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attractions,
programs,
hills and
valleys...*



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➤ West-Balaton - land of gentle beauties

Visitors can find here beaches with silk-like water and medical waters preserving the heat of once active volcanoes as well as gently sloping hillsides and tasty wines. Finding time for ourselves and nature on four wheels, we have the possibility to become familiar with another aspect of this beautiful region. Cycling offers a great opportunity to spend more time with the people you like to be with – your family, friends, partner or just yourself. Various landscapes provide various tour facilities. Apart from tours created especially for families running only on safe roads and flat areas, there are hiking and cultural heritage trails, too. These bike routes were not made for professional bikers but for everyone who feels like going on an excursion in this region by bike.



GUIDELINES TO THE BROCHURE



⚙️ easy ⚙️ moderate ⚙️ difficult

are information about the lengths of the tours, the variety of uphill and downhill as well as the grade of difficulty.

😊 family 😊 hobby 😊 sport

Tour categories based on the recommended target groups depending on the safety and length of the tour.

Travel time: average time needed for a tour without visiting attractions.

The **sketch-map** shows the track of the bike route.

The **road surfaces** is important because of weather and type of the bicycle.

HIGHLIGHTS ON THE WAY:

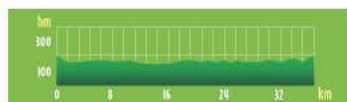
1. Keszthely, Bathing Island
2. Gyenesdiás, Eco adventure park
3. Vonyarcvashegy, Saint Michael chapel
4. Balatonyörök, Soós-bay
5. Szigliget, castle
6. Badacsony, Kisfaludy House
7. Balatonszentgyörgy, Star castle
8. Fenékpusztá Bird ringing station

*This is what
I like! No need
to change gear
here!*



Tours around Lake Balaton

When it comes to cycling around Lake Balaton everybody thinks of riding around Balaton first. But it is not necessary to bike more than 200 km at one sitting. There are tours with different lengths starting from Keszthely, on which the western basin of the Lake Balaton region can be discovered. You can cross the lake by boat to enjoy both coast-lines. Children-friendly beaches, snack bars and resting-places are also available for families on this even part of the Balaton Bicycle Route.



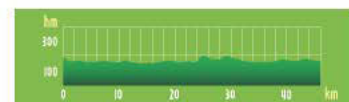
Balaton tour A - 34,4 km
bike road 28,4 km - main road 1 km - by boat 5 km
Travel time: 2 h 45 min



Balaton tour B - 52,1 km
bike road 38,5 km - main road 3,8 km - by boat 9,8 km
Travel time: 4 h



Balaton tour C - 67,7 km
bike road 62 km - main road 0,7 km - by boat 5 km
Travel time: 5 h



Balaton tour D - 40,4 km
bike road 24,2 km - main road 9,7 km
dirt road 1,5 km - by boat 5 km
Travel time: 3 h 15 min





Look,
what a
view!



HIGHLIGHTS ON THE WAY:

Tour of the Keszthely Hills

0. Bike centre Keszthely, Balaton shore
1. Keszthely, Festetics Palace
2. Rezi, castle
3. Zalaszentő, Buddhist stupa, Kotsy water mill
4. Basalt corridor
5. Vindornya wetland
6. Hévíz, Thermal lake bath

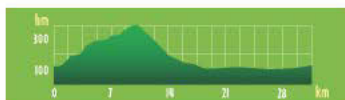
Tour of "Bakonyerdő"

- A. Gyenesdiás, House of Nature
- B. "Büdöskút" forestry house
- C. "Bél Mátyás" look-out tower
- D. Saint Michael chapel
- E. Keszthely, Festetics Animal Park

Tours in the Keszthely Hills



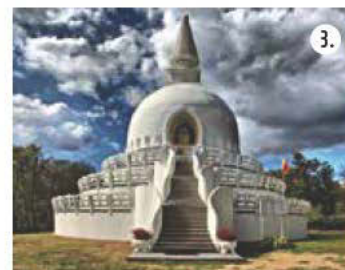
Tour of the Keszthely Hills - 46,8 km
bike road 6,3 km - main road 31,8 km
dirt road 8,7 km
Travel time: 6 h



Tour of "Bakonyerdő" - 30,2 km
bike road 11,8 km - main road 16,5 km
dirt road 1,9 km
Travel time: 3 h 20 min



The assigned tours in the Keszthely Hills show the diverse and beautiful landscape of the Hills. The tour of the Keszthely Hills requires more intense preparation, but more diverse cultural and natural treasures can be discovered on the way. The "Bakonyerdő" tour can be chosen by families, 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. Rolling down from the "Bél Mátyás" look-out tower we can continue the tour on the waterfront.





We used
to ride, now
we pedal!



> In the footsteps of the Festetics'

The starting point of the tours is the Festetics Palace. The Festetics family tour presenting the museums in connection with the family has been designed for families. The Festetics memorial tour goes through the Nagymező ("Great Meadow") to the Helikon Taverna, a former wine cellar, followed by the Szépkilátó look-out place where we can have a unique view of the surroundings. During the Festetics heritage tour the former hunting mansion of the counts can be visited as well, after crossing the Lake Balaton by boat. At the end of the tour a by-pass is recommended to the Festetics Bath.



