





Photo: Grand Parc - Bordeaux, France



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Hungary has no marine coastline nowadays, but it does have the Hungarian Sea, otherwise known as Lake Balaton. The lake has been popular since the Magyar tribes first galloped into the Carpathian Basin in 896 and shows no signs of losing it's appeal. A collection of resort towns and an interesting bicycle route ring the 77 kilometre long lake.

Hévíz-Balaton Airport is 20 kilometres from Keszthely at the southern end of the lake. From there, you can hire a car or take a bus and explore some of the resorts.





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# THE LAKE



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#### **Balaton Wine Region**

Balcsi Bagel.



Badacsony Wine Region: The volcanic hills on the northern shore, the most eye-catching being the table-shaped Badacsony, are famous for their

refreshing white wines and breathtaking views. The rich, volcanic soil is perfect for growing wine.

Balatonboglár Wine Region:

The whites and champagne dominate in this region, the red grapes popularity has been increasing recently, especially Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc.

Balatonfüred-Csopak Wine Region: The area around Balatonfüred and the nearby village of Csopak, is famed for crisp and dry white wines, but this wine region produces quality red wines, such as Merlot and Cabernet as well.

It is worth visiting the wine regions during the harvest season. Almost every settlements



celebrate the harvest and organise programs, the most popular event in this period is the Badacsony Harvest, which is held in every September.

Photo: Hungary Tourism

Address: 8261 Badacsonytomaj - Badacsony, Park utca 14. Public Transport: Train from Budapest to Csopak Phone: +36 87 531 013 Internet: www.badacsony.com Email: badacsonytomaj@tourinform.hu

### **Balatonfüred Resort**



Balatonfüred has many marinas, three lidos, a string of carbonated mineral water springs and beautiful listed buildings from the 18th

and 19th centuries. You will also find many fine restaurants and cafés here. The largest Auqapark in this region is situated in Balatonfüred.

Address: 8230 Balatonfüred, Blaha u. 5. Public Transport: take a bus or train from Budapest to Balatonfüred Phone: +36 87 580 480 Internet: www.balatonfured.info.hu/index Email: balatonfured@tourinform.hu More Info: www.gotohungary.com/about-hungary/-/netaview/ 44354/balatonfured-forest-nature-area

### **Tihany Peninsula**



The 'Pearl of the Balaton' is just 10 kilometres across the gulf from Balatonfüred. The Benedictine abbey dominates the skyline and

the Tihany peninsula was declared Hungary's first national park in 1952. To escape the crowds, walk inland to the Belsõ-tó (Inner Lake) a volcanic crater filled with calm fresh water and surrounded by grasslands, vineyards, orchards and fragrant lavender fields.

#### Tihany Tourinform:

Address: 8237 Tihany Peninsula, Kossuth Lajos u. 20. Public Transport: take a bus from Balatonfüred to Tihany, www.tihany.hu/index.php/en/useful-inf/timetables Phone: +36 87 448 804 Internet: www.tihany.hu Email: tihany@tourinform.hu

#### Hévíz



Situated on the southern tip of Lake Balaton, 5 kilometres inland from Keszthely, the lake (Gyógy-tó) dates back to a very early geological

period. As a biologically active thermal bath its water is very special and significant. This settlement is good choise to take part in active tourism as cycling and nord walking. Hévíz is at its best in winter: you can immerse yourself in steamy, hot water, utterly impervious to any snow or rain that might fall.

Photo: Hungary Tourism Address: 8380 Hévíz, Rákóczi u. 2. Public Transport: take a bus from Budapest to Hévíz Phone: +36 83 540 131 Internet: www.heviz.hu/en Email: heviz@tourinform.hu

#### Siófok - Party Central



The flatter southern shore is famous for its summer party capital Siófok. The 17 kilometre-long beach hosts a summer-long

water festival. In winter there is still plenty to do, from walking to yachting to enjoying the



endless nightlife possibilities. This place is also packed with nightclubs, discos and bars.

Photo: Hungary Tourism Ltd Address: 8600 Siófok, Víztorony Public Transport: take a bus or train from Budapest to Siófok Phone: +36 84 310 117 Internet: www.siofokportal.com Email: tourinform@siofokportal.com

#### **Balaton Uplands National Park**



Balaton Uplands National Park was founded in 1997 and extends over 57,000 hectares from Lake Balaton's western tip as far as Tihany. Its natural

resources and unique fauna and flora make the park one of the most significant sites in the region.

The last attractions of the region are the Lake-Cave Visitor Center in Tapolca and the Lavender House in Tihany.

Address: 8229 Csopak, Kossuth u. 16. Public Transport: take a train from Budapest to Balaton Uplands Phone: +36 87 555 291 Internet: www.bfnp.hu Email: bfnp@bfnp.hu More Info: www.gotohungary.com/about-hungary/-/article/thi ngs-to-do-and-see-national-parks-balaton-uplands

#### **Kis-Balaton (Little Balaton)**

Kis-Balaton, meaning "Little-Balaton" is part of the Balaton Uplands National Park. It is also one of Europe's top wetland nature reserves and a favourite spot for birdwatchers.

Address: Kis-Balaton Public Transport: the largest railway station nearby is in Zalakomár Internet: www.kisbalaton.hu

#### Balatonboglár



Balatonboglár is situated on the south shore of Lake Balaton. This region is famous for its wine and champagne. The most dominant grape of the

region is Olaszrizling, Chardonnay and Sárgamuskotály. In the end of the 20th century the red grapes appeared in the region and it has became more and more popular.

Visit the sorrundings: www.balatonboglar.hu/Galeria/3d-panorama

Photo: Hungary Tourism Address: 8253 Révfülöp, Villa Filip tér 8/b Public Transport: take a bus or train from Budapest to Balatonboglár Phone: +36 87 463 194 Internet: www.balatonboglar.hu Email: revfulop@tourinform.hu

# Szigliget and Szigliget Castle



Castle of Szigliget is situated on the northern shore of Lake Balaton and open to the public throughout the year. The Castle was founded in

1260-1262 and is still standing proud with its rich history.

Tourinform Office (it operates in summer): 8264 Szigliget, Kossuth u. 17. +36 70 371 53 46 szigliget@tourinform.hu

Address: 8264 Szigliget, Kisfaludy u. 26. Public Transport: It has a common railway station with Badacsonytördemic Opening hours: November, December, Januar, Februar: 10.00-16.00, March: 9.00-17.00, April: 9.00-18.00, May, Juny: 9.00-19.00, July, August: 8.00-20.00, September: 9 .00-18.00,



October: 9.00-17.00 Phone: +36 87 461 355 Internet: www.szigligetivar.eu/?lang=en Email: polgarmester@szigliget.hu More Info: www.gotohungary.com/about-hungary/-/netaview/ 41649/castle-of-szigliget

#### Balatonalmádi



Balatonalmádi is located on the northern shore of Lake Balaton. In every summer the Weinfestival is organised in the city in front of the entrace of the

Wesselényi beach, which lasts more then two weeks.

Photo: Hungary Tourism Ltd. Address: 8220 Balatonalmádi, Városház tér 4. Public Transport: take a bus or train from Budapest to Balatonalmádi Phone: +36 88 594 081 Internet: www.balaton-almadi.hu Email: balatonalmadi@tourinform.hu

### Zamárdi



Zamárdi is located on the southern shore of Lake Balaton. It provides a wide range of programms for everyone. You can choose from outdoor

cinema, a unique Military Park, Adventure Park and at the height of Summer, enjoy the Balaton Sound Festival.

