

# Treasures of **TOKAJ AND NYÍREGYHÁZA**





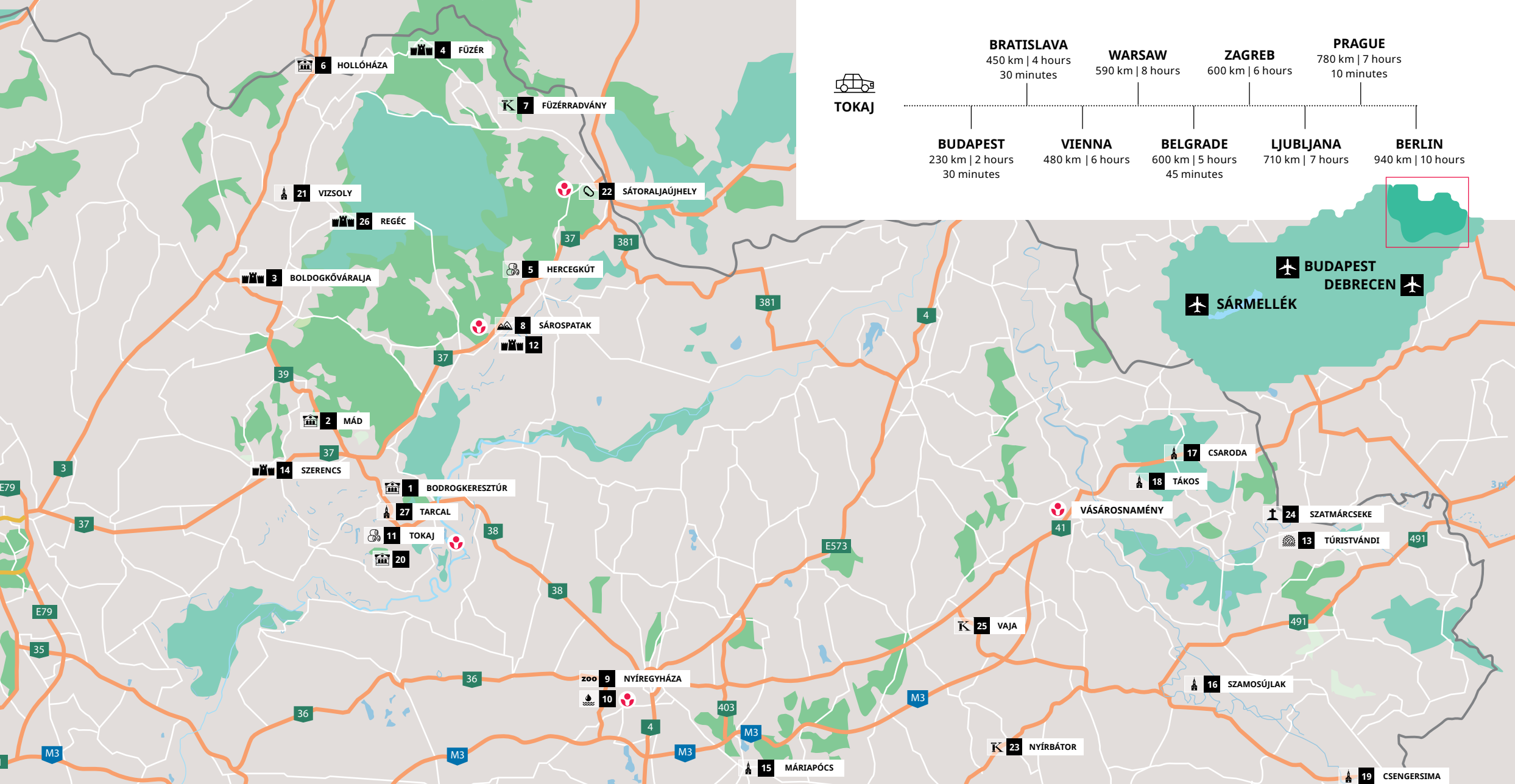
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# TREASURES OF TOKAJ AND NYÍREGYHÁZA

A UNESCO World Heritage Site, the historic wine region of Tokaj-Hegyalja is the birthplace of the famous Tokaji Aszú wine. The roots of wine cultivation in this breathtaking region go a millennium deep, and the unique microclimate is excellent for growing wine – a fact demonstrated by the vast and intricate systems of wine cellars around here. Visitors can choose from a variety of wine-tasting programmes and vineyard tours, and will enjoy the best dishes from modern new-wave cuisine.

The historic castles of the Zemplén, including the renovated castles of Füzer and Szerencs, and the famous Rákóczi Castle in Sáropatak, are ideal hiking destinations. Or would you rather discover the beauty of the region while paddling down a river? The Upper Tisza and the Bodrog offer excellent kayak and canoe trip options – the sandy banks, lush vegetation and villages flanking the rivers lend this region a kind of romantic atmosphere that is sure to enchant you. Come to Nyíregyháza, the economic centre of this dynamically developing region, and plunge into the cool water of the pools in the spa in Sóstó or visit the Nyíregyháza Zoo, also known as the zoo of records.

