

## SZEGED GUIDE



# GUIDE

In order to make your visit to our city as easy as possible, each monument and sight is assigned an address. Their distances from the city centre (Széchenyi Square) - on foot and by bus - are marked with the following symbols:





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# Discover Szeged! Did you know that...

Transport of the country. Szeged is famous for its rich cultural life, sporting events and university life. The downtown area shows a unified cityscape with its eclectic mansions and Art Nouveau buildings.

In Szeged we can find a special combination of lively city life and the proximity of nature. The city is divided by the River Tisza, which offers many recreational opportunities for those who wish to relax in the nature. The city offers various sports and entertainment possibilities and cultural experiences for tourists and locals, as well. In the "city of sunshine" everything is available for locals and guests visiting Szeged to spend their free time in an impulsive but peaceful and safe environment.

Visit our website to get more information and a positive impulse about our city:



Sunny hours per year is one of the highest here that is why Szeged is called "THE CITY OF SUNSHINE".

SZEGED IS THE CITY OF EVENTS, as there are more than 5,000 cultural, sports and other events in the city every year.

ALBERT SZENT-GYÖRGYI is the only Hungarian Nobel laureate who was awarded the prize for research carried out in Hungary, specifically at the Unversity of Szeged.

LAKE FEHÉR (LAKE WHITE) is Hungary's largest saline water lake and it is situated to the north of Szeged. It is carefully protected because it is home to about 280 bird species and ancient flora. It can only be visited with a guide. The area is an important stop in the migration of European birds, as it is a resting and feeding place for migratory birds. During migration, flocks of cranes, geese and various species of teals can be observed on the lake. During migration, crowds of cranes, geese and teal varieties are visible on the White Lake (Fehér-tó).

Every year in June, if the weather conditions are suitable, you can observe a spectacular natural phenomenon, the "BLOOMING OF THE TISZA". At this time, a winged insect, the mayfly comes up from the riverbed in larvae form and hatches very quickly (5 to 10 minutes) to live as an adult for only a few hours.

## WHAT is Szeged famous for?

When you hear the names of the biggest cities in the world, you always associate something with that place. Most of us associate London with the Big Ben or Barcelona with Sagrada Familia. What about Szeged? As for its geographical location, it is the River Tisza, in terms of gastronomy, it must be the fish soup, or, when it comes to architecture, probably the beautiful Art Nouveau buildings or the Cathedral which is one of the best-known symbols of the city.

## Dóm

Tourists approaching Szeged can catch a glimpse of the iconic Cathedral – also known as the Votive Church – and its high towers from afar. The panoramic view from the tower offers a unique experience. While admiring the River Tisza from a bird's eye view, be mindful of the fact that this monumental Catholic church was only built as part of a solemn vow by the people of Szeged after the Great Flood had destroyed the city in 1879.









## Dömötör Tower

The Dömötör Tower is the oldest architectural monument of Szeged, which supposedly survived as the baptistry of the Cathedral. Make sure you visit the tower if you are interested in the history of baptism and admire the wall painting by Vilmos Aba-Novák entitled "The baptism of Christ". Remember to check out the stone sheep from the 12th century placed above the door as it is the oldest sculptural monument of Szeged.

## **Water Tower**



The "Old Lady" still works as a water tower, so it is a rare treat to be able to pop in and visit the colorful soda machine exhibition or take a look at the city from the top. The first reinforced concrete structure of the country has been standing out from the Szeged skyline since 1904 and overlooks the Cathedral over the houses. The remarkable tower on St. Stephen's Square also boasts a so called Foucault pendulum which proves the rotation of the Earth around its axis. An extraordinary experience both inside and out!





Š 5 min. 400 m 2 magyar ede square

## **Reök Palace**

You cannot visit Szeged and miss the magnificent Reök Palace. Its vibrant colors, soft shapes, intricate details, and, of course, the exhibitions of the Palace are second to none. Once you see the building, you will forever be addicted. This Art Nouveau architectural gem was designed by Ede Magyar. It is a treasured symbol of Szeged, regulary visited by locals and visitors. Come and admire the work of Szeged's own Gaudí.





## **New Synagogue**

It is the 2nd largest synagoge in Hungary and the 4th one in Europe. In addition to its size and beauty, its history, as well as the lives of remarkable personalities associated with the synagogue, and also the fate of the Jewry in Szeged, all make this extraordinary building exceptional, unique and special.

The building itself tells many stories if the visitor is really watching. Its gates are open to anyone interested in architecture, history, or religion, and no one will be disappointed with this breath-taking synagogue.