Address: 8621 Zamárdi Kossuth u. 16. Public Transport: take a bus or train from Budapest to Zamárdi Phone: +84 345 290 Internet: www.zamardi.hu Email: zamardi@tourinform.hu

### **EVENTS**



#### VINCE Balaton



Sports fans and wine lovers alert: VinCE Balaton and Blue Ribbon sailing competiton at Lake Balaton Balatonfüred offer a

memorable summer weekend. VinCE Balaton wine and gastro promenade and the prestigious long distance sailing competition, Kékszalag (Blue Ribbon) join their forces and welcome visitors from 14 to 17 July 2016 in Balatonfüred.

Address: 8230 Balatonfüred, Vitorlás tér Public Transport: Train /Bus /Ship Phone: +36 20 430 39 57 Internet: http://vincebalaton.hu/en Email: info@vincemagazin.hu More Info: http://gotohungary.com/about-hungary/-/article/wi ne-festivals-2016-hungary

### **B.My.Lake**



B my Lake opens its gates on 24 August and brings you the biggest and most influential acts in contemporary techno, tech-house, minimal and

house music, supported by unique visual and sound elements. Despite the immense demand for the festival, it will be preserving its



"boutique" features that made it so popular since its first edition.

B my Lake is yet again bringing an insane line-up to Hungary's "festival capital" Zamárdi, a must-see town, boasting an amazing panorama and wonderful lakeside location, merely 110 km's away from Budapest.

Photo: bmylake.hu Address: 8621 Zamárdi, Harcsa u. Public Transport: Train / Bus Opening hours: 0-24 Phone: +3613720650 Internet: http://www.bmylake.hu/english/index.php Email: info@bmylake.hu More Info: http://gotohungary.com/about-hungary/-/article/to p-festivals-to-party-at-this-year-in-hungary

#### VeszprémFest



Main square and stage of the Castle of Veszprém, this lovely town just a few kilometres north from Lake Balaton hosts this cultural and music

festival. Classic music, jazz, opera - almost all genres will be repsresented! Also Rosé Riesling and Jazz Days will be part of the event.

Photo: veszpremfest.hu/Zsolt Melczer Address: 8200 Veszprém, Szentháromság tér Public Transport: Train / Bus Opening hours: 0-24 Phone: +3688800900 Internet: http://www.veszpremfest.hu/en Email: info@veszpremfest.hu More Info: http://gotohungary.com/about-hungary/-/article/to p-7-cultural-events-of-2016-in-hungary

#### Valley of Arts Festival



Magic ambience created by the small villages of the Balaton Uplands area characterize this summer series of events, where courtyards, hidden

valleys, old village houses host events from concerts to theater performances and artisan markets. Művészetek Völgye (Valley of Arts Festival) is a special program series between July 22 and 31st July in Kapolcs and its surroundings.

Photo: muveszetekvolgye.hu Address: 8294 Kapolcs, Kossuth utca Public Transport: Bus Opening hours: 0-24 Phone: +36709474009 Internet: https://www.muveszetekvolgye.hu/en Email: info@muveszetekvolgye.hu More Info: http://gotohungary.com/about-hungary/-/article/to p-7-cultural-events-of-2016-in-hungary

#### **Strand Festival**



Bands play, fans laze in the sun by the shore of Lake Balaton between 24-27 August, and dance the night away to great electronic music. The

most renovned performer of Beach Festival will be Hurts, but almost all kind of music styles will be represented on the 3-day long party event.

Photo: strandfestival.com Address: 8621 Zamárdi, Balaton part Public Transport: Train / Bus Opening hours: 0-24 Phone: +36307219808 Internet: http://strandfesztival.com/ Email: info@nagyonbalaton.hu More Info: http://gotohungary.com/about-hungary/-/article/to p-festivals-to-party-at-this-year-in-hungary



# DO & SEE



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## Tapolca Cave Lake (tavasbarlang)



This is a romantic cave lake. Here visitors can row little boats along a partially-subterranean river, fed by thermal springs and visit an 18th

century water mill that is now a hotel. A new attraction waits for the guests called Cave Lake Visitor Center, which was built in 2015.

Photo: Hungary Tourism Address: 8300 Tapolca, Kisfaludy Sándor u. 3. Public Transport: take a bus or train from Budapest to Tapolca Opening hours: 21 Jan-28 Febr: 09.00-16.00, 1 March- 31 May: 9.30-17.00, 1 June- 31 Aug: 9.00-20.00, 1 Sept- 31 Oct: 9.30-17.00, 1 Nov- 28 Febr: 9.00-16.00 Phone: +36 87 412 579 Tickets: 2000 HUF/ Adult, 1400 HUF/ Children Internet: www.tavasbarlang.hu/index.php/en Email: info@tavasbarlang.hu More Info: 10 kilometres north of Lake Balaton

### **Festetics Castle, Keszthely**



The Festetics Castle was built by György Festetics in 1745 in Keszthely and it is one of the largest and most beautifully restored buildings in Hungary.

Each of the 101 rooms has its original furniture. It gives place for various events.

Example of baroque architecture, it is called Helikon Palace Museum, which is situated in the northwestern corner of Lake Balaton. It has been renovated recently, but during this time it is



allowed to visit by the guests. The palace is a museum and also takes part in conference tourism.

An arboretum is located nearby and gives you an unforgettable experience with its collection of large chestnut, black pine trees, and thousands of summer flowers and a fantastic fountain.

Photo: Hungary Tourism Address: 8360 Keszthely, Kastély u. 1. Public Transport: take a bus or train from Budapest to Keszthely Opening hours: 1 June - 30 September: 9.00-18.00 every day, + Wednesdays: 19.00-24.00, Saturdays: 20.00-24.00 Phone: +36 83 314 194 Internet: www.helikonkastely.hu/hu Email: kiallitas@helikonkastely.hu/hu More Info: www.gotohungary.com/about-hungary/-/netaview/ 1052013/festetics-castle-helikon-castle-museum

#### **Balaton Museum, Keszthely**

The Balaton Museum concentrates on the lake and its flora and fauna. Here you can also learn about the history of fishing and boats, its spas and some of its archaeological finds.

Address: 8360 Keszthely, Múzeum u. 2. Public Transport: take a bus or train from Budapest to Keszthely Opening hours: June-August: Mon-Sun: 09.00.-18.00. Phone: +36 83 312 351 Tickets: 800 HUF/ Adult Internet: www.balatonimuzeum.hu/ Email: info@balatonimuzeum.hu More Info: www.gotohungary.com/about-hungary/-/netaview/ 43768/balaton-museum

### Bison Reserve (Bivalyrezervátum)



The Bison Reserve is located 30 kilometres south of Keszthely, and is home to around 100 bison remaining from the 200,000 creatures living

in Hungary before World War I. Bison are housed

#### indoors during the winter.

Address: Zalakormár, Kápolnapuszta Public Transport: the largest railway station nearby is in Zalakomár Opening hours: 1st May - 30th Sept 9.00-19.00, 1st Oct- 31st Oct 9.00-17.00, 1st Nov - 31st March 9.00-16.00 Phone: +36 70 236 74 01 Tickets: 650 HUF / Adult, 350 HUF/ Children Internet: www.bfnp.hu/english/pages/buffalo\_reserve Email: bfnp@bfnp.hu

#### Sailing on The 'Hungarian Sea'



For sailors without the necessary sailing skills or paperwork, courses are also available and enable sailors to gain the international certificate.