This booklet collects and presents the most exciting and interesting programmes and places of interest. There are so many that you are sure to find the ones that best suit you. Are you interested in gastronomy? Do you like to discover enchanting places or enjoy entertainment? This region will offer you new adventures, experiences, whether you are travelling alone, or with your family or friends.



**BRATISLAVA**  
450 km | 4 hours  
30 minutes

**WARSAW**  
590 km | 8 hours

**ZAGREB**  
600 km | 6 hours

**PRAGUE**  
780 km | 7 hours  
10 minutes

**BUDAPEST**  
230 km | 2 hours  
30 minutes

**VIENNA**  
480 km | 6 hours

**BELGRADE**  
600 km | 5 hours  
45 minutes

**LJUBLJANA**  
710 km | 7 hours

**BERLIN**  
940 km | 10 hours

1. Acetánia Vinegar Museum, Bodrogheresztúr
2. Synagogue, Mád
3. Boldogkő Castle, Boldogkőváralja
4. Füzér Castle
5. Gombos Hill Wine Cellar System, Hercegkút
6. Hollóháza Porcelain Museum
7. Károlyi Castle, Füzérradvány

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27. Blessing Christ Statue, Tarcál



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# FIVE THINGS YOU SHOULD DEFINITELY DO

## ON THE TRAIL OF WINES AT SUNSET

If you want to know what the true atmosphere of the Tokaj wine region is like, you should definitely choose the vineyard tour offered by many of the wine cellars of the region. Tokaj-Hegyalja is made up of hundreds of volcanic hills, so no matter where you go, the view will be picturesque. On your way, don't forget to taste Tokaj Aszú, a drink known everywhere in the world.



## SLIDING DOWN IN THE MOUNTAINS

The 1036-metre long zipline between Szár Hill and Magas Hill allows you to slide down at a speed of 80 km/h. This establishment is unique in Hungary, and even in Europe you would have to trek all the way to the Alps to find similar facilities. The Zemplén Adventure Park in Sátoraljaújhely offers you various adventure courses and climbing walls, it has the longest and fastest bobsled track in the country, and if you visit the adventure park, you can choose one of the three ski courses, where you can ski even when it's not winter season.



## TAKE A SELFIE AGAINST A 1000-YEAR OLD BACKGROUND

The tall and steep ridge of Boldogkő Castle is the perfect place for a selfie. The origins of the fortress go back almost a thousand years, thus it is no wonder that over the centuries the castle has become a key part of Hungarian history and a heart-warming ancient legend. According to the legend, Béla IV commissioned a fruit dryer to build the castle as an expression of his gratitude for having hidden him from the Tatars. The seven daughters of the fruit dryer also helped build the castle, and so the king named the castle after them: Boldogkő (i.e. happy stone), since this was the place where these 'seven fairies' were the happiest.



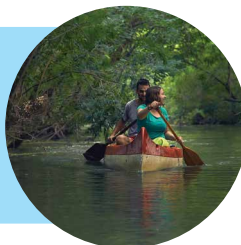
## BACK TO THE MIDDLE AGES ON TWO WHEELS

You will have an unparalleled experience if you hop on your bike and ride along the Trail of the Medieval Churches in the Upper Tisza region. You can visit some truly special, tiny churches and see well-conserved medieval frescoes for example in Csaroda, Lónya or Ófehértó.



## PADDLING WITH A CANOE AMIDST THE SINGING OF BIRDS

Everyone should experience the most popular tour of the Upper Tisza on water, at least once in a lifetime. The tour is ideal for beginners, for they can easily learn the necessary techniques, while the River Tisza makes the ride adventurous with its many bends and sandbanks.



87 km

long wine region



1571

First written records about Tokaj Aszú



2002

UNESCO World Heritage site since this year



250 km

long cycle track by the Upper Tisza



99,8 km

section of the National Blue Trail



179

cellars in Herceghút



1036 m

long zipline in the Zemplén Adventure Park



500 different

species of animals at the Nyíregyháza Zoo



5

castles in the Zemplén Hills open to tourists





# Tokaj-Hegyalja historic wine region

In addition to the tradition of viticulture and oenology that is unique in the whole world, the region was selected to become part of world heritage for it has managed to retain its unity over the centuries. The first written records that mentions the vines in Tokaj-Hegyalja dates back to 1251, and certainly the grapevines covering the hills have become an essential part of the region.

The prominent wineries of the region organise many programmes around the topic of wine culture, such as panoramic walks, but there is also a dedicated wine bus service that takes visitors to special wine-tasting events or wine dinners.



