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Past & present, history & architecture, gastronomy & wine Dive into the beauties and delicacies of Western Hungary with us

March 12, 2023 – “This monastery is an experiment to idealize a tiny part of the world.”



We will leave Budapest at **2 p.m.** to reach **Pannonhalma** after about 1 hour bus ride. The monastery of Pannonhalma – **UNESCO Heritage site** since 1996 – is built on a hill, which – according to religious tradition – is the meeting point of heaven and earth. The **Arch abbey** has been here **for over a thousand years**, constantly evolving and changing. In the building complex of this World Heritage Site, the 12th and 21st centuries, past and present, live in **harmony**. All this sends out a message that the community here – the **largest Benedictine community** in Hungary – is ready to move with the times and is open to the present, and therefore to the future. The Romanesque basilica, the **Gothic cloister**, the Baroque buildings of the **monastery**, the neoclassical **library** and tower, are all built to the highest architectural and technical standards of the period. After visiting the monastery we will introduce you to the marvellous **Benedictine wines**. From Pannonhalma we will travel another 30 minutes to the **wonderful baroque city** of **Győr**, where we will be staying the night. After the short bus ride you will be ready to relax over a **delicious dinner** in a local restaurant.

March 13, 2023 – Endless culture and history





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Link for video about Győr: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QRbU0wZ9pMs>

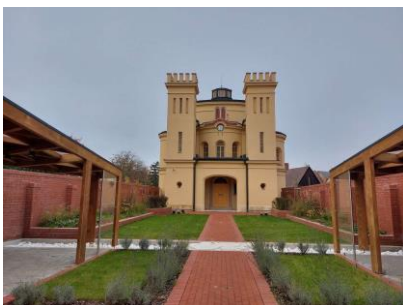
After breakfast in the hotel we will enjoy a **morning walk** in Győr, a historic city with many **charming attractions**. As we stroll through the city center, we will encounter numerous mansions as well as **Baroque palaces**. It is worth to keep your eyes open to admire the **distinctive corner balconies** and **antique sign-boards** of baroque buildings. If you do not mind to climb some steps, from the first floor section of the **Bishop's Castle Tower** you can enjoy a **360° view** over this baroque masterpiece.

Our next stop, the enchanting **Esterházy Castle** in **Fertőd** is appr. 1 hours' drive away. Also referred to as "**Hungarian Versailles**", it is the **largest** Baroque-Rococo building complex in Hungary (and the third largest in Europe) with a unique architectural and art-historical value. Esterházy Castle's heyday was during the time of the builder Miklós "Fényes" Esterházy, in the second half of the 18th century. It was here that the immortal works of **Joseph Haydn**, the father of Viennese classicism, were **first performed**, and it was on the stage of its opera house that Jean-Georges Noverre, the creator of classical ballet, danced.

After lunch in a **typical Hungarian-styled** restaurant we continue our trip to **Sopron**, to the "**town of loyalty**". Do you know where this name comes from? Before immersing in the **winding, cobbled streets**, historical gates and **colorful houses** of Sopron, we will enjoy a **chocolate tasting**, while peeking into the secrets of making the cakes and chocolates. Sounds exciting? It is even more delicious! To enhance the culinary experience, and since Sopron is the **capital of Blaufränkisch** (Hungarian red wine), we will taste some **award-winning wines** before dinner.

We will overnight in Sopron.

March 14, 2023 – A thousand small wonders at the Austrian border



Link for video about Kőszeg: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=STqsZltpsZg>



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After breakfast in the hotel we will set out on the road heading south to **Kőszeg**, a cozy little town **full of treasures** and attractions just in the Western corner of Hungary. From the numerous historical buildings, first we will visit the **nationwide famous castle**. The earliest parts still standing were built in the 14th century and they played a vital part in the **heroic victory** of the castle's vastly outnumbered defense forces over the **Ottoman army in 1532**. Even today, a festive **11 a.m. bell-ring** commemorates the end of the month-long, unsuccessful Ottoman siege.

While continuing the **travel back in time**, you will see the **Old Tower** (also called Zwinger, the oldest surviving part of the fortification system of the town), and visit the **synagogue** built in 1859, where we will also enjoy a **special musical experience**. Another must-see is the **Black Saracen Pharmacist's Museum**, opened in **1665** as the town's first pharmacy. Today it houses a **unique exhibition**. It is a place where the **17th-century officina and laboratory** and their 19th-century counterparts can be seen side by side. Not only Kőszeg, but also the little, **fairytale-like villages** hidden among the hills provide **picturesque settings** to discover the **rural Hungary**.