## **Sun-ornamented houses**

Sunburst gables symbolizing the Holy Trinity were quite popular ornamental features on farmhouses in Szeged in the 19th century. There are several sun-ornamented houses in Szeged. One of the most prominent is the sunornamented country house in Alsóváros (Downtown) where you can delight in the special old-fashioned pieces of furniture and learn more about the unique design of these farmhouses.



#### DISCOVER SOME SUN-ORNAMENTED HOUSES:









## **River Tisza**

Today's cityscape of Szeged - the radial boulevards and the embankment that accompanies the river - is due to the flood of the Tisza in 1879. It has done a tremendous amount of destruction in the city, but today it provides a number of recreational opportunities, as well as the home of the spectacular blooming of the Tisza early summer, every year when the mayflies hatch. Did you know that the river used to flow in its entire length in the territory of the historic Hungary, and, therefore, it was called "the most Hungarian river"?

## DOWNTOWN WALKS

#### SEE YOU AT THE TOURINFORM OFFICE!

Although Szeged does not have a walled old town, the most important sights can be found within the area bound by the so called "grand boulevard". Luckily, you don't even have to take the bus as they can be reached on foot, everything is easily accessible. You can observe major landmarks overhead, such as the dome of the new Synagogue, the towers of the Cathedral, or even the tower of the Town Hall, Let's take a tour, let's start at the Tourinform office. Are you ready?

## Széchenyi Square

for first year students!

Our small walk begins at the Tourinform office. It is located in Széchenyi Square which is 50,000m<sup>2</sup> and the largest square of Szeged. Today it is one of the favourite resting places of the residents and tourists; however, a few centuries ago it served as the Main Market. In addition to the statues, it is worth visiting the "pig-headed" plane tree. According to legends if a sudent arrriving to the town goes to this tree, they will spend a long time in the city. A highly recommended attraction

## **City Hall**

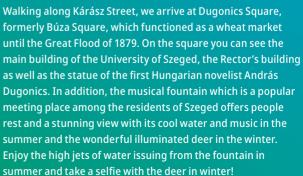
behind hundred-year-old, giant plane trees shows where the City Hall is located, which has had the same function from the beginning of the 18th century to the present day. The tower fills Széchenyi Square with various melodies such as Beethoven's "Ode to Joy," 5 minutes before every hour every single day of the week. Visit the concerts organized in the courtyard in the summer and don't forget to check out the Bridge of Sighs.

## Klauzál Square



Let's continue sightseeing on the pedestrian street of Szeged, which welcomes people arriving from Széchenyi Square with two special statues. You don't have to walk a lot and you will find yourself in Europa Nostra Award winning Klauzál Square where most of the mansions you can see were built in the 19th century. Refresh yourself with the water of the "Lion Fountain" commemorating the kings of the Árpád Dynasty and admire the imposing statue of Lajos Kossuth, former governor of Hungary. Imagine that 60,000 people listened to his last public speech in this area in 1849.

## **Dugonics Square**





## Aradi vértanúk Square 🐸

Walking from Dugonics Square towards the Department Store, we reach the Square of the Martyrs of Arad split into to in the middle by tram lines no. 1 and 2, where the equestrian statue of Francis II Rákóczi and the memorial column of the Battle of Szőreg are the first to be seen. The Heroes' Gate which is only a few meters from here is also worth visiting. Its interior arch is decorated with a 300 m2 fresco by Vilmos Aba-Novák. If you are more interested in architecture, you can admire the recently renovated pink building of the Faculty of Science and Informatics of the University of Szeged.



We only need to take a few steps from the Square of the Arad Martyrs to get to the best-known square in Szeged. We arrive at Dóm Square, which, due to its size and design, may remind us of St. Mark's Square in Venice. It hosts various events throughout each season, such as the Szeged Open-Air Festival in the summer; a unique atmosphere to be experienced at least once in a lifetime. The Somogyi Library can also be found here, where we can

not only read, but also

enjoy many cultural

## STEFÁNIA

Walking from the Dóm Square on
Korányi Alley, along the Tisza we get
to Stefánia. In the park area behind
the Ferenc Móra Museum there are the
remains of the Maria Theresa gate of the
former castle. The park, which was redone in
2020, offers a pleasant hideaway from the hot
summer sunshine, but it is a wonderful experience
to enjoy the almost complete Szeged section of the
Tisza every season. Take a stroll around Stefánia, look
at the magnificent buildings, then relax on a bench.

## **Hotel Kass**

One of the most impressive buldings on Stefánia is the Hotel Kass. Built in 1898, it used to operate as a hotel, restaurant and café welcoming the wealthy. Violinist Pista Dankó's marble statue stands in front of the paved terrace. Today it functions as a nightclub and event venue on weekends.

events.





