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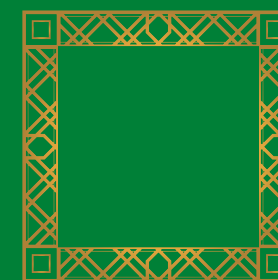
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REASONS TO VISIT PÉCS AND ITS REGION



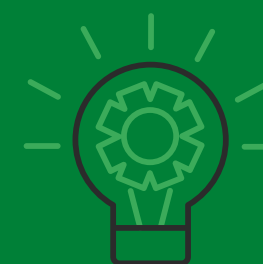
MUST SEE

Facts, TOP5 spots and hidden romantic hotspots of Pécs



CITY OF ART

Zsolnay ceramics, art and exhibitions



RECOMMENDED

hotels, gastronomy, nature in and out of the city



WINE AND SPA

Villány Wine region

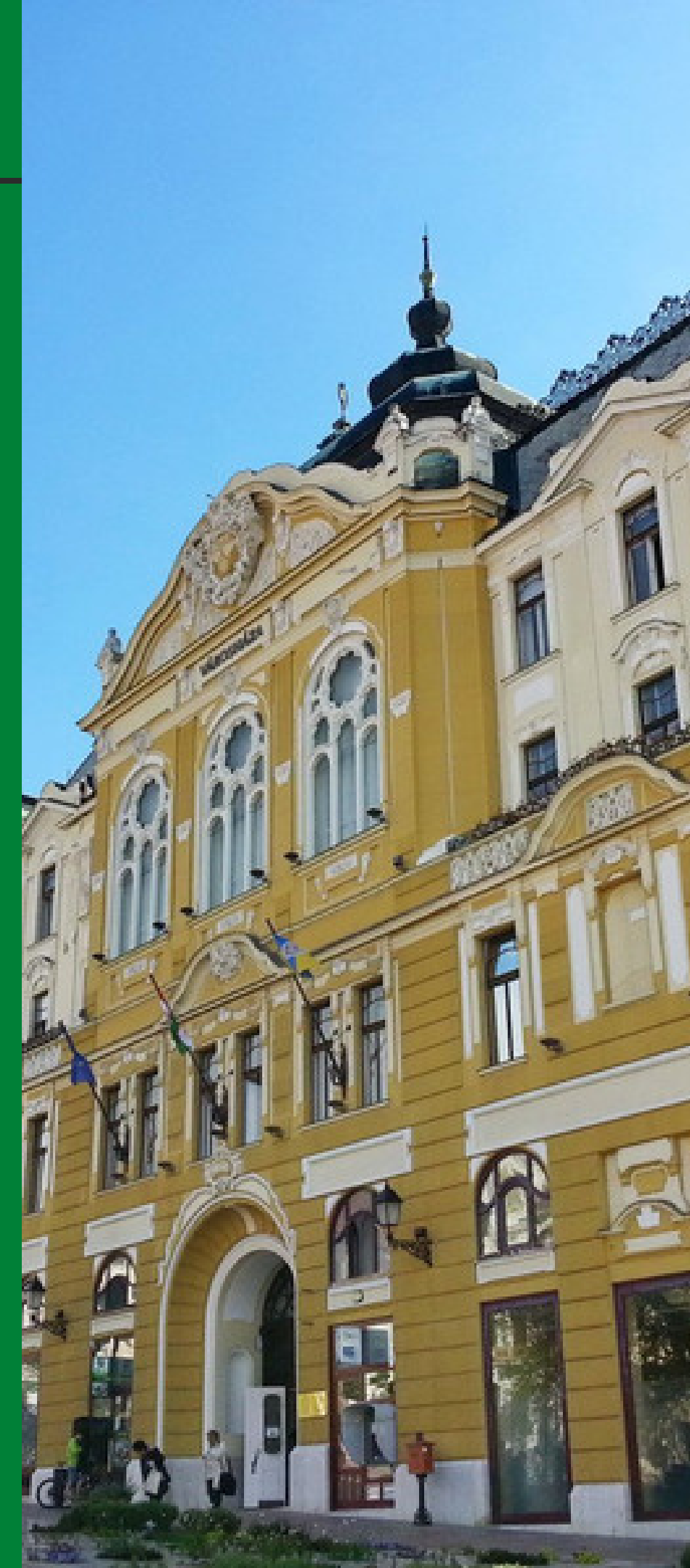
The city of Pécs and its region

Pécs is the fifth largest city of Hungary, located on the slopes of the Mecsek mountains in the southwest of the country, close to its border with Croatia. It is the administrative and economic center of Baranya County. Pécs is also the seat of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Pécs.

The city Sopianae was founded by Romans at the beginning of the 2nd century, in an area peopled by Celts and Pannoni tribes. By the 4th century, it became the capital of Valeria province and a significant early Christian center. The early Christian necropolis from that era became a [UNESCO World Heritage](#) Site in December 2000.

