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[www.szekesfehervar.hu](http://www.szekesfehervar.hu)

# SZÉKESFEHÉRVÁR, FULL OF LIFE

Unique historic heritage and fresh, sizzling cultural life in an exciting community space: this is the historic city centre of Székesfehérvár. This is Székesfehérvár today, a place where it is good to live and good to be, because already just being there is an experience, which the attractive events that last all year long, the bounty of treasures of the museum, the world-famous sports events or just the simple everyday buzz of life only enhance. The Main street of our city centre, which was beautifully renovated

in 2013, gives an impressive insight into the coexistence of past, present and future. At night strips of light laid in the pavement build a bridge between the centuries-old walls and 21st century innovation technology.

Székesfehérvár welcomes its visitors with its unmatched sights, thousands of beautiful details and full of life. Please, be our guest.

dr. András Cser-Palkovics  
Mayor



# The monarch



If Fehérvár, then our National Shrine, St. Stephen's tradition, the coronation town past, the ossuary with the bones of our Greatest in the embrace of the founding stones of the huge ancient basilica – Hungarian statehood was born here a thousand years ago. It was not by pure accident that it happened here, because Székesfehérvár lies at a strategic point, at the junction of important land routes. It became a royal seat in the time of Stephen the First. This was the majestic seat of the royal throne, the city guarded the coronation regalia and the treasury, and 36 Hungarian kings were crowned here. The inscription on the Orb in our historic city centre reads „Fehérvár is a free city by the grace of King Saint Stephen”. In medieval Hungary only such king was recognized as legitimate ruler who had the crown of St. Stephen placed on his head by the archbishop of Esztergom in Székesfehérvár. Although the royal centuries have vanished into the past long ago, history still lives, entertains and imbues everything in Székesfehérvár. Things past live again today to bring pride and joy.



Saint Stephen's Mausoleum ▲



The Orb ▲



City Hall ▲

Saint Stephen cathedral ►



## Ruin Garden of the Coronation Basilica – National Shrine

The Saint Stephen Mausoleum by the remains of the walls of the one-time coronation church holds an 11th century carved stone burial chest which is believed to be the sarcophagus of the Holy King. On the walls around the sarcophagus you can follow the legend of the Holy Crown and the Sacred Right on the historic secco of Aba Novák Vilmos. | [www.szikm.hu](http://www.szikm.hu)

## City Hall – The authentic replica of the Holy Crown

In the City Hall you can inspect the authentic replica of the Holy Crown. Its base is made of fine silver and the object itself is plated in high-grade purity gold. The 1.5 kilogram artifact is decorated with 19 enamel pictures, 8 framed enamel pictures, 80 almandine stones, 4 sapphire stones, 410 pearls, 6 amethyst stones and 1 turquoise stone.

## Székesfehérvár Diocese Museum

The relic of a head bone of Saint Stephen was kept from the public for centuries in a silver herm, but today anyone can inspect it in the museum. | [www.szfvar.katolikus.hu](http://www.szfvar.katolikus.hu)

## Crypt of the Saint Stephen cathedral

The tombs of King Béla III and her wife Ann of Antioch lie in the crypt of the cathedral. On the marble tomb cover slates the visitors can see the imprint of the bodies of the royal couple.

| [www.szfvar.katolikus.hu](http://www.szfvar.katolikus.hu)

## Saint Stephen King Museum – Archaeological exhibition

Among the thousand year-old treasures we can also admire the remains of the valuable stone carvings of the royal basilica. | [www.szikm.hu](http://www.szikm.hu)

## The Golden Bull memorial

According to tradition, King Andrew II proclaimed the famous code of laws, our first constitution in this very place in 1222.

ROYAL DAYS  
SZÉKESFEHÉRVÁR  
— AUGUST —



The Royal Days, with the Coronation Festivities in their focus, take us back to the one-time coronation city. The Coronation Ceremony Play presents the life, legend and coronation of the kings crowned in Székesfehérvár amid grandiose stage decor and highlighted by modern light and visual technology.

