



*New adventures
await us again
this year!*



HOLIDAY AT WEST-BALATON





➤ **10 UNMISSABLE ACTIVITIES**

- Balaton beaches
- Adventure baths
- Festetics Palace, Historic Model Railway, Hunting and Coach Museum
- Interactive Balaton Museum, Georgikon Manor Museum and Experience Farm
- Museums in Keszthely: Toy Museum, Snail Parliament, Doll Museum
- Ecotourism visitor centres: "Small Balaton", Badacsonyördemic, Gyenesdiás
- Castles & Ruins: Rezi, Tátika and battle displays at Szigliget, Sümeg
- Zoos: 'Festetics Imre' Animal Park, 'Fenekpuszta' Bird ringing station, Africa Museum, Buffalo reservation in Kápolnapuszta, Salföld Manor
- Panoramic hiking routes and lookout towers in the Keszthely Hills and Badacsony
- Bicycle tours along the Balaton Bicycle Route
- Boat trips on Lake Balaton

Let's explore all adventures!

➤ **WEST-BALATON... THE HOME OF NATURAL BEAUTY**

Gentle slopes, proud dolomite cliffs, rich-flavoured wines mellowed by the sun; and beaches with silky water and spas still keeping the warmth of long extinct volcanoes, underground canals where you go boating, caves in which even the air has a healing power, and moors rich in wildlife. All these natural treasures and beauties belong to the West-Balaton region, which provides unforgettable experiences not only in glorious sunshine, but also in cooler weather.



Mom, Dad, let's go, please!

➤ **UNLIMITED EXPERIENCES... IN ALL KINDS OF WEATHER AND AT ANY TIME**

Whether it is creative workshops, attractive museums or family-friendly spas – with the kind you can find an interesting activity any day. Exciting discovery for those who would like to understand what makes this region special.



More experience for less money? Ask for the West-Balaton advantage card!

Numerous services of the West-Balaton Region are included within an advantage card, so that you can wander around the whole area and make considerable savings.



Museum friendly museums

- #Historical Model Railway # Balaton Museum
- #Georgikon Manor Museum & Experience Farm #Marzipan Museum #Doll Museum
- #Snail Parliament #Vidor Toy Museum
- #House of Nature visitors centre # Small Balaton House **#Zoos** #Festetics Imre Animal Park #Animal stroke farm in the Star Castle #Fenekpuszta bird ringing station
- #Africa Museum #Kápolnapuszta Buffalo reservation #Salföld Manor **#Tapolca Lake Cave** **#Creative workshops**
- #pottery #crystal grinding #egg stretching
- #smith's workshop **#Adventure baths**
- #Zalakaros #Kehidakustány #Zalaszentgrót
- #Zalaegerszeg Aquapark



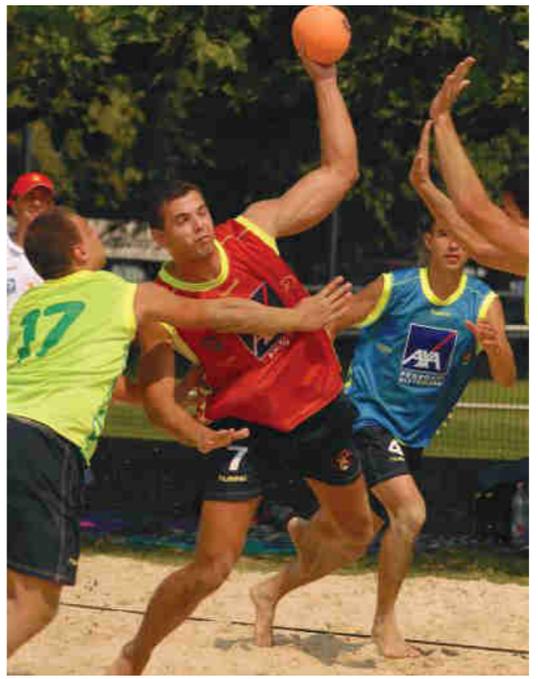
Hmm...
this is a real
children's
paradise!

- FOR KIDS**
- playgrounds
 - giant slides
 - natural paddle ponds or pools
 - animation programmes
 - outdoor games: chess, mill, skittles
 - baby room



While the kids enjoy the animation programmes, the more active can try out different sport activities. The beaches are connected with a Balaton Bicycle Route, so you can visit all of them on your bike.

