pleasant hike with a wildlife park and a playground.

## DERA GORGE, PILISSZENTKERESZT

One of the most charming creek valleys in the Pilis.

## MADÁRDAL (BIRDSONG) NATURE TRAIL, LAKE VELENCE

As you walk along the lake, you can spot rare birds.

## GYADA NATURE TRAIL, SZENDEHELY-KATALINPUSZTA

The 30-metre-long suspension bridge is not for the faint of heart.

## THE BALANCING ROCKS, PÁKOZD

Just as if giants had played a ball game here, the huge blocks of stone look as though they could be easily picked up and moved.



# 7+1 family activities you must try

## HAVE FUN AT THE SZIGET-HALOM WILDLIFE PARK

Meet deer, alpacas and horses. The little ones will enjoy the playground, the petting zoo and the smallest railway you can ride in Hungary.

## THE LARGEST WATER PARK IN THE AREA

For lovers of water slides and water adventures, the Mogyoród Aquapark is paradise on earth. Stretching over a vast green area, the entertainment centre features nine swimming pools and a 26-slide system with a total length of 1.5 kilometres, ensuring an unforgettable experience.

## HUNGARORING—IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF LEGENDS

Take a photo on the podium, book a date for an unforgettable drive or take an exciting driving training.

## A MAGICAL WALK IN THE NATIONAL BOTANICAL GARDEN IN VÁCRÁTÓT

The largest and richest botanical garden in Hungary, with 13,000 plant species and dozens of animal species.



## UNFORGETTABLE TRAIN RIDES IN THE WOODS

Nature enthusiasts will love the winding narrow gauge railway in the Börzsöny Mountains, which takes them on a 20.8-kilometre-long ride from Szob to Nagybörzsöny.

## VERESEGYHÁZ—WHERE THE BEARS AWAIT

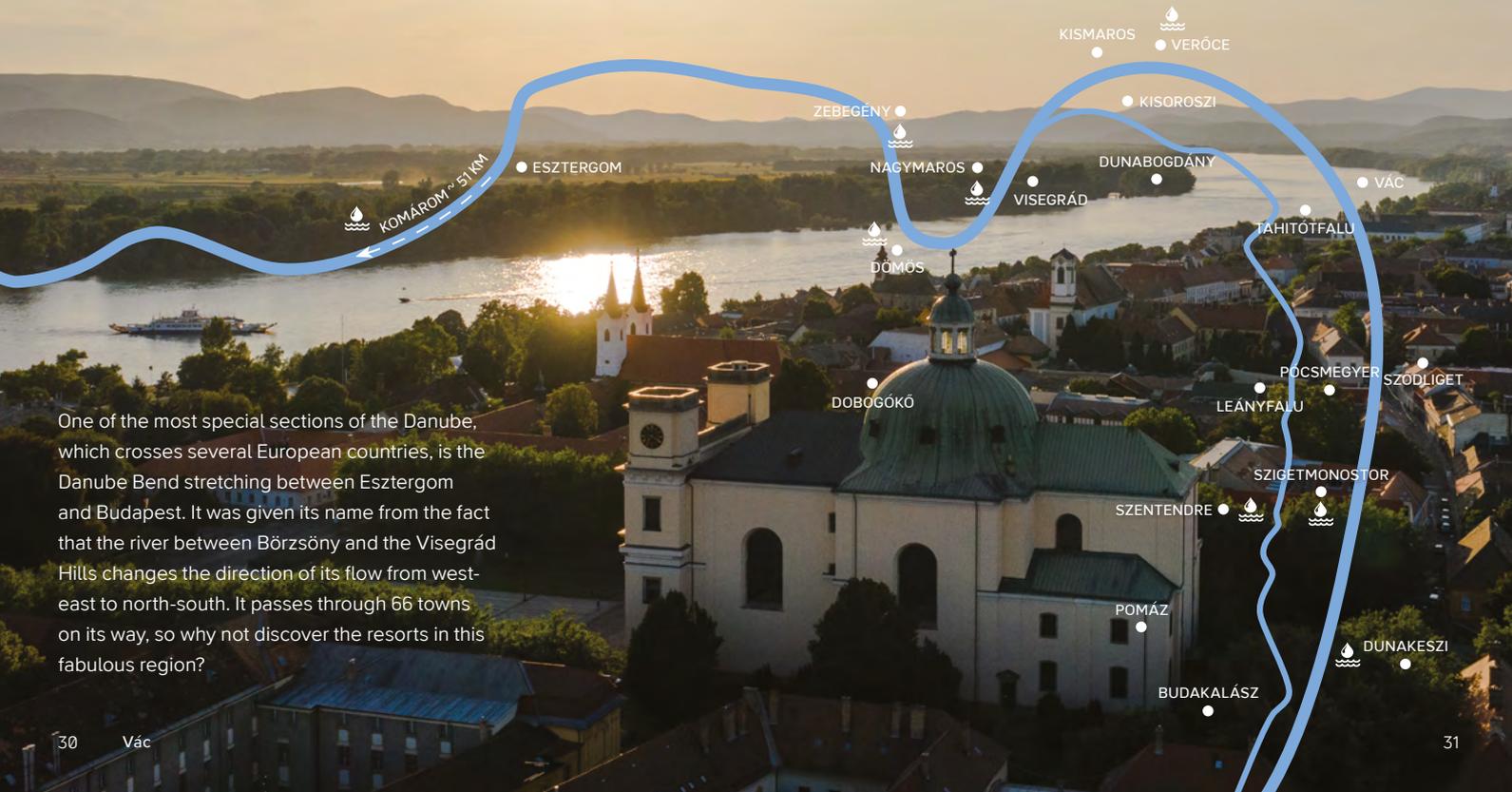
The Veresegyház Bear Farm is one of its kind in Central Europe. What makes it really special is that visitors can feed the bears themselves—and they can also see wolves, lions and other animals.

