

# Top attractions in HUNGARY



- THERMAL WATERS & SPA
- GASTRONOMY
- CULTURE
- ACTIVE
- FAMILY PROGRAMMES



## THERMAL WATERS & SPA:

1. Gellért Bath
2. Széchenyi Thermal Bath
3. Rudas Thermal Bath
4. Veli bej Turkish Bath
5. Király Bath
6. Mogoród – Aquaréna
7. Aquaworld

## ACTIVE:

23. Pilis – hiking, cycling (Eurovelo6)
24. Elisabeth Lookout Tower – hiking
25. Margaret Island – jogging
26. Domony – horseriding
27. Danube boat trip
28. Börzsöny – forest railway, hiking

## CULTURE:

8. The Hungarian Parliament
9. St Stephen's Basilica
10. Buda Castle
11. Matthias Church
12. Heroes' Square
13. The Great Synagogue
14. MÚPA Palace of Arts
15. Liszt Ferenc Academy of Music
16. Hungarian State Opera
17. Chain Bridge
18. Gödöllő – Grassalkovich Palace
19. Visegrád – Castle and Solomon's Tower
20. Esztergom – Basilica of Esztergom
21. Vác – Historic city centre
22. Szentendre – Hungarian Open Air Museum, old town centre

## FAMILY PROGRAMMES:

29. Budapest Zoo
30. Children's Railway
31. Zugliget Chairlift
32. Margaret Island – wildlife park
33. Palace of Wonders

## GASTRONOMY:

34. The Great Market Hall
35. Market in Hold Street
36. Karaván street food
37. Etyek

### Michelin-starred restaurants:

38. Onyx
39. Costes
40. Borkonyha winekitchen
41. Costes Downtown
42. Babel
43. Stand Restaurant

Budapest is a truly authentic and historic European capital, but it also has an innovative, pulsating personality, making it a versatile and cosmopolitan city. The beautiful built and natural environment, the grandiose architecture, the historical thermal spas, the diverse and vibrant gastronomy, a blossoming fashion and design scene, and the immensely rich cultural life, define Budapest's sparkling and original character. Although it takes several days to fully explore the Hungarian capital itself, it is also worth seeking out attractions in the surrounding area. The most popular day-trip destination is the Danube Bend with its unparalleled panorama, medieval castles, small, inspirational towns and the numerous hiking and biking opportunities but there are many other interesting and exciting locations to visit only 1-1.5 hours away from Budapest.

## INNER CITY



## SOPRON REGION

Explore towns rich in monuments, relax in one of the many healing baths and round up your holiday with a gourmet dinner and wine tasting at the birthplace of Blaufränkisch wine, located in the north-western corner of Hungary.

- Thermal waters & spa**  
Bükfürdő: health and wellness spa; Sárvár: health and wellness bath; Hegykő: thermal bath
- Culture**  
Sopron: Fire Tower; Kőszeg: historical city centre; Fertőd: Esterházy Palace; Nagycenk: Széchenyi Mansion; Fertőrákos: Quarry and Cave Theatre
- Active**  
Lake Fertő (UNESCO): cycling, boating; Fertő-Hanság Natural Park: birdwatching
- Wine**  
Appellation: Sopron

## BALATON

Imagine a sea where the horizon doesn't fade into the infinite distance, where the sunset paints a glowing golden bridge on the water. Balaton, Central Europe's largest lake, is exactly that.

- Thermal waters & spa**  
Hévíz: lake resort, the largest natural and biologically active thermal lake in the world; Zalakaros: health and adventure bath, Hungary's largest spa
- Culture**  
Keszthely: Festetics Palace; Veszprém: Castle quarter; Tihany: Benedictine Abbey; Herend: porcelain manufacture; Balatonboglár: Globe Observatory; Szigliget: castle
- Active**  
Bathing, hiking, boating, sailing, cycling, golf
- Family programmes**  
Veszprém: zoo; Zalaszabar: adventure park; Balatonfűzfő: bobsleigh track; Tapolca: Pool Grotto Visitor Centre
- Wine**  
Appellations: Badacsony, Balatonboglár, Balatonfüred-Csopak, Balaton Uplands, Nagy-Somló, Zala

## PÉCS REGION

Pécs is one of Hungary's most beautiful cities and was elected European City of Culture in 2010. Pécs is not just a melting pot of different cultures, but is also rich in historical attractions and cultural exhibitions, and possesses a world culture heritage. Pécs has one of the best wine regions in Hungary and the friendly vintners invite you to a wine tasting in their open cellars.