Do we join
water aerobics after
finishing the beach
volleyball game?



- #For more actives**
- #animation programmes**
#water aerobics #entertaining programmes
#sports grounds
#beach volleyball #beach football
#handball #streetball #pingpong
#water games #water ball ground #volley ball
#water ski
#wakeboard **#surf** #paddle boat
#snooky #kayak

SUMMER COUNTRY... WHERE THE SUN IS ONLY A BONUS



Between the beginning of May and the middle of September, the number of sunshine hours reaches 830, so the lake has an evenly pleasant temperature. The velvet-soft shallow water of the lake, the sandy beaches and the playgrounds offer cheerful enjoyment. Sure it is not easy to choose from the 16 beaches, but most probably everyone will find the preferred one from the extensive choice: child friendly, sporty, calm, elegant, lively, nudist and natural.





➤ **TOP 10 ACTIVITIES WITH CHILDREN**

- Walking tours and picnic on the Great Meadow or on 'Bélap' resting place
- Bike tours
- High-rope course in Gyenesdiáson or in Dino Park of Rezi
- Natural trails Gyenesdiás, Balatonyörök, Badacsony or Szigliget
- Caving the 'Csodabogyós' cave or in paddling in Tapolca Lake Cave
- Bird watching on the area of the Small Balaton; guided tours to Diás isle
- Golf in Balatonyörök
- Walking tour to Stupa and 'Kotsy' water mill in Zalaszentő
- Sailing and fishing by sunset; boat cruise with kids programme
- Kayak or canoe tours to the mouth of river Zala or on along the Hévíz stream

Which adventure is waiting for us today?

➤ **WHERE HILLS AND WATER MEET... MORE THAN BALATON**

The good mood and fun should not depend on the sun. The area offers many possibilities to be active. One cannot have enough of the view of the green hills and enchanting valleys. The climate of the region is very pleasant, so if you would like to be active on your holiday, you may choose from excellent opportunities.



➤ **DO NOT PACK TO MUCH... THE FAMILY FRIENDLY SERVICE PROVIDERS ARE PREPARED**



The relaxing holiday begins with your host. Our houses offer – taking into consideration the expectation of kids and adults alike – excellent equipped rooms at a preferential price.

♥ Family friendly

♥♥ Family friendly BABY+

♥♥♥ Family friendly EXTRA

FAMILY FRIENDLY	FAMILY FRIENDLY BABY+	FAMILY FRIENDLY EXTRA
the accommodation has separate family space (apartment or family room)	travel cot	children's pools
family table	high-chairs	indoor playroom
child safety territory, closed garden	bath-tub for babies	babysitting/ children animation
outdoor playground	safety plug	Washbasin for kids or footstool
indoor toys	potty or closet-seat	Milk bottle heater
outdoor toys, sport equipment	bicycle seat for children (in case of bicycle rent)	dinner set and cutlery for kids
Internet access		Fairy tale library /loanable fairy tale books
Activity recommendation for families		washing possibility, washing maschine
Children's menu (in case of catering)		

Family friendly restaurants, services and museums

In the region there are many restaurants offering children's menu, high chairs and playgrounds to maintain a pleasant dining atmosphere. In addition to the restaurants the local Tourinform offices loan bicycle with children's accessories. You can also enjoy alternative for wheeler vehicles – jeep tours, horse drawn carriages or little sightseeing trains.

The museums welcome children, too. Besides indoor and outdoor playing facilities, exciting activities and interactive touch screen tools help them to efficiently experience the museum.

What great counts and dukes!



#Keszthely #Hungarian town of culture #the Festetics' #200 years in Keszthely #Helikon Palace Museum #6 exhibitions #Festetics Palace #aristocratic lifestyle #Mirror room #Palace visitation by candle light in summer #Palace park #Orangery #exotic plants #bird park #Coach Museum #former riding hall #coaches, carriages and sleighs #Hunting Museum #5 continents #more than 200 wild species #Historical Model Railway #500 m² layout #Amazon House Visitor Centre #aristocratic travels #how people travelled aforesite #Georgikon Manor Museum #old manor #Fowler steam engine #Festetics Helikon Tavern #Vonyarcvashegy #exhibition hall of wine-making and gastronomy #nice view to Lake Balaton