## WHERE MOVIE LEGENDS COME TO LIFE: KORDA FILM STUDIO

The visitor centre in Etyek offers a peak behind the scenes of Hungarian and international productions. You can learn about the production process and visit one of the biggest “New York street” sets in the world.

# Explore the Danube Bend

Beaches along the Danube



One of the most special sections of the Danube, which crosses several European countries, is the Danube Bend stretching between Esztergom and Budapest. It was given its name from the fact that the river between Börzsöny and the Visegrád Hills changes the direction of its flow from west-east to north-south. It passes through 66 towns on its way, so why not discover the resorts in this fabulous region?

# Esztergom, the capital of the Danube Bend

Walk down the 200 steps of the medieval stairs (Macskalépcső), take a stroll on the beautiful Szent István Square. Check out the famous Kis-Duna promenade, take a walk on Prímás Island, visit the Turkish bath at the Esztergom bath and enjoy a play in the open-air castle theatre in the summer.



## TIPS FOR EXPLORERS:



### VASKAPU MOUNTAIN

The Vaskapu shelter, built in 1914, is at the top of the mountain, and about 50 metres from there, you can see a life-size statue of the Virgin Mary.



### CHRISTIAN MUSEUM

The largest religious collection in Hungary, with objects related to folk religiosity collected by Zsuzsanna Erdélyi.



### ESZTERGOM TURKISH MOSQUE

You can see a permanent exhibition about the city under Ottoman rule, temporary exhibitions and various performances in the prayer hall.

# Esztergom Cathedral

The 100-metre-tall Classicist Cathedral is the largest in Hungary, and one of the largest in Europe.

The grand building of the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Assumption and Saint Adalbert took 47 years to build and was completed in 1869. According to certain sources, the very first church in the country, the one where the first king, St. Stephen was baptised, stood nearby.

## A BREATHTAKING VIEW

The main facade of the Esztergom Cathedral faces east so, unlike other churches, the sanctuary is in the west part, which faces the river.

The lookout of the dome offers a gorgeous view of the city, the Mária Valéria Bridge and the Danube Bend.



# Szentendre, the city of arts

Szentendre is often called the city of painters and it is a major artistic centre of Hungary. Its lovely, winding streets, cosy restaurants, cafés, museums and galleries and, of course, the riverbank make the city a popular destination.