## [Ungár-Mayer Palace]



As you walk across Dugonics Square, dancing ladies follow your steps from the heights - they have been doing so since 1911. The roof of the Art Nouveau building, designed by Ede Magyar, towering around the corner of the square, is adorned with distinctive decoration. Renovated in 2000, the 3-storey tin-roofed building still houses shops and apartments. When you go to the shoe store at the bottom of the building, don't forget to look up, because the ceiling is a real beauty. In this building you should be looking up anyway, as though the parts below are relatively unadorned, you can find jewels of Art Nouveau overhead.







Your first impression might decieve you - take a second look and you'll see beautifully elaborated details that make this building one of the representatives of Hungarian Art Nouveau. On the facade, the red colour of the bricks, the yellow colour of the ceramic as well as the totality of the plastered surfaces add subtle beauty, in addition, folk art motifs can be found in the prominent pyrogranite flower arrangements. It is worth delving deeper into the details of the building as this is how the huge jewellery box really shows off its beauty.







What is majolica? If you don't know the answer, just look at the blue, orange and green mansion, with a unique facade decorated with ceramic ornaments manufactured in the Zsolnay factory of Pécs. We can observe the Hungarian version of Art Nouveau on the building, which was designed by architects Mihály Erdélyi and Ödön Lechner and built within a very short period of time, between 1900 and 1902. The wrought iron lattice on the front door is also a special feature of this vibrant yet elegant mansion.







If you want to see an old-fashioned pharmacy of the turn of the century, you need to head towards the Flatiron House designed by Lipót Baumhorn. Because of its unique shape, it can be easily distinguished from the other mansions. The ornament of the magnificient building is overhead: it is characterized by comical heads, richly textured carved column heads and unexpectedly appearing stylized ornaments. The elegant appearance and elaborate details of the building show the craftsmen's talented work.

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## Gróf Palace



We cannot forget about the largest Art Nouveau mansion in Szeged. It was built in just 13 months according to the design of Jenő Ferenc Raichl. The huge, imposing mansion was completed in 1913, with ornamented motifs from Hungarian folk art, as well as the colors of blue, gold and yellow evoking an Eastern ambiance. Wrought iron balconies, flowerpots and stair railings feature classic Art Nouveau elements.



## Reformed Church Palace



The most unusual Art Nouveau building in Szeged was designed by Ede Magyar. The V-shaped mansion's lofted facade balconies show off the elegance of the iron railings when the light conditions are right, with the special play of light and shadow. A lively, richly decorated building, its mosaics clearly reveal the distinctive elements of Art Nouveau



## Goldschmidt Palace



At first, you might not even be able to fathom how beautiful the Art Nouveau building used to be, as its facade was stripped down in the mid-fifties. However, the doorway retained the impressive style that once characterized the entire building. This mansion is another masterpiece by Ede Magyar, in the gateway the motifs inspired by French ballerinas portray dancers as they move, offering flowers to the entrants.

#### Buildings recommended by RANN members

Since 2016 Szeged has been a member of the Art Nouveau Cities Network, whose members visited the buildings of Szeged and, as experts, shared how they see the Art Nouveau values of Szeged.

#### THIS IS HOW THEY SEE IT:

"I had the opportunity to visit the city of Szeged, in Hungary during a meeting of the Réseau Art Nouveau Network. During our stay, we visited several Art Nouveau buildings. Among the rich and great quantity of this heritage, I was especially impressed by three buildings designed by the architect Ede Magyar: The Church Palace, Reök Palace and Ungár-Mayer Palace, as well as the Gróf Palace designed by the architect Ferenc J. Raichle." - Inma Pascual

"We were amazed by the richness of the Art nouveau heritage that came from mixed influences (Vienna, folk arts)! We will certainly not forget the colorful and audacious shapes of the Art nouveau buildings, such as the Reök Palace, the outstanding New Synagogue, or the Deutsch Palace." - Caroline Styfhals



## KEEP FIT, STAY HEALTHY!

Activity, sport, health; Szeged, a dynamic and impulsive city allows for these concepts to be intertwined with many young students and sports-related opportunities. The city hosts thousands of new students every year, whose energies rejuvenate the city every September, keeping the spirit of sport and opportunities alive for locals and tourists alike. If you are looking for active recreation, whether on 4 or 2 wheels, coming either from the Tisza or the air, Szeged is a good way to go.