WINES OF HUNGARY

PERSONALLY

Plan your wine tour in Tokaj with the help of the [winesofhungary.hu](https://winesofhungary.hu) website.

However, even if you are not a wine-lover, you will have plenty to do in this region: you can visit the vineyards on foot, by bike, on four wheels and even with Segways.

## WINE TYPES MADE FOR TASTING

### TOKAJI ASZÚ

When you say Tokaj, the first thing that comes to people's mind is Aszú. The most famous wine of the region is made from botrytised (noble rot) grapes, and though for a long time it was considered a dessert wine, today it can serve as an exciting addition to several dishes. According to records, the court minister to Zsuzsanna Lorántffy made the very first bottle in the 16th century to present it to the lady as a gift for Easter.

### TOKAJI SZAMORODNI

The name of the wine comes from the Polish phrase "as grown", which gives a perfect description of the wine type, for both healthy and botrytised grapes are used during pressing. Szamorodni is a wine that is only made in this region, and younger vintages go well with yellow-fleshed fruit, desserts and liver, while the older vintages are excellent with Gomolya cheese. When you try the dry and sweet Szamorodni, be prepared to be taken to two different worlds of flavours.

### SÁRGAMUSKOTÁLY

This lush, fragrant, aromatic grape variety was a favourite among Romans in the form of both fruit and wine. The Romans were the ones who introduced it to Europe, including Hungary. It is the noblest type of the Muscats, and is the third most often grown variety in the region, an excellent pairing with smoky dishes.

### DRY FURMINT

One of the most popular grape varieties in Tokaj-Hegyalja is Furmint, one that is also used to make Aszú wine. The Furmint has a unique richness of flavours and bears some characteristics of minerals. It pairs ideally with cheese, in particular goat or alpine cow cheese. However, people in the region only started to produce dry Furmint in the 2000s, but since then it has become widely known and respected for its premium quality all over the world.

### HÁRSLEVELŰ

Hárslevelű is a truly Hungarian grape variety. The grapes ripen in October, and the resulting wine is similar to that of the Furmint, but has a much softer composition. It tastes like nectar and evokes light summer nights, so no matter which season you drink it in, it will create a cool relaxing atmosphere. No matter which version you choose, dry or late harvest or pure Aszú, the queen of Tokaj grapes will chant you.



# Sun in bottle

## WHERE THE WORLD FAMOUS WINE GROWS

There is a crooked labyrinth system running under the villages of the region, made up of mysterious cellars. This is where the wines of Tokaj, including the excellent Tokaji Aszú, mature. Tokaji Aszú was the personal favourite of many famous historical figures, such as Louis XIV of France, Goethe, Beethoven and many others.

The way the Aszú is born is a true miracle of nature. The vapour from the rivers and the wet weather in autumn is often followed by periods of sun and dry days. The special microclimate thus created helps noble rot to proliferate, which then turns the ripe, juicy grapes into botrytised grapes.

## SKIN CARE WITH THE NOBLEST ESSENCE

It is not the actual Aszú wine that is used to make skin care products, rather the Tokaji essence, which is basically a nectar containing mainly sugars and amino-acids. This nectar improves the circulation, absorption and tightness of the skin.

The name 'Aszú' refers to what happens to the grapes, namely the fact that they are botrytised. These berries are hand-picked sometimes between October and December. Botrytised grapes are left in the vine or fermenting must of the same vintage to soak for 24 to 48 hours while regularly stirred and then pressed, and the must is then fermented into Aszú. Grape berries are fermented for at least 18 months in oak barrels before they are bottled. The number of baskets (in Hungarian: puttony) indicated on the label refers to the sweetness of the wine.



## TASTE LOCAL SPECIALITIES

You will find several cosy restaurants and other catering units representing modern Hungarian gastronomy in and around Tokaj, where you can taste the mouth-watering dishes so characteristic of the country and the region in particular. Encs has one of the best country restaurants in Hungary, with multiple awards won. The facility has become a pilgrimage site of sorts over the years.

Try the beans with cabbage, whose ingredients include smoked meat, cabbage and beans, in a delicious combination that will not disappoint. By the way, cabbage: try the stuffed cabbage with honey and a glass of golden Furmint, and you will have a true experience of aromas and flavours. For dessert, choose pasta filled with plum jam from Szatmár or pancake with jam made from apricot from Gönc, and while in the area, you should also taste the plum pálinka.



# Discover the secrets of Tokaj-Hegyalja



## ENCHANTED BY WINE VAULTS

There are many wine cellars in and around Tokaj that offer wine vault services. The bottles left at the cellar for safekeeping are stored in a modern and professional environment for years or even up to decades to ensure that when opened they make any occasion special to the joy of their owners.