The former Szentendre Artists' Colony is now the MANK Gallery and is still the base of local painters. Another important art centre in the city is MűvészetMalom with its unique exhibitions.



## OPEN AIR MUSEUM

The largest open air museum in Hungary presents folk traditions and architecture from the 18-20th centuries. You can learn about the life of peasants through interactive experiences. In the spring of 2022, the first exhibition unit of the new Transylvania complex was opened.

## SZENTENDRE ISLAND

You can access the island through a bridge at Tahitófalu, or you can take one of several ferries. Villages on the island: Szigetmonostor, Pócsmegyer, Kisoroszi and Tahitófalu. The latter is known for the press house and holiday home of architect Mihály Pollack. On the right hand side of the Danube you can explore the limes, the eastern defence system of the Roman Empire.



# Modern visual arts in Szentendre

In the late 1920s, an artists' colony was established here that attracted artists of international fame, including Jenő Barcsay and János Kmetty, and it is still a motivation for contemporary artists to move here.

## SZENTENDRE GALLERY

On the lovely main square, on the ground floor of the former Kereskedőház (trading house) heritage building, the IKON exhibition space of the Szentendre Gallery organises temporary exhibitions of contemporary artists.

## FERENCZY MUSEUM

Temporary exhibitions present 20th-century and contemporary artists and Hungarian and international art projects.

## OPEN WORKSHOPS AND GALLERIES

If you would like to try various art forms and enjoy the process of creation, you will find plenty of places in Szentendre that will accommodate you.

## ERDÉSZ GALLERY & DESIGN

Modern pieces by Kassák, Moholy-Nagy and Bortnyik are on display and can be purchased here, along with works by contemporary artists.

## KMETTY MUSEUM

János Kmetty created a unique interpretation of Cubism, adapting it to his painting style.



## MARGIT KOVÁCS CERAMICS MUSEUM

The collection presenting the oeuvre of Margit Kovács, ceramic artist and winner of the Kossuth Award, was opened in 1973 and is one of the most popular museums in Szentendre. The exhibition includes authentic reproductions of the best-known pieces that the blind and the visually impaired can touch.

# Zebegény: love at first sight

Residents of Budapest fell in love with Zebegény at the turn of the 19th and 20th centuries and this love has not faded.

## NAPRAFORGÓ (SUNFLOWER) HOUSES

The cyan blue houses with green fences on Napraforgó utca were purchased and renovated by Countess Franciska Apponyi in the 1920s.

The Countess supported the local children and created a nature-loving community, stories about which can be heard to this day from the descendants living here.

## MARITIME HISTORY MUSEUM

The items collected and made by Captain Vincze Farkas offer a glimpse into the world of navigation and sailors.

## DÓRY CASTLE

Even though you can't go inside, this castle by the Danube, renovated in 2001, is still worth a look.



## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH DEDICATED TO OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS

The Roman Catholic church designed by Károly Kós, who was inspired by wooden churches in Transylvania, is one of the most important sights in Zebegény.

## HÉTHÍD

The railway bridge with the 7 arches above the Malom Creek was built in the mid-19th century and it is one of the oldest industrial structures in our architectural heritage.

## MARÓTI-VILLA

Architect Géza Maróti was also drawn to the Danube Bend and the tranquility of the region, and he built his timber-framed, Swiss-style villa here.

## ISTVÁN SZÓNYI MEMORIAL MUSEUM

Once the home of the painter of the Danube Bend, it is now the artists' colony of Zebegény. The old mill in the little street across the house is also interesting.

# Vác, the 1,000-year-old Baroque city

This small Baroque town has a rich history, and you will surely enjoy the beautiful boulevard along the river and the delicious treats it has to offer.

## BAROQUE MAIN SQUARE

The Baroque main square of Vác is the most popular community space. The colourful buildings surrounding the square, the melody of the Bell Pavilion in front of the Curia that rings every hour, the fountain, and the ruins of St. Michael's Church, which once stood here, transport visitors to a special world.