English-speaking schools include Sail & Surf.

Photo: Hungary Tourism Address: 8237 Tihany, Rév u. 3. Public Transport: take a bus from Balatonfüred to Tihany, www.tihany.hu/index.php/en/useful-inf/timetables Phone: +36 30 701 93 17 Internet: www.wind99.com/, www.tflotta.hu/lang/en Email: kiraly@wind99.com More Info: www.gotohungary.com/about-hungary/-/netaview/ 704491/sailboat-rental-sailing-yacht-charter-and-sailing-scho

ol, http://www.hungarysites.com/sailing-lake-balaton.php

## Globe Lookout in Balatonboglár



This Globe lookout is surrounded by a nature protection area, which is perfectly suitable for an environmentally-consciou s picnic. You can find an

adventure park and a bobsleigh run in the neighbourhood.

Photo: Hungary Tourism Address: 8630 Balatonboglár, Kilátó u. Public Transport: take a bus or train from Budapest to



#### Balatonboglár

Opening hours: Every day of the year, Mon-Sun 10.00-22.00 Phone: +36 30 351 44 76

Tickets: Adult: 250 HUF / person, Children 200 HUF/ person More Info: Look-Out Globe Balaton Boglár is located on the top of Várdomb next to main road 7

#### **Tihany Abbey**



The Tihany Abbey is a Benedictine monastery established at Tihany in the Kingdom of Hungary in 1055. The Foundation Letter is a very important

language memory of Hungary. Its patrons are the Virgin Mary and Saint Aignan of Orleans. The church itself was rebuilt in Baroque style in 1754 and still functions today. There are frequent organ concerts in the abbey church during the summer. The viewpoint next to this lovely church is one of the best in the area.

Address: 8237 Tihany I. András tér 1.

Public Transport: take a bus from Balatonfüred to Tihany, www.tihany.hu/index.php/en/useful-inf/timetables Opening hours: Nov 1 - Mar 31: 10.00-16.00, Apr 1 - Apr 30: 10.00-16.30, May 1 - Sept 30: 9.00-18.00, Oct 1 - 31 : 10.00-17.00, Sundays and feast-days: from 11.15 Phone: +36 87 538 200 Tickets: Adult: 1000 HUF/ person, Student: 500 HUF / person, Family ticket: 2600 HUF / family (2 adults + 2 children; further children: 200 HUF / child ) Audio guide: 300 HUF each

Internet: www.tihany.osb.hu/contact/ Email: tba.titkarsag@gmail.com More Info: Guiding lecture in Foreign Language: 8000 HUF

### **Tihany Lavender Centre**



The Lavender House Visitor Center presents the Tihany Peninsula in a manner that provides special entertainment for young and old alike. We will introduce you to the once-raging volcano fires and the harmony of the landscape that was shaped as a result of it. We will show you the centuries-long co-existence of people and nature along with the emblematic culture that developed from it: lavender production.

#### Photo: Hungary Tourism

Address: 8237 Tihany, Major u. 67.

Public Transport: take a bus from Balatonfüred to Tihany, www.tihany.hu/index.php/en/useful-inf/timetables Opening hours: 1 June -31 August: 9.00 - 19.00, 1 September - 31 October 31: 10.00-17.00, 1 November - 31 March: Sat-Sun 10.00-15.00, 1 April- 31 May: 10.00-17.00 Phone: +36 80 205 208, +36 87 538 033 Tickets: Adult: 900 HUF, Discounted: 700 HUF, Children (3-14 years): 450 HUF, Family (2 Adults, 2 Children (0-14 years)): 2300 HUF

Email: bfnp@bfnp.kvvm.hu

More Info: www.gotohungary.com/about-hungary/-/netaview/ 1130233/lavender-house-visitor-center

### Zamardi Challenge Park (Rope Course)



The varied range of obstacles suspended by ropes between old-growth threes of Zamárdi Kalandpark and the zipwire routes, spread

over a 1 square mile area offer a sporty and exciting leisure opportunity for both children and adults. The most popular activities of the Challenge Park (Kalandpark) are the four zipwire courses.

Photo: Hungary Tourism Address: 8621 Zamárdi, Siófoki út Public Transport: take a bus or train from Budapest to Zamárdi Opening hours: Mon – Fri 10.00–18.00, Sat – Sun 10.00–19.00, Oct 15 - Apr 30: closed Phone: +36 84 345 143, +36 20 449 68 31 Tickets: Kids course: 2200 HUF/Person, Junior course: 2800 HU/Person, Adults course: 3800 HUF/Person, Family discount: 10%



Internet: www.zamardikalandpark.hu/kalandpalya-akadalypal ya-balaton Email: info@zkpmail.hu

### Swimming



Balaton cross-swimming: This program is a tradition in Hungary. The 2015 Pek-Snack Lake Balaton cross swimming competition is planned to

take place on Saturday 4 july in this year. The competition starting point is the Révfülöp port and the finishing point is the Platan beach in Balatonboglár. The distance is 5,200 metres. Participants are able to start swimming anytime between 8.00-14.00 hour. You can read more info here: www.balaton-atuszas.hu/eng/informaciok

Photo: Hungary Tourism Ltd. Address: 8253 Révfülöp, port Public Transport: take a bus or train from Budapest to Révfülöp Phone: +36 87 464 363 Internet: www.balaton-atuszas.hu/eng/informaciok Email: balatonatuszas@gmail.com

### **Cycling around Lake Balaton**



The bike road network around the Lake Balaton is more than 200 km long. The stage is easy, only the East and the North shore is hilly, the other

side is flat. This bike tour is well recommend for every cyclist with average experience and perfect for families and seniors. You can plan your trip on this website: www.bikemap.net/hu/route/543314-balatonkor/

Round the lake bike races are more and more popular in Hungary. You can find a lot of

alternative cycling paths wait for the tourists, for example in the west region.

The number of the bicycle-friendly bistros and restaurants is rising around the Balaton, where you can have a fresh beverage or take a nap under the trees in the afternoon. You have an opportunity to rent a bike in many settlements.

Photo: Hungary Tourism Ltd. Address: 8220 Balatonalmádi, 0-ás kilométerkő Public Transport: take a bus or train from Budapest to Balatonalmadi Internet: www.balatontourism.com/Cycling.html

# Hiking to the Basalt Pillars of Szentgyörgy Hegy



Email: info@balatontourism.com

The Szent György-hegy is one of the most spectecular volcanic hill in Tapolca Basin. It has basalt stones, vineyards and vine cellars. The

Natur trail takes you to the 414 meter high summit along the probably most well-known and most wonderful sight of the hill, the "basalt organ pipes". Distance: 4 km Difference in elevation: 200 m Length: 2 hours

Photo: Hungary Tourism Ltd. Address: 8300 Raposka Public Transport: take a bus or train from Budapest to Tapolca, then change to a Bus to Raposka: www.ujmenetrend.cdata.hu/uj\_menetrend/volan Phone: +36 87 555 260 Internet: www.bfnp.hu/english/pages/tours Email: bfnp@bfnp.kvvm.hu More Info: www.bfnp.hu/magyar/oldalak/tapolcai medence tanosvenyek



#### **Great beaches**



The beaches around the Lake open from May to the end of September. Many of the beaches provide water sports activities, such as

kayaking, waterskiing, puddle boating or surfing.