[www.kiralyinapok.szekesfehervar.hu](http://www.kiralyinapok.szekesfehervar.hu)

# Muses OF FEHÉRVÁR

In Fehérvár also the Muses have found a home. Beside the independent theatre company, also the city's own symphonic orchestra has required its place, and the jazz players got so envious of the hard rock FEZEN festival, that they decided to revive their own famous festival in Fehérvár. Contemporary Artists are also dedicated weeks every year, and we can see more and more „museum treats” in their exhibition places. Have you already seen the painting which – according to the anecdote – made Picasso to cry out: "Who is this barbarian genius?" The paneau of Aba Novák Vilmos, this brilliant Hungarian painter of the 1930s and 1940s, entitled Hungarian-French historic relations was the gem of the Hungarian Pavilion at the 1937 Paris Wold Exposition and it also won the Grand Prix of the expo. In our art nouveau bath even a wellness program is also an art experience, and a walk in the city centre is tantamount to bathing in cultural experience. Székesfehérvár pampers art lovers with its unique atmosphere and thousands of beautiful, unforgettable details.





Árpád Bath ▲



Hiemer House ▲



Contemporary Art Festival ▲



Csók István Gallery ▼

City Gallery – Deák Collection ►

## Hiemer House

A baroque gem of the inner city. A specially protected national monument, where the visitor can walk over centuries and art history eras within the same building. | [www.turizmus.szekesfehervar.hu](http://www.turizmus.szekesfehervar.hu)

## Árpád Bath

Both your body and soul will be pampered and renewed in the bath built in 1905 which with its shell motifs and high cupola stands witness of times past, to offer an exclusive environment and a rich array of wellness treatments to the modern visitor.. | [www.fehervar-arpadfurdo.hu](http://www.fehervar-arpadfurdo.hu)

## Vörösmarty Theatre

In 1874 the famous actress Róza Laborfalvy spoke her improvised greetings to writer Mór Jókai in the lobby of this magnificent building, today we can enjoy the stage play of the biggest actors in the spirit of genre diversity. | [www.vorosmartyszinhaz.hu](http://www.vorosmartyszinhaz.hu)

## Black Eagle Pharmacy Museum

The unique and valuable equipment and furniture all date back to the times of the Jesuits. | [www.szikm.hu](http://www.szikm.hu)

## Csók István Gallery

The home of Aba Novák Vilmos's world-famous panneau, which makes a place to special and highlighted temporary exhibitions. The masterpiece is only shown to the public for a short period every year. | [www.szikm.hu](http://www.szikm.hu)

## City Gallery – Deák Collection

The collection displayed in the protected monument building of the small Esterházy palace gives comprehensive demonstration of the development of Hungarian painting from the 1900s till about 1980. | [www.deakgyujtemeny.hu](http://www.deakgyujtemeny.hu)

## New Hungarian Gallery

An extensive collection of the works of the greatest Hungarian painters, which shows the major masters and phenomena in chronological order from the 19th century till our days. | [www.szikm.hu](http://www.szikm.hu)



CONTEMPORARY ART  
FESTIVAL  
— MAY —



Something fresh, something surprising, something impossible to miss! Rare exhibitions, literary programs, concerts, shows, meetings for every age, venues from the Csónakázó (Rowing) lake through the streets of the inner city to the citadel of romanticism, the Bory castle.

[www.kortarsfesztival.hu](http://www.kortarsfesztival.hu)

# The innovator



In addition to its historic past, it was fast industrialization that raised the city and carved its modern-day image. The city is relying on taxes from its rapidly developing industrial zones to restore its architectural heritage and respectfully present it to its guests. In the inner city the visitor will be treated to picturesque courtyards, exemplarily modern, yet very pleasant pedestrian streets, well-groomed parks, a monument building resurrected into an event centre practically from shambles, a skanzen and thousands of other must-see sights.