## VÁC CATHEDRAL

Some interesting items making one of Hungary's largest cathedrals unique: the main altarpiece, which was walled off for 170 years and the fresco of the dome, the Triumph of the Holy Trinity, painted by Maulbertsch.

## THE LEGENDARY TRIUMPHAL ARCH IN VÁC

It's the only triumphal arch in Hungary, Empress Maria Theresa was afraid it would collapse and refused to ride through it at first as it was constructed in a mere 5 months.

## JEWISH HERITAGE IN VÁC

The only functioning synagogue in the Danube Bend is a part of our cultural heritage. Pilgrims also come to the Israelite and Orthodox cemeteries—the latter is the final resting place of Silberstein, the miracle-working rabbi.

## MEMENTO MORI

The permanent exhibition, Memento Mori, is a spooky underground adventure.

The exhibition offers a glimpse into the material culture of medieval Vác, and includes the mummified remains of several citizens who lived here long ago.

## DANUBE PROMENADE

Close to the city centre you will find one of the longest developed Danube promenades in the country, which also has a bicycle path. The tower of the former castle of Vác, the Music Pavilion, stately villas, playgrounds, kayak and dragon boat marinas add to the atmosphere.



# Székesfehérvár, the city of kings

Take stroll on winding, narrow streets among grand buildings and get to know this city with an extraordinarily rich history. Let's take a walk in the city centre.

## KORONÁZÓ TÉR

### **Garden of medieval ruins, St. Stephen's Mausoleum**

The Basilica of Our Lady, the coronation church of Hungarian kings and queens, once stood on this spacious square.

The mausoleum is a memorial of national significance.

## VÁROSHÁZ TÉR

**Bishop's Palace, City Hall, Coronation Orb, St. Emeric Church, the statue of Mujkó the court jester, Turkish font, Hiemer House The Bishop's Palace,** City Hall and the statue of the Coronation Orb are on this L-shaped square. Once you've seen the statue of Mujkó, the jester of King Matthias, visit the toy museum in Hiemer House.



## FŐ UTCA (MAIN STREET)

### **Fekete Sas Pharmacy Museum, Vörösmarty Theatre, Floral Clock, Cistercian Church**

Walk down the main street, take a look at the Cistercian Church and pop into the Pharmacy Museum. The Floral Clock is fabulous, and the Vörösmarty Theatre is also worth a look.

## KOSSUTH UTCA AND KOSSUTH TÉR

### **Árpád bath, Automaton Clock, Clock Museum**

The Art Nouveau bath with the shell decorations and a dome, was built in 1905. It was comprehensively renovated by the spring of 2010. The Automaton Clock is nearby.

## II. JÁNOS PÁL PÁPA TÉR

### **St. Anne Chapel, St. Stephen's Cathedral**

A special Gothic building, St. Anne Chapel stands on the square named after Pope John Paul II., right next to St. Stephen's Cathedral.

If you are interested in the rich history of the city, visit the St. Stephen Museum, the garden of medieval ruins, the Old County Hall and make sure to include the István Csók Gallery.



# Refreshing adventures by Lake Velence

The refreshing water of the third largest natural lake in Hungary is rich in Sodium and Magnesium.

## **A SPLASH OF ADRENALINE**

On the public beach in Gárdony you can surf, sail, do SUP yoga, try SUP polo, take a canoe trip to observe birds or paddle in a dragon boat.

