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Highlights

1. Bike centre
2. Bríngatya ice cream shop
3. Szent Mihály Hill
4. Beach promenade
5. Africa Museum
6. Castle of Szigliget
7. Badacsony Hill
8. Salföld manor
9. Gulácsi Hill
10. Fonyód lookout tower
11. Fenyvesi narrow gauge railway
12. Kis-Balaton Visitor Centre

West Balaton round tours

The Balaton Cycling Route is the most popular bike track in Hungary. In the western bay, with shipping it can be divided into two smaller round tours which practically lead on the Cycling Route and since there are no elevation gain both can be completed with smaller children, too. These routes are characterized by well-developed infrastructure, the authentic landscape of lake Balaton, bike resting-places, beaches and shipping.

„Family round tour”

Itinerary: Keszthely – Gyenesdiás – Vonyarcvashegy – Balatonyörök – (shipping) – Balatonmáriafürdő – Balatonberény – Fenékpusztza – Keszthely
Distance: 30 km, **Riding time:** ca. 2.5 hours

„Friends round tour”

Itinerary: Keszthely – Balatonyörök – Balatonederics – Szigliget – Badacsony – (shipping) – Fonyód – Balatonfenyves – Balatonberény – Keszthely
Distance: 65 km, **Riding time:** ca. 5 hours

„Badacsony round tour”

Itinerary: Badacsony – Badacsonytomaj – Ábrahámhegy – Salföld – Kékkút – Káptalantóti – Nemesgulács – Badacsonytördemic – Badacsony
Distance: 28 km, **Riding time:** ca. 2 hours

Tours to the Small Balaton

Those attractions of the Small Balaton area that can be visited freely without expert guidance are accessible on two wheels from Keszthely or Hévíz. On the way we pass peaceful villages and nature reserves before arriving to the dam by the river Zala where an unforgettable experience awaits us. There are several bird watch places to observe the numerous bird species. Once there, do not forget about the largest buffalo mass of Hungary. Among the natural values we can have a look at the historical and ethnographical traditions of the region as well.

Highlights of the Small Balaton tours

1. Bird ringing station, Fenékpusztza
2. Kis-Balaton Visitor Centre
3. Star castle
4. Vörs „Talpas” House, Fire-station Museum
5. Buffalo reservation
6. Petting zoo
7. Kányavári Island, educational path
8. Hídvég Madárvárta
9. Zalavár, Kis-Balaton House
10. Hévíz Lake Bath
11. Zalakaros bath
12. Kehidakustány bath

Small Balaton grand round tour from Keszthely, signed „blue A”

Itinerary: Keszthely – Balatonszentgyörgy – Vörs – Kápolnapusztza – Kányavár – Balatonhídvég – Zalavár – Sármellék – Hévíz – Keszthely
Distance: 68 km, from which bike road 20 km, main road 22 km, dirt road 25 km; Elevation gain: 430 m, **Riding time:** ca. 6 hours

Small Balaton small round tour from Hévíz, signed „blue B”

Itinerary: Hévíz – Alópáhok – Zalavár – Small Balaton House – Szentgyörgyvár – Alsópáhok – Hévíz
Distance: 42 km, from which bike road 6 km, main road 22 km, dirt road 14 km; Elevation gain: 230 m, **Riding time:** ca. 3.5 hours