In 2013 our new Main Street received special pavement with led light strips built into it. Now, the ancient walls of the thousand-year-old royal city are connected by light tendrils with 21st century technology. Innovation also offers ample example in our city. Sculptor Bory Jenő, an untiring experimenting soul, built a strange castle of concrete, the use of which material he pioneered in the early 1910s. In the past century Fehérvár was a role model of industrialization. At the end of the century it already deserved such epithets as "success city of the 1990s", by today it has become one of the most significant industrial centres of the country.





Model railway exhibition ▲



Evening lights ▲



Industrial zones ▲



Terkán Lajos Observatory ▼

Bory castle ►

## Bory castle

Bory Jenő considered the castle his own oeuvre, which he built with his own hands without any comprehensive designs for 40 years. The strange concrete fairy castle has seven turrets, thirty smaller and bigger rooms and countless statues. | [www.bory-var.hu](http://www.bory-var.hu)

## Railway station

One of Hungary's biggest and busiest railway junction. When opened in 1938 the two underpasses counted very modern, recently, after the renovation, it's the most updated railway station of Western- Hungary. The reception building was built in 1951 in socialist-realist style and the gigantic frescos that adorn it have been declared protected monuments.

## Model Railway Exhibition

Two dedicated modellers created a special plotting board the centre piece of which is the Székesfehérvár Train Station prior to its refurbishment.

The **Aluminium Industry Museum** of the Hungarian Museum of Technology and Transport is the monument of this success metal of 20th century Hungarian industry. The 100-year history of Hungarian aluminium industry is presented on pictures painted on aluminium, a fossil exhibition, everyday objects and a collection of coins and medals. | [www.mmkm.hu](http://www.mmkm.hu)

## Terkán Lajos Observatory

Székesfehérvár has been the citadel of astronomical science diffusion in our country for decades. In good weather you can even catch sight of the asteroid named after our city: Alba Regia. | [www.telapo.datatrans.hu](http://www.telapo.datatrans.hu)

## Alba Innovár – Digital Learning Centre

The Alba Innovár Digital Learning Centre offers programs and activities for schools and families. One of the basic concept of Alba Innovár is the coding, robotics, 3D creation, virtual reality and the methods of the digital pedagogy increase students' readiness to the information society and make them digital citizens able to plan their careers in IT and all other fields related to digitalization.



FEZEN  
— JULY —



This massive concert show parading world stars and the entire Hungarian top line of punk, rock, alter, metal, pop, hip-hop and reggae music makes hot summer evenings fiery.

[www.fezen.hu](http://www.fezen.hu)

# In perpetual motion



Nándor Fa and József Gál started from Székesfehérvár to be the first Hungarians to sail around the world in their small boat called Saint Jupat. Today the boat is exhibited next to the space cabin of astronaut Bertalan Farkas in the Museum of Transport. We are also proud of several Olympic champions and champion teams and our supporters may be the most enthusiastic lot far and wide. As home to many a sport history success and sport stars, nothing is more natural than the presence of sport in the city also on the weekdays. Fehérvár is constantly in motion. Ice hockey, basketball, football, pentathlon, handball and several more sports feel home with us. Like anyone who loves any form of exercise would. Our many parks, groves equipped with the latest outdoor fitness equipment await the athletes, and our new athletic centre which international tournaments have inaugurated, also welcomes the lovers of physical exercise with a brand new public running track. The fishing lakes are also only a stone's throw from the city centre. Whether you are an active participant or just a viewer of sports, you will be in the right place here



Zichy park ▲



Sóstó (Salt lake) ▲



Csónakázó-tó (Rowing lake) ▲



Regional Athletic Centre of Bregyó-köz ▼

Biking ►

## Zichy park

Asia explorer count Zichy Jenő lends his name to the Music Pavilion which hosts serious and light music concerts in summer and is the centre piece of a skating pond in the winter.