## **CHILLING IN A STUNNING ENVIRONMENT**

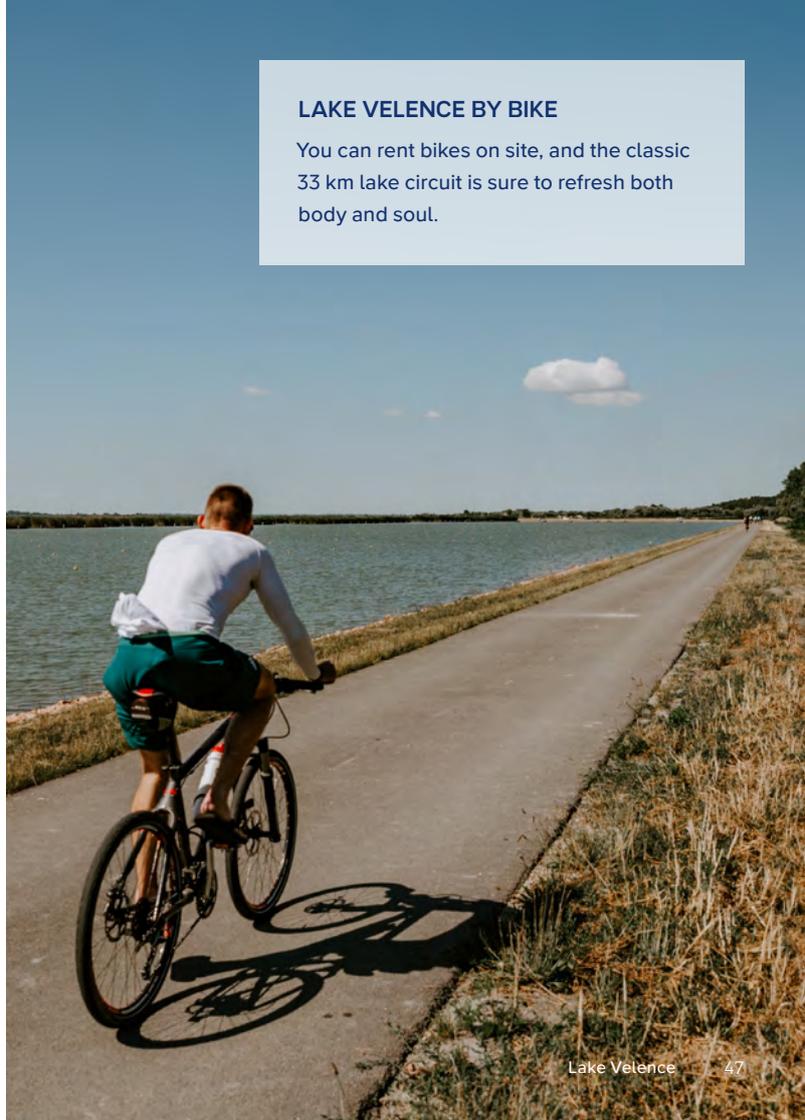
If you prefer wildwater swimming, go to Park beach or TóParty beach. Little ones will love the sandy shore at Napsugár beach, and if you are tired after a hike, you can relax on “health island”, the medicinal and thermal bath in Agárd.

## **MAGICAL WILDLIFE: DISCOVER THE BIRD RESERVE OF LAKE VELENCE**

The conservation area in the southwest bay is home to special bird species—take a 60-minute cruise from Agárd to see it.

## **LAKE VELENCE BY BIKE**

You can rent bikes on site, and the classic 33 km lake circuit is sure to refresh both body and soul.

