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SOPRON AND THE FERTŐ LANDSCAPE

www.visitsopron.com
Sopron and the Fertő area have surprises for people of all ages and with all interests. Those fond of history and culture have hundreds of museums and monuments to choose from. For those of us who like music there are also multiple options. There are classical music concerts and pop concerts at the Main Square. The Europe-wide famous VOLT Festival is also here. Believers in active recreation can visit the Sopron Park forest. It has over 220 km of trails, over 15 viewpoints and rest and memorial places. The beaches at Lake Fertő are great for doing water sports or just plain swimming. The lake is rich in minerals. Here you can try surfing, sailing, canoeing and wake-boarding. You can also ride your bicycle around it on the well developed bike paths. You also have options if you want to benefit your health. Take a walk in the Lővér district with climatically healthy air. After that you can visit the healing thermal baths of Hegykő or Balf. Gourmets can try the exquisite wines of the region. The restaurants and gastronomical events also offer a great experience. If this plentiful selection is not enough, you can reach Austrian attractions within an hour.

Visit us, explore the “City of Loyalty and Freedom” with us!
Sopron, the City of Monuments

Uncountable monuments, attractions and museums. Do not think that only boring buildings and showcases are going to await you. We exhibit our treasures interactively and in a modern fashion. Visit the adventure mine. Have fun in the Ligneum Visitors’ Center in the botanical garden. Look for the tallest redwood pine of Europe.

You can not leave out the Fire Tower. Get to know all the details with the audio guide and have a view of the city. Let the Sopron atmosphere give you ecstasy. If you want to find a specific attraction, visit our information points or our assistance notebooks. These have options for people with all kinds of interests. The Castle Wall Walk is an experience not to be missed. Here you feel like you are in a different world, and a different age.

Tip: It is worthwhile to view the town at night. It has a vastly different appearance when lit. Are you tired of conventional sightseeing? Have a ride on the tourist trains! www.sopronikisvonat.hu
Active Recreation

Are you visiting us not only wanting to rest? We have good news. The Sopron area has a wide selection of options for those fond of sports and tourism. Have fun with us!

The Sopron mountain range and the Balf hills have pedestrian paths and developed resting points. The marked trails of the Park Forest and the forest exercise course await you. You can visit our thermal baths and beaches. If you want to do water sports, Lake Fertő is the best choice for you. Sopron is a sports city. There are many sports facilities, our UNIQA Euroleasing basketball team is known throughout Europe. Enjoy the summer bob-sledding or the Adventure Park. A few other options are mountain biking, motocross, go-carting, playing paintball or wall climbing and diving. You can also do winter sports here, the Sopron accommodations are very close to the well-equipped Austrian skiing resorts.

TIP: Check out the lit up Ojtozi alley, the Ciklámen path and the paths near the Várisi street. Have a view of the city from the Károly or Sörházdombi viewpoints!
Trip of Flavors and Gastronomy
Why not?

Do not only go on excursions. Do not let the beauties of nature and the architecture be enough. The Sopron area has way more to offer than that. Good tasting foods and fine wines, a glass of Kékfrankos (Blue-Frankish wine). Close your eyes and let the tastes of Sopron mystify you.

Alongside the delicious dishes you can find true traditions. Have you heard of the Sopron poncichters? The expression comes from the German word “Bohnenzüchter.” This is a reference to the hard working bean growing wine growers. They planted beans between their grape vines. They made great meals out of everything. Bean cakes were meant to be enjoyed with beer and wine as well as bean flour dumplings. The list continues with bean salad and bean strudels. Many fine inns offer the original tastes of Sopron. They can do this thanks to their master chefs. You can try the fish-soup of Lake Fertő, plummy bean soup, bean dumplings, cattle chump-ends, Swabian stew or grilled duck liver that is topped with sausage letcho. They taste very good, and if we were you, we would not leave them out.

TIP: It is a great family program to tour the Harrer Chocolate Factory. You get an opportunity to try a vast amount of different flavored chocolates and you can have hot chocolate. Try out the chocolate fountain as well. [www.harrercafe.com](http://www.harrercafe.com)
The Capital of Kékfrankos (Blue-Frankish) Wine

You can not visit us without having tasted a fine glass of wine before you leave. Why? Read on and you will get to know why.