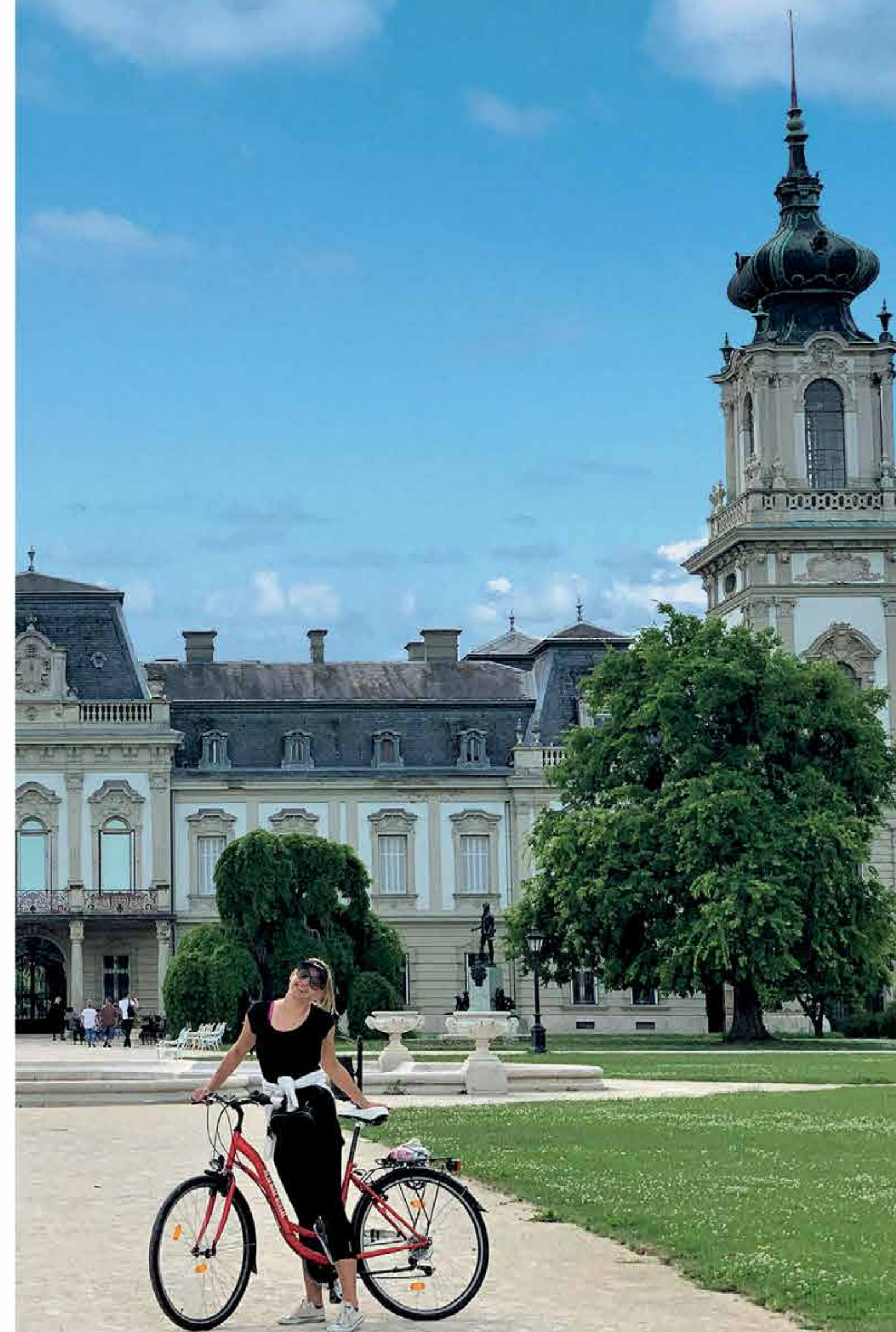
Around Small Balaton from Zalakaros, signed „blue C”