All of the beaches around Balaton have to observe certain requirements to ensure the safety of the people. Therefore before each season the water quality and all of the facilities are carefully sampled and checked.

We have collected for you the greatest beaches around the lake:

# North shore: Balatonfüred Eszterházy beach Balatonfüred Kisfaludy beach Zánka: Erzsébet Tábor Zánka Községi strand Csopak strand Vonyarcvashegy: Lidó Strand Keszthely Helikon beach Alsóörs Strand Gyenesdiási Diási Játékstrandot Balatongyöröki Községi Strandot

South Shore: Siófok : Nagystrand Balatonlelle Napfény beach (It includes experience baths) Fonyód: Bélatelepi beach Községi Strand (the longest sandy beach around the lake) Balatonszemesen: Berzsenyi úti szabad strand Balatonbogláron: Platán strand Balatonberény: Községi Strand (the most bike-friendly beach in 2015) Photo: Hungary Tourism Ltd.

More Info: www.google.hu/maps/search/balaton+strand/@46. 8782175,17.4753134,9z

# Pedaloes/ water bikes



Almost every beach around the Lake Balaton has a pedalo or water bike rental operation. The prices depend on the type of the vechicles and the

location of the beaches.

Photo: Hungary Tourism Ltd.

#### **Balaton Uplands National Park**



The area of 56 997 hectares of the Balaton Uplands National Park mainly consists of these six landscape protection areas: Kis-Balaton,

Keszthely Hills, Tapolca Basin, Káli Basin, Pécsely Basin and Tihany Peninsula.

Among its regions Kis-Balaton is also protected by the international Ramsar Convention, serving the protection of wetland habitats. Tihany Peninsula – as a recognition of its outstanding geological values and the work of nature conservation in that region – was awarded of European Diploma in 2003. The Natura 2000 areas, covering partly the National Park and going beyond its area ensure the possibility of the conservation of habitats, plant and animal species which are of European importance.

The initiative of Bakony-Balaton Geopark – the area of which covers partly the National Park – sets the aim of interpreting the geological, natural and cultural values and awakening the consciousness of their social significance. The



Bakony-Balaton Geopark became member of the European Geoparks Network and the Global Geoparks Network – assisted by UNESCO in 2012.

Photo: bfnp.hu Address: Headquarters: 8229 Csopak, Kossuth u. 16., Hungary Public Transport: Train / Bus / Ship Phone: +3687555260 Internet: www.bfnp.hu Email: bfnp@bfnp.hu More Info: https://www.facebook.com/balatonfelvideki.nemzetipark

#### Plázs Siófok



Sunbathing and relaxing daytime and partying in the night: this is what PLÁZS Siófok offers. The renewed location offers a 2000 sqm sandy beach,

terrace with deckchairs, pool, street workout equipment or a beach library. Sport programmes will also be held, and of course many concerts and parties await visitors until the end of August.

Photo: plazssiofok.hu Address: 8600 Siófok, Petőfi sétány 3, Hungary Public Transport: Train / Bus / Ship Phone: +36 30 600 7101 Internet: http://plazssiofok.hu/hu/ Email: hello@siofokplazs.hu More Info: https://www.facebook.com/plazssiofok/

#### DINING



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Lake Balaton is a gourmet's heaven. The lake is surrounded with resorts devoted entirely to entertainment and leisure. Resorts such as Balatonfüred, Keszthely and Siófok are crammed with restaurants, bars, cafés and nightclubs offering mostly sturdy, meaty Hungarian cuisine, although Italian restaurants are extremely popular also. The lake is home to 40 different kinds of fish and many of these make their way onto the table. The volcanic soil around Badacsony produces some of the best white grapes in the country and the wine makes a superb accompaniment to fish suppers.

#### Blaha Lujza Restaurant



Blaha Lujza Restaurant is situated near the lake. This restaurant is part of a small hotel and offers a wide range of dishes like Hungarian, international

and vegetarian dishes.

Address: 8230 Balatonfüred, Blaha Lujza u. 4. Public Transport: take a bus or train from Budapest to Balatonfüred Phone: +36 87 581 210, +36 87 581 215 Internet: www.blahalujzaetterem.hu Email: hotelblaha@upcmail.hu, hotelblaha@t-online.hu More Info: www.gotohungary.com/about-hungary/-/netaview/ 76750/blaha-lujza-restaurant



# Borcsa Étterem



The Borcsa Étterem opened its gates in 1984 and situated in one of the most beautiful promenade around the Lake Balaton. The menu

is filled with some meaty hungarian dishes supplemented by pizzas and ice cream. The upper level of the restaurant resembles a cruise ship. Here you can also enjoy Kronenburg beer specialties.

Address: 8230 Balatonfüred, Tagore sétány Public Transport: take a bus or train from Budapest to Balatonfüred Opening hours: Mon-Thu, Sun: 11.00-21.00, Fri: 11.00-22.00, Sut: 11.00-23.00 Phone: +36 87 580 070 Internet: www.borcsaetterem.hu/en Email: borcsaetterem@freemail.hu More Info: www.gotohungary.com/about-hungary/-/netaview/ 77715/borcsa-restaurant

### **Cimbora Grill Kert**

Located next to the main road number 71 and near to the port of the settlement. It features a lovely garden and a grill on the terrace for all kinds of meat dishes. To complete your Hungarian experience local wines are to be found on the drink menu.

Address: 8230 Balatonfüred, Széchenyi u. 23. Public Transport: take a bus or train from Budapest to Balatonfüred Opening hours: every day from 12.00- 21.00 Phone: +36 87 482 512 Internet: www.cimboragrillkert.hu/en Email: cimbora@cimboragrillkert.hu More Info: www.gotohungary.com/about-hungary/-/netaview/ 77695/cimbora-grill-garden

#### **Roxy Café**



Roxy is a brick-walled restaurant and bar near the water tower in Siófok. Here you can enjoy pizzas and pastas as well as Hungarian and German

dishes in good-sized portions.

Address: 8600 Siófok, Szabadság tér 1. Public Transport: take a bus or train from Budapest to Siófok Opening hours: every day 8.00-02.00 Phone: +36 84 506 573 Internet: www.roxyetterem.hu More Info: www.gotohungary.com/about-hungary/-/netaview/ 79624/roxy-cafe

#### Bacchus

At Bacchus you can enjoy a great dinner in an atmospheric rustic hotel restaurant. The mesu contains the traditional dishes of the Zala County, fishes of the Lake Balaton and game specialties and wines from the region. The hotel has a wine cellar as well, where wine tastings are organised.

Address: 8360 Keszthely, Erzsébet kiralyné u. 18. Public Transport: take a bus or train from Budapest to Keszthely Opening hours: The Museum is opend every day 11.00-23.00 Phone: +36 83 314 096, +36 83 510 450 Internet: www.bacchushotel.hu Email: info@bacchushotel.hu More Info: www.gotohungary.com/about-hungary/-/netaview/ 56853/bacchus-hotel

#### Régi Idők Udvara Skanzen and Restaurant



You should not miss this place, when you are near at hand. When you first enter to the restaurant you can feel yourself in the past. The mood and

the design transport you to an old time. It is a



really cosy place, the personal is very friendly and nice. You have to try the home made craft beer, the wine from the region, and the meats from the oven. In the evenings you can enjoy the life music.