Pécs was historically a multi-ethnic city where many cultures intermingled, creating a melting pot of different values, the rich result of 2000 years of history. In 1998 Pécs was given the UNESCO prize "Cities for Peace" for maintaining its cultural minorities, and also for its tolerant and helping attitude toward refugees of the Yugoslav Wars. In 2007 Pécs was third, and in 2008 it was second "Livable City" (The LivCom Awards) in the category of cities between 75,000 and 200,000 inhabitants. In 2010, Pécs was selected to be the [European Capital of Culture](#).

Not far from Pécs there is Villány Wine region, the southernmost wine region of the country, where everything is about wine on every inch of the 2,100 hectares of land. No wonder: the iconic red wines of Villány and the white nectars of Siklós are among the most famous Hungarian wines.



8 facts about Pécs and its region

2104 h sunny hours per year

197 m the highest building in Hungary: TV tower

1 UNESCO heritage from IV. century: Cella Septichora Visitor Centre

6101 organ whistles in Cathedral of Pécs

2260 ha vineyard in Villány wine region

300 discovered caves in Mecsek hills

13,5 ha bath surface in Harkany Thermal Bath

Most of TOP 10 Best Hungarian red wines are from Villány Wine region.

MUST see&do in Pécs TOP 5

1. Széchenyi square and Mosque



3. Cathedral



Appendix for the
pictograms

Spring
Summer
Autumn
Winter



2. UNESCO heritage Cella Sephticora



5. Zsolnay Cultural Quartier



4. TV-Tower and Mecsek hill



Pécs as UNESCO World Heritage

- Sopianae, predecessor of Pécs in the Roman times had its late Roman Paleochristian cemetery included in the UNESCO World Heritage list in the year 2000.
- In their architecture and wall-paintings the excavated finds present the Early Christian burial architecture and art of the Northern and Western provinces of the Roman Empire.
- From among the Hungarian world heritage sites the Early Christian cemetery is the only one that has won itself a place on the UNESCO world heritage list in the category of culture-historical architecture.

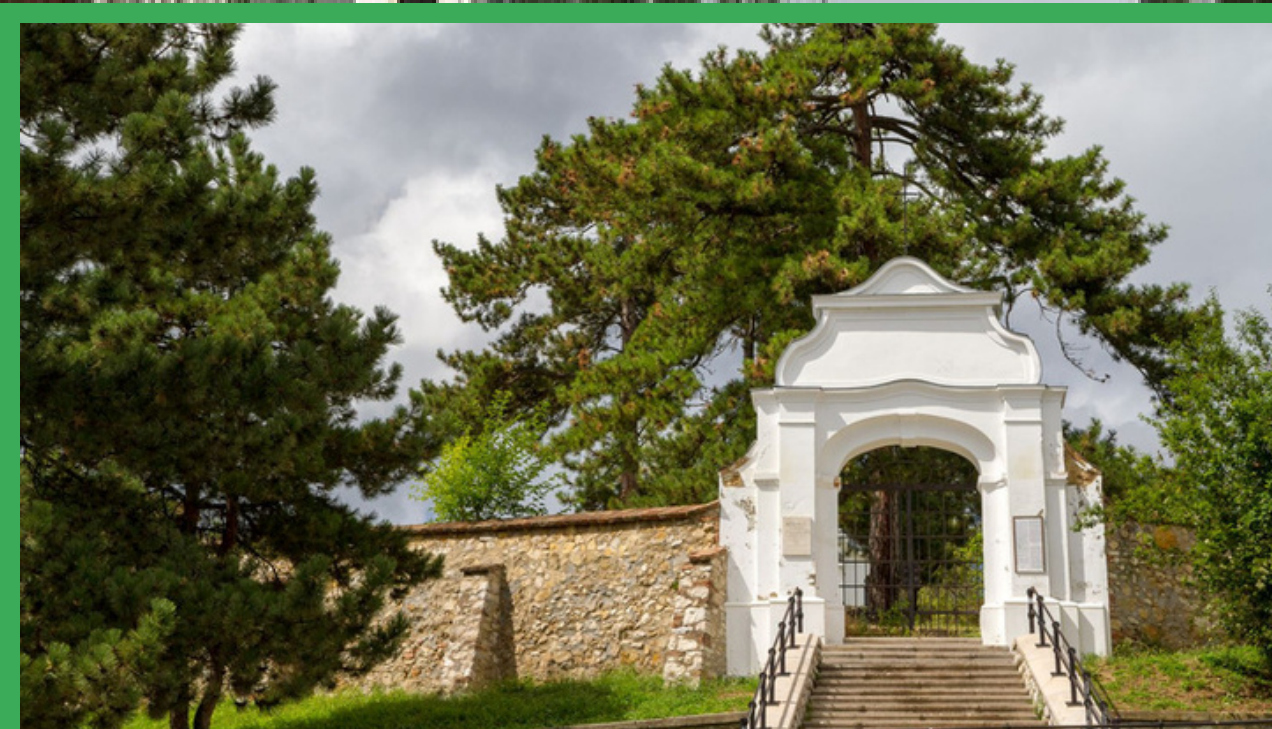
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THE CITY OF ZSOLNAYS – A PLACE OF LIGHT AND COLOURS

Did you know...?

that the Budapest Zoo's Elephant House, the Košice Cathedral, the Zagreb Cathedral, Hotel Moskva in Beograd and many other famous Central European buildings owe their unique atmosphere and appearance to the building ceramics of the famous Zsolnay factory in Pécs?



