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

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

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The most family-friendly beach around the Lake is situated in Balatonfüred, the Eszterházy Strand. The craggy outcrops of Badacsony are covered with vineyards and the healing waters are good both for drinking (Kékkuti) and bathing (Hévíz).

The gastronomy around the Balaton has been improved in the region. Recently more and more restaurants has used local ingredients and new method to prepare the dishes. The bistro and Fröccterrace have been apperred in the small villages as in the 3 big towns as well, where you can taste beach food also, such as waterdog or Balcsi Bagel.

Balaton Wine Region

Badacsony Wine Region: The volcanic hills on the northern shore, the most eye-catching being the table-shaped Badacsony, are famous for their refreshing white wines and breathtaking views. The rich, volcanic soil is perfect for growing wine.

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

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

It is worth visiting the wine regions during the harvest season. Almost every settlements celebrate the harvest and organise programs, the most popular event in this period is the Badacsony Harvest, which is held in every September.

Photo: Hungary Tourism
Address: 8261 Badacsonytomaj - Badacsony, Park utca 14.
Public Transport: Train from Budapest to Csopak
Phone: +36 87 531 013
Internet: www.badacsony.com
**Balatonfüred Resort**

Balatonfüred has many marinas, three lidos, a string of carbonated mineral water springs and beautiful listed buildings from the 18th and 19th centuries. You will also find many fine restaurants and cafés here. The largest Aquapark in this region is situated in Balatonfüred.

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

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**Tihany Peninsula**

The ‘Pearl of the Balaton’ is just 10 kilometres across the gulf from Balatonfüred. The Benedictine abbey dominates the skyline and the Tihany peninsula was declared Hungary’s first national park in 1952. To escape the crowds, walk inland to the Belső-tó (Inner Lake) a volcanic crater filled with calm fresh water and surrounded by grasslands, vineyards, orchards and fragrant lavender fields.

Tihany Tourinform:

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

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**Hévíz**

Situated on the southern tip of Lake Balaton, 5 kilometres inland from Keszthely, the lake (Gyógy-tó) dates back to a very early geological period. As a biologically active thermal bath its water is very special and significant. This settlement is good choice to take part in active tourism as cycling and nord walking. Hévíz is at its best in winter: you can immerse yourself in steamy, hot water, utterly impervious to any snow or rain that might fall.

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

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**Siófok - Party Central**

The flatter southern shore is famous for its summer party capital Siófok. The 17 kilometre-long beach hosts a summer-long water festival. In winter there is still plenty to do, from walking to yachting to enjoying the endless nightlife possibilities. This place is also packed with nightclubs, discos and bars.

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

Balaton Uplands National Park was founded in 1997 and extends over 57,000 hectares from Lake Balaton’s western tip as far as Tihany. Its natural resources and unique fauna and flora make the park one of the most significant sites in the region. The last attractions of the region are the Lake-Cave Visitor Center in Tapolca and the Lavender House in Tihany.

Address: 8229 Csopak, Kossuth u. 16.
Public Transport: take a train from Budapest to Balaton Uplands
Phone: +36 87 555 291
Internet: www.bfnp.hu
Email: bfnp@bfnp.hu

Kis-Balaton (Little Balaton)

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

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

Balatonboglár

Balatonboglár is situated on the south shore of Lake Balaton. This region is famous for its wine and champagne. The most dominant grape of the region is Olaszrizling, Chardonnay and Sárgamuskotály. In the end of the 20th century the red grapes appeared in the region and it has became more and more popular.

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

Szigliget and Szigliget Castle

Castle of Szigliget is situated on the northern shore of Lake Balaton and open to the public throughout the year. The Castle was founded in 1260-1262 and is still standing proud with its rich history.

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

Address: 8264 Szigliget, Kisfaludy u. 26.
Public Transport: It has a common railway station with Badacsonytördemic
Opening hours: November, December, Januar, Februar: 10.00-16.00, March: 9.00-17.00, April: 9.00-18.00, May, Juny: 9.00-19.00, July, August: 8.00-20.00, September: 9:00-18.00, October: 9.00-17.00
Phone: +36 87 461 355
Internet: www.szigligetivar.eu/?lang=en
Email: polgarmester@szigliget.hu

Balatonalmádi

Balatonalmádi is located on the northern shore of Lake Balaton. In every summer the Weinfestival is organised in the city in front of the entrance of the Wesselényi beach, which lasts more then two weeks.