## Csónakázó (Rowing) lake

Its neighbourhood consists of the romantic Rose grove and the musical Csitáry fountain, which yields iron-rich water. These days boats ripple its still water only a few times a year.

## Sóstó (Salt lake) – Homokbánya (Sand mine)

The educational path which can be visited at any time also without a guide promises you close encounter with plant and bird rarities (*Neottia ovata*, *Orchis militaris*) and protected animal species (spoonbill, pond turtle). You can request a expert guidance too.

## Regional Athletic Centre of Bregyó-köz

It is the only camping site of Székesfehérvár. Several sport grounds, roller skating and skateboard facilities are open to the amateur athlete, and bike bravado can also be practiced here. In the newest sport centre of the city also on these grounds the champions of the future train, but the excellent quality tartan track is open to every runner. The most important event is Gyulai István Memorial- Athletic Hungarian Grand Prix. | [www.arakatletika.hu](http://www.arakatletika.hu)

## Hiking

In the Velence hills, which lies in an Earth grid, rocking stones and stone seas guard the passage of the hikers and in the Vértes hills mysterious caves and castles beckon to them to come and visit.. Hiking tips outside Fehérvár: [www.fejer-tura.hu](http://www.fejer-tura.hu) | [www.provertes.hu](http://www.provertes.hu) | [www.visitvelenceito.hu](http://www.visitvelenceito.hu)

## Biking

Starting from Fehérvár you can cycle around lake Velence on a 28 km long bicycle path. En route you will find several bicycle rental and storage points. | [www.velencei-to.hu](http://www.velencei-to.hu)



## FEHÉRVÁR RALLY

— JUNE —



By the vote of the racers in 2014 Székesfehérvár Rally was the best race of the National Rally Championship. Varying terrain conditions, external route and city super special experience for the supporters – challenge for the champions of speed.

[www.szekesfehervar.hu](http://www.szekesfehervar.hu)

FULL OF

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Looking for excitement during your holiday? The church-museum-restaurant combination is not enough for you? Then, never forget to check what Fehérvár can offer to you right then. Because there is some entertaining, extraordinary, extravagant program to see, hear, taste almost every weekend from spring till autumn, be that contemporary art, folk dance, outdoor music, rock, athletics, letcho or fish cooking competition inviting half the city, dragon boat race, wind or chamber music, gigantic outdoor performance, and so on and so forth...

No break! Fehérvár's new August 20 production, the Ceremony Play is a grandiose, uplifting and unique theatre and sacral experience. Every year during the Royal Days the country's biggest outdoor stage is built on the site of the one-time coronation basilica to lend worthy surroundings to the play which presents the other outstanding turning points of the nation's history.



Ceremony play ▲



Light street ▲



Whirling medieval fair ▲



Opening Ceremony ▼

International Folk Dance Festival ►

## Royal Days, Székesfehérvár – Coronation Festival

### Ceremony play

We can witness a different coronation ceremony each year in an authentic site, with contemporary scenario. The Ceremony play revives the kings who were crowned in Székesfehérvár and their time. | [www.koronazas.hu](http://www.koronazas.hu)

### Light street

When the night falls lights flare up in the inner city and the buildings of the Main street become huge projection screens. The stories of our kings come alive in Europe's biggest light-painted picture book. | [www.kiralyinapok.szekesfehervar.hu](http://www.kiralyinapok.szekesfehervar.hu)

### Whirling medieval fair

For a weekend the historic inner city of Székesfehérvár travels back to the Middle ages. The squares teem with merchants, craftsmen, jesters, medicine men and dragon grass pedlars, advertising their wares. | [www.kiralyinapok.szekesfehervar.hu](http://www.kiralyinapok.szekesfehervar.hu)

### Tradition preservationists' march with giant royal figures

On Augustus 20 we will commemorate Saint Stephen's day with a grandiose march. The procession will be lead by giant, almost 5 metres high figures impersonating kings. Before the fireworks the International Folk Dance Festival will be opened with a sweeping gala ceremony. | [www.kiralyinapok.szekesfehervar.hu](http://www.kiralyinapok.szekesfehervar.hu)

### International Folk Dance Festival

After seeing the spectacular procession and performance of the Alba Regia Dance Group and other groups from all around the world, you can even join them in a dance in the Dance House every evening. | [www.kiralyinapok.hu](http://www.kiralyinapok.hu)



MUSIC PROGRAMS  
OF THE ROYAL DAYS  
— AUGUST —



Beside the historic and tradition preservation programs, music will play central role. The festival of military bands, pop music concerts.