## **Walking and jogging**

The refurbished running track and the outdoor gyms in Erzsébet Park are great for outdoor sports, whether you are serious about exercising or doing it just as a hobby. Plenty of green areas make Szeged an ideal place for outdoor sports, the fresh air and winds from the Tisza cleanse both the mind and body of sports enthusiasts. The proximity of the Tisza awakens everyone's desire for water sports, which is also possible by renting a kayak or canoe, if you want to spend time doing something other than bathing and swimming in the Tisza.



30 min. 2.5 km Felső tisza-part (upper tisza coach)

## **Kayaking on the River Tisza**

Naturally, having seen the Tisza, you may wonder if you have the opportunity to paddle a bit. The answer is yes, of course, since kayaks and canoes can be rented at the Foka Eco Port. You can choose between a fourperson canoe or if you would like to relax alone, you can rent a one-person kayak.

## **Swimming**

Those who want to go for a swim can choose from three excellent venues. The outdoor City Pool in Újszeged has a training pool and a 50-meter swimming pool as well, for professional athletes. The Napfényfürdő Aquapolis has an outdoor swimming pool. Both these pools can be used in the winter as a dome is erected above them. The newest pool called Tiszavirág Swimming Pool, opened in 2021, is one of the most modern facilities in Szeged. It serves the needs professional athletes and amateurs alike.

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NAPFÉNYFÜRDŐ AOUAPOLIS



TISZAVIRÁG SPORTUSZODA



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If you have already walked around the centre of Szeged and tried water sports as well, it's time to jump on two wheels and cycle around the city! Fortunately, there are no big slopes in Szeged and you can find designated bike paths almost everywhere in the city. Is the noise of the city too loud and you want to go for a little wildlife tour? Just follow the Tisza in any direction. If you head towards the river, once you reach the embankment, you will soon find nothing

but the calm, wonderful nature, the river and the chirping of birds.



## **Tennis**

We have good news for tennis or squash lovers; they can play both sports in Szeged. You can play tennis in several places: in the newly refurbished Erzsébet Park, in the Szeged City Tennis Club, as well as in the My Day Sport and Leisure Centre. Those interested in squash can enjoy the sport in the latter and at the Gellért Leisure Centre.

SZEGED CITY
TENNIS CLUB

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22 min. 1,8 km 5-7 derkovits alley.

GELLÉRT LEISURE CENTRE



38 min. 3 km II3 DERKOVITS ALLEY

MY DAY



22 min. 3,5 km 8 horgosi street

## Horse riding

The wonderful harmony between horse and man is riding, which can even be a therapeutic. Enjoy this experience on the edge of a busy city or in the surrounding ranches! You don't have to go far and equipment is provided on site. You can find a list of riding stables: szegedtourism.hu/en/horseback-riding/



## **Bowling**

Who is the most talented bowler in the family or among your friends? Find out! A great evening program can be ten-pin or nine-pin bowling (teke), both of which are available in Szeged. You don't necessarily have to stay at the Forrás Hotel to use the bowling alley, but if you are looking for a different environment, visit the Bowling Centre where you can bowl on professional alleys.

BOWLING CENTRE



HUNGEST HOTEL FORRÁS



# EXPERIENCE SCIENCE

If we think of Szeged, the name of our Nobel Prize laureate, Albert Szent-Györgyi surely comes to mind. He was awarded the Nobel Prize for research carried out in Szeged on the isolation of Vitamin C. The former rector's memory is preserved, among other things, by a statue in front of the University Rector's Office. The University of Szeged has continued to provide outstanding results. The city is at the forefront of scientific research projects and its museums are worthy venues for exhibitions.



10 min. | 800 m 23 kálvária rojii fvard

## Szent-Györgyi Albert Agora

Since 2012 it has hosted several interesting events, scientific and cultural exhibitions and programmes. The aim of the centre is to present the results of research in the region in an understandable way as well as to bring science closer to the children. Here you will find the Information Technology History Exhibition, which takes you on a journey through time, as you can see the rarities of the history of computers on both floors as well as some pieces of equipment that still work today. In addition to the exhibition, the programmes will also introduce the sciences in an interactive way both for the younger and older generations.



## Tudástár (Knowledge Base)



The Knowledge Base presents its collection interactively. The exhibition in the building of Gyula Juhász Faculty of Education of the University of Szeged has interesting information in store for everyone. Researchers illustrate the excitement of science by carrying out spectacular experiments several times a day, which will surely pique the interest of everybody, even those who haven't had a taste for sciences before.