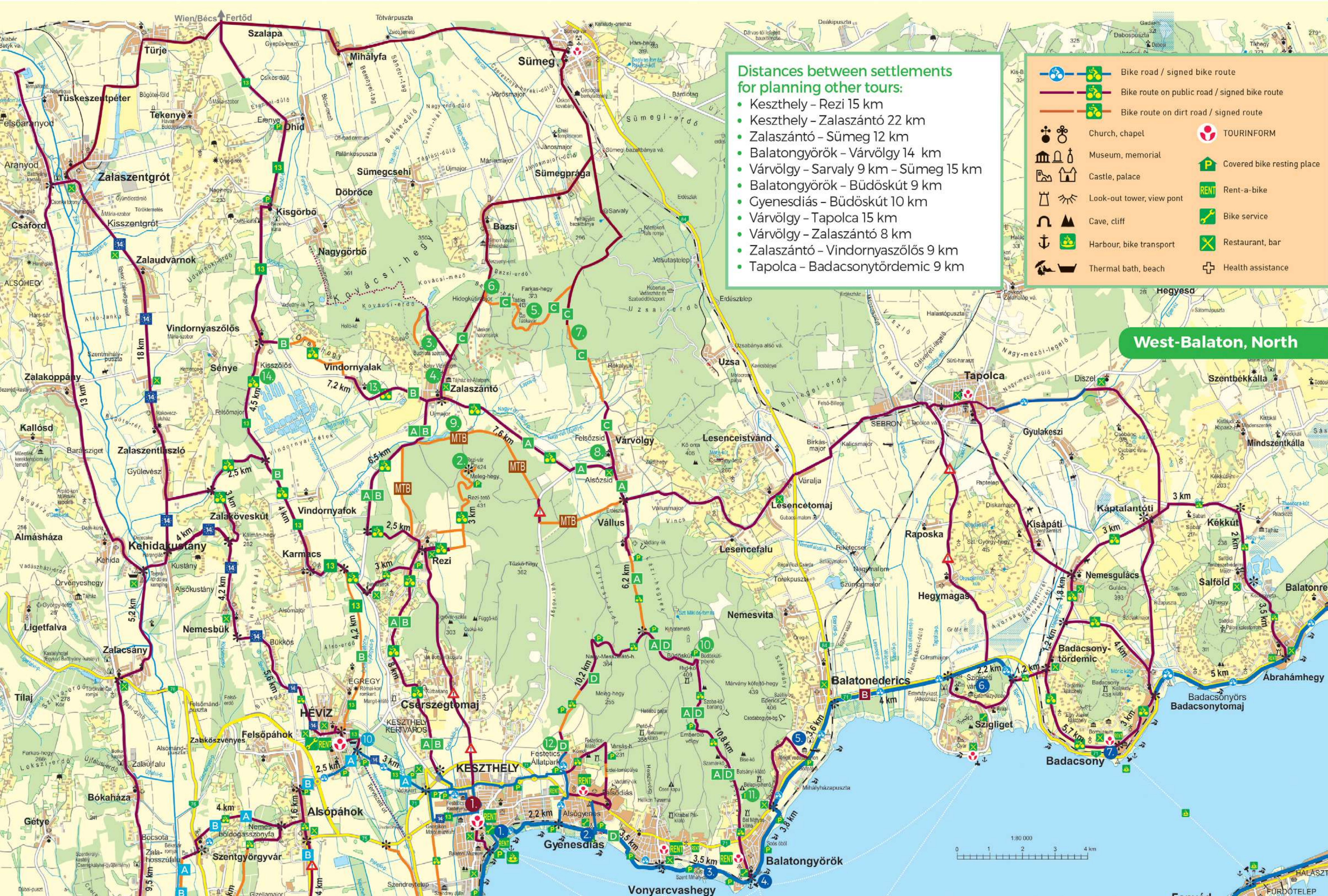
Itinerary: Zalakaros – Garabonc – Zalasabbar – Small Balaton House – Balatonhídvég – Kányavári Island – (bypass to Kápolnapusztza) – Zalakomár – Zalakaros
Distance: 36 km, from which bike road 18 km, main road 18 km, Elevation gain: 121 m, **Riding time:** ca. 2 hours

Small Balaton Ó-Berek (Old Grove) tour, signed „blue D”

Itinerary: Keszthely – Balatonberény road junction – Vörs – Fonyód – Hollád – Balatonszentgyörgy – Balatonberény centre – Keszthely
Distance: 38 km, from which bike road 28 km, main road 6 km, dirt road 4 km; Elevation gain: 112 m **Riding time:** ca. 3 hours

Cycling map WEST-BALATON





Tours in the Keszthely Hills

From the point of view of a cyclist, this region is the land of gentle beauties. The romantic beauty of the landscape are demonstrated by these bike tour offers. Although the tours of the Keszthely Hills requires more intense preparation, those can be completed by anyone with average physical conditions. They can be varied, connected or extended depending on what distance we would fulfill and what kind of bike we have. The „MTB round” mostly leading on forest trails must be a real cycling adventure for the mountain bikers where after rain more extreme conditions need to be expected. The „Bakonyerdő” tour can be chosen by families with smaller children, too. The resting-places and look-out towers as well as the forest trails free of traffic are a real refreshment for body and soul. And our children will definitely appreciate if we can roll up, too.

Keszthely Hills basic round, signed green „A”
Itinerary: Keszthely - Csersegtomaj - Rezi - Zalaszentgrót - Várvolgy - Vállus - Balatonyörök - Keszthely
Distance: 55 km, **Elevation gain:** 576 m, **Riding time:** ca. 5 hours

Keszthely Hills Western round, signed green „B”
Itinerary: Keszthely - Csersegtomaj - Rezi - Zalaszentgrót - Vindornyalak - Vindornyaszőllős - Karmacs - Hévíz - Keszthely
Distance: 48 km, **Elevation gain:** 450 m, **Riding time:** ca. 4.5 hours

Keszthely Hills Northern additional round, signed green „C”
Itinerary: Várvolgy - Szebike valley - Tátika valley - Hidegkút - Zalaszentgrót
Distance: 14 km, **Elevation gain:** 260 m, **Riding time:** ca. 1.5 hours

„Bakonyerdő” tour, signed green „D”
Itinerary: Gyenesdiás - Búdöskút - Balatonyörök - Gyenesdiás
Distance: 32 km, **Elevation gain:** 412 m, **Riding time:** ca. 3 hours