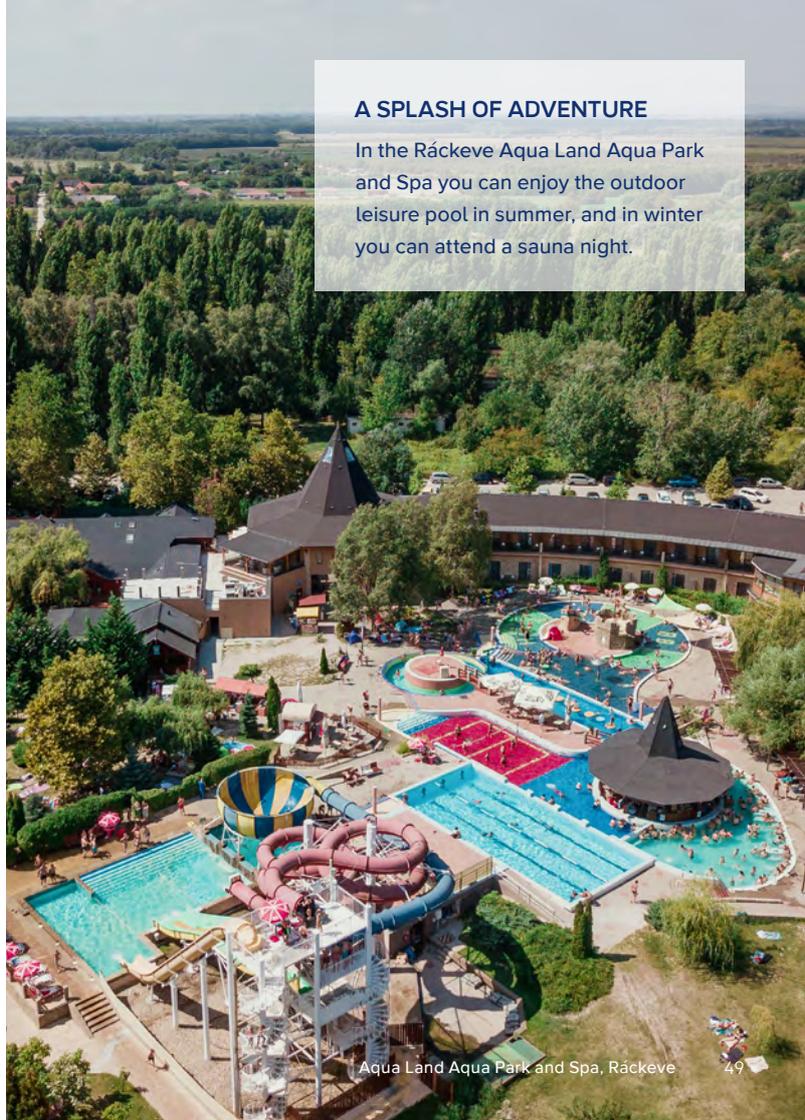


# Ráckeve, a must-see town by the Danube

Visit the Árpád Bridge, the Art Nouveau old town hall, the fire lookout tower, the only Gothic Serbian Orthodox church in Hungary and the Savoy Castle (currently under renovation).

## THE POWER OF MAN AND WATER: RÁCKEVE BOAT MILL

Museum, a part of our industrial heritage, the only operational boat mill in Hungary. On Sundays you can see a milling demonstration, and buy different types of flour.



## A SPLASH OF ADVENTURE

In the Ráckeve Aqua Land Aqua Park and Spa you can enjoy the outdoor leisure pool in summer, and in winter you can attend a sauna night.

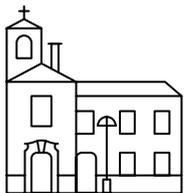
# Komárom, city of fortresses

One of the most multifaceted towns in the region. Its major attractions are the enormous fortification system and the famous medicinal bath.

The most exciting part or of the fortification system—a candidate for the UNESCO World Heritage List—is Fort Monostor. You can visit various exhibitions of military history, see materials of military training painted on the walls, and learn about the history of bread in the Bread Museum.

## REST, HEAL, RELAX

The Komárom medicinal bath has outdoor and indoor pools and a special outdoor log sauna.



## ST. ANNE CHURCH

The predecessor of the Cathedral, this church has a round plan. A silver model of the building is on display.



# Budapest's Vineyard: discover Etyek

Varieties typical to the region—Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Királyleányka, Szürkebarát, Welschriesling, Zenit, Cserszegi Fűszeres, Green Veltliner, Rhine Riesling—attract wine aficionados to the many culinary and wine tours available throughout the year.



## **BUBBLES IN THE BOTTLE**

Hungarian sparkling wine was first produced by József Törley, but there are many other handcrafted sparkling wines in the region.

## **LET IT SPARKLE**

Sparkling wine is made from a neutral “base wine”, white wine or rosé, with a high acid content. To start the fermentation process again, sugar and yeast are added to the wine. Fermentation takes 3-4 months, which is followed by years of maturation.



**WINES OF HUNGARY**

PERSONALLY

Go to [winesofhungary.hu](https://winesofhungary.hu) to plan a pleasant wine tour.