Photo: Hungary Tourism Ltd.
Address: 8220 Balatonalmádi, Városház tér 4.
Zamárdi

Zamárdi is located on the southern shore of Lake Balaton. It provides a wide range of programmes for everyone. You can choose from outdoor cinema, a unique Military Park, Adventure Park and at the height of Summer, enjoy the Balaton Sound Festival.

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

OH & SEE

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Tapolca Cave Lake (tavasbarlang)

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

A new attraction waits for the guests called Cave Lake Visitor Center, which was built in 2015.

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

The Festetics Castle was built by György Festetics in 1745 in Keszthely and it is one of the largest and most beautifully restored buildings in Hungary. Each of the 101 rooms has its original furniture. It gives place for various events. Example of baroque architecture, it is called Helikon Palace Museum, which is situated in the northwestern corner of Lake Balaton. It has been renovated recently, but during this time it is allowed to visit by the guests. The palace is a museum and also takes part in conference tourism. An arboretum is located nearby and gives you an unforgettable experience with its collection of large chestnut, black pine trees, and thousands of summer flowers and a fantastic fountain.

Photo: Hungary Tourism
Address: 8360 Keszthely, Kastély u. 1
Public Transport: take a bus or train from Budapest to Keszthely
Opening hours: 1 June - 30 September: 9.00–18.00 every day, + Wednesdays: 19.00–24.00, Saturdays: 20.00–24.00
Phone: +36 83 314 194
Internet: www.helikonkastely.hu/hu
Email: kiallitas@helikonkastely.hu

Bison Reserve (Bivalyrezervátum)

The Bison Reserve is located 30 kilometres south of Keszthely, and is home to around 100 bison remaining from the 200,000 creatures living in Hungary before World War I. Bison are housed indoors during the winter.

Address: Zalakomár, Kápolnapuszta
Public Transport: the largest railway station nearby is in Zalakomár
Opening hours: 1st May - 30th Sept 9:00-19:00, 1st Oct- 31st Oct 9:00-17:00, 1st Nov - 31st March 9:00-16:00
Phone: +36 70 236 74 01
Tickets: 650 HUF / Adult, 350 HUF / Children
Internet: www.bfnp.hu/english/pages/bufalo_reserve
Email: bfnp@bfnp.hu

Sailing on The ‘Hungarian Sea’

For sailors without the necessary sailing skills or paperwork, courses are also available and enable sailors to gain the international certificate. English-speaking schools include Sail & Surf.

Photo: Hungary Tourism
Address: 8237 Tihany, Rév u. 3.
Public Transport: take a bus from Balatonfüred to Tihany
Opening hours: 1 May - 30 Sept. Mon-Sun: 09:00-18:00.
Phone: +36 30 701 93 17
Email: kiraly@wind99.com
Globe Lookout in Balatonboglár

This Globe lookout is surrounded by a nature protection area, which is perfectly suitable for an environmentally-conscious picnic. You can find an adventure park and a bobsleigh run in the neighbourhood.

Photo: Hungary Tourism
Address: 8630 Balatonboglár, Kilátó u.
Public Transport: take a bus or train from Budapest to Balatonboglár
Opening hours: Every day of the year, Mon-Sun 10:00-22:00
Phone: +36 30 351 44 76

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

Tihany Lavender Centre

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

Photo: Hungary Tourism
Address: 8237 Tihany, Major u. 67.
Public Transport: take a bus from Balatonfüred to Tihany.
Opening hours: 1 June - 31 August: 9.00 - 19.00, 1 September - 31 October: 10.00-17.00, 1 November - 31 March: Sat-Sun 10:00-15:00, 1 April - 31 May: 10:00-17:00
Phone: +36 80 205 208, +36 87 538 033
Tickets: Adult: 900 HUF, Discounted: 700 HUF, Children (3-14 years): 450 HUF, Family (2 Adults, 2 Children (0-14 years)): 2300 HUF
Email: bfnp@bfnp.kvvm.hu

Tihany Abbey

The Tihany Abbey is a Benedictine monastery established at Tihany in the Kingdom of Hungary in 1055. The Foundation Letter is a very important language memory of Hungary. Its patrons are the Virgin Mary and Saint Aignan of Orleans. The church itself was rebuilt in Baroque style in 1754 and still functions today. There are frequent organ concerts in the abbey church during the summer. The viewpoint next to this lovely church is one of the best in the area.