Address: 8237 Tihany, Batthyányi u 3. Public Transport: take a bus or train from Budapest to Balatonfüred, then change to a bus to Tihany:

http://ujmenetrend.cdata4.info/uj\_menetrend/volan/index.php Phone: +36 70 284 67 05

Internet: www.facebook.com/pages/R%C3%A9gi-Id%C5%91k -Udvara-Skanzen-%C3%A9s-%C3%89tterem/2048073728642 11

#### Kistücsök



The owner of the restaurant always makes culinary "study trips" to the foreign countries to catch new inspirations. During these gastronomic

journey he makes conversations with the owners of the restaurants. The Kistücsök offers regional and season dishes to the guests. If you are interested in wines, this is your place, because, it has a wine cellar with more than 300 various wine arts and it offers wine tasting programms as well.

Address: 8636 Balatonszemes, Bajcsy Zs. u. 25. Public Transport: take a bus or train from Budapest to Balatonszemes Opening hours: every day: 11:00-23:00 Phone: +36 84 360 133 Internet: www.kistucsok.hu Email: kistucsoketterem@t-online.hu More Info: www.facebook.com/Kistucsoketterem?fref=ts

#### Kishableány



If you want to try the new wave gastronomy called beach food, which has been improved recently around the Lake Balaton, you are suggested to visit

this cosy place. It offers hamburgers, hot dogs, pizzas and sandwiches, such as Balcsi Bagel or Waterdog. You should not forget to taste the cakes and wines from the region.

Address: 8261 Badacsonytomaj, Park utca 26. Opening hours: Mon - Sun: 11:00 - 23:30 Phone: +36 70 388 94 00 Internet: www.facebook.com/kishableanybadacsony Email: zsofia.laposa@bazaltbor.hu More Info: www.bazaltbor.hu

### Palánta Zöld Ételbár



Raw vegan food, drink and desserts in the heart of Siófok.

Photo: facebook.com/palantazoldetelbar Address: Siófok, Vámház utca 4, Hungary Opening hours: Mo-Fri: 10.00-14.00 & 16.00-19.00 Sat.: 9.00-12.00 Phone: +36707744407 Internet: https://www.facebook.com/palantazoldetelbar/

# Mala Garden Restaurant & Hotel Siófok



Mala Garden Hotel's restaurant in Siófok offers an exotic atmosphere matching the hotel's design, where guests can marvel at the

magnificent view overlooking Lake Balaton all year round. The international cuisine and the



menu is accordingly a composition of Far Eastern, Malay and Thai dishes and flavours, but devoted followers of healthy diets will not be left disappointed either with the wide variety of salads and fish dishes that await them. For those after Hungarian flavours, a number of traditional recipes are revived.

Each room of Mala Garden Hotel\*\*\*\* Superior Siófok has been designed with minimalist and modern Balinese architecture in focus, combining harmony, design and luxury.

Photo: malagarden.hu Address: Siófok, Szent István sétány 1, Hungary Opening hours: 0-24 Phone: +3684510980 Internet: http://en.malagarden.hu/ Email: info@malagarden.hu

#### Pub-Lik Bisztró Balatonföldvár



Restaurant and café in Balatonföldvár, where the kitchen is led by chef Sándor Csizmazia, who also worked in Michelin-star restaurant

181 in München.

Photo: pub-lik.hu Address: 8623 Balatonföldvár Széchenyi utca 13. Phone: +3684340328 Internet: http://www.pub-lik.hu/

### Csigaház Restaurant Balatonföldvár

Restaurant in the boat stop building of Balatonföldvár, offering traditional Hungarian dishes.

Address: Balatonföldvár Béla utca 1. Phone: +36304656294 Internet: https://foursquare.com/v/csigah%C3%A1z/4db4456 34df05e5aaadc20df

#### CAFES



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The entire circumference of Lake Balaton is filled with resort towns, which makes for a plethora of bars, cafés and places to taste the delicious wines and life-enhancing mineral waters from the region.

#### Rege Cukrászda

If you are looking for a place to rest your weary feet, Rege Cukrászda is a good option. Here you can enjoy great coffee and cakes, in a good location just opposite the Tourinform Office at Tihany.

Address: 8237 Tihany, Kossuth u. 22. Public Transport: take a bus from Balatonfüred to Tihany: www.tihany.hu/index.php/en/useful-inf/timetables Opening hours: every day from 10.00- 18.00, expect Mondays Phone: +36 87 448 280 Internet: www.xn--regecukrszda-jbb.hu/index.php?lang=en Email: regecukraszda@gmail.com More Info: www.gotohungary.com/about-hungary/-/netaview/ 77669/rege-confectionery

# Café Molo

Café Molo is a funky beach house café that serves Mediterranean dishes and excellent iced coffee. This is a perfect place to enjoy a good cup of coffee right next to beautiful Lake Balaton.

Address: 8600 Siófok, Szent István sétány 1. Public Transport: take a bus or train from Budapest to Siófok Opening hours: every day 11.00-24.00 Phone: +36 84 317 617



Internet: www.cafemolo.hu Email: info@cafemolo.hu More Info: www.gotohungary.com/about-hungary/-/netaview/ 1755043/cafe-molo

#### Café Pelso, Keszthely

The elegant coffee-and-cake venue Café Pelso can be found on Keszthely's main square. Here, in addition to fantastic cream cakes, you can choose from a wide selection of teas from all over the world.

Address: 8360 Keszthely, Kossuth Lajos u. 38. Public Transport: take a bus or train from Budapest to Keszthely Opening hours: Mon-Sun: 10.00 - 21.00 Phone: +36 83 315 415 More Info: www.telepules.com/en/keszthely/tourism/hospitali ty/pelso-cafe-10607.html

### **Marzipan Museum and Pastry Shop**



At the Marzipan Museum and Pastry Shop you can enjoy the amazing ornamental works created in marzipan. Don't worry, as well as a

feast for the eyes, there are also plenty of opportunities to sample tempting marzipan desserts.

Address: 8360 Keszthely, Katona József u. 19. Public Transport: take a bus or train from Budapest to Keszthely

Opening hours: from the beginning of March to the end of December: 10.00-18.00, except Mondays Phone: +36 83 319 32

Tickets: 180 HUF/Adult, 120 HUF/Children

Internet: www.marcipanmuzeum.hu/index.php/english

Email: mail@marcipanmuzeum.hu

More Info: www.gotohungary.com/about-hungary/-/netaview/

79316/marcepan-confectionery-and-museum

#### Kedves



Kedves is famed for having some of the best cakes in the region. These can be enjoyed in a peaceful and relaxing atmosphere accompanied

by a nice cup of coffee.

Address: 8230 Balatonfüred, Blaha Lujza u. 7. Public Transport: take a bus or train from Budapest to Balatonfüred Opening hours: every day 8.00- 22.00 Phone: +36 87 343 229 Internet: www.facebook.com/KedvesCukraszda?fref=ts Email: kredencborbisztro@gmail.com More Info: www.gotohungary.com/about-hungary/-/netaview/ 78044/kedves-cafe-and-confectionery

#### Karolina Café and Cocktail Bar

One of the cosiest Cafés in Balatonfüred is the Karolina Café and Cocktail Bar, which is situated on the city's promenade near the shores of Lake Balaton. All cakes are homemade on the premises, and well worth sampling!