## RÁKÓCZI CELLAR, TOKAJ

The cellar – once a favourite destination of kings and princes – is a true sanctuary of wines, where the past comes to life. The 28-metre-long, 10-metre-wide and 5-metre-high great hall is the largest underground room in the wine region, where you can imagine yourself living the life of the aristocracy in the company of the noblest wines.

## TOKAJ, WORLD HERITAGE WINE MUSEUM

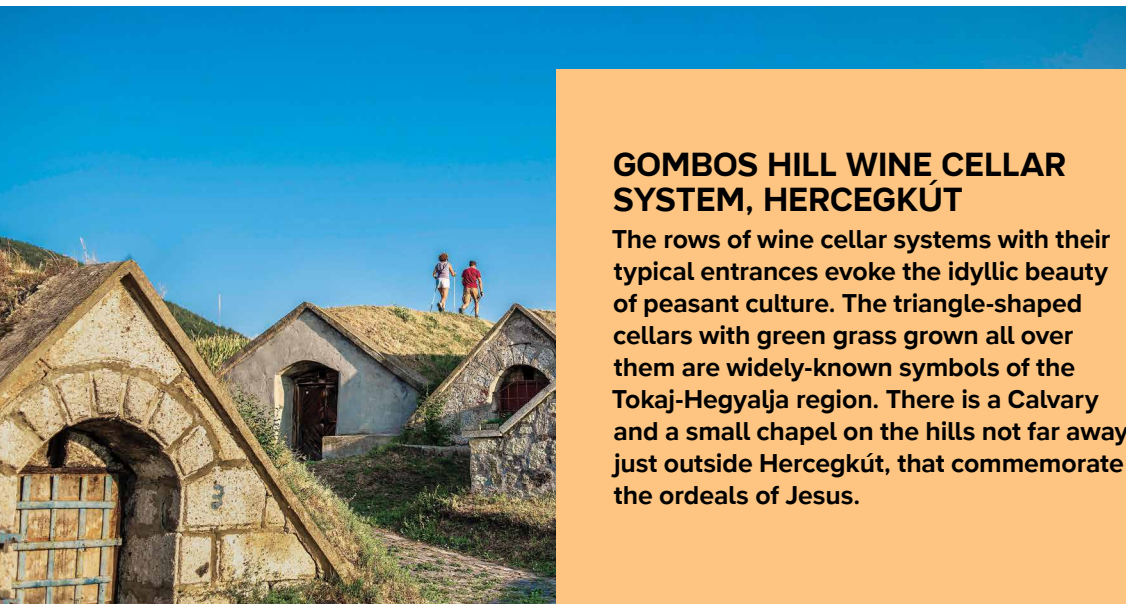
Every member of your family will have fun while learning about the wine region at the entertaining and interactive exhibitions of Tokaj. If you walk through all of the rooms, you'll have chance to see the region just as if you discovered it on foot, by bike, car or in a balloon. Visit the Perfumery to test your sense of smell. You will find samples of many different aromas, including vanilla, hazelnut, sulphur and others, which in one way or another all have something to do with Tokaj-Hegyalja.

## ACETÁNIA, BODROGKERESZTÚR

The first vinegar museum of Hungary was established with the purpose of presenting the rich history of and the different methods used to produce wine vinegar with the help of the latest technology. The museum shop has many valuable vinegar-based souvenirs.

## GOMBOS HILL WINE CELLAR SYSTEM, HERCEGKÚT

The rows of wine cellar systems with their typical entrances evoke the idyllic beauty of peasant culture. The triangle-shaped cellars with green grass grown all over them are widely-known symbols of the Tokaj-Hegyalja region. There is a Calvary and a small chapel on the hills not far away, just outside Herceghút, that commemorate the ordeals of Jesus.



# Festivals of wine and culture

## WINE, HAPPINESS , BÉNYE

Lying in the grass, walking among old buildings, drinking Furmint in the vineyard, talking with winemakers by the press - this is what a true wine festival is like in the vineyards of Erdőbénye in August.



## FURMINT FESTIVAL IN MÁD

The event is named for the grape variety that grows on 65% of the vineyards in Mád. This is the only place in the world where it grows so well, and this is why they have a festival here every summer to celebrate the Furmint.

## KEREKDOMB FESTIVAL

The festival is held in September in Tállya, a village with picturesque churches, courtyards, castle rooms and peasant cottages in the Zemplén Hills. It offers an exciting mixture of the arts, for visitors can enjoy theatrical and children's programmes, listen to concerts given by the most popular Hungarian performers, while experiencing the specialities of gastronomy.



## ZEMPLÉN FESTIVAL

The Zemplén Festival is an event held concurrently in several villages. It targets lovers of hiking and culture, offering them a chance to take part in hiking concerts. The short tours give you a chance to visit the villages, castles and churches in the neighbourhood.