常 I3 min. Ikm 2 Egyetem Street Pre-registration: Kiril@Freemail.hu

## **Sándor Koch Mineral Collection**

Featuring a wide variety of colourful, interestingly shaped minerals, the collection awaits its visitors every weekday. After pre-registration, you will receive a professional guided tour. The collection of more than 1000 specimens will be enhanced by the truly special specimens from the Carpathian Basin.



## **Botanical Garden**



Silence, green trees, chirping birds, tranquillity, beautiful vegetation. The Botanical Garden of Szeged is the perfect place to relax if you want to get closer to nature and leave the noise of the city behind. In this ideal environment, we can also gain a wealth of knowledge, as the university maintains the botanical garden. In addition to protected plants, you will also find herbs as well as spices here, and you can also admire the Indian lotus, which also has a festival in the summer.

Szeged Observatory

## **Observatory**



The universe is mysterious, the stars are distant, and the planets are inexplorable. But not at the Szeged Observatory! All our questions are answered here, and, perhaps, even more exciting questions will be raised in need of new answers. The magical sky reveals its secrets, but only for those who are looking for it in the right place.

## MUSEUM STROLLS

Museums are the keepers of memories. The city of Szeged has a lot to remember so there's plenty to exhibit in the museum halls. Several venues display the art and the rich and fascinating history of the city. Szeged strives to provide visitors with a variety of exhibitions to choose from; therefore, history lovers and those interested in arts will have more options to select from. The museums are easily accessible and provide value inside and out.

## Ferenc Móra Museum



The beautifully renovated Ferenc Móra Museum is the largest exhibition space in Szeged. It has been a dominant building since 1896 in Szeged and has hosted many memorable as well as valuable exhibitions over the years. After the renovation, the neoclassical building building was re-opened for visitors in the summer of 2020 with permanent exhibitions of ethnography, science and fine arts showing Szeged and its surroundings, with a newly built lookout on the roof in addition to large-scale temporary exhibitions.

THE PALACE OF CULTURE AWAITS ITS VISITORS.







## Fekete (Black) House

The history of this special building is quite fascinating. It used to be a bourgeois mansion with beautiful residents, then funcioned as a casino and it survived the flood in 1879. It was named after its former dark grey-black plastering. It is currently the exhibition venue of the Ferenc Móra Museum and over the past decades it has hosted temporary exhibitions related to the past of the city.





### REÖK

The building, which has been the pride of Szeged since 1907, was renovated in 2007 when it was renamed Regional Centre for All Arts (abbreviated as REÖK in Hungarian) retaining the name of the original iconic building of the Reök family. It has hosted numerous art exhibitions: visitors could admire in Szeged the masterpieces of Dalí, Goya or Picasso among others. The spectacular building, located in a popular spot, is home to concerts, conferences, museum activities and smaller theatrical performances.

Outstanding in all seasons of the year.

## **Memorial Library**



The Memorial Library holds real treasures from the collection of the Somogyi Library. Of its 36 incunabula, 8 are unique in Hungary. Watching a selection of nearly 10,000 volumes gives visitors a particularly captivating atmosphere. Guided tours during guaranteed visits.

## Albert Szent-Györgyi

Albert Szent-Györgyi was an exceptional personality and scientist. His life was full of interesting facts, amazing achievements and accomplishments. He is the only Hungarian scientist who has won the Nobel Prize for his work done in Hungary. He carried out his research in Szeged, and in 1937 he received this award. The scholar, who was once the rector of the University of Szeged had a great influence on the cultural, scientific life and education of the city.

## Memorial rooms of Albert Szent-Györgyi

Two memorial rooms dedicated to the life and work of the famous scientist Albert Szent-Györgyi can be visited in Szeged. The memorial room in the building of the Dean's Office at the Faculty of Medicine presents the impressive life and carreer of the Hungarian scientist. His rector's robe, accolades he received, some personal belongings and plaques are displayed for the visitors, so that you can get to know the outstanding scientist a bit more. Pre-registration is required. +36 62/545-016, office.aokdh@med.u-szeged.hu;

109 TISZA LAJOS BOULEVARD. Visits are available after September 2022 upon registration in advance. The Albert Szent-Györgyi centennial exhibition is open in the Rector's Office of the University of Szeged on weekdays from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. at 13 Dugonics Sq.

The other exhibition is located in the building of Miksa Déri Vocational High School, where Albert Szent-Györgyi once lived and worked. In this wing of the building a memorial room was created, which is furnished with contemporary furniture, laboratory equipment and relics. You can recognize the place of residence and the laboratory in contemporary pictures, so you can walk where once the Nobel Prizewinning Hungarian great man did. Pre-registration is required.