We offer every type of wine. Quality white wines to full red wines, not to forget the late harvest ones; we have it all. The 1500 hectares of upland near Lake Fertő are the most valuable area of the Sopron wine region. The sub-Mediterranean climate provided by the lake created a real “wonderland.” The ripening of the grapes is helped by the warm air that gets trapped by the Lake in the daytime. This gets blown towards the vineyards at night. Beside Kékfrankos (Blue-Frankish), there are Zweigelt, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Pinot Noir vineyards as well. Green Veltliner is the main white wine species. Chardonnay, Tramini, Zenit, and Sauvignon Blanc are also widespread. Champagne and brandy are also available. There is also grape juice for the kids. You can sign up for wine tastings with local wineries. Get to know the Sopron wineries. Their website is www.soproniborvidek.hu

TIP: Almost the full spectrum of available wines can be found in the Forum Vinorum. Visit this community wine shop. Its address is 2, Szent György Street. Other options are the Natura and Tastevino shops. Taste the Sopron Kékfrankos (Blue-Frankish) in the oldest wine tavern in town. It is the Gyögygődőr on the Main Square. Try out the wine cellar Cézár-pince opened in 1964, it resembles the world of the poncichters.
Health, Pampering and Recreation

Visit us and go home rested. Feel the healing powers of the natural surroundings with exceptionally clean air.

The walking paths of the Park Forest help your healthy rest. The forest gymnastics course and hiking paths do the same. Your healthy rest is guaranteed by the air here. This place has been climatically classified as a healing area. Sopron is the capital of dentists as well. They have the latest technology in their hands. The selection of hotels and wellness hotels is very broad. We have multiple categories, make a decision and visit us. Sopron is the best place to revitalize and get healed. After a visit here, you can return to your everyday life with renewed strength.

**TIP:** We have great rehabilitation resorts. These are the thermal bath of Hegykő, the sanatorium in the Lővérek district and the healing bath in Balf. The water of this one has high sulfur levels.
Lake Fertő and the Fertő Landscape

Visit the surroundings of Lake Fertő. It is classified as a scenery of World Heritage. What fauna! The peace of the wild geese, white egrets, mallard ducks and summer geese is preserved by the Fertő–Hanság National Park. You can become a part of nature. Check out the lookout towers and observation points.

The employees of the Fertő–Hanság National Park can help you in many ways. You can have a professional tour, go canoeing, biking or even go bird watching. You can also view a presentation of native breeds. Doing water sports on the lake is a unique experience. Try surfing, canoeing, sailing or even wake-boarding. Fertő, the World Heritage sight. Come and explore!

TIP: Go to the headquarters of the national park. You can get to know 15 native animal breeds. The places to do this are Kócsagvár-Sarród or László-farm. You can also view an exhibition about nature preservation and the history of farming.

www.ferto-hansag.hu
www.fertotaj.hu
Settlements of Lake Fertő Shore are a World Heritage Area

Have you ever been to the shore of Lake Fertő? It has a World Heritage title. The little villages surrounding the lake are like gems.

Visit the healing bath at Balf. Fertőrákos has a cave theater which is known throughout Europe. The village also has a bay where you can do water sports and swim. You can get to know the heritage of the Széchenyi family at Nagycenk. Walk in the palace park and have a ride on the children’s railway. Explore the renewed Széchenyi palace. Visit the folk house in Fertőszéplak. The center of the

Fertő-Hanság National Park is in Sarród. Get to know the beauty of the lakes and channels. Get familiar with the animal world. You can not leave out the renewed Esterházy Castle in Fertőd. The gaiety of Eszterháza awaits you there all summer long. Hegykő is the fastest developing settlement of the area. You can bathe in its thermal waters all year long.

TIP: From May to September you can get to know the wonderful world of Lake Fertő on the water itself. This was once restricted by the Iron Curtain. Multiple pleasure-boats a day leave the bay at Fertőrákos. Details here: www.drescher.at
Ride Your Bike Over Borders

You can see cyclists from morning to night at the shore of Lake Fertő. Why so many? It is no accident. Explore the experience of going from settlement to settlement on safe bike paths. You can also go all around the Lake Fertő in a tour of a few days (approx. 130 km).