## TOKAJI FESZTIVÁLKATLAN

The facility is located at a World Heritage site, in an unused open-pit mine valley in Tokaj. The proximity of the River Bodrog and the surrounding cliffs lend a particular atmosphere to the event centre. The Fesztiváltkatlan is home to a number of cultural programmes all through the summer, you can watch and listen to dozens of high quality events from concerts to theatrical performances.





# NOBLE CASTLES, MAJESTIC ENVIRONMENT

The peaks of the Zemplén Hills are dotted with centuries-old castles ruins. These majestic sites have all witnessed some of the most important events in the history of Hungary. Exhibitions help you relive the buzzing atmosphere of the Rákóczi War of Independence or the Age of Romance, while you admire the beautiful view.

## FIVE CASTLES THAT YOU SHOULD VISIT

### REGÉC CASTLE

Visit Regéc Castle, where Prince Francis II Rákóczi spent the first years of his childhood. If you climb up the shaded hilltop and look around, you'll see an amazing panorama at your feet. Enter the recently renovated castle to visit several exhibitions, the souvenir shop and the canteen.

### RÁKÓCZI CASTLE

Rákóczi Castle in Sárospatak is located on the bank of the River Bodrog. Although the foundations date back to a thousand years, the golden age of the castle was in the 17th century, when it became the centre of the Rákóczi War of Independence. The memories of a turbulent history are counterbalanced by the calmness of nature that calls you to take a pleasant walk.

### BOLDOGKŐ CASTLE

Boldogkő Castle was built on a cliff-top of the Zemplén Hills after the invasion of the Tatars. Standing in the lookout tower of the south wing, you'll have a beautiful view of the surrounding villages and land. Then go and take a stroll around the castle to visit the exhibitions in the dwelling tower and the palace.

### SZERENCs CASTLE

Szerencs Castle will be a particular favourite of those who are into the Renaissance era. It is located in the middle of a huge park with ponds, willow trees and bridges. The building – which has managed to conserve its princely splendour – is home to the Zemplén Museum. While in the region, you should also visit the local confectionery factory which produces premium-quality sweets.

### FÜZÉR CASTLE

Füzér Castle stands on Castle Hill, one of the seven wonders of Hungary. Built on a steep volcanic cone, it is one of the most spectacular fortresses and one of the oldest buildings in Hungary. One of the most special sights of the castle bearing the signs of both the Renaissance and Romantic eras is the chapel with colourful mosaic glasses.

### WALK UNDER THE CANOPY OF HORNBEAMS

The most charming attraction of the Renaissance Revival and Romanticist-style Károlyi Castle in Füzerad-vány is the 140 hectare landscape garden. Take a walk under the canopy of 250-300-year-old oak and hornbeam trees along a quiet stream, and you will feel time slow down as you drift to the island of tranquility.



# Adventures in Zemplén

The winding routes of hiking trails all through the Zemplén Hills give you a peek into the untouched beauty of nature. At the same time, fans of cycling will also have plenty to do as they can enjoy the myriads of wonders along the international cycle route. Fans of extreme sports can conquer the volcanic cliffs of Sóllyom Peak.

## ADRENALINE TOP LIST

Racing at 80 km/h at a height of 512 metres between Magas Hill and Szár Hill

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2.

Speeding down a 2,275-metre bobsled course

Wall-climbing up to a height of 21 metres

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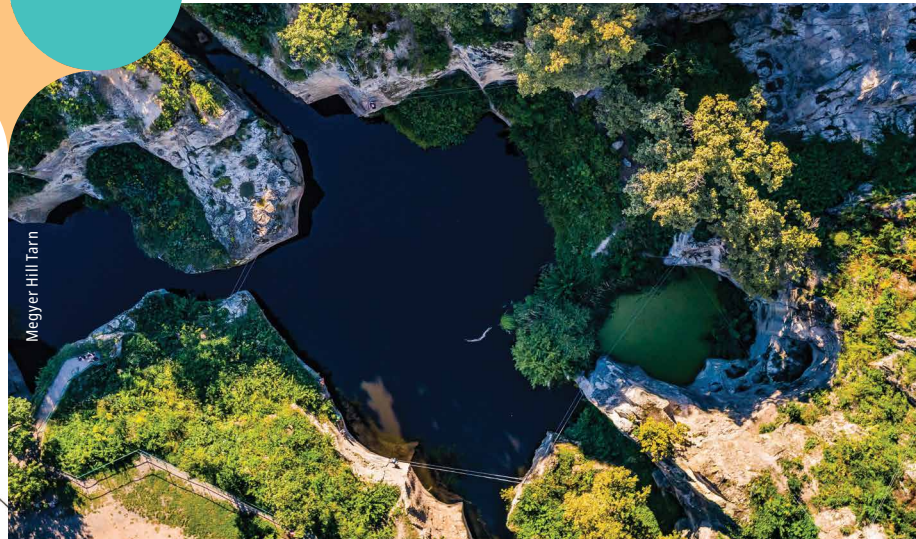


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Enjoying the view from the longest chairlift in Hungary, with an elevation of 250 metres

## ZEMPLÉN ADVENTURE PARK

One of the most exciting attractions of Zemplén is the Zemplén Adventure Park on Magas Hill near Sátoraljaújhely. This is where you will find the longest bobsled track in Hungary, and a zipline stretching above a 100-metre drop.