+36-62/426-955, **7 KÁLVÁRIA SQUARE** (Miksa Déri Vocational High School)

## ENTERTAIN

## THE FAMILY

Szeged offers many opportunities for families arriving in the city. With a variety of outdoor programmes and facilities in the winter and summer, all ages can find the activities that suit them, whether they are young children, married couples or the older generation. Let's see where you can go, and what you can try with the family.





Szeged Wildlife Park is a really amazing experience for children and adults alike. You can observe animals, active all year round, from all over the world. Thanks to Szeged's participation in the species protection programme, you can meet several special species that are only found here in Hungary. In the vast, wooded area, wild animals feel at home and many babies are born every year, to the greatest delight of visitors. Children can look at many cute animals, while older visitors can learn a lot about species in addition to admiring the animals.





For those who like to use their brain while relaxing, there are many types of city games to enjoy. You can be a detective who solves the mysteries of the city in the House of Mysteries programmes or study the secret side of the city with the adventures of Urbango. Well-designed logical puzzles share the city's points of interest, stories, and general information in a playful way. It's a great way to explore a city. The location and the secrets are given, it is up to you if you can solve the secrets of Szeged.

House of Mysteries (Rejtélyek Háza): +36-70/9400444 Parapoly: +36-30/828-4137



## Napfényfürdő Aquapolis

You can put on a swimsuit and splash in the pool any time of the year, not only in summer. Opened in 2010, the Napfényfürdő Aquapolis is a true four-season water city. 13 slides, a total of 1,000 meters, are waiting for the bravest kids and adults who are daring enough to slide down the two giant slides from the tower. If you want to relax with your partner without the noise of children, use the quiet wellness section of the spa where you can enjoy in the different saunas besides the hot tubs.





## **Andventure trails**

For both younger and older children, climbing adventure trails is great fun. Sometimes there are difficult obstacles to overcome, but every little adventurer definitely can get to the end of the track. It can be a great programme to make sure your kids fall asleep faster at the end of the day! There are two adventure trails in Szeged: the Csú-Sziki Adventure Track in the Eko-Park.

## Kids Entertainment Centres

In bad weather, you don't have to stay at the accommodation with your toddler or small children, you can visit a entertainment centre where your kids can play with building blocks, dolls, can jump or roll between balls in a safe environment. The children's empire called Toy Jungle in Textilgyar Street is the largest, but you can find one in the city centre, on the first floor of the Árkád Mall behind the shops, or in Eko-Park in Újszeged.

## **Crazy Jump Trambulinpark**



Visit our trampoline park if, as an adult, you still want to feel like a kid again, or, simply, if you need to relax and let off some steam. You will surely have a great time with us!



More than 70 years old, the Béla Kövér Puppet Theatre can be a great programme for children and adults alike. The stories and characters are well-known by children and parents from storybooks. The stories are brought to life in each performace giving a fantastic experience for the whole family. Don't miss it.



Cruising on the Tisza and watching the city from the river is an amazing experience. The pleasure-boat departing from Roosevelt Square starts its scheduled rides as soon as the weather is good, goes up to the confluence of the River Mures and back to the Witch Island. If you want to try what it is like to become a captain, hire a boat from the Foka Eco Harbour, or if you want to have a barbecue with your family and friends in the middle of the river, you can enjoy the services of the Pontoon Boat all day long, from morning to

sunset.



## Sightseeing train

Children's and adults' favorite pastime is the city train, which guides its passengers through the sights of the city from mid-March to the beginning of cold weather. The 45-minute tour starts and ends in Széchenyi Square, popping over the bridge to Újszeged. Wave to the people walking in the city while you are riding the Small Train in order to make their day happier.



Szeged has a history of more than a hundred years as a spa town. The Anna Bath is located in the heart of Szeged, and the medicinal water that fills the pools can treat many health problems. It is perfect for the elderly, as they can relax in a quiet and peaceful environment, as well as try a variety of treatments: healing massage, a therapeutic mud treatment, or an underwater water jet massage.

## **Sacred places**

The Cathedral (Dóm) is not the only building in the city that is architecturally outstanding. If your time allows and you are interested in sacred buildings, be sure to explore as much of the city as you can, for example, the parish of St. Nicholas in Felsőváros (Uptown) which used to be a vibrant abbey in the 13th century, or the Calvinist church, called "Rooster Church" by locals, dating back to the times of the Great Flood.