You can reach the Austrian and Hungarian memorial places quickly from Sopron. A few are Forchtenstein, Raiding, Eisenstadt. Welcome to the Iron Curtain tour! You can choose from guest-friendly village accommodations as well as fitness or wellness guest houses. Come and get to know the landscape, people tastes, wines, tasty fruits and vegetables as well as the local dishes. You can choose from the locally made jams, honeys and syrups. Have you heard of the Sopron Kékfrankos (Blue-Frankish) wine, Fertő fish-soup & roast, grey cattle stew, wild garlic cake, or bean strudels? Countless tastes and gastronomical experiences await you, it’s not worth leaving them out!

TIP: If you encounter some problems while biking, do not worry, there is a bicycle SOS! Call them when you need help! Their number is +36/20/482–8151.
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(50 km) Kőfejtő / Steinbruch / Query Nagycenk (15 km) Fertőszéplak (25 km) Fertőd (30 km)
Visiting our Austrian Neighbours

Stay in Sopron and enjoy Hungarian hospitality. Explore the Austrian villages and cities as well.

Visit Rust! It’s also a part of the World Heritage. You can go to Mőrbisch by bike or boat. The water stage has unforgettable shows. Visit the memorials of the Esterházy family in Burgenland as well. Check out the castle of Forchtenstein. St. Margarthen has a stone quarry from the Roman era. Its summer concerts under the open sky are unforgettable experiences. The biggest leisure park of Austria is the Family Park. Children love it. You can also try the Adventure Pool in Lutzmannsburg.

TIP: Did you know that Ferenc Liszt gave his first concert in the building of what used to be the casino in Sopron? He was just nine years of age at the time. You can find multiple traces of the composer in our town. His birthplace can be viewed till this very day. It is in Raiding, which has since become a part of Austria. We nurse our common cultural values. There is a Liszt bike tour in August. It starts in Harka and ends in Raiding. Afterward a wreath is laid at the statue of the composer before they go back to Hungary. www.lisztтуra.hu
Vienna, City of the Kaiser

Sopron to Vienna – two countries at such a small distance. You can get to the Austrian capital very quickly from here.

Feel the atmosphere of the Kaiser’s city! Visit the Baroque castle museums of Schönbrunn. Follow the traces of Sissy. The Prater and the Zoo are opportunities for some fun. The panorama of the famous Ferris wheel is unique. You can even see the Gothic building of the St. Stephen’s Cathedral (Stephansdom.) You can not leave out a real Wiener schnitzel, foamy coffee, apple strudel or Sacher cake. The Hofburg has many things to offer. You can see the Kaiser’s residence. Sissy’s museum and the treasury are here, as well. The Spanish riding school and Museum district are not far either. Madame Tussaud’s Wax-works is one of the newest attractions of the city. You can finish off the day with a downtown walk. After that we await you back in Sopron.

TIP: Are you planning a trip from Sopron to Vienna? We have good news, a train going to Wien Meidling leaves almost every two hours from here. If you want to drive, pay 3 euros per day with the P+R (Park & Ride) service. You can find a list of garages in Vienna here. www.wien.info or www.park-eninwien.at
Spring in Sopron! Start the tourist season with us! Why? The Sopron Gastronomical Trip and Liszt Festival are popular events of the Sopron Spring Days. Visit the Easter Cavalcade or have fun at the May Day Festivity! It is worthwhile to come to the Wine Festival. This is the first big event of the year on the Main Square. You can get to know the exciting Fortress area and the old traditions at the Celtic Fest. www.visitsopron.com

After the spring warm-up here comes the biggest party you can not leave out! The VOLT Festival!

VOLT Festival
Sopron, Lövér Kemping
July

Party, world famous stars and carefree fun. Do not pass on one of the most up-beat festivals known Europe-wide! The name of Sopron and the VOLT Festival have melted into one. Every year 100 thousand people rock out at the concerts of the top Hungarian and foreign bands; independently from their ages. www.volt.hu
World Heritage Day
Lake Fertő area’s settlements
May

You can get to know the settlements of the area of Lake Fertő on their World Heritage Day. On this day we remember that we got the UNESCO World Heritage diploma on this very same day in 2003. Every visitor visiting the Hungarian and Austrian half of this area can count on many surprises and colorful programs. Every program is for free. Explore the region on two wheels, on the rebuilt bicycle roads!
www.fertotaj.hu
www.vilagoroksegnap.hu