Address: 8230 Balatonfüred, Zákonyi F. utca 4. Public Transport: take a bus or train from Budapest to Balatonfüred Opening hours: In winter: 9.00-21.00, Saturday: 9.00-24.00, In Summer: 8.00-01.00 Phone: +36 87 583 098 Internet: www.karolina.hu/index.php?lang=1 Email: info@karolina.hu More Info: www.gotohungary.com/about-hungary/-/netaview/ 76171/karolina-coffee-coctailbar

#### Villa Gréta Confectionery and Pension Siófok



Confectioner Ágnes Szilágyi is the creator of marvelous cakes, tortes and ice creams right in the middle of the party zone of Siófok.



Photo: facebook.com/villagretasiofok Address: Siófok, Petőfi sétány 38, Hungary Opening hours: Mo: Closed Tue-Sun: 10.00 am-8.00 pm Phone: +36209278328 Internet: https://www.facebook.com/villagretasiofok/

# **BARS & NIGHTLIFE**



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Lake Balaton's bars have delightful terraces in the spring and summer overlooking the waterside and an excellent spot for sipping on local chardonnay and chilling out. The main Balaton destination for party-goers is Siófok. This resort is entirely given over to hedonism, especially in the warmer months, when ravers stay up until dawn, often rounding the night off in style with a dip in the lake. The resort of Balatonfüred, on the northern shore opposite is more sedate, however it too lets its hair down during the many wine festivals in the autumn.

#### **Beach Party Café**

This place is great for enjoying a couple of drinks in the sun with your friends. Beach Party Café is a part outdoor and part indoor café and also features an exclusive dance club.

Address: Petőfi Sétány 3, Siófok Internet: www.beach-party-cafe.hu

#### Easy Rider Music Club & Pub

Easy Rider Music Club & Pub can be found in Keszthely. This place is especially popular with local students and can be quite noisy from time

#### to time.

Address: 8360 Keszthely, Kossuth Lajos u. 79. Public Transport: take a bus or train from Budapest to Keszthely Phone: +36 83 319 842

#### Flört Dance Club

Flört Dance Club is a techno, high-tech dance club, running since 1989. The club also features different DJ's and events like Valentine parties.

Address: 8600 Siófok, Sió u. 4. Public Transport: take a bus or train from Budapest to Siófok Opening hours: 22.00-05.00 Phone: +36 20 333 33 03 Tickets: 3000 - 5000 HUF Internet: www.flort.hu Email: info@flort.hu

#### Palace Disco Pizzeria

Palace Disco Pizzeria is a hot and sweaty dance club, the perfect place to dance you shoes off and let your hair down. Beware that this place is not for the faint-hearted!

Address: 8600 Siófok, Vécsey Károly u. 20. Public Transport: take a bus or train from Budapest to Siófok Opening hours: every day from 06.19 to 08.29: 22.00-05.00 Phone: +36 30 200 88 88 Tickets: 3000 - 5000 HUF Internet: www.palace.hu/?lang=en Email: info@palace.hu

#### Macho Pub, Balatonfüred

Balatonfüred Macho Pub is a Mexican-themed pub with some good Tex-Mex food and Latin American cocktails. Here you can also enjoy games like a pool table, darts and live music on Friday evenings.

Address: 8230 Balatonfüred, Vasút u. 4. Public Transport: take a bus or train from Budapest to Balatonfüred Opening hours: Fri- Sat 22.00-05.00 Phone: +36 30 620 35 22



Email: info@machopub.hu

#### **Columbus Club**

One of the most popular disco on the north shore of the Lake Balaton. This pumping disco is situated only a few minutes walk from the lake.

Address: 8230 Balatonfüred, Honvéd u. 3. Public Transport: take a bus or train from Budapest to Balatonfüred Phone: +36 70 63 66 707 Internet: www.columbusclub.eu Email: k.zsolt@exvision.hu More Info: www.facebook.com/columbusclub.hungary

## SHOPPING



Lake Balaton is a holiday and relaxation destination with an abundance of hotels. restaurants and swimming pools but very few opportunities for shopping. Keszthely's main street has a few supermarkets where you can pick up all the necessities and a lively market on Wednesdays and Saturdays where you can find everything from clothes to food and wine. Keszthely also has a Tesco superstore if you forget anything from home. There are 11 Tescos around the Lake Balaton altogether. The only Mall around the Lake Balaton is situated in Siófok. There is a cinema inside as well. On Sundays all of the supermarkets are closed. Tihany has many shops selling souvenirs, not just tacky objects but hand-crafted goods such as embroidered tablecloths, carved wooden toys, ceramics and folk items.

From one of the many wine cellars in the Badacsony region, visitors can purchase home-made wine to take away. Balatonfüred also has many good souvenir shops and stalls along the shoreline where you can buy beach towels, sunglasses and suntan lotion. When the wine festival takes place in Balatonfüred, it is also possible to buy many excellent local wines at bargain prices.

If you prefer natural produces you have to visit one of the many cosy Farmer's Markets round the Lake, where you are able to buy tasty vegetables and fruits, diary products, eggs, smoked meat, cheeses, honey and jams. The mood is always great at the markets. You can find Farmer's markets in Káptalantóti, Hévíz, Vászoly,

# ACCOMMODATION



Lake Balaton is surrounded with resorts devoted entirely to entertainment and leisure. Choose one of the resorts, such as Balatonfüred, Keszthely or Siófok, which are all crammed with restaurants, bars, cafés and nightclubs. Hotel rates are often given in Euros.



#### Danubius Health Spa Resort Hévíz



This superior hotel is a relaxing venue with lots of treatments using the healing thermal waters from Hévíz Lake. Danubius Health Spa

Resort Hévíz features smart, well-appointed rooms and offers great cuisine in the restaurants and bars.

Address: 8380 Hévíz, Kossuth Lajos u. 9-11. Public Transport: take a bus or train from Budapest to Hévíz (Keszthely) Phone: +36 83 889 400 Internet: www.danubiushotels.com Email: heviz.reservation@danubiushotels.com More Info: www.gotohungary.com/about-hungary/-/netaview/ 1744203/unique-experience-danubius-hotel-heviz

#### Hotel Blaha Lujza



Hotel Blaha Lujza is a small family-run pension style hotel in Balatonfüred. This is also formerly the holiday home for the famous

Hungarian actress Lujza Blaha, the 'nation's nightingale' who stayed here from 1893 to 1916. The bedrooms are small but well-equipped.

Address: 8230 Balatonfüred, Blaha Lujza u. 4. Public Transport: take a bus or train from Budapest to Balatonfüred Phone: +36 87 581 210 Internet: www.hotelblaha.hu Email: hotelblaha@t-online.hu More Info: www.gotohungary.com/about-hungary/-/netaview/ 60489/hotel-blaha-lujza

#### **Bacchus Hotel**

Claimed to be a home away from home with friendly service and a unique restaurant, Bacchus Hotel is furnished with 300-year-old wine cellar fittings. The hotel also features a wine museum, which is a great destination for wine enthusiasts.

Address: 8360 Keszthely, Erzsébet királyné u. 18. Public Transport: take a bus or train from Budapest to Keszthely Phone: +36 83 510 450 Internet: www.bacchushotel.hu Email: bacchush@t-online.hu More Info: www.gotohungary.com/about-hungary/-/netaview/ 56853/bacchus-hotel

#### **Hotel Aranypart**

This child-friendly hotel is great for families with all kinds of entertainment laid on to keep the little ones busy. The hotel is situated right at the water's edge and most bedrooms have a lovely view of the lake.