Megyer Hill Tarn



## MEGYER HILL TARN

This special formation – located just a few kilometres from Sáropatak – formed in the pit of an abandoned grinding stone mine. The deepest point of the lake is at 6.5 metres, while the cliffs around the lake tower at a height of 70 metres above water surface. There is an educational trail that takes you to the top of the cliffs, where you will find the modern Megyer Hill Lookout Tower with its amazing view of the lake.

## 5+1 LOOKOUT TOWERS WITH BREATHTAKING PANORAMA

### Nagy Péter-mennykő

The view before you, as you step out from under the canopy of nature untouched, is just simply amazing. From the top of the cliff, you will see the white walls of Füzér Castle and Kemence stream rushing through the valley. Start your trip from the bus stop in Regéc, the Church of Háromhuta or the narrow-gauge railway of Rostálló.

### Sóllyom Peak

Sóllyom Peak, a place you can reach from the direction of Mlaka meadow, bears the signs of the forces of nature that were active here thousands of years ago: the water that froze and thawed stretched the rocks until they broke into huge chunks. If you stand on the ridge of these huge rock slabs, you can admire the view of Regéc Castle and the wilderness surrounding it.

### Károlyi Lookout Tower

The lookout tower is located near the route of the National Blue Trail, so you only need to go out of your way just a bit when you are in the nearby village of Füzér. If you visit the 880-metre tall Kis Milici Peak in clear weather, you can see the land running from the northern part of the Zemplén Hills to Sátoraljaújhely and Füzér Castle.

### Magas Hill Lookout Tower

Use the longest chairlift in Hungary to get to Magas Hill, and if you crave the adrenaline rush, you can use the zipline to reach the Hungarian Calvary. The surrounding hills, mountains and villages radiate beauty that will take your breath away. Walk down from the lookout tower to visit the Ungvári cellar system, which is a World Heritage site.

### Kerek-kő

The rocks of Kerek-kő that contain opal and rhyolite are a sight unto themselves. Take some amazing photos of the mountains of the Zemplén Landscape Protection Area from the ridge of this natural wonder near Újhuta. You can get here not only from Újhuta, but from Kőkapu as well.

### Hungarian Calvary

The Hungarian Calvary is found on Szár Hill near Sátoraljaújhely. It is a place that commemorates the Hungarian areas torn from the country after the Treaty of Trianon. If you walk a little further on, you'll find yourself on top of the hill by the Saint Stephen Chapel built in the form of the Holy Crown, and stand under the 100th national flag and enjoy an amazing view.



# Replenish your soul

This tourism region is a real treasure chest for religious tourism with its beautiful churches that have unique stories to tell. 3 historic, cultural and pilgrim trails (Trail of Medieval Churches; Footsteps of the Wonder Rabbis; and the Saint Elisabeth Pilgrim Trail) allow you to discover God, others and yourself. The spiritual centre of the region is the National Shrine of Hungary: Máriapócs, the place that is visited by half a million worshippers every year each looking to revitalise their soul, and recharge to go on with their everyday life by stopping here for a while in this frenetic world, looking into themselves and opening up their heart to God.

## UNDER THE BLESSING HANDS OF CHRIST

No doubt, one of the most amazing attractions of the Tokaj wine region is the statute of the Blessing Christ in Tarcál. It is the tallest statue of Jesus in Hungary, and if you stand next to it, you'll have a majestic view of the never ending rows of vines and the quarry carved into Kopasz Hill.

## THE TRAIL OF MEDIEVAL CHURCHES

The Trail of Medieval Churches connects some truly amazing treasures. The route crosses the picturesque landscape of the historic County of Szatmár, and along the road you can visit 33 unique churches. You can complete the trail by bike as well.

### REFORMED CHURCH OF CSARODA

The village of Csaroda has only a few hundred inhabitants, and the enchanting attraction of the village lies on a small hillock created by the Csaroda stream. The building is adorned with flowerbeds, while its walls are decorated with centuries -old frescoes surrounded by folkloric flower motifs.

### REFORMED CHURCH OF TÁKOS

The church was built in the 18th century with donations from locals. As a result, the building with a wooden frame was decorated with beautiful folkloric motifs, including the typical pattern of the village, the Bereg cross-stitch pattern.