[www.kiralyinapok.szekesfehervar.hu](http://www.kiralyinapok.szekesfehervar.hu)

# Tradition, tradition...



Among the numerous statues of kings and other prominent persons rising in our public places and streets the statue of the Costermonger also has its due place. Aunt Kati is a familiar person to Fehérvár people; her cart-pushing figure cast in eternal bronze, her nose shiny with the frequent touches for luck of the passers-by has become a favourite landmark of the Inner City. We cherish our traditions in faces, colours, flavours and also give space to today. On the terrace of history from the Cistercians to Columbian coffee, from Saint Stephen's time to today's culinary art, from the royal throne to raspberry ice-cream laced with red wine space and time are expanding. We have a confectionery which has already supplied the „ice-cream of the country” and the „cake of the country”, and a restaurant which was given the only Top 10 score in the region. We have a wine knighthood and a wine dedicated to Saint Stephen, and we even have a beautiful wine queen. And if you would happily taste some delicious local goodies in the farmers' organic market, you will not be disappointed either. You are welcome to come and taste the flavours of Fehérvár.



Palotaváros Skanzen ▲



Kiss Barbara wine queen ▲



The Award-winning beers of Székesfehérvár bishop ▲

Somlói Revolution ▼

Aunt Kati's statue ►



## Dance House – Alba Regia Dance Group

The Dance House is the home of an internationally acclaimed dance group, which gives you a comprehensive insight into the dance culture of Hungarians. It is also the organising base of the International Folk Dance Festival in August. | [www.artefolk.hu](http://www.artefolk.hu)

## „Creative tradition” – ethnographic exhibition

Check out the offers of the gingerbread vendor, the pottery vendor and the hindquarter vendor. You can follow the fate of the objects of popular culture from creation to the work of the folk artists. | [www.szikm.hu](http://www.szikm.hu)

## Palotaváros Skanzen

Visitors can relive the everyday life of the famous milliner dynasty, the Dietrich family and see the tools, gild mementoes of the one-time craftsmen who worked here (cobbler, shoemaker). | [www.szikm.hu](http://www.szikm.hu)

## Jancsárkert farmers' market

Local flavours on the farmers' market not far from the inner city every Saturday from 7:00 till 12:00. You can also buy a tasting ticket. | [www.facebook.com/jancsarkert](http://www.facebook.com/jancsarkert)

## Somlói Revolution, raspberry ice-cream laced with red wine

After creating the prize-winning ice-cream (Ice-cream of the Year 2013), in 2014 master confectioner Damniczki Balázs came up with the Cake of Hungary in the revolutionary rethinking of the famous Somlói cake. | [www.damniczki.hu](http://www.damniczki.hu)

## Wine Knighthood of Noé hill

It boasts such prominent members as pentathlon Olympic champion Vörös Zsuzsanna and National Wine Queen 2013 Kiss Barbara. Our wine knights also march in the Royal Days parade. | [www.noeborrend.hu](http://www.noeborrend.hu)



## FEHÉRVÁR LETCHO COOKING FESTIVAL — SEPTEMBER —



The traditional dish is prepared in more than 600 kettles in countless varieties; at stake is the Letcho King title. The real letcho is a one-time and unrepeatable think, but one ingredient certainly cannot miss from our letcho: friendship.