THOUSAND FACES OF THE FESTETICS HERITAGE



The name of the Festetics family and Keszthely are inseparable from each other. During the time the family inhabited the estate – from the mid 1700's throughout two centuries – the town blossomed. They founded enduring establishments in the fields of farming, education, culture and science. The jewel of the family estate is the most well-known attraction of Keszthely and one of the most beautiful Baroque palaces of Hungary. Its imposing interior exhibition lets us take a glimpse into the former lifestyle of the aristocrats but the carriages, trophies and model railroad layout are interesting



highlights as well, along with the palace park which is ideal for pleasant walks. The Georgikon established by count György (George) Festetics in 1797 was the first agricultural college in Europe. The still operating university and the manor museum opened on the grounds of the former educational farm keep its memory. The start of the bath culture and the first bath houses on the Lake Hévíz as well as the Helikon Tavern (the former family cellar with its stunning view) and the Star Castle in Balatonszentgyörgy (the former hunting lodge) are all prominent attractions of the western part of Lake Balaton and their history are hallmarked with the Festetics'.

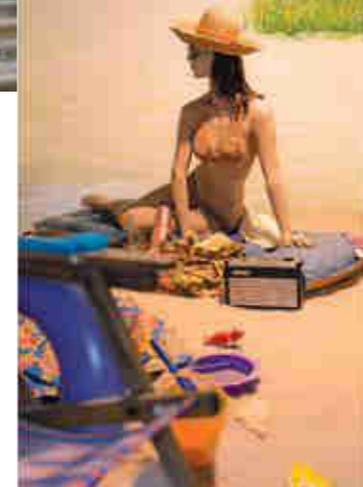


Oh, look it's a tavern! exclaimed Mary Hamilton, wife of count Tassilo Festetics II, upon seeing the wine press of the family vineyards for the first time. The Tavern of Vonyarc still bears this name given by the much travelled Scottish princess who moved to Keszthely from her unhappy marriage with the Prince of Monaco. The meaning of the word tavern is little bistro, wine cellar, basement suitable for eating.



#Balaton Museum #the only museum about Lake Balaton #everything that is about Balaton #interactive exhibition **#Marzipan Museum** #confectionary #marzipan figures **#Museums in the town centre** #private collections #Toy Museum #16 thousand toys **#Cadillac Museum** #beautiful cars #coming from the USA **#Surber's Museum of Music Machines and Phonographs** #barrel organ # feeling of the turn of the century **#Radio and TV Museum** **#Julia Szendrey** #first translator of Andersen's fairy tales

I want to see all these!



There is a wide range of private exhibitions, too. There are porcelain dolls wearing traditional Hungarian costumes, a collection of old toys, wax figures of famous persons of the Hungarian history, real unique pieces of Cadillac cars, masterpieces of confectionary, a huge model of the Hungarian Parliament made of snails, old pieces of radios and televisions, nostalgic music machines and many other interesting places to visit.



Julia Szendrey, muse and wife of the greatest Hungarian poet, Petőfi was born in Keszthely. She herself was authoress, poetess and translator who translated Andersen's fairy tales into Hungarian for the first time.

CULTURAL REFRESHMENT AT EVERY TURN



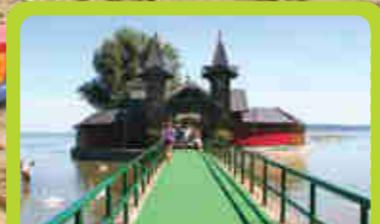
Currently the town and its surroundings are committed to cultural traditions the origins of which go back to the time of the Festetics'. There is a rich offer on museums and exhibitions. Beside the Palace Museum the interactive elements of the Balaton Museum help to get closer to the exciting secrets of Lake Balaton's world.



How much I enjoy the beach!

THE ESSENTIALS OF BALATON SUMMER

Each beach of the West-Balaton region has its own character. The atmosphere of the Monarchy and the old bath culture are recalled by the imposing building of the Bath Island giving a classical elegance to the Main beach of Keszthely this way. Families are in focus in every way on the beach of Diás, while the beach of Vonyarc with its water ski course is the paradise for the young ones and lovers of extreme sports.