After lunch in **Bozsok** we visit the village of **Velem** and the **cellars of Cák** built in the chestnut woods directly behind the village, in a **fascinating natural setting**, under **centuries-old trees**. Of course, we will not miss the **gastronomic delights** we deserve after all that walking... We will enjoy our dinner in **Sopron**, in a restaurant with **Hungarian atmosphere**. We will overnight in Sopron.

March 15, 2023 – Hungarian equestrian traditions



After breakfast in the hotel we say goodbye to the Western corner of Hungary. On the way to Budapest we will make a stop in **Bábolna** to get acquainted with the **Hungarian equestrian traditions**. What better place than the **National Equestrian Estate**? The Stud yard is surrounded by an impressive building complex with a castle built in the beginning of the 1700s. Nevertheless, the true pride of the Estate and the Stud are the **most beautiful horses** of the purebred Arabian and Shagya-Arabian breeds. The horses are placed in spacious boxes in the stallion stable, where feeders are made of **red limestone**, satisfying **luxury needs**. The editors of the old journals were right to say that Bábolna was home to **horse aristocrats**.

We will arrive in Budapest **around 1 p.m.** full of wonderful experiences and as **experts on Hungary**.

Famulus Business Hotel****/ Győr



Location: The hotel is situated in the city center of Győr and is one of the largest convention centers in the city and its surroundings with up-to-date technical equipment and large space.



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Rooms: All rooms are air-conditioned and equipped with LCD TV, phone, high-speed WIFI access, minibar and hair drier.

Dining: The hotel's Podium Restaurant offers a wide range of classical international and local dishes. The dining room is uncompromising in quality, it is an attractive place for a cozy dinner or a business lunch with a foreign partner.

Other services: Famulus Squash with 2 courts, Famulus Bowling Club, Colosseum Fitness Club

Hotel Sopron****/ Sopron



Location: The harmonic 4-star hotel awaits you just a few steps away from the heart of the town with real hospitality and an unmatched view to the historic town center of Sopron.

Rooms: Premium-style rooms – modern, spacious double rooms with youthful colors and a comfortable desk. All rooms have a shower and air conditioning.

Dining: The highly acclaimed restaurant is the ideal venue for daytime dining.

Other services: Sky Wellness, fitness room

EARLY-BIRD PACKAGE PRICE: € 520,- per person in DBL room

valid for registrations until December 20, 2022

SGL supplement: € 110,-

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INCLUDED SERVICES:

Accommodation:

- 1 night in Famulus Business Hotel**** in Győr, incl. buffet breakfast, all taxes
- 2 nights in Hotel Sopron**** in Sopron, incl. buffet breakfast, all taxes

Program:

- Visit to the Monastery in Pannonhalma, incl. English-speaking guidance
- Guided tour of the cellar and tasting of 3 wines, incl. English-speaking guidance
- Guided tour of the Herbal Garden and the Scent Museum, incl. English-speaking guidance
- Dinner in a local restaurant in Győr (3-course menu, 1 glass of wine, 1 mineral water)
- Ticket to the Bishop's Castle Tower in Győr
- Visit to Esterházy Castle in Fertőd, incl. English-speaking guidance
- Lunch in typical Hungarian-styled restaurant (3-course menu, 1 glass of wine, 1 mineral water, 1 coffee)
- Chocolate tasting in Sopron, incl. a piece of handcrafted bonbon, raw chocolate, dark, milk and white chocolate, different flavored chocolates, chocolate fountain with fruit and chocolate drink tasting
- Wine tasting with 3 wines in Sopron
- Dinner in a local restaurant in Sopron (3-course menu, 1 glass of wine, 1 mineral water)
- Ticket to Jurisics Castle in Kőszeg
- Ticket to the synagogue in Kőszeg
- Ticket to Black Saracen Pharmacist's Museum in Kőszeg
- Lunch in a local restaurant (3-course menu, 1 glass of wine, 1 mineral water, 1 coffee)
- Small bites prepared by the locals in Velem



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- Dinner in a local restaurant in Sopron (3-course menu , 1 glass of wine, 1 mineral water)
- Visit of the National Equestrian Estate in Bábolna, incl. carriage demonstration (horse pairs and horse teams, during which you can ride on the carriages), visit of the stud yard, stables, carriage museum and horse museum)
- Private, comfortable bus for the whole trip
- English-speaking guide service for the whole trip

We hope that we have succeeded to whet your appetite for our tour to Western Hungary and we can greet you on our tour.

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