Address: 8600 Siófok, Beszédes sétány 82. Public Transport: take a bus or train from Budapest to Siófok Phone: +36 84 519 450 Internet: www.aranypart.hu More Info: www.facebook.com/pages/Aranypart-Hotel/21117 3495581414?fref=ts

### Korona Panzió

Located in a pink villa, the 'Crown' pension offers a family atmosphere all year-round. The rooms are large with a balcony. The hotel has its own restaurant providing traditional Hungarian dishes and also organises sailing trips and guided tours of the region.

Address: 8230 Balatonfüred, Vörösmarty u. 4. Public Transport: take a bus or train from Budapest to Balatonfüred Phone: +36 87 343 278 Internet: www.koronapanzio.hu Email: info@koronapanzio.hu More Info: www.gotohungary.com/about-hungary/-/netaview/60431



#### **Hotel Europa Fit Superior**



# The HOTEL EUROPA

FIT\*\*\*\* is founded in Hévíz, only a few minutes walk from the biggest hot water spa in Europe. The range of facilities create a

paradise for all in search of recreation.

Address: 8380 Hévíz, Jókai Mór u. 3.

Public Transport: take a bus or train to Hévíz (Keszthely) Phone: +36 83 501 100 Internet: www.europafit.hu/en Email: sales@europafit.hu More Info: www.gotohungary.com/about-hungary/-/netaview/ 53019/hotel-europa-fit\*\*\*\*superior

#### Hotel Azúr



The Hotel is situated in the capital of the Lake Balaton, in Siófok. Hotel Azúr has a Premium and a Conference side also, therefore is a perfect

choice for business trips or family holidays, the whole year round.

Address: 8600 Siófok, Erkel Ferenc u. 2/c.

Public Transport: take a bus or train from Budapest to Siófok Phone: +36 84 501 400

Internet: www.hotelazur.hu/en/azur

Email: info@hotelazur.hu

More Info: www.gotohungary.com/about-hungary/-/netaview/ 55833/hotel-azur

### Flamingó Wellness Hotel

The Flamingó Wellness Hotel is situated on the waterfront, so it has own beach. A range of facilities waiting for the quest in the whole year. For example: indoor and outdoor adventure pools, wellness and beauty island, yacht marina and 6 conference rooms.

Address: 8230 Balatonfüred, Széchenyi út 16.

Public Transport: take a bus or train to Balatonfüred Phone: +3687581060 Internet: www.flamingohotel.hu/en Email: flamingo@flamingohotel.hu More Info: www.gotohungary.com/about-hungary/-/netaview/ 60497/flamingo-wellness-hotel

#### **Residence Conference & Wellness Hotel**



Hotel Residence is located near Siófok's Silver Coast. Friendly and familiar, having an own beach is situated in a quiet garden suburban

area, which only 100 metres away from the lake shore.

Address: 8600 Siófok, Erkel Ferenc utca 49. Public Transport: take a bus or train to Siófok Phone: +36 84 506 840 Internet: www.hotel-residence.hu/en Email: info@hotel-residence.hu More Info: www.gotohungary.com/about-hungary/-/netaview/ 1398113/residence-balaton\*\*\*\*-conference-wellness-hotel

### Palace Hotel Hévíz



The Hotel is situated in the pedestrian street of Hévíz, only a few minutes walk from the thermal lake. It is worth looking for the hotel's special

offers. You can check them on the website:http://palacehotelheviz.hu/en/packages/.

Address: 8380 Hévíz, Rákóczi u. 1-3. Public Transport: take a bus or train to Hévíz (Keszthely) Internet: www.palacehotelheviz.hu/en/ Email: info@palacehotelheviz.hu More Info: www.gotohungary.com/about-hungary/-/netaview/ 60720/palace-hotel-heviz

### Főnix Hotel

Just an hour from Budapest, in the scenic town of Balatonföldvár, Főnix Hotel provides high



-quality services, hospitality and flexibility at reasonable prices. This accomodation is also perfect for business events.

Address: 8623 Balatonföldvár, Spur István u. 27. Public Transport: take a bus or train from Budapest to Balatonföldvár Phone: +36 84 540 182 Internet: www.hotelfonix.hu/holiday Email: szobafoglalas@hotelfonix.hu More Info: www.gotohungary.com/about-hungary/-/netaview/ 347761/fonix-hotel\*\*\*\*

### **Hotel Club Tihany**

The hotel is situated in an environmentally-protected park by the lake shore. The hotel provides a range of sporting, wellness facilities to make the holiday really unforgettable.

Address: 8237 Tihany, Rév u. 3.

Public Transport: take a bus or train from Budapest to Balatonfüred, then change to a bus to Tihany: http://ujmenetrend.cdata4.info/uj\_menetrend/volan/index.php Phone: +36 87 538 516 Internet: www.clubtihany.hu/en Email: reserv@clubtihany.hu More Info: www.gotohungary.com/about-hungary/-/netaview/ 61536/hotel-club-tihany

### City Hotel Éden



City Hotel Éden is situated only 200 m from the pedestrian zone, the Festetics Palace, the theatre and the museums, and 5 km from the

thermal lake of Hévíz. The hotel also has a garden with swimming pool.

Address: 8360 Keszthely, Kisfaludy u. 11. Public Transport: take a bus or train from Budapest to Keszthely Phone: +36 30 993 61 53 Internet: info@hoteleden.hu Email: info@hoteleden.hu More Info: www.gotohungary.com/about-hungary/-/netaview/ 55227/city-hotel-eden

#### **Camping & Bungalows Füred**

Camping & Bungalows Füred is the biggest camping, in the largest of lake Balaton's towns. A wide range of facilities await guests right in the campsite, such as mini golf and tennis.

Address: 8230 Balatonfüred, Széchenyi u. 24. Public Transport: take a bus or train from Budapest to Balatonfüred Phone: +36 87 580 241 Internet: www.balatonfured.info.hu/szallashelyek/olvas/balat ontourist-fured-kemping-es-udulofalu Email: fured@balatontourist.hu More Info: www.gotohungary.com/about-hungary/-/netaview/63125

## Villa Millennium Balatonalmádi



The building dates back to the years of the Millennium in Hungary, 1896. Since 1910 the name was Aunt Gizus guesthouse and was open

for guests to relax and enjoy the unique surroundings.

The red stone, sawed lace-tree porches with thick walls and many small details faithfully evoke the atmosphere of tarnished summers at Lake Balaton, the love of sunshine, sports and swimming carefree joy.

Following a careful planning and redevelopment Villa Millennium has reached its present form. The modern equipment, cheerful colors, styles-, and our friendly staff guarantee your highest comfort.

Photo: villamillennium.hu Address: 8220 Balatonalmádi, Mikszáth utca 5, Hungary Public Transport: Bus / Train



Phone: +36304610229 / +36303735825 Internet: http://villamillennium.hu/ Email: info@villamillennium.hu More Info: https://www.facebook.com/VillaMillennium

#### Hazai Provence Guest House Kapolcs



Hazai Provence (the name meaning 'Inland Provence') Guest House is located in the lovely small villlage of Kapolcs, in wonderful Balaton

Uplancs area, resembling Provence. The House is an old traditional building built in 1834 with stone walls and preserved original details. Lavander field, grill terrace and rooms designed to resemble French castles guarantee a perfect stay.