### REFORMED CHURCH OF CSENGERSIMA

The tiny Reformed Church of Csengersima with its wooden shingle roofing stands tall on the shore of a calm lake. It bears the signs of many eras of history and art. Just sit down on the church furniture – dating back to the Hungarian Reform Era – inside this church from the Age of the Árpáds, and let the silence surround and embrace you.

### REFORMED CHURCH OF SZAMOSÚJLAK

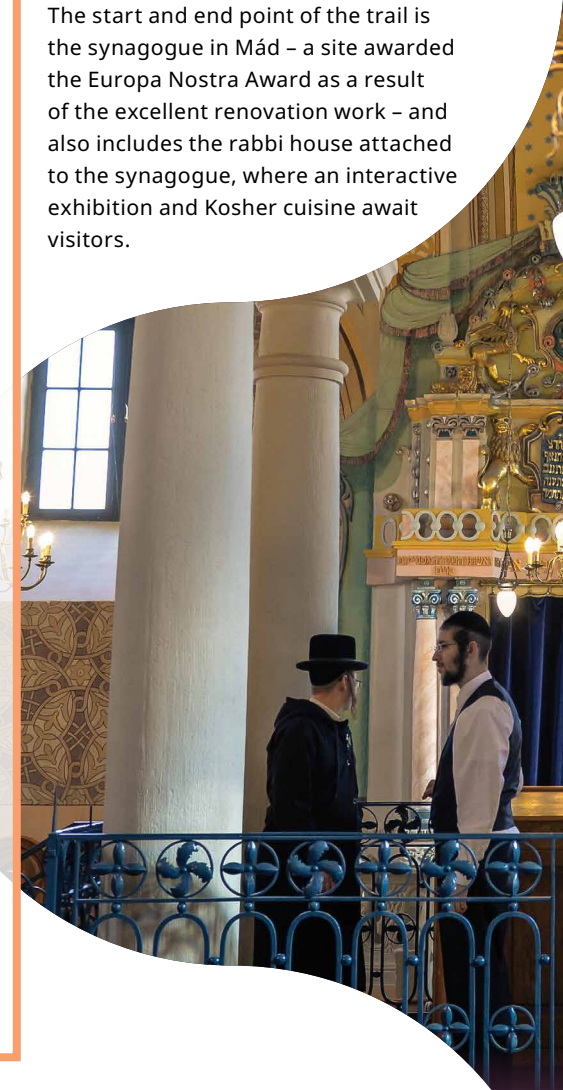
The early Gothic elements of the building are still visible on the bright white church of Szamosújlak. The crypt of the Ajtay family – the one-time lords of the quiet village – under the little building is open to visitors.

## VIZSOLY BIBLE VISITOR CENTRE

The visitor centre gives you a glimpse into what the Hungarian printing industry was like in the 16th century, and you can admire the fresco treasures and wander around the exhibitions of the printing history museum. It is also the home of the original Vizsoly Bible, the very first complete Bible translation into Hungarian. Interesting fact: it was printed in 1590 without the royal censure licence granted by the Habsburg Emperor.

## KOSHER CUISINE AND SYNAGOGUES

The Footsteps of the Wonder Rabbis runs through 10 towns and villages, and presents the sites and amazing heritage of the former Hasidic Jewish community of Tokaj-Hegyalja. The start and end point of the trail is the synagogue in Mád – a site awarded the Europa Nostra Award as a result of the excellent renovation work – and also includes the rabbi house attached to the synagogue, where an interactive exhibition and Kosher cuisine await visitors.





# Discover the land of Upper Tisza

Discover the Upper Tisza region with its quiet little villages, cultural treasures and country accommodations, while paddling down the rivers or riding on your bike. There is a beach with golden sand on every turn of the river, enticing you to take your time and have a swim.

There are bike paths running for hundreds of kilometres along the river. If you decide to ride along the route, you will have plenty of cultural sights to discover and a calming and soothing atmosphere to enjoy. This is where you can complete the Trail of Medieval Churches, which was the most promising cultural destination in Hungary in 2017. Locals help you enjoy the authentic experience of rural tourism and see how warm Hungarian hospitality is.

## SZATMÁR-BEREG, THE FRUIT GARDEN OF HUNGARY

Pop into the tasting houses of the Szatmár-Bereg Szilvaút that run from Penyige to Panyola, and taste the pálinka, jam and dried fruit made of local produce, while visiting local places of interest. Make sure you also try the short cruise leaving from Vásárosnamény. If, in addition to the wonderful aromas, you seek social events, PanyolaFeszt is the place to go.

# Upper Tisza bucket list - five places that you must visit

## TÚRISTVÁNDI WATERMILL

This enchanting watermill has survived for hundreds of years, and can still be used to mill grains, if you are up to this extraordinary task. Step out onto the balcony of the building, and you will see the beautiful view of the peaceful and calm river, framed by the ancient trees along its banks.