Address: 8237 Tihany I. András tér 1.
Public Transport: take a bus from Balatonfüred to Tihany.
Opening hours: Nov 1 – Mar 31: 10.00–16.00, Apr 1 – Apr 30: 10.00–16.30, May 1 – Sept 30: 9.00–18.00, Oct 1 – 31: 10.00–17.00, Sundays and feast-days: from 11.15
Phone: +36 87 538 200
Internet: www.tihany.osb.hu/contact/
Email: tba.titkarsag@gmail.com
More Info: Guiding lecture in Foreign Language: 8000 HUF

Zamardi Challenge Park (Rope Course)

The varied range of obstacles suspended by ropes between old-growth threes of Zamárdi Kalandpark and the zipwire routes, spread over a 1 square mile area offer a sporty and exciting leisure opportunity for both children and adults.

The most popular activities of the Challenge Park (Kalandpark) are the four zipwire courses.

Photo: Hungary Tourism
Address: 8621 Zamárdi, Siófoki út
Public Transport: take a bus or train from Budapest to Zamárdi
Opening hours: Mon – Fri 10.00–18.00, Sat – Sun 10.00–19.00, Oct 15 - Apr 30: closed
Phone: +36 84 345 143, +36 20 449 68 31
Blockchain is a decentralized, digital ledger that records transactions across many computers in such a way that the registered transactions cannot be altered retroactively. It is the technology underlying cryptocurrencies like Bitcoin. Each block in the blockchain contains a cryptographic hash of the previous block, a timestamp, and transaction data. By design, a blockchain is essentially unchangeable. It is the basis to achieve significant levels of trust in the digital space without the need for a trusted third party. It is a database, a protocol and an application. The best way to think of a blockchain is as a transaction database shared among multiple computers that maintains and enforces rules for the transactions. Each new transaction blocks the record of the previous block and then becomes part of a blockchain, a continuously-growing public ledger that is very resistant to alteration. The advantage of a blockchain is to provide a transparent, immutable and decentralized ledger of all transactions. The consensus protocol of a blockchain is a key factor in the trustworthiness of the system. Blockchain technology is being explored in a variety of applications and industries for its ability to provide greater security, efficiency and transparency. Some of the uses of blockchain technology include cryptocurrencies, healthcare, supply chain management, real estate, voting systems, and more. The decentralized nature of blockchain technology can provide increased security and efficiency, especially in areas where trust is difficult to establish. Blockchains are not limited to cryptocurrencies and can be applied to a wide range of industries and use cases. The blockchain technology provides a secure and tamper-proof system for recording transactions, which can be used in various industries to increase security and efficiency.
Great beaches

The beaches around the Lake open from May to the end of September. Many of the beaches provide water sports activities, such as kayaking, waterskiing, puddle boating or surfing.

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

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

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

South Shore:
Siófok : Nagystrand
Balatonlelle Napfény beach (It includes experience baths)
Fonyód: Bélatelepí beach
    Községi Strand (the longest sandy beach around the lake)
Balatonszemere: Berzsenyi úti szabad strand
Balatonboglár: Platán strand
Balatonberény: Községi Strand (the most bike-friendly beach in 2015)

Pedaloes/ water bikes

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

DINING

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

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

Address: 8230 Balatonfüred, Blaha Lujza u. 4.
Public Transport: take a bus or train from Budapest to Balatonfüred
Phone: +36 87 581 210, +36 87 581 215
Internet: www.blahalujzaterem.hu
Email: hotelblaha@upcmail.hu, hotelblaha@t-online.hu

**Roxy Café**

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

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

**Borcsa Étterem**

The Borcsa Étterem opened its gates in 1984 and situated in one of the most beautiful promenade around the Lake Balaton. The menu is filled with some meaty hungarian dishes supplemented by pizzas and ice cream. The upper level of the restaurant resembles a cruise ship. Here you can also enjoy Kronenburg beer specialties.