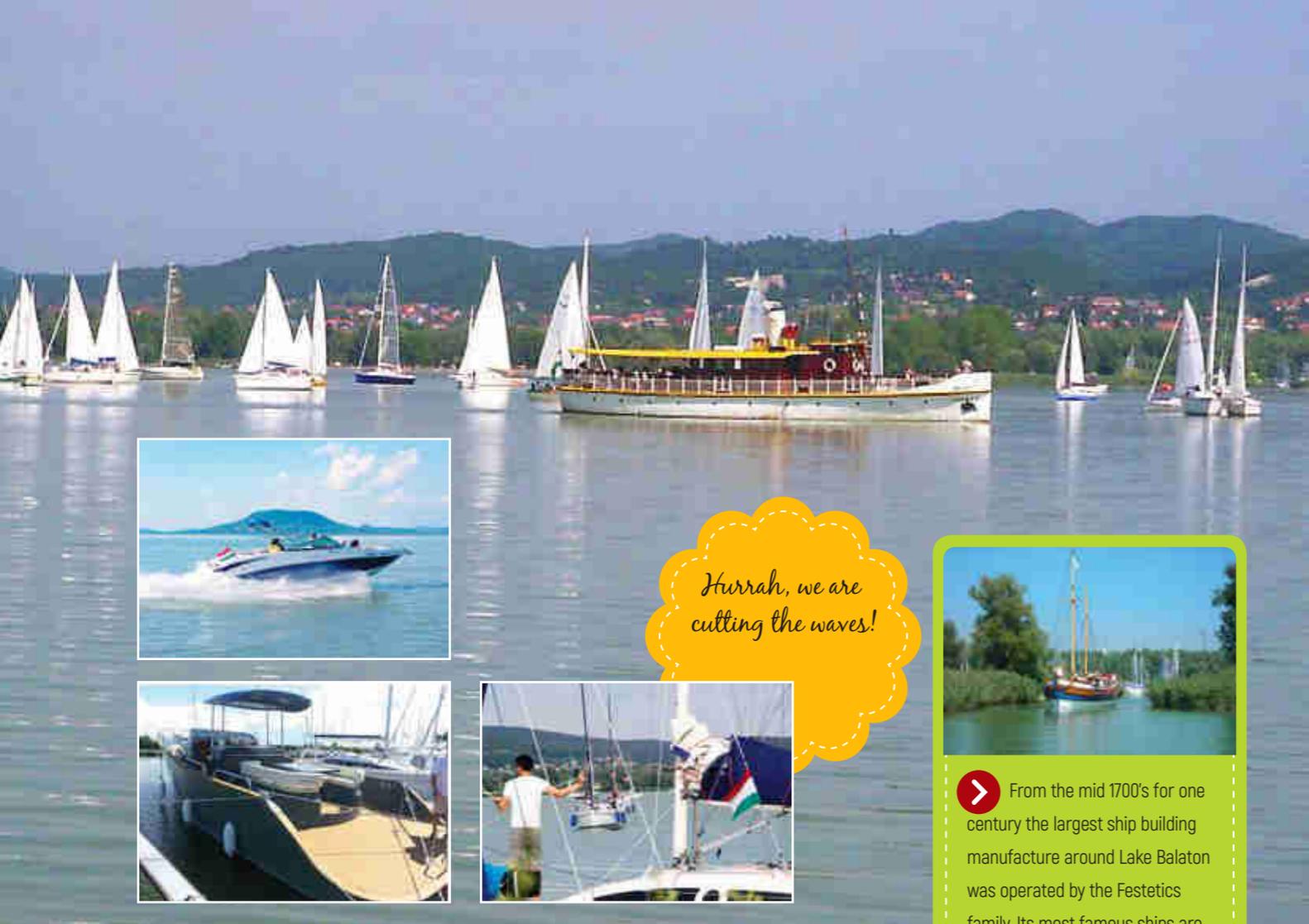
The first bath houses on Lake Balaton were built from the 1820's. Starting from these bath houses standing on palisades, swimmers could swim long distances. Those who could not swim could enjoy the water with the help of bars, benches and bath baskets. The towered building of the Island Bath in Keszthely is the only bath house remained around the lake.



Beside the beautiful location and the view of the volcanic hills of the Tapolca basin special attention is given to surfing and sailing in Györök. The silky and soft water of Lake Balaton can be enjoyed in Badacsony and Szigliget from the shadow of the cold volcanos. Those who prefer smaller and less bustling beaches can find the perfect one as well.