## SÓSTÓ FOREST

The 371-hectare park forest is a popular tourist spot in Nyíregyháza, where visitors can enjoy the fresh air while walking along its paths, playing on its playgrounds, riding along its cycle paths and setting up campfires all year around. Take a barefoot walk in the forest on the 2.5 km dedicated footpath that is part of the hydrotherapy-related Kneipp Cure.

## LISTED HERITAGE CEMETERY IN SZATMÁRCSEKE

The cemetery in Szatmárcseke is not as frightening a destination as it sounds. This Reformed burial site – that is a listed heritage – is basically a place where boat shaped wooden headboards rise towards the sky, with their origin shrouded in mystery. The author of the Hungarian National Anthem, Ferenc Kölcsey is buried here.

## VAY CASTLE

The peaceful town of Vaja is home to one of the oldest noble families. The fresco on the ceiling is an important piece of art history, created for the 1000th anniversary of the Hungarian conquest. When you have had enough admiring the well-preserved interior, go out into the statue park surrounded by ancient trees and enjoy the fresh air.

## ÖREG-TÚR

People in canoes paddle down the hip-deep water to experience what it's like to hear the chirping of birds, the rustling of the reeds and to feel the crushing force of nature among the branches of the fallen trees rising to the sky. Even the youngest members of the family can venture on A single-day canoe tour.



# Family programmes in and around Nyíregyháza

## FAUNA OF THE PLANET AS YOU RARELY SEE IT

Visitors to the Nyíregyháza Zoo will meet representatives of the fauna from every corner of our globe. Once you are done with the animals from the poles or Africa, you can turn into a virtual diver and visit the Oceanarium where rare deep-sea creatures swim by. There is also a petting zoo, where the youngest visitors can meet animals close up, and can even sit on a camel for a little bit.

## RELAXATION AND FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY

The bath house in Sóstó – equipped with a whirlpool bath and sauna – has everything you may need to relax and have fun. Thermal water pools and different massage services help you regenerate and relax, while the wave pool or the giant slide will provide the whole family with the fun they are looking for.



## TIME SLOWS DOWN IN A RURAL ENVIRONMENT

Rent one of the romantic boats or paddle boats on Lake Sóstó to enjoy the peaceful relaxing experience of gliding on the sparkling water surface. When you get back onto the shore again, you only need to walk a few minutes to get to the Sóstó Village Museum, where you can learn more about the folklore of the region. Watch out for the programmes offered by the museum, for there are regular fairs, festivals and gastronomy shows.



## IN THE LAND OF DRAGONS

If you visit Nyírbátor, at first you might be surprised to find that the town history promenade is decorated with frightening sculptures of dragons. This is no coincidence: the town was once owned by the members of the mysterious Order of the Dragon. However, the town is famous for not only these mythical creatures, but also for its wax museum in the castle that presents how the members of the Báthori family lived their days 500 years ago.





# Sights in the region

## DRIPSTONE CAVE OF AGGTELEK

One of the largest and most beautiful drip-stone caves of Europe – which is also on the list of UNESCO World Heritage sites – is 22 kilometres long and is full of formations of ethereal beauty. The most interesting parts of the cave include the Giants' Hall and the Concert Hall designed for concerts. The largest stalagmite is called the Observatory, stands 25 metres high and weighs almost 911 tons.

## ANDRÁSSY CASTLE IN TISZADOB

One of the most romantic castles in Hungary, it is perhaps the most beautiful building of the Beaux-Arts architecture in the country. All visitors are enchanted by the splendid rooms of the fairy-tale castle as well as the intricate boxwood labyrinth, where you can get lost and have lengthy debates and discussions, just as the members of the former aristocracy did.

## KÖLCSEY-KENDE CASTLE IN CÉGÉNYDÁNYÁD

The Classicist building – today located within the premises of a nature conversation area – is open to visitors from spring to autumn.

The facade looking towards the landscape garden is decorated with lines from a poem by the most famous member of the ancient family and the author of the National Anthem of Hungary, Ferenc Kölcsey.

## CASTLE ISLAND OF EDELÉNY

As far as dimensions are concerned, the L'Huillier-Coburg Castle is the seventh largest castle in Hungary and is an outstanding example of early Baroque architecture. If you walk around the listed heritage building, you will discover some rococo-style wall paintings, and also enjoy the grandeur and elegance of the building.

## PLACES OF INTEREST BEYOND THE BORDERS

When planning your journey to the region, make sure to include the Rákóczi Castle in Bors or the Gothic Saint Elisabeth Cathedral in Kosice in your schedule. If you would like to pop over to the Ukraine, make sure you visit the towns of Mukachevo and Uzhhorod as well.



Andrássy Castle in Tiszadob






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