[www.fehervarilecsu.hu](http://www.fehervarilecsu.hu)

# In the centre



Székesfehérvár is an ideal venue for any event which invites participants from various parts of the country or the world, be it a conference, a sport event or a wedding. It is away from the busy and bustling capital, yet very central. It is easily accessible, from Budapest you can reach it in shorter time than you would think. The organisers can take good advantage of the event venues, hotels, cultural and leisure programs of the city. They can choose from our impressive, exquisite, vintage city venues which are, however, equipped with the latest and best technology, or in case of a larger audience, from our renewed sports arenas. Our pride is the Hiemer Event Centre in a beautiful historic monument building in Városház square, which lends the prestige and an exclusive environment to any event. This building also houses a wedding hall, a very elegant Ball Room and even a Top 10 restaurant.





Hiemer Event Centre ▲



Hiemer Event Centre ▲



Hotel Lakeside ▲

Hotel Hungarian King ▼

Saint Stephen House of Culture ►



## Hiemer Event Centre

The building derives its monument value from its medieval remains of rather good condition, its baroque frescoes and the stuccoes that adorn the external and the internal walls. The complex that offers all the services that can be required in the modern age also houses several conference rooms, press room, two suites, restaurant and a cafe. | [www.hiemerhaz.hu](http://www.hiemerhaz.hu)

## Saint Stephen House of Culture – Saint Stephen room

The imposing salon is excellent venue of an excellent venue of conferences, theatre performances, balls, weddings, family and friendly gatherings. Seats 300 (with theatre-like arrangement). [www.szentistvanmuvelodesihaz.hu](http://www.szentistvanmuvelodesihaz.hu)

## Hotel Hungarian King

A conference hall taking almost 400 people, an event room that can be divided into three sections, an ornate throne room for prominent events, a drink bar, a wine bar in the cellar, wellness services, an underground car park and a cosy restaurant are at the disposal of the „royal” guests. | [www.magyar kiraly.hu](http://www.magyar kiraly.hu)

## Hotel Novotel

Seven conference rooms are available for the business visitors. The air conditioned rooms are equipped with a safe, refrigerator and satellite TV. Airport transport and car rental services are also available for a charge. | [www.novotel.com](http://www.novotel.com)

## Alba Regia Sports Hall

Is situated on the edge of the historic city centre, at the junction of busy roads. The Hall seats 1700 people, but in a concert or other stage event another 1000 spectators can be placed in the 650 square metre arena. | [www.albakosar.hu](http://www.albakosar.hu)

## Best Western Plus Lakeside Hotel\*\*\*\*

A modern styled, four-star hotel, internationally guaranteed quality in the centre of Székesfehérvár in a unique lake-side location with 86 fantastic rooms. The hall which can be sectioned off into three parts, seating 120 is suitable for professional trainings, presentations and meetings with its modern fittings and natural lighting.

## REGIONAL ATHLETIC CENTRE OF BREGYÓ-KÖZ



The sport centre close to the city centre is a favourite venue of large outdoor events. It offers a large green space also outside the athletic hall. The Gyulai István Memorial Athletic Hungarian Grand Prix in July every year is an outstanding sports event of the Centre.

[www.varosgondnoksag.hu](http://www.varosgondnoksag.hu)

# History

## THROUGH PLAY



Fehérvár is exciting, interesting and fun also through the eyes of a child. We have a quasi „fairy castle” and a real Toy Museum as well. The new fun park of the city is extremely popular, where a magnificent and carefully built log castle and a host of climbing, crawling, jumping implements demonstrate the history of the city to the children, and enchant them for long hours before they get entrenched in a mystery hunting game with their smartphone, or replay the coronation ceremony in a digital guise. If you only take your child to a few important places, like the fairy-tale Bory castle, the engaging playing spot, the Koronás (Crown) Park and to the Hetedhét Toy Museum – a day is already gone and you have not even been to the swimming pool, climbed walls, attended a children’s performance, have not listened to an evening tale in the Igézó (Enchanter) and have not done a lot more fun things. So nine out of ten families (or even a whole class) could certainly choose Fehérvár as a weekend destination.