- Thermal waters & spa**  
Harkány: health and wellness spa
- Culture**  
Pécs: Early Christian Necropolis, late Roman burial chapels (UNESCO), cathedral, mosque, Zsolnay Cultural Quarter; Siklós: castle
- Active**  
Orfű: swimming, water sports; Mecsek: hiking
- Family programmes**  
Pécs: zoo; Orfű: aquapark; Mecsek: Mecsextrém Adventure Park
- Wine**  
Appellations: Villány, Pécs

## GYŐR AND PANNONHALMA

Győr, situated in the confluence of four rivers, is worth visiting as the third richest Hungarian city in historic listed buildings, not to mention the many diverse cultural experiences and sacred treasures it has to offer. Pannonhalma is deservedly called the cradle of Christianity in Hungary – the Benedictine Archabbey and the monastery is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Szigetköz, the largest island of the country, awaits fans of active relaxation with hundreds of kilometres of waterways and biking trails along the banks of the Danube.

- Culture**  
Győr: baroque city centre, basilica, St Ladislaus Visitor Centre; Pannonhalma: Benedictine Archabbey (UNESCO); Lébény: Romanesque church
- Active**  
Szigetköz: cycling, canoeing
- Family programmes**  
Győr: FUTURA Interactive Science Adventure Centre, Mobilis Science Centre, zoo
- Wine**  
Appellation: Pannonhalma

## EGER REGION

The Bükk and Mátra mountain ranges are home to a number of unique treasures throughout the year. Wander in the Hungarian forests, bath in a genuine Turkish bath or in natural caves, or discover the excellent typical Hungarian wines of the region.

- Thermal waters & spa**  
Egerszalók: salt heaps; Miskolctapolca: cave bath; Eger: Turkish bath
- Culture**  
Eger: cathedral, minaret, castle; Diósgyőr: castle; Hollókő: the old village and its surroundings (UNESCO)
- Active**  
Kékestető: hiking, skiing; Mátra: chair-lift
- Wine**  
Appellation: Eger

## TOKAJ REGION

Tradition has it that Louis XIV called the Aszú wine from Tokaj-Hegyalja the wine of kings and the king of wines. Therefore, you should definitely not end your journey until you have tasted a glass of Furmint or even Aszú in the unique atmosphere of hundreds-of-years-old cellars in Tokaj, Mád or Erdőbénye. Discover the historic castles of the Zemplén mountains, Europe's largest and most beautiful limestone cave in Aggtelek, take part in a wild, picturesque water tour on the Upper Tisza, or enter the land of dragons in Nyírbátor.

- Thermal waters & spa**  
Nyíregyháza-Sóstó: stylish and popular health and leisure centre
- Culture**  
Mád: synagogue; Sárospatak: Rákóczi Castle; Boldogkőváralja: castle; Füzér: castle
- Active**  
Aggtelek: karst caves (UNESCO); walking, rowing
- Family programmes**  
Nyíregyháza: zoo; Sátorajáújhely: adventure park
- Wine**  
Appellation: Tokaj (UNESCO)

## DEBRECEN AND THE GREAT PLAIN

Debrecen, the second largest city in Hungary, is in the east of the country. It offers a lively cultural life with festivals and a variety of programme options throughout the year. The Great Hungarian Plain, the Puszta and the 'csikós' are major elements in Hungarian traditions. Hajdúszoboszló has the largest bathing and therapy complex in Europe, while Lake Tisza is a paradise of ecotourism, with a bird reserve and Europe's largest freshwater aquarium.

- Thermal waters & spa**  
Debrecen: pleasure bath, water park; Hajdúszoboszló: the largest open-air bath and spa complex in Europe
- Culture**  
Debrecen: Great Reformed Church, water tower, MODEM – Modern and Contemporary Arts Centre; Tiszadob: Andrassy Palace; Hortobágy: cultural landscape (UNESCO)
- Active**  
Hortobágy National Park; Lake Tisza: cycling, boating, swimming, fishing, birdwatching
- Family programmes**  
Debrecen: city park, amusement park railway; Lake Tisza: Eco Centre