Photo: hazaiprovence.hu Address: 8294 Kapolcs, Kossuth u. 84, Hungary Public Transport: Bus Phone: +36705443141 Internet: http://hazaiprovence.hu/ Email: info@hazaiprovence.hu More Info: https://www.facebook.com/hazaiprovence/

### Páskom Cottage, Lajoskomárom



At the south-eastern side of Lake Balaton, just a 1 hour ride from Budapest (the Highway M7 is only 20 Minutes away), 25Kilometres south of

Siófok lies a village in Fejér County called Lajoskomárom. Next to its 40 hectares field of grapevines at the foot of Fülöp Vineberg You can find Páskom Cottage.

There are 4 Apartments and 6 Double Rooms – with a balcony looking at the garden in all of them –make the cottage a comfortable place to stay in for 25-28 people. The restaurant is able to serve up to 40 people at a time and the conference room is able to seat 16, turning the cottage into an ideal place for small events, unique weddings and for family happenings. The 1 hectare park surrounding the cottage serves the relaxation of our gests as well, with its small swimming lake, artificial pool, Sauna-house and wellness services.

This place is a meeting of traditional and modern designs, the result of the local's attachment to the Vineberg, the nature and the village of Lajoskomárom, that is paired up with gastronomic curiosities.

Photo: Photo: Andrew Kukucska /paskom.hu Address: 8136, Lajoskomárom, Ozorai u. 3781 Hrsz Public Transport: Bus Opening hours: Working hours: Monday - Friday 08.30 -17.00 Phone: 36302762323 Internet: http://www.paskom.hu/index.php/en/ Email: info@paskom.hu More Info: https://www.facebook.com/paskomcottage/?fref=nf

# Kővirág Pension, Köveskál



Kővirág (it's name meaning 'Stone Flower') Pension offers six two-story, sixty square meters suites ready to accommodate 4-6 guests,

which are tastefully mix folksy, Mediterranean interior design with 21st century comfort. Living room, bedroom, bathroom (shower or bathtub) and toilet are located on the ground floor, where extra beds can be added and the two bedrooms are upstairs. Opposite the Kővirág's main entrance there are two guesthouses which can be booked for longer terms as well. These have their own gardens and offer comfortable accommodation for a family.



Photo: kovirag.hu Address: 8274 Köveskál, Fő út 9/A Public Transport: Bus Phone: +36205684724 Internet: http://kovirag.hu/?lang=en Email: info@kovirag.hu More Info: https://www.facebook.com/KoviragKoveskal

# **ESSENTIAL INFORMATION**



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Although Balaton is a region and not a city as such. The compostite facilities and amenities of a thriving city can be found spread across the numerous settlements all around the lake shore. Health facilities, sports grounds, entertainment and even a dedicated airport are all near the lake, though one must not forget that it is 77km long, so travelling from one end to the other can take a while, especially by public transport.

### Ferries



This is a great way to see the lake up close. The ferries are run by the Balaton Shipping Co and operate on the

Sjófok-Balatonfüred-Tihany-Balatonföldvár route, and from Fonyód to the Badacsony. A journey takes approximately 1,5 hours.

Photo: Hungary Tourism Address: Ship stations: www.balatonihajozas.hu/en/Shipping/Ship-stations Opening hours: Ferry timetable: www.balatonihajozas.hu/en/Shipping/Ferry-timetable Phone: +36 84 312 144 Tickets: Fares of ferries: www.balatonihajozas.hu/en/Shipping/Rate/Ferry Internet: www.balatonihajozas.hu Email: info@balatonihajozas.hu

# Taxi

You can order a taxi or minibus to get around Lake Balaton.

Hévíz Taxi +36 83 340 333 www.taxiheviz.com

Keszthely Taxi + 36 20 419 49 98 www.taxikeszthely.hu

Balatonfüred Taxi +36 30 275 31 58 berkegyulafuredtaxi@gmail.com www.furedtaxi.hu

Balatonfüred Taxi +36 30 751 75 18 www.fureditaxis.hu/taxis.html

Siófok Taxi: + 36 84 317 713 www.siofoktaxi.hu/contact\_eng.html siotaxi@siotaxi.hu

Phone: +36 30 936 69 66 Internet: www.siofoktaxi.hu/contact\_eng.html

**Pharmacy** You can find pharmacies in the resorts around Lake Balaton.

Siófok:



Korányi Patika 8600 Siófok, Korányi S. u. 14. Tel: +36 84 316 079

Régi gyógyszertár: 8600 Siófok, Fő u. 202. Tel.: +36 84 310 041 Fax: +36 84 310 041

# Balatonfüred

Marina Gyógyszertár 8230 Balatonfüred, Széchenyi út 55. (TESCO) +36 87 580 063

Aranycsillag Gyógyszertár 8230, Balatonfüred, Zsigmond u. 1. +36 87 788 360

#### Keszthely

Park Gyógyszertár 8360, Keszthely, Kossuth Lajos u. 64. +36 87 788 360

Ezüstsirály Gyógyszertár 8360, Keszthely Sopron u. 2. +36 83 314 549

Address: 8600 Siófok, Fő utca 202. Opening hours: Mon- Fri: 8.00- 18.00, Sat: 8.00- 13.00 Phone: +36 84 310 041 Internet: www.regisiofok.novodata.hu

#### Post



You can find post offices all around Lake Balaton. Post Office in Balatonfüred 8230 Balatonfüred. Ady Endre utca 1. +36 87 343 Post Office in Keszthely 8360 Keszthely, Tanácsház utca 33. +36 83 316 019

Post Office Siófok: 8600 Siófok Fő utca 186-188. +36-84-310203

Address: 8600 Siófok, Fő utca 186-188. Public Transport: There is a train station in Baltonfüred, and railway station in Siófok Opening hours: Mon- Fri: 8.00-19.00 Phone: +36 84 312 125 Internet: www.posta.hu

#### Electricity



220 V, 50 Hz

Population Keszthely: 22,000 Siófok: 24,000 Balatonfüred: 13,300

**Currency** Hungarian Forint (Ft or HUF) = 100 fillér

#### **Opening hours**

Shops around Lake Balaton are normally open between 10 am-6 pm during the weeks and from 9 am-1 pm on Saturdays. Museum in Hungary are closed on Mondays. Most shops are closed on Sundays, though you may find a few smaller foodstores and shops open.

#### Newspapers

Népszabadság Magyar Hírlap HVG (Havi Vilaggazdaság) The Budapest Times

#### **Emergency numbers**

European Emergency Line: 112 Ambulance: 104 Fire Brigade: 105 Police: 107

**Tourist information** 

Balatonfüred Tourist Information Kisfaludy utca 1, Balatonfüred, Lake Balaton Opening hours May: Mon-Fri 9 am-4 pm. Closed at the weekend

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June: Mon-Fri 9 am-5 pm. Sat 9 am-1 pm. Closed on Sundays July: Mon-Fri 9 am-7 pm. Sat 9 am-6 pm. Sun 9 am-1 pm. September: Mon-Fri 9 am- 5pm. Sat 9 am-1 pm Winter: Mon-Fri 9 am-4 pm. Closed at the weekend +36 87 580 480 balatonfured@tourinform.hu