Church building in Felsőváros: 7-9 Munkácsy Street Calvinist Church building: Kálvin Square

## Lower-Szeged in the Middle Ages. Its main square, Mátyás Square was named after king Matthias Corvinus, our fair king, who gave the right to hold weekly fairs in the area in the mid-15th century. During the Turkish occupation, this part of the city was the center of the Hungarians of Szeged,

The rustic part of Szeged - Alsóváros (Downtown) - was called

Village in the city, Alsóváros

and after the Great Flood the first Sun-ornamented houses were built here. Walk around here, take a look and admire these pediments.

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## **Traditional Rural House Museum**

The sun-ornamented Traditional Rural House Museum in Alsóváros served as a residential building in its original state; however, today it is an exhibition space that is furnished authentically and open from Monday to Saturday. In addition, there are various craft activities, folk tradition programmes for children and adults throughout the year, and by appointment, it can be a great team building activity for smaller groups.





# FRANCISCAN VISITOR CENTRE and Church at Alsóváros

The Franciscan Church of Alsóváros is one of the most monumental medieval monuments of the Hungarian Great Plain, built in late gothic style in the 15th century, towering above Alsóváros on Mátyás Square. Saint John of Capestrano recruited John Hunyadi's troops here against the Turks, and tens of thousands of participants of the monthly indulgence made a pilgrimage here from Szeged's rural surroundings. The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major, or the feast of Our Lady of the Snows (August 5) is the feast day of the church. You can get an insight into the life and activities of the monks, as you can participate in a full guided tour at the Visitor Center at a pre-arranged time.



The sight of the two towers of the Cathedral of Szeged (Dóm) is a sure sign that you will soon be arriving in the city of sunshine. The people of Szeged jointly built the Votive Church after the flood of 1879, which had a major impact on the city's development. Although the construction was delayed, the local people kept their vow and by 1930 the construction of the country's 4th largest Catholic church was completed. Its magnificent interiors, its organ with 9040 pipes, as well as the view from its tower and its history all make the building unique. In 2016, a visitor centre with a multifunctional exhibition space and bookstore was opened under the church building. The liturgical space can be visited free of charge; entrance tickets to the tower, exhibitions and Dömötör Tower are available at the Visitor Center.

## CULTURE TIPS

The good news for tourists coming to the city who are thirsty for culture is that Szeged is not only worth visiting because of the Open-Air Festival. People of all ages can find their favourite genre, from prose to opera, from pop music to classical music, from music houses to outdoor events, but it can also be a pleasure to visit the exhibitions of museums.



## **Theatres**

The Szeged National Theatre is a magnificent, eclectic-neo-baroque building, home to operas, operettas and larger-scale stage productions. Its striking color, its special facade attracts gazes from afar. Enter the building and experience what it is like to see a performance in a red-gold coloured box. If you are looking for special dramas, these are usually performed at the Kisszínház. There is no need to go far for a familiar atmosphere, the Pince Theatre offers entertainment every month and performances of Water Theatre (Víziszínház) built on the quay expect viewers in the summer.





## Cinemas

The scent of popcorn is an unmistakable sign that there is a cinema nearby. If you want to watch a movie on a big screen in Szeged, you can choose from several cinemas. The range of available films is wide, both in the cinema Cit of the Szeged Plaza (Szeged Mall) and in the classic Belvárosi Mozia (Downtown Cinema) which is more known for art movies.



The former Youth Center received its current form in 2008 after a complete renovation. The building, which hosts numerous cultural programs, also hosts professional exhibitions, fairs, business events, theatrical performances, conferences and balls each year. In addition to their own events, they host many quest performances, which are very popular with the attendees.



Korzó Music House has an eventful and long history. It was once called Korzó Cinema, or Red Star Cinema, and in 2007 it switched its focus from film to music. The building is currently the seat of the Szeged Symphony Orchestra and can be a favourite venue for classical music lovers.

Beside the locals, the tourists, the Hungarian and foreign students moving in, famous people are also excited to discover Szeged, as there is plenty of beauty waiting to be explored. The theatrical life of the city is active throughout the year, with many guest performances and large-scale

performances of the **Szeged Open- Air Festival** throughout the summer to entertain theatre lovers every weekend. Many performers show off their talent on these performances, and they spend their leisure time exploring the sunny city. We asked them what fascinates them in Szeged, which, year after year, brings them

here for a little discovery.







"This is a special venue in my life, because when I was 18-19, we regularly attended performances of the Open-Air Festival with my Mother and I was dreaming of singing on that stage some time. When I learned that we were going to play Sister Act in Szeged in 2020, I was very happy to return because I am in love with the city."