## GYULA REGION

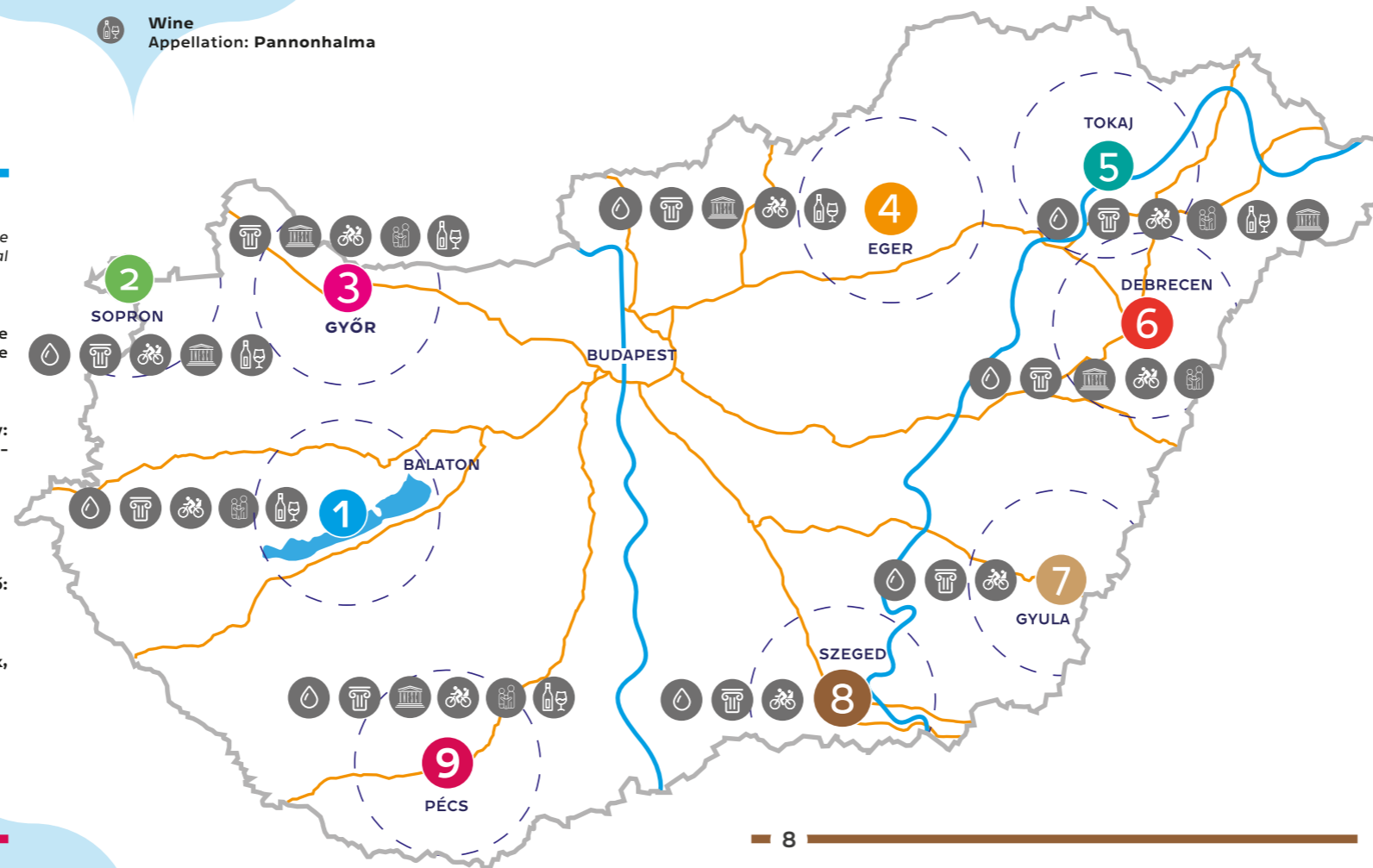
Gyula is one of the oldest historical spa towns in Hungary, with fine parks, memorials and the castle from the time of the Turks. The famous Hungarian 'kolbász' and 'pálinka' come from this region. These are products with protected designation of origin and are celebrated at large festivals each year: at the Csabai Sausage Festival in October and the Gyula Palinka Festival in April.

- Thermal waters & spa**  
Gyula: Castle Bath
- Culture**  
Gyula: castle, Almásy Castle; Békéscsaba: Munkácsy Museum, Munkácsy Memorial House
- Active**  
Szarvas: botanical garden; Körös Rivers: swimming, fishing, canoeing

## SZEGED REGION

In the sunny Southern Great Plain, the medical and thermal waters and diverse baths are worth a visit. Try out the beneficial forces of the mud bath in Makó's spa complex, or slide down Europe's longest water slide in Szeged, then take a stroll through the Mediterranean city centre.

- Thermal waters & spa**  
Makó: Hagymatikum Thermal Bath; Szeged: indoor water park; Mórahalom: spa
- Culture**  
Szeged: votive church, synagogue, open-air festival; Ópusztaszer: National Heritage Park
- Active**  
Mezőhegyes: horseriding; segway, boating



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