#beaches***** #Town Beach #Keszthely #Bath Island #the only original bath house of Lake Balaton #Balaton-shaped pool #night parties #Beach of Diás #family friendly #natural paddle ponds #Lido beach of Vonyarcvashegy #water ski #wakeboard #sliding on water #Balatonyörök beach #beautiful view #surf and sailing school #Szigliget beach #at the foot of cold volcanic hills #canoeing in the reeds #beaches*** #Badacsony beaches #beaches** #Helikon beach #Keszthely #pleasant environment #Libás beach #shadow of hundred-years old trees #Lido beach in Gyenes #ideal for families with kids #Herczeg Ferenc beach #Balatontördemic





Hurrah, we are cutting the waves!



➤ From the mid 1700's for one century the largest ship building manufacture around Lake Balaton was operated by the Festetics family. Its most famous ships are connected to György (Georg) Festetics I. The Phoenix galley was the largest sailing boat of the lake the original plan of which can be seen in the Library of the Palace. The ferry boat Juditta trafficked between Keszthely and Kenese (other end of the lake). A similar boat is in service on the lake at present, too.

➤ IN ACTION ON THE WATER

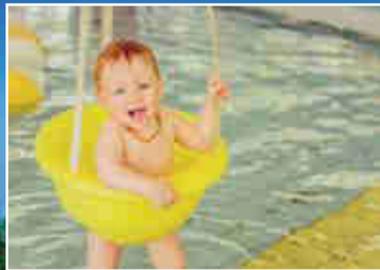
Besides bathing the lovers of water can take part in many water adventures. The time of old rafts is already over and modern ships are put in place of them. Not only the summer but also the spring and autumn times are unimaginable without ships and sailing boats. There are scheduled, promenade, party and children boats leaving the harbours to return kids and adults with unforgettable experiences.



Paddle boating is a pleasant combination of moving across the water and bathing but we can get some exercise at the water playgrounds or on a nice canoe tour as well, where we can discover some more natural places. The more courageous ones can test their skills on the water ski and wakeboard course. The feeling of sliding on water can be experienced on a surfboard or during sunset sailing as well.



#Boating on Lake Balaton #pleasure boating #swaying on the water #Keszthely bay #beautiful shore from the water #sunset tour #party boat #historical ships #Helka #crossing to the other side # #wine tour to Badacsony #scheduled boats **#Sailing** #you can also learn it #sailing camp #sailing competitions #Pentecost Regatta #Blue Ribbon race #uncountable boats on the water #fantastic view **#Surf** #surf school #sailboards #surfing by wind #windsurf **#Water ski** #skiing on water #sliding on water #Vonyarcvashegy #water ski course #test yourself **#Canoeing** #kayaking #boating #water tours #small boat #ditching **#Paddle boating** #cycling on the water #bathing #only within the red buoy #you must be able to swim



Complete water refreshment awaits everyone!

Zala Thermal Valley
 #Zalakaros Bath #family experiences
 #Water spider, wonder spider
 #children world #fairy tale beach
 #adventure empire #water adventures
 #water cannons #indoor kids paradise
 #adrenaline sliding park #wellness to everyone
 #kids sauna #relaxing zone
 #adventure bath #Kehida Termál
 Adventure Bath #Kehidakustány
 #adventure polls #baby paddle pool
 #beach bath #sauna oasis #Saint
 Gróth Bath #Zalaszentgrót #family bath
 #outdoor and indoor pools
 #beautiful environment #Hévíz Lake
 Bath #unique in the world #natural healing lake
 #biologically active
 #lotuses #perfect for prevention
 #health care #thought about kids as well
 #Festetics heritage

PURE WATER EXPERIENCES

The fairy tale beach netted by the famous fairy tale hero, Vízipók (water spider) entertains kids and adults alike in the largest family experience empire of the region, the Bath of Zalakaros. A real unique highlight is the kid's sauna so parents and children can enjoy the beneficial effect of sweating together. Exciting adventures await the young ones and adults on the custom-designed extreme slides. The water jets of the adventure bath are also refreshing and pampering. If you would like to relax than a wide range of wellness services can help.



In the bath of Kehidakustány also a baby paddling pool and slide were constructed to give the possibility to the smallest ones to enjoy water. The young ones are awaited with adventures on the outdoor and indoor slides. For those who are longing for relaxation the sauna world can be a real oasis of tranquillity. The beneficial effects are increased by very pleasant séances of the sauna masters.