- Évi Sári



"I get emotional and sentimental when I think about how much I am looking forward to this summer, because I have a whole lot of fantastic memories and experiences I will never forget." - Pál Feke



"Coming to Szeged is like coming home for me, I love the city itself, and I have no words to describe the experience of performing at the Open-Air Festival, it is like a dream. Here, you have to play with extra energy, because the story and the emotions have to reach 4,000 people so that they experience catharsis, too." - **Zsuzsi Vágó** 



"I love being here. Szeged feels like home and I am surrounded by an absolutely trustworthy environment when I work with Szeged Open-Air Festival's team." - Róbert Alföldi

# EXTREME ADVENTURES



Those who need some adrenaline for relaxation and recreation are in the right place. There is a wide choice of opportunities in Szeged, whether you want to play paintball (maxim Paintball), get out of a locked room (see escape games) or jump out of a plane. And the list goes a long way. Discover the wild side of Szeged.

## **Escape rooms**

If you decide to test your nerves and escaping talent in ParaPark, Exit Game, Haunted House Escape Room or even Code Game, you will surely have similarly exciting yet different experiences as each escape room game is unique in its theme, so there are plenty of options to choose from.

## **Szeged Airport**

If you want to see the city from above, there are great opportunities. Aviation lovers will also find that they are in the right place in Szeged. The airport welcomes its visitors and hosts the SZIA-Szeged International Airshow every fall, so those can also enjoy the flight of the aircrafts who would rather stay on the ground. www.aeroszeged.hu, www.agroaero.hu, www.flyteam.hu



30 min. 4,6 km



# TOP EVENTS IN SZEGED

## **Spring**

The city is awakened by fresh, invigorating programmes in the spring: the Szeged Day Celebration series entertains visitors for 10 days, while the Vilmos Zsigmond International Film Festival offers real experiences for the guests.

### Summer

Visitors are constantly entertained with various programmes in the summer heat: Szeged Open-Air Festival, Szeged Youth Days, Szőreg Rose Festival, Deja Vu Festival, International Beer Festival and even more. However, one thing is for sure: you shouldn't miss any of them!

### Autumn

There is no shortage of varied programmes in the university town in the fall. Among other things, the SZIA-Szeged International Airshow will please viewers with international celebrities, while the Autumn Jewish Festival will include several new events in its programmes.

### Winter

The Advent period in Szeged is a must-see! Mulled wine, cheerful circles on the ice rink, roasted chestnuts and Christmas lights warm our hearts during the festive season.

# THE SUBROUNDINGS OF SZEGED

There are places not only in Szeged but also in the surroundings that you should not miss if you are already in the area. You can easily reach the "surroundings" by car, public transport or if you are more athletic, even by bike if you want to relax a little outside of town. Although there are parks in Szeged, it is worth visiting the surrounding area for experiences in the nature, even for a day-long hiking.

## The windmill of Dorozsma

The wind isn't blowing if the windmill in Dorozsma isn't spinning..." – this is how the famous Hungarian artist, Pista Dankó's well-known song begins. At one time, in Kiskundorozsma, which now is part of metropolitan Szeged, there were more than 20 windmills, where people were happy to gather for a little discussion. Experience the atmosphere of the windmill of Dorozsma which is still in operation today and has recently received its new



35 min. 7,5 km Szélmalom street

blades of 20 meters.





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buildings of the downtown Korzó also follow the ornate trend of the Art Nouveau. With a specifically Central European look, the sights, wide variety of restaurants and programmes make spending time here an enjoyable experience for everyone.



Walking downtown, you can discover remarkable pastry shops that have been well-known for decades, where you can have your favourite homemade napoleon with a delicious coffee. However, if you are looking for something different, you can go to new-wave cafes or pastry shops for a different atmosphere. Homely, cosy atmosphere, magical interiors, nice service, delicious handmade cakes, "free from all" sweets, enticing coffee specialties. Recharge your energy, relax a bit while roaming in the city!

## Fish soup Restaurants

Who doesn't know the famous Szeged fish soup? It is not worth coming to Szeged without tasting this Szeged specialty made mainly of carp, or sometimes catfish. Fortunately, we have the opportunity to do this in several places, either in the town in the Fish Restaurant on Roosevelt Square, in the Old Kőrössy or Kiskőrössy Fish Restaurants or in the surrounding towns: Fish Restaurant in Fehértó or Algyő. Wherever you have it, enjoy it!



## ACCOMMODATION

Would you like to stay in a 3 \* -4 \* hotel, guest house, or apartment? Fortunately, most types of accommodation are available in the city of sunshine, so you can choose the one that suits you best. You can easily walk all over Szeged on foot; however, if your accommodation is in a suburban area, you can still quickly reach the lively city centre by various forms of public transport.





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