Ten Springs Festival
Hegykő
July

This is the main cultural program series of the area of Lake Fertő. Not only Hegykő but Fertőhomok, Hidegség, Fertőszéplak, Nagycenk and Sarród also have diverse programs. The outdoor festival is always a particular attraction. You do not need to limit your fantasy between the stone walls of a theatre. These ten days have the starry sky as their limit. There are classical and pop music programs, night performances, exhibitions, performances, and arts and crafts.
Taste Lake Fertő shore!
Hegykő: www.hegyko.hu
Fertőhomok: www.fertohomok.hu
Fertőszéplak: www.fertoszeplak.hu
Hidegség: www.hidegseg.hu
Nagycenk: www.nagycenk.hu
Sarród: www.sarrod.hu
The Sopron Festive Weeks is one of the biggest festivals of Sopron covering all artistic fields. The series of events last for a month. They feature famous artists and local art groups. There are theatrical performances, a fair, outdoor activities, folklore demos, church concerts, popular music concerts, background music, children’s programs and arts and crafts exhibitions. They all take place in the historical downtown’s squares and courtyards. Countless highly ranked local and international sports events take place. One of the most popular events is the Midsummer Night’s Dream - Sopron Folk-fest. Fire jumping and other programs await you all weekend long. Other than that there is the Fairy Festival, fairies and elves swarm the downtown and Elisabeth Garden.

www.prokultura.hu
You are invited to a time traveling event. This festival has a spectacular historical scene. This shows the coronation of King Ferdinand III. You can also see the crowning of our two queens. Sopron was one of the centers of communal life in the 17th century. They had three coronations and a Palatine election here. The 17th century comes to life in the old downtown. There is a pop music concert on the Main Square, interactive exhibitions and museum programs. 

www.visitsopron.com

Pan-European Picnic Memorial Day

Sopronpuszta, Pan-European Picnic Memorial Park

19th of August

Sopron is the city of loyalty and freedom. The Iron Curtain is a plain history to some generations. The border was a wall between Western Europe and Eastern Europe. This was the time when spiked wire fences and surveillance towers marked the border. You could only approach Lake Fertő with an official permission.

www.paneuropapipiknik.hu

Sopron had two turning points during its history. It got its title of “The Most Loyal City” after the referendum of 1921. The Pan-European Picnic and its events (1989) gave it the title “City of Freedom.”
Sopron Harvest
Sopron, Main Square
September

This event officially closes the summer tourist season. At the same time it opens the harvest season. Local winemakers let visitors taste their wines. The harvest events include famous singers’ performances. Come and taste the local wines! Pick from the many high quality options!

www.soproniboridek.hu

Saint Michael-day Kermis
Sopron, Main Square and Saint Michael’s Church
September

Saint Michael is the city’s guardian saint. His festival lasts for multiple days every year. The surroundings of the church are transformed. Folk dancers, showmen and pop singers take them over. Even the youngest member of the family has options to choose from. Look at the handmade products and taste the many treats!

www.visitsopron.com
Visit the Prince’s courtyard! Take part in the unforgettable musical experiences! These are in the Eszterházy Castle in Fertőd. You have a selection of castle concerts with authentic chamber music, open air operas and operettas and light jazz music. These events await you from May to September. [www.eszterhazivigassagok.hu](http://www.eszterhazivigassagok.hu)

Hungarian grey cattle breeding, bull exhibition and fair

Sarród, László-farm, Hidi-farm

October

Take part in a traditional cattle fair! It is in the unique natural surroundings of the Fertő-Hanság National Park. Look at the introduction of the breeding bulls. If you like, you can taste the rigidly raised organic meat products. The two top options are goulash and sausage. [www.ferto-hansag.hu](http://www.ferto-hansag.hu)
Sopron Advent and New Year’s celebration
Sopron, Main Square
December

Visit our Advent fair with a unique atmosphere. Taste the locally produced wines; they also come mulled with spices. Take part in the colorful programs! Get ready for the holiday in Sopron! You can find excellent Hungarian handmade products and many other treats at the fair. View the giant Christmas tree and inviting Bethlehem manger scene! Do not forget the colorful Advent calendar!
www.soproniadvent.hu

Say goodbye to the past year and greet the new one in Sopron! There are colorful programs on New Year’s Eve as well. Visit the winter programs. Feel the special atmosphere of the winter scenery in the Lővér district.

Do not forget, the nearby Austrian skiing hills await the fans of winter sports.