Sóstó Visitor's Centre ▲



Hetedhét Toy Museum ▲



Crown Park ▲  
Musical clock ►



## Koronás (Crown) Park

In our new historic playground the most ancient and the latest games entertain the entire family, while reviving famous figures and legends of the Middle Ages. You are welcome every day.

| [www.koronaspark.hu](http://www.koronaspark.hu)

## Hetedhét Toy Museum

Every one of the thousands of miniature toys and dolls living in enchanting rooms of the Hiemer house has his or her own wonderful history. But how can the oldest inhabitant be the youngest? Find out for yourself. | [www.szikm.hu](http://www.szikm.hu)

## Igéző (Enchanter) in Basa street

Chamber performances in Hungarian and foreign languages, puppet theatre, slide and film showings, interactive family programs welcome you in the Main street. There is also evening fairy tale telling at 6 hours and 6 minutes each evening. | [www.szabadszinhaz.hu](http://www.szabadszinhaz.hu)

## Bory castle

Architect and sculptor Bory Jenő designed and built this dream castle, as a home for his family. The entire "fairy castle" is permeated with love and playfulness. A real family adventure, which you can get from spring till autumn. | [www.bory-var.hu](http://www.bory-var.hu)

## Musical Clock

A merry procession of historic figures to the accompaniment of bell chimes and with royal couples also making an appearance; every two hours between 10:00 and 18:00 hours, every day from spring till autumn in the Kossuth courtyard.

## Sóstó Visitors' Centre

The Sóstó Visitors' Centre is a must for classes. In addition to the educational interactive boards, birdwatchers and the Green Farm with great picnic opportunities, the tourists, classgroups hikers, kindergarten groups are guided by the environmental educators, who also provide interactive activities and presentations at the Visitors' Centre.



HETEDHÉT  
GAME FESTIVAL  
— MAY —

On this day everything is about the children and for the children. Huge outdoor board games, stage performances, craft shops, playing houses and countless other surprises welcome the small ones on the city's squares and in the Hetedhét Toy Museum.

[www.turizmus.szekesfehervar.hu](http://www.turizmus.szekesfehervar.hu)

# CHURCH

# *treasures*



In the Middle Ages Székesfehérvár had more than 30 churches and chapels; today, only the Gothic style Saint Anna chapel stands in good condition. The chapel built in 1410 is also the oldest intact building of the city. From the most magnificent architectural creation of Hungary's history, the royal basilica, only ruins have remained. However, the Saint Stephen cathedral, whose giant towers Béla IV started to build, is still standing. The Seminar and the Cistercian churches in the city centre greet us with true late baroque variety of form and motive and the virtuoso works of the masters of the age. The Carmelite monks commissioned the best painter of Central Europe, Austrian master Franz Anton Maulbertsch to paint the two pictures of the altar and the frescoes of their church. The master, who was at the height of his creative powers at the time, left behind such beautiful creations that literally raise the visitor to heaven



Cistercian church sacristy ▲



Saint Emeric church ▲



Székesfehérvár Diocese Museum ▲



Cistercian church main altar ►

## Ruin Garden of the Coronation Basilica – National Shrine

The one-time Our Lady provost church, the royal basilica was for centuries the burial place of Hungarian monarchs, their family and the leaders of the country in the neighbourhood of the tomb of Saint Stephen and Saint Emeric, which was a pilgrimage destination in the Middle Ages.

| [www.szikm.hu](http://www.szikm.hu)

## Episcopal cathedral

Béla IV erected the Saint Peter and Saint Paul parish church which also played an important role in the coronation of the kings and which later became an episcopal cathedral.

| [www.szfvar.katolikus.hu](http://www.szfvar.katolikus.hu)

## Székesfehérvár Cistercian church

Its sacristy has the sacristy furniture that has been declared the finest in Central Europe. In the left-side chapel a relic of Roman martyr Saint Candid is kept in a glass casket. | [www.szfvar.katolikus.hu](http://www.szfvar.katolikus.hu)