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

**Bacchus**

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

Address: 8360 Keszthely, Erzsébet királyné u. 18.
Public Transport: take a bus or train from Budapest to Keszthely
Opening hours: The Museum is open every day 11.00-23.00
Phone: +36 83 314 096, +36 83 510 450
Internet: www.bacchushotel.hu
Email: info@bacchushotel.hu

**Cimbora Grill Kert**

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

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

You should not miss this place, when you are near at hand. When you first enter to the restaurant you can feel yourself in the past. The mood and the design transport you to an old time. It is a really cosy place, the personal is very friendly and nice. You have to try the home made craft beer, the wine from the region, and the meats from the oven. In the evenings you can enjoy the life music.

Address: 8237 Tihany, Batthyányi u 3.
Public Transport: take a bus or train from Budapest to Balatonfüred, then change to a bus to Tihany.
Phone: +36 70 284 67 05
Internet: www.facebook.com/pages/R%C3%A9gi-Id%C5%91k-Udvara-Skanzen-%C3%A9tterem/204807372864211

Kistücsök

The owner of the restaurant always makes culinary “study trips” to the foreign countries to catch new inspirations. During these gastronomic journey he makes conversations with the owners of the restaurants. The Kistücsök offers regional and season dishes to the guests. If you are interested in wines, this is your place, because, it has a wine cellar with more than 300 various wine arts and it offers wine tasting programmes as well.

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

Kishableány

If you want to try the new wave gastronomy called beach food, which has been improved recently around the Lake Balaton, you are suggested to visit this cosy place. It offers hamburgers, hot dogs, pizzas and sandwiches, such as Balcsi Bagel or Waterdog. You should not forget to taste the cakes and wines from the region.

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

CAFES

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

Rege Cukrászda

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

Address: 8237 Tihany, Kossuth u. 22.
Public Transport: take a bus from Balatonfüred to Tihany:
**Café Molo**
Café Molo is a funky beach house café that serves Mediterranean dishes and excellent iced coffee. This is a perfect place to enjoy a good cup of coffee right next to beautiful Lake Balaton.

Address: 8600 Siófok, Szent István sétány 1.
Public Transport: take a bus or train from Budapest to Siófok
Opening hours: every day 11.00-24.00
Phone: +36 84 317 617
Internet: www.cafemolo.hu
Email: info@cafemolo.hu
More Info: www.gotohungary.com/about-hungary/-/netaview/1755043/cafe-molo

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

Address: 8360 Keszthely, Kossuth Lajos u. 38.
Public Transport: take a bus or train from Budapest to Keszthely
Opening hours: Mon-Sun: 10.00 - 21.00
Phone: +36 83 315 415

**Marzipan Museum and Pastry Shop**
At the Marzipan Museum and Pastry Shop you can enjoy the amazing ornamental works created in marzipan. Don’t worry, as well as a feast for the eyes, there are also plenty of opportunities to sample tempting marzipan desserts.

Address: 8360 Keszthely, Katona József u. 19.

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

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

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

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

**Destination: Lake Balaton**

**Opening hours:** every day from 10.00-18.00, expect Mondays
**Phone:** +36 87 448 280
**Internet:** www.xn--regecukrszda-jbb.hu/index.php?lang=en
**Email:** regecukraszda@gmail.com
**More Info:** www.gotohungary.com/about-hungary/-/netaview/77669/rege-confectionery

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**Café**

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

Address: 8600 Siófok, Szent István sétány 1.
Public Transport: take a bus or train from Budapest to Siófok
Opening hours: every day 11.00-24.00
Phone: +36 84 317 617
Internet: www.cafemolo.hu
Email: info@cafemolo.hu
More Info: www.gotohungary.com/about-hungary/-/netaview/1755043/cafe-molo

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

Address: 8360 Keszthely, Kossuth Lajos u. 38.
Public Transport: take a bus or train from Budapest to Keszthely
Opening hours: Mon-Sun: 10.00 - 21.00
Phone: +36 83 315 415

**Marzipan Museum and Pastry Shop**
At the Marzipan Museum and Pastry Shop you can enjoy the amazing ornamental works created in marzipan. Don’t worry, as well as a feast for the eyes, there are also plenty of opportunities to sample tempting marzipan desserts.