Festetics family tour (A) - 16,0 km
bike road 8,7 km - main road 6,1 km - dirt road 1,2 km
Travel time: 1 h 20 min



Festetics memorial tour (B) - 36,4 km
bike road 20,1 km - main road 9,3 km - dirt road 7 km
Travel time: 3 h



Festetics heritage tour (C) - 59,5 km
bike road 27,2 km - main road 16,5 km
dirt road 10,8 km - by boat 5 km
Travel time: 5 h 20 min



> HIGHLIGHTS ON THE WAY:

Festetics family tour

1. Festetics Palace
2. Festetics Imre Animal Park
3. Nagymező, Festetics look-out tower
4. Balatoni Museum
5. Georgikon Manor Museum

Festetics memorial tour 1-5.

6. Festetics Helikon Taverna
7. Fenékpuszt, Pine alley
8. Hévíz, Festetics Bath

Festetics heritage tour 1-8.

9. Balatongyörök, Hamilton memorial
10. Balatonszentgyörgy, Star castle





Let's have a
break here...
and here as
well:)



HIGHLIGHTS ON THE WAY:

1. Badacsonytomaj, basalt church
2. Badacsonytomaj, Folly Arboretum
3. Salföld, Nature Reserve Manor
4. Tapolca, Lake cave, Mill lake
5. Szigliget, castle
6. Szigliget, Esterházy cellar
7. Szigliget, Avas church ruins
8. Badacsony, Szegedy Róza House, Kisfaludy House

Tours around the Hill Badacsony

While biking through the hills of the Balaton Uplands we can enjoy a special view. The diverse landscape of hills and basins with its grape and wine culture and Lake Balaton offers many attractive spectacles to visit. In the Salföld Manor we can become familiar with the native animals and the riding culture of Hungary. Before ending the tour we can climb up to the ruins of the Szigliget castle where the whole route can be admired from. In spite of the diverse landscape the routes can be travelled easily.



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Badacsony short trip (A) - 35,7 km
bike road 15,3 km - main road 20,4 km
Travel time: 3 h 20 min



Badacsony long trip (B) - 41,5 km
bike road 19,8 km - main road 21,7 km
Travel time: 4 h 20 min



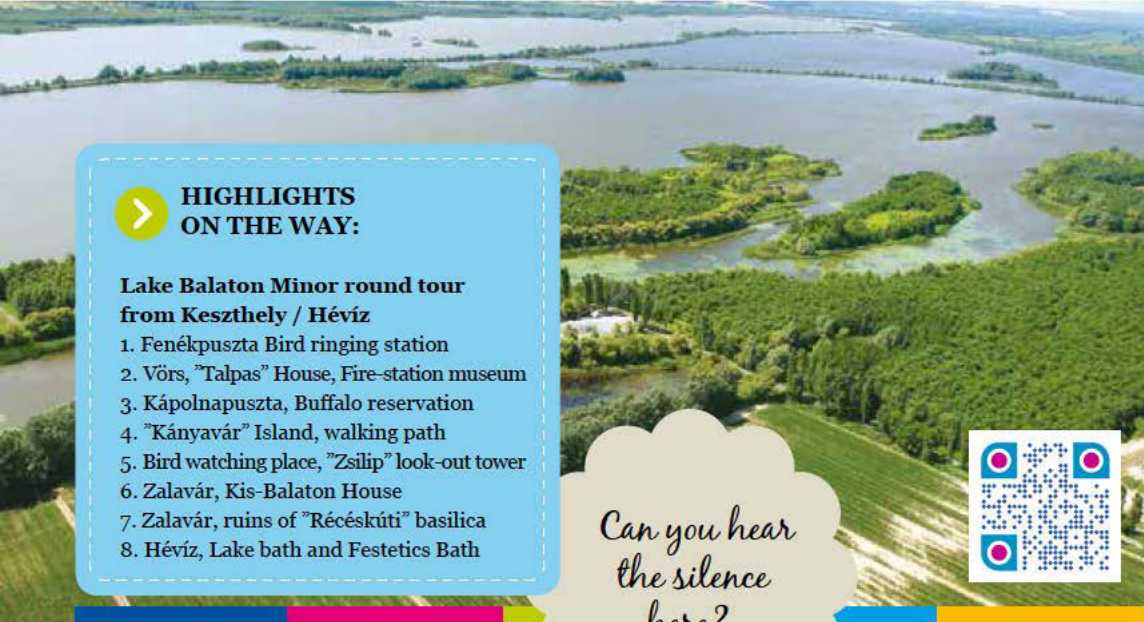
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HIGHLIGHTS ON THE WAY:

Lake Balaton Minor round tour from Keszthely / Hévíz

1. Fenékpusztá Bird ringing station
2. Vörs, "Talpas" House, Fire-station museum
3. Kápolnapusztá, Buffalo reservation
4. "Kányavár" Island, walking path
5. Bird watching place, "Zsilip" look-out tower
6. Zalavár, Kis-Balaton House
7. Zalavár, ruins of "Récéskúti" basilica
8. Hévíz, Lake bath and Festetics Bath

Can you hear
the silence
here?