Those who prefer a more peaceful, less bustling and nature-close recreation can enjoy outdoor and indoor swimming, adventure and sitting pools of the bath of Zalaszentgrót that is surrounded by a huge green area.

#Aquacity #Zalaegerszeg #climbing wall #water paradise #ten giant slides #kids and baby pool #the biggest wave pool of the Hungary #Jacuzzi #adventure park



Presumably not even the Festetics' would have thought that the bath culture they started will make the Lake of Hévíz world-famous. It has become well-known as a scene of natural healing and health care. Now during the summer time children can enjoy bathing here too in the kids pool designed right next to the Lake Bath.





Here we can be on the move all the time!

ALWAYS ON THE MOVE

There are a number of options for discovering the beautiful land of the West-Balaton region. For example it can be a breath-taking experience to look at this landscape from above. A ballooning or a sightseeing flight at sunset with the view of ships on Lake Balaton, the sight of the Keszthely Hills, the water surface of the Small Balaton, as well as the cold volcanic hills of the Tapolca Basin and the settlements of the region are all an unforgettable adventure for the traveller, documented with a unique photo collection.



Since his youth David Schwarz dealt with the idea of building a dirigible airship. After his death the invention of the Keszthely-born technician was bought by Ferdinand von Zeppelin who together with Carl Berg successfully constructed the first flying wonder machine. This way the rigid dirigible airship got the name zeppelin.



Discovering the region from hills to valleys can also be done on various ground vehicles. We can cycle from an attraction to another on excellent signed routes, hike from a lookout tower to another one or horseback ride on hill paths. It is a fast, exciting and entertaining program to go in a jeep between the vineyards of excellent wines on the Badacsony hillside or discover the natural wonders of the Small Balaton region by balancing on a Segway.

Our skills can be tested several ways, too. The mysterious world of golf can be tasted on the most beautiful golf course of Hungary and the obstacle courses of the adventure parks based on various topics can be challenging to kids and adults alike. It is not an everyday experience to try out skeet-shooting. One can test his or her punctuality by targeting clay pigeons with a shotgun or pistol.

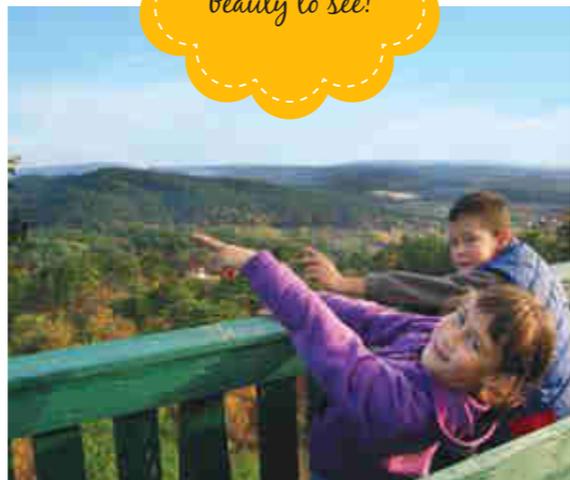


#ballooning #sightseeing
 flight #bird's-eye view #special view #thousand meter high #cycling
 #Balaton Bike Route #Balaton-crossing tours #biking in the hills #on two wheels on lowland #hiking #through hills and valleys #Keszthely Hills
 #horseback riding #riding tours #jeep tour #jeep tour in Badacsony #Segway
 #Zalakaros #Hévíz #Keszthely #golf
 #Balatonyörök #most beautiful golf course #18 holes championship course #skeet-shooting #Gyenesdiás
 #skeet-shooting centre #clay pigeon #skeet #adventure parks #Tavirózsa
 #Rezi Dino Park #Zobor KalandoZoo
 #Gyenesdiás Eco adventure park



#Nature #outside #fresh air #recreation #hiking #Keszthely Hills #tour to lookout towers #the most lookout tower #Darnay-Dornyai memorial tour #natural wonders #Nagymező (great meadow) hiking centre #Szépkilátó (nice look out place) #castle tours #Rezi & Tátika #Szigliget #stupa #Buddhist sanctuary #Zalaszántó #educational paths #Badacsony #in the footsteps' of volcanos #Rózsakő (rose stone) #Small Balaton #Small Balaton House #Kányavár Island #bird life #Buffalo reservation #canoe tours# special birds #cave tour #Csodabogyós cave #stalactite #visitor centre #House of Nature #Festetics Animal park

How much hidden beauty to see!