## Seminar church

Its frescoes and altar pictures were painted by the famous Viennese artist Franz Anton Maulbertsch. Its side chapels hold the 250-year-old wax replica of the Small Jesus of Prague and the country's only plague cross. | [www.szfvar.katolikus.hu](http://www.szfvar.katolikus.hu)

## Saint Emeric church

According to the marble-framed relief on the church wall, the palace of Saint Stephen and the birth house of Saint Emeric used to stand on this place but in 1601 it was destroyed by the Turks. The relic of Saint Emeric was laid in the founding stone of the church. | [www.szfvar.katolikus.hu](http://www.szfvar.katolikus.hu)

## Székesfehérvár Diocese Museum

In addition to presenting the valuable liturgical objects and religious mementoes of the Diocese of Székesfehérvár, the museum also carries extensive information on sainted and beautified persons in the permanent exhibition. | [www.szfvar.katolikus.hu](http://www.szfvar.katolikus.hu)



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# The gates OF FEHÉRVÁR

Fehérvár is an open city, which it demonstrates with open gates in its coat of arms. You should cross the gates in both directions because, outside the thousand sights of the city, the neighbourhood also offers many adventures to the traveller. Lake Velence, the castle ruins, lakes, nearby mansions and the wine region of Mór, all can be attractive destinations. You can choose historic time travel, a tour of the castles, an eco-program, a boot hike or a bike trip, a teambuilding session or gastronomic adventure; our program offering will keep you busy all week long. The rich flora and fauna of the romantic hills, the luscious dance of the sunbeams on the mirror of the water, the irresistible offer of the wine region of a thousand faces, its vibrant cultural life, the bucolic charm of the calm village houses make Fejér county one of the most enchanting and varied region of the country. If you decide to explore all these beauties, choose your accommodation in Székesfehérvár for easy access of all the attractions of the entire region.





Hiking ▲



Lake Velence ▲



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Mór Wine Region ▼

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## Vértés hill

Explore the mysterious caves, rare flora and fauna and legendary castles of the Vértés hill. You may even stomp on the cast away armours of Roman soldiers who once flew from a battle here.

| [www.provertes.hu](http://www.provertes.hu)

## Lake Velence

The „Lake of sunshine” tempts you to take a dip, row boat or sunbathe. Families with children and the lovers of water sports can choose from shallow- and deep-water lidos. Fishing fans will not be disappointed either as they can easily catch a large carp, ear fish or predatory fish by the reedy banks. The northern shores of the lake hold geological treasures. | [www.visitvelenceito.hu](http://www.visitvelenceito.hu)

## Military Memorial Park Pákozd – National Shrine

In the Military Memorial Park of Pákozd you can visit an exhibitions which shows the history of Hungarian national defence from its birth till today's peacekeeping missions with the help of interactive programs. | [www.kempp.hu](http://www.kempp.hu)

## Gorsium (Tác)

The walled centre of the Roman city founded at the turn of the 3rd and the 4th centuries survived till the Hungarian conquest, from that time its name was Fövény. With their Mediterranean atmosphere the Roman remains will swiftly take you back to the past. | [www.szikm.hu](http://www.szikm.hu)

## Manor houses

If you start from Székesfehérvár, in a star-shape pattern you can admire more than thirty former mansions and manors, including the Károlyi mansion in Fehérvárcsurgó, the Eszterházy mansion in Csákvár, the Nádasdy mansion in Nádasdladány and the remains of the Hapsburg mansion in Alcsútdoboz.

## Mór Wine Region

The Móri Ezerjő wine is already a trademark Hungarian product, a hungaricum. Come and taste it at the Mór Wine Days to which the performance of the Wind Orchestra Festival adds even more highlight in the first weekend of October. | [www.moribornapok.hu](http://www.moribornapok.hu)



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