Tours to Lake Balaton Minor

Those attractions 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.



**Lake Balaton Minor tour
from Keszthely (A) - 66,2 km**
bike road 19,8 km - main road 21,7 km
dirt road 24,7 km - Travel time: 7 h



**Lake Balaton Minor tour
from Hévíz (B) - 42,0 km**
bike road 5,8 km - main road 22,3 km
dirt road 13,9 km - Travel time: 4 h 15 min





WALKING TOUR FACILITIES

- National "Kéktúra" Hiking Trip
- walking paths
- memorial tours
- bird watching tours
- look-out tower tours
- castle tours

*Put your
boot on and
get a move on!*



> Walking tours on the West-Balaton region

It is said that our legs are always readily at hand, so let's discover the beautiful landscapes of the West-Balaton region. Choose the Keszthely Hills with its views from the look-out towers or the "Búbos vöcsök" walking path by Lake Balaton Minor or the excursions to Badacsony. You are guaranteed an unforgettable experience!



Exploring castle ruins

(Keszthely) – Rezi – Zalaszentő – Tátika

The tour starts from Rezi where the ruins of Rezi and Tátika castle can be visited. Climbing down from Tátika after passing the Buddhist stupa we arrive back to the starting point.

Difficult tour - Travel time: 9 h Distance: 31 km
Level difference: 620 m



Geological and botanical path in Badacsony

This freely accessible path shows the geology and utilization methods of the igneous hills. The experience is enhanced by the fascinating views of Lake Balaton and the Tapolca basin.

Family tour - Travel time: 2 h Distance: 4 km



"Kányavár" Island, "Búbos vöcsök" walking path

This walking path is freely accessible from the road connecting Zalavár and Balatonmagyaród and can be visited all year round. It shows the bird and bat life of the Lake Balaton Minor region.

Family tour - Travel time: 1 h 30 min Distance: 2 km

National "Kéktúra" Hiking Trip

100 km of the most well-known hiking trail of Hungary guides through this region. The main stations: Sümeg, Hévíz, Tapolca, Badacsony. Those who take part in this trip can have a look at the natural treasures of the West-Balaton region as well as become familiar with the traditions of the locals.



"Darnay-Dornyay Béla" memorial trail

The tour starting from Keszthely shows the look-out towers of the Keszthely Hills.

The wonderful scenery as well as the stillness of the forest can give peace to everybody.

Moderate tour - Travel time: 4 h Distance: 12 km
Level difference: 305 m



*There'll be
no problem
with sleeping!*



> ACTIVITIES

- horse riding
- shooting
- golf playing
- ballooning
- exploring caves
- sailing
- water skiing, wakeboarding
- adventure park
- segwaying
- spinning

> Be active in the West-Balaton

If you're cycling in the West-Balaton region do not hesitate to find new adventures as well! Cut through the waves of Lake Balaton with a sailing boat, water ski or wakeboard! Discover places balancing on a segway or on horseback! Play golf on the most beautiful golf course of Hungary! Try yourself out at shooting, in the adventure parks or explore the caves on all fours, slipping through narrow holes! The whole West-Balaton can be admired from a balloon! You do not have to miss out on cycling even in bad weather as you can go spinning and cycle in a room to the beat of great music. And of course explore our bicycle tour offers as well!

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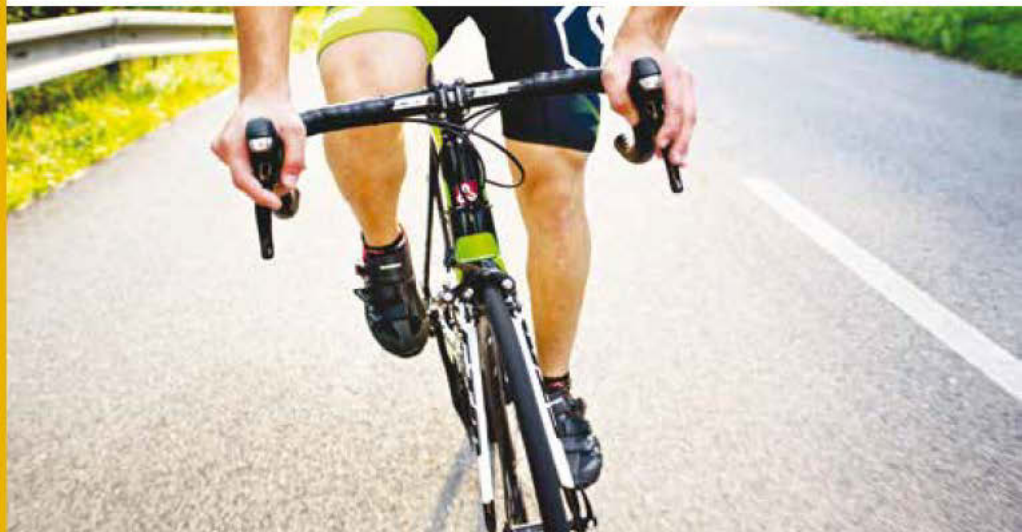
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