# The best places around Budapest to enjoy wine

The **Etyek Chardonnay** and **Etyek Pinot Noir** are gaining recognition; even still wines in the region are complex and have exciting acid structures.

**Neszmély** is famous for many varieties, if you feel like something special, try **Királylányka** at a producer.

**Green Veltliner from Keszthely:** get to know crisp, fresh wines with citrus aromas.

White wines from Lake Velence: discover the fresh **Rieslings** around the lake, the **Irsai Olivér** and **Chardonnay** varietal wines, wine blends and sparkling wines.

**Rosé from Csepel Island:** lovely wines are produced here, and the winner of the Winemaker of the Year Award was from this region a few years ago.

In the **Zsámbék Basin** you can try the **Sauvignon Blanc**, a wine with a fresh nose reminiscent of gooseberry, elderflower and green apples.

# Culinary adventures in the region

In the Danube Bend and towns near Budapest, there are more and more great restaurants that offer Hungarian cuisine and use local ingredients.

## DOBOS CAKE IN VÁC

Pastry chef László Mihályi reinvents traditional Hungarian desserts with care, creating exquisite treats at one of the best confectioner's in the country.



## TROUT IN TAHITÓTFALU

Local fish farmers aim to provide high quality brown trout and rainbow trout, available both „water-to-table” and as smoked products.

## GRAPE ICE CREAM IN ETEYK

The Etyek Picnic is widely popular. Don't miss the goose feast in the autumn and the grape ice cream in the summer.

## STRAWBERRY PRODUCTION ON SZENTENDRE ISLAND

In Tahitótfalu, jams are made from high quality fruit, and dry and sweet strawberry wine is produced with traditional oenological processes.

# Our favourite photos of the region

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Szentendre



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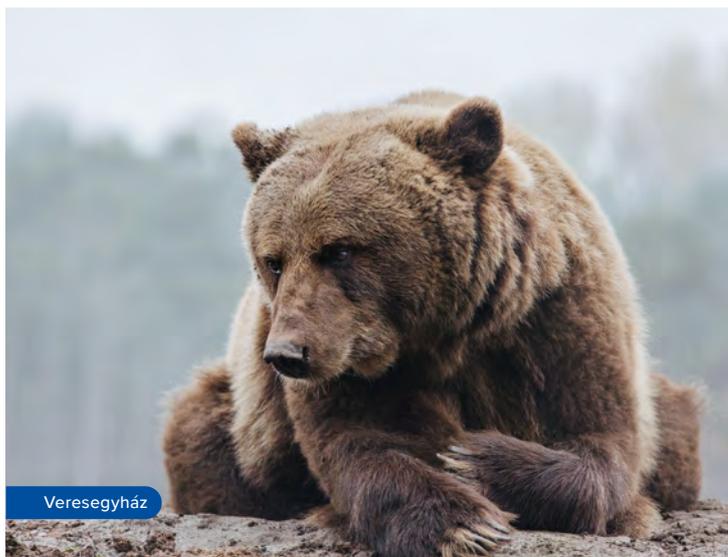
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# Nearby sights

## **A TRIP TO BÁNK**

You can enjoy the water at Lake Bánk, the little ones can try the adventure course, and you can learn about the history of the village in the Slovak Rural Heritage Building and about the tradition of smithery at the Éő Smithy.

## **ENCHANTING HILLS AND CAVES IN THE BUDA PROTECTED LANDSCAPE AREA**

Visit the famous Pál-völgy cave system or the Szemlő-hegy cave, explore the Kopárok hills in Budaörs or the Remete gorge.

## **A MYSTICAL PIECE OF ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE IN ZSÁMBÉK**

The late Romanesque/early Gothic monastery of the Premonstratensians is considered one of the most beautiful ruins in Hungary.

## **VISIT A WORLD-RENOWNED PILGRIMAGE SITE— THE OUR LADY BASILICA IN MÁRIABESNYŐ**

The two-storey Baroque pilgrimage church with the monastery in Mária-besnyő is home to the smallest miraculous statue in Hungary, a 11-centimetre-tall statue of Mary, which made the village a pilgrimage site.

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