Address: 8360 Keszthely, Katona József u. 19.

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

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

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

Address: 8230 Balatonfüred, Zákonyi F. utca 4.
Public Transport: take a bus or train from Budapest to Balatonfüred
Opening hours: In winter: 9.00-21.00, Saturday: 9.00-24.00, In Summer: 8.00-01.00
Phone: +36 87 583 098
Internet: www.karolina.hu/index.php?lang=1
Email: info@karolina.hu
Lake Balaton’s bars have delightful terraces in the spring and summer overlooking the waterside and an excellent spot for sipping on local chardonnay and chilling out. The main Balaton destination for party-goers is Siófok. This resort is entirely given over to hedonism, especially in the warmer months, when ravers stay up until dawn, often rounding the night off in style with a dip in the lake. The resort of Balatonfüred, on the northern shore opposite is more sedate, however it too lets its hair down during the many wine festivals in the autumn.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Address: 8230 Balatonfüred, Horvéd u. 3.
Public Transport: take a bus or train from Budapest to Balatonfüred
Phone: +36 70 63 66 707
Internet: www.columbusclub.eu
Email: k.zsolt@exvision.hu
Lake Balaton is a holiday and relaxation destination with an abundance of hotels, restaurants and swimming pools but very few opportunities for shopping. Keszthely’s main street has a few supermarkets where you can pick up all the necessities and a lively market on Wednesdays and Saturdays where you can find everything from clothes to food and wine. Keszthely also has a Tesco superstore if you forget anything from home. There are 11 Tescos around the Lake Balaton altogether. The only Mall around the Lake Balaton is situated in Siófok. There is a cinema inside as well. On Sundays all of the supermarkets are closed. Tihany has many shops selling souvenirs, not just tacky objects but hand-crafted goods such as embroidered tablecloths, carved wooden toys, ceramics and folk items.

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

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

**ACCOMMODATION**

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

**Danubius Health Spa Resort Hévíz**

This superior hotel is a relaxing venue with lots of treatments using the healing thermal waters from Hévíz Lake. Danubius Health Spa Resort Hévíz features smart, well-appointed rooms and offers great cuisine in the restaurants and bars.

Address: 8380 Hévíz, Kossuth Lajos u. 9-11.
Public Transport: take a bus or train from Budapest to Hévíz (Keszthely)
Phone: +36 83 889 400
Internet: www.danubiushotels.com
Email: heviz.reservation@danubiushotels.com
Hotel Blaha Lujza

Hotel Blaha Lujza is a small family-run pension style hotel in Balatonfüred. This is also formerly the holiday home for the famous Hungarian actress Lujza Blaha, the ‘nation’s nightingale’ who stayed here from 1893 to 1916. The bedrooms are small but well-equipped.

Address: 8230 Balatonfüred, Blaha Lujza u. 4.
Public Transport: take a bus or train from Budapest to Balatonfüred
Phone: +36 87 581 210
Internet: www.hotelblaha.hu
Email: hotelblaha@t-online.hu

Korona Panzió

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

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

Bacchus Hotel

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

Address: 8360 Keszthely, Erzsébet királyné u. 18.
Public Transport: take a bus or train from Budapest to Keszthely
Phone: +36 83 510 450
Internet: www.bacchushotel.hu
Email: bacchush@t-online.hu

Hotel Europa Fit Superior

The HOTEL EUROPA FIT**** is founded in Hévíz, only a few minutes walk from the biggest hot water spa in Europe. The range of facilities create a paradise for all in search of recreation.

Address: 8380 Hévíz, Jókai Mór u. 3.
Public Transport: take a bus or train to Hévíz (Keszthely)
Phone: +36 83 501 100
Internet: www.europa-fit.hu/en
Email: sales@europa-fit.hu
More Info: www.gotohungary.com/about-hungary/-/netaview/53019/hotel-europa-fit****superior

Hotel Aranypart

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

Address: 8600 Siófok, Beszédes sétány 82.
Public Transport: take a bus or train from Budapest to Siófok
Phone: +36 84 519 450
Internet: www.aranypart.hu

Hotel Azúr

The Hotel is situated in the capital of the Lake Balaton, in Siófok. Hotel Azúr has a Premium and a Conference side also, therefore is a perfect choice for business trips or family holidays, the whole year round.