DISCOVERING THE BEAUTIES OF NATURE

Nature can always be an excellent option if you want to get away a little from your everyday life. There are many beautiful places that can help in this. Glens, sinkholes, old quarries and lookout towers make the hiking trails of the Keszthely Hills interesting and spectacular. After reaching the ruins of the castles of Rezi and Tátika hikers can admire the wonderful view of the surrounding landscape. Vigilant eyes can discover the Buddhist stupa nestled on the opposite hillside that will be the next destination for sure.



➤ During a well digging in 1903 a complete cave system was discovered that runs under the town of Tapolca. Ten years later the lake cave was opened to the public and it was the first cave where electric lights were installed. The only animal of the underground world covered with turquoise water is the 'fürgő csele' (quick minnow) which is called 'csetri' by the locals. If you see it during your boat trip wish something!

Stories of the cold volcanos are told by the 4 km long Geological and botanical educational path in Badacsony starting from and ending at the famous Rózsakő (Rose stone). The Kányavár Island educational path demonstrates the extremely rich bird life of the Small Balaton area, but egrets, herons, teals and other animals can be observed on a canoe tour as well. A hidden and exciting world is presented underground, too. One of the longest caves of Hungary, the Csodabogyós was named after the stinging 'miracle berry', the butcher's broom. This evergreen plant can be seen also at the entrance of the cave. Some parts of the limestone cave like the

"Hanging garden" and "Fairy tale land" amaze visitors with several hundreds of hanging stalactites.





HARMONY OF MELODIES AND FLAVOURS

The Festetics Palace is a significant scene of the regional cultural life. Classical music concerts, operetta and song evenings are held here regularly. Melodies between the old chapel walls, churches and castles must give memorable moments during stay. There is at least one open-air concert, a jazz evening or a folk dance performance almost every day in summer time. During the Barrel organ festival the town centre of Keszthely becomes covered by organ-grinder and music machines coming from many European countries. The same era is evoked by the costumed parade of the 'Happy Peacetimes' in Hévíz.

#Programmes #cultural life
 #Festetics Palace #classical music
 #concerts #operetta #song evenings
 #chapel concerts in Vonyarc #music evening in the international #barrel organ music #feeling of the turn of the century
 #Happy Peacetimes #Hévíz #costumed parade #Gastronomy #wine festivals
 #fröccs #wine regions #Badacsony
 #kéknyelvű #Balaton side #cserszegi fűszeres #craftsman beers #fish festivals #bream of Gyenes #pikeperch of Szigliget #trout of Tapolca #local farmers
 #beach food #beach bistro



What speciality do we taste today?



The gastronomic palette is rich as well. Every week from July to the end August a different settlement of West-Balaton hosts a wine festival of local wines. While tasting the most delicious wines we can listen to wine songs at the wine and song festival in Györök. The lovers of wine can enjoy the excellent offers in the cellars of the Badacsony wine region throughout the year. Those who prefer beer will definitely enjoy the craftsman beer festival in Vonyarc. Delicious fish dishes can be tasted at the fish festivals of the region: bream in Gyenes, pikeperch in Szigliget and trout in Tapolca. Fine local snacks can be tasted at the farmers' market but the followers of the current gastro trends can find their expectations, too.



There is a thousand-year-old vini and viticulture in the Badacsony wine region. Its most famous grape variety is the 'kéknyelű'. Because of its low yield once it was popular only among nobles. The success story of the 'cserszegi fűszeres' started at the neighbouring Balaton wine region. It is a hybrid of two varieties created by Károly Bakonyi, the famous grape breeder of the vineyard of the university in Cserszegtomaj.



BALATONTOURIST CAMPSITE

IDEAL PLACE FOR FAMILY HOLIDAY



Child-friendly services:

- Sandy beach • Pool for children • Playground • Bathroom for children
- Animation in high season

Accommodations in the campsites:

- Tent and caravan places • Mobilhomes • Bungalows • Tents for rent
- Caravans for rent • Water-side pitches

Other special services:

- Privat beach • Swimming pool • Animation • Bike rental
- Naturist campsite • Wakeboard circuit • Free WIFI-zone • Camping Days

Our campsites:

- Zala Camping & Bungalows (Keszthely 36/83/312-782)
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