Mountain bike tour signed brown „MTB”
Itinerary: Keszthely - Rezi - MTB trail - Vállus - Gyenesdiás - Keszthely
Distance: 38 km, **Elevation gain:** 456 m, **Riding time:** ca. 4 hours

The „A” and „B” can be combined. Together they are no harder than separately, they are only longer and more beautiful. May this combination be the best option to recommend as a full-day tour. Both tours, separately or combined, can be supplemented with a forest trail signed „green C” which not only provides an alternative to cycling on asphalt but also offers new attractions. The „Bakonyerdő” tour the itinerary of which leads on forest trails basically free of traffic can be offered to families with smaller children, too. Although there is a challenging uphill track, after completing it we can feel like a cycling champion at the finish line!

- Highlights**
1. Festetics Palace
 2. Rezi, castle - additional track
 3. Buddhist Peace Shrine
 4. „Kotsy” monumental watermill
 5. Castle of Tátika - with hiking
 6. Resting-place and spring of Hidegkút
 7. „Picture Tree” - forest holy place
 8. 12th century church of Várvolgy
 9. Valley of the brook „Séd”
 10. „Búdöskút” resting-place/Padkő l.o. tower
 11. Béli resting-place / Béli Mátyás l.o. tower
 12. House of Nature Visitor Centre
 13. Hertelendy mansion
 14. „Vindornya” moor educational



Festetics round tours

The Festetics family is not only strongly linked with the history of town Keszthely and its surroundings but also with tourism since their intellectual and built heritage provide the basis for the most significant attractions of the West-Balaton region. Less well known is that the heritage sites of the Festetics’ can be composed to create a comfortable and practical way to discover them with the most experience by bike. The “Festetics tours” are based on visiting diverse cultural and natural attractions by bike as the longest variation is only 35 km long. These tours can be recommended to any age groups - also to families with smaller children - as the itineraries contain no significant elevations and lead on bike paths or on safe local side streets.

Highlights

1. Festetics Palace
2. Georgikon Manor Museum
3. Festetics Imre Animal Park
4. Nagymező, Festetics lookout tower
5. Former limestone quarry
6. Damay wine cellar
7. Festetics Tavern and Wine Museum
8. Festetics’ almond garden
9. Szent Mihály Hill and chapel
10. Szépkiútó - L. Hamilton memorial
11. Becehegy chapel
12. Africa Museum and hunting lodge
13. Balatonyörök pier
14. Festetics watermill and spice garden
15. Festetics György statute
Our Lady Parish church
16. Balaton Museum
17. Szendrey memorial room
18. Festetics Pine alley

Festetics family tour, also with smaller children, purple „A”
Itinerary: Keszthely Fő-tér (Main square) - Festetics Palace - Festetics Animal Park - Nagymező resting-place, Festetics lookout tower - former quarry - Tourinform Gyenesdiás - Balaton Str. - Balaton Cycling Route - Keszthely Energia square
Distance: 14 km, **Elevation gain:** 130 m, **Riding time:** ca. 1 hour

Festetics memorial tour, purple „A” extended with Round tour „B”
Itinerary: Keszthely Fő-tér (Main square) to the Festetics lookout tower followed by track „A” - former quarry - Damay Str. - Festetics Helikon Taverna - Szent Mihály Hill - back to Keszthely on the Balaton Cycling Route
Full distance: 22 km, **Elevation gain:** 190 m, **Riding time:** ca. 2 hours

Festetics memorial tour, Round tour „B” extended with purple „C”
Itinerary: From Keszthely Fő tér (Main square) to the Szent Mihály Hill followed by Round tour „B” - Balatonyörök Kossuth Str. - Szépkiútó - Lady Hamilton memorial - Balaton Cycling Route - Soós bay - Györök pier - Keszthely
Full distance: 31 km, **Elevation gain:** 280 m, **Riding time:** ca. 3 hours

Festetics panorama tour, Round tour „C” ext. with Round tour purple „D”
Itinerary: From Keszthely to Balatonyörök, Szépkiútó followed by Round tour „C” - Panoráma street - Becehegy chapel - Africa Museum - back to Keszthely, Energia square (Balaton shore) on the Balaton Cycling Route
Full distance: 36 km, **Elevation gain:** 365 m, **Riding time:** ca. 3.5 hours

The attractions of the Festetics heritage located south of Keszthely (in Fenékpuszta) are limited available at the time of issuing this map. For correct information, please visit this website: www.wbbike.hu.