Address: 8600 Siófok, Erkel Ferenc u. 2/c.
Public Transport: take a bus or train from Budapest to Siófok
Phone: +36 84 501 400
Internet: www.hotelazur.hu/en/azur
Flamingó Wellness Hotel
The Flamingó Wellness Hotel is situated on the waterfront, so it has own beach. A range of facilities waiting for the guest in the whole year. For example: indoor and outdoor adventure pools, wellness and beauty island, yacht marina and 6 conference rooms.

Address: 8380 Hévíz, Rákóczi u. 1-3.
Public Transport: take a bus or train to Hévíz (Keszthely)
Internet: www.palacehotelheviz.hu/en/
Email: info@palacehotelheviz.hu

Főnix Hotel
Just an hour from Budapest, in the scenic town of Balatonföldvár, Főnix Hotel provides high-quality services, hospitality and flexibility at reasonable prices. This accommodation is also perfect for business events.

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

City Hotel Éden
City Hotel Éden is situated only 200 m from the pedestrian zone, the Festetics Palace, the theatre and the museums, and 5 km from the thermal lake of Hévíz. The hotel also has a garden with swimming pool.

Address: 8360 Keszthely, Kisfaludy u. 11.
Public Transport: take a bus or train from Budapest to Keszthely
Phone: +36 30 993 61 53
Internet: info@hoteleden.hu
Email: info@hoteleden.hu

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

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

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

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

Hévíz-Balaton Airport
Hévíz-Balaton Airport is situated at Sármellék about 20 kilometres from Keszthely at the south-western tip of Lake Balaton. Since May 2005, FlyBalaton has been operating international flights to German, Danish, Swiss and UK destinations.

Taxis are available at the airport.

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

Premium Transfer offers transfer for €8.

You can easily reach Lake Balaton by train from Budapest. Budapest Airport is located 16 kilometres south east of Budapest. Go to Déli or Kelenföld train stations to catch a train.

Address: Hévíz-Balaton Airport, 8391 Sármellék, Repülőtér 1
Opening hours: 1st Apr - 26th Oct, Mon – Fri: 9.00 – 18.00, Sat: 9.00 – 21.00, Sun: 9.00 – 18.00
Phone: +36 83 200 304
Email: info@hevizairport.com
More Info: Prices updated December 2013

Ferries

This is a great way to see the lake up close. The ferries are run by the Balaton Shipping Co and operate on the Sjófok–Balatonfüred-Tihany-Balatonföldvár route, and from Fonyód to the Badacsony. A journey takes approximately 1.5 hours.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Phone: +36 30 936 69 66
Internet: www.siofoktaxi.hu/contact_eng.html

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

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

Régi gyógyszertár:
Tel: +36 84 310 041 Fax: +36 84 310 041

Balatonfüred

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

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

Keszthely

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

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

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

**Post**
You can find post offices all around Lake Balaton. Post Office in Balatonfüred 8230 Balatonfüred. Ady Endre utca 1. +36 87 343 801 Post Office in Keszthely 8360

Keszthely, Tanácsáház utca 33.
+36 83 316 019

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

Electricity

220 V, 50 Hz

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

Currency
Hungarian Forint (Ft or HUF) = 100 fillér

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

Newspapers
Népszabadság
Magyar Hírlap
HVG (Havi Világgazdaság)
The Budapest Times

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

Tourist information
Balatonfüred Tourist Information
Kisfaludy utca 1, Balatonfüred, Lake Balaton
Opening hours
May: Mon-Fri 9 am-4 pm. Closed at the weekend
June: Mon-Fri 9 am-5 pm. Sat 9 am-1 pm. Closed on Sundays
July: Mon-Fri 9 am-7 pm. Sat 9 am-6 pm. Sun 9 am-1 pm.
September: Mon-Fri 9 am- 5pm. Sat 9 am-1 pm
Winter: Mon-Fri 9 am-4 pm. Closed at the weekend
+36 87 580 480
balatonfured@tourinform.hu