Vilmos Zsolnay, the tireless and creative citizen of Pécs founded his porcelain factory in the 19th century. His unique inventions created products that were recognized at several world exhibitions. The name of Vilmos Zsolnay is completely merged with the city, which is revealed not only by his imposing downtown statue, but also by many more beautiful buildings and artworks in Pécs, some of whose decorative elements came from the Zsolnay porcelain factory.

The two most defining buildings of the city center, the County Hall and the Postal Palace were also built at the turn of the 1900s and “put on their colorful clothes”, the Zsolnay building ceramics.

The Zsolnay well, located on the main square of Pécs quickly became a symbol of the city, and its incomparable material, eosin, was also one of the most original inventions of the legendary factory founder and chemist.

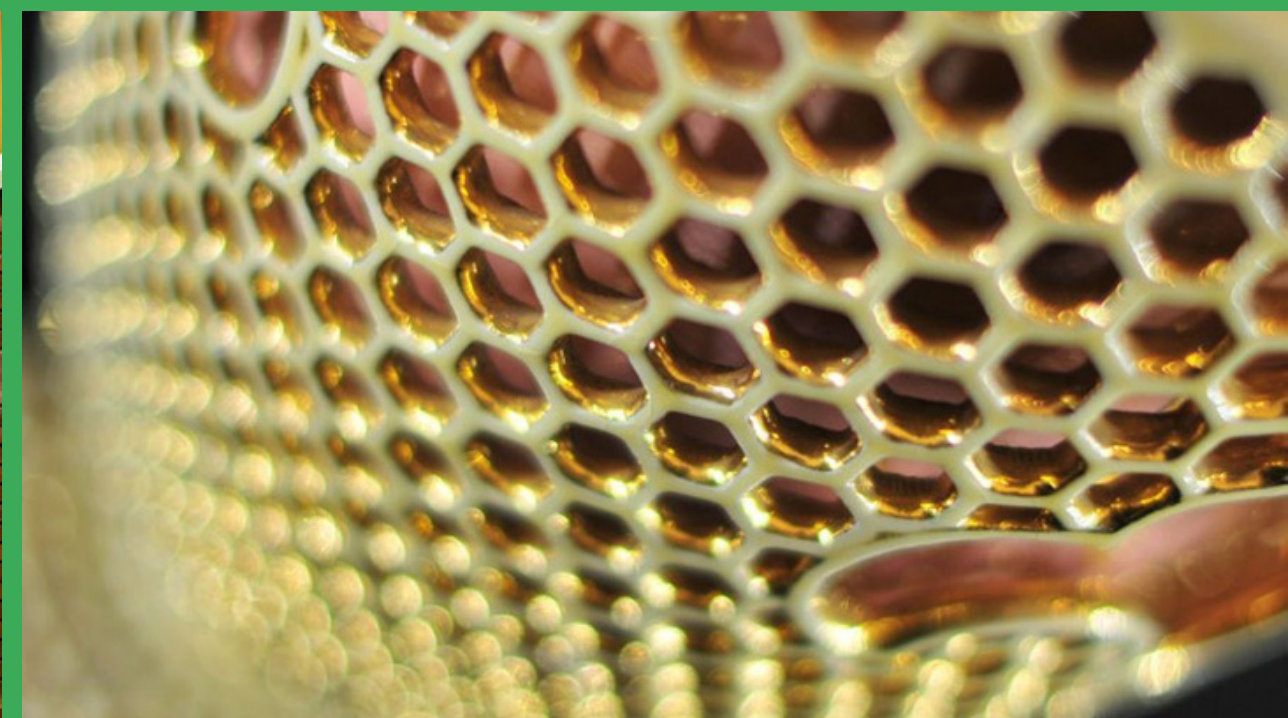
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Art and uniqueness

Pécs is one of the most atmospheric and spectacular cities of Hungary, which makes it a popular tourist destination. Zsolnay, Csontváry, Vasarely... only some examples of many attractive exhibitions of the Janus Pannonius Museum in Pécs, which has one of the largest museum collections in Hungary with 15 permanent exhibitions of archaeology, natural sciences, ethnography, local history, arts and crafts. The permanent and temporary exhibitions, lectures and guides, educational programs are well-known as well as by tourists and local citizens. JPM has taken part in the popular initiative of the Night of Museums since its beginning, offering a variety of quality entertainment for the youngest to the oldest generations.



Some curiosity that visitors can admire

Two of the archeological finds are about 2000 years old: the portrait of Emperor Marcus Aurelius (bronze statue) and the bronze ring decorated with the monogram of Christ, which was unearthed during the 2000 renovation of the grave chamber No. I of the Pécs Early Christian Cemetery.

In the Gallery of Modern Hungarian Art, visitors to the exhibition entitled Variations for a Colorful City can see – in addition to the works of Victor Vasarely – wonderful, large-scale, colorful enamel paintings created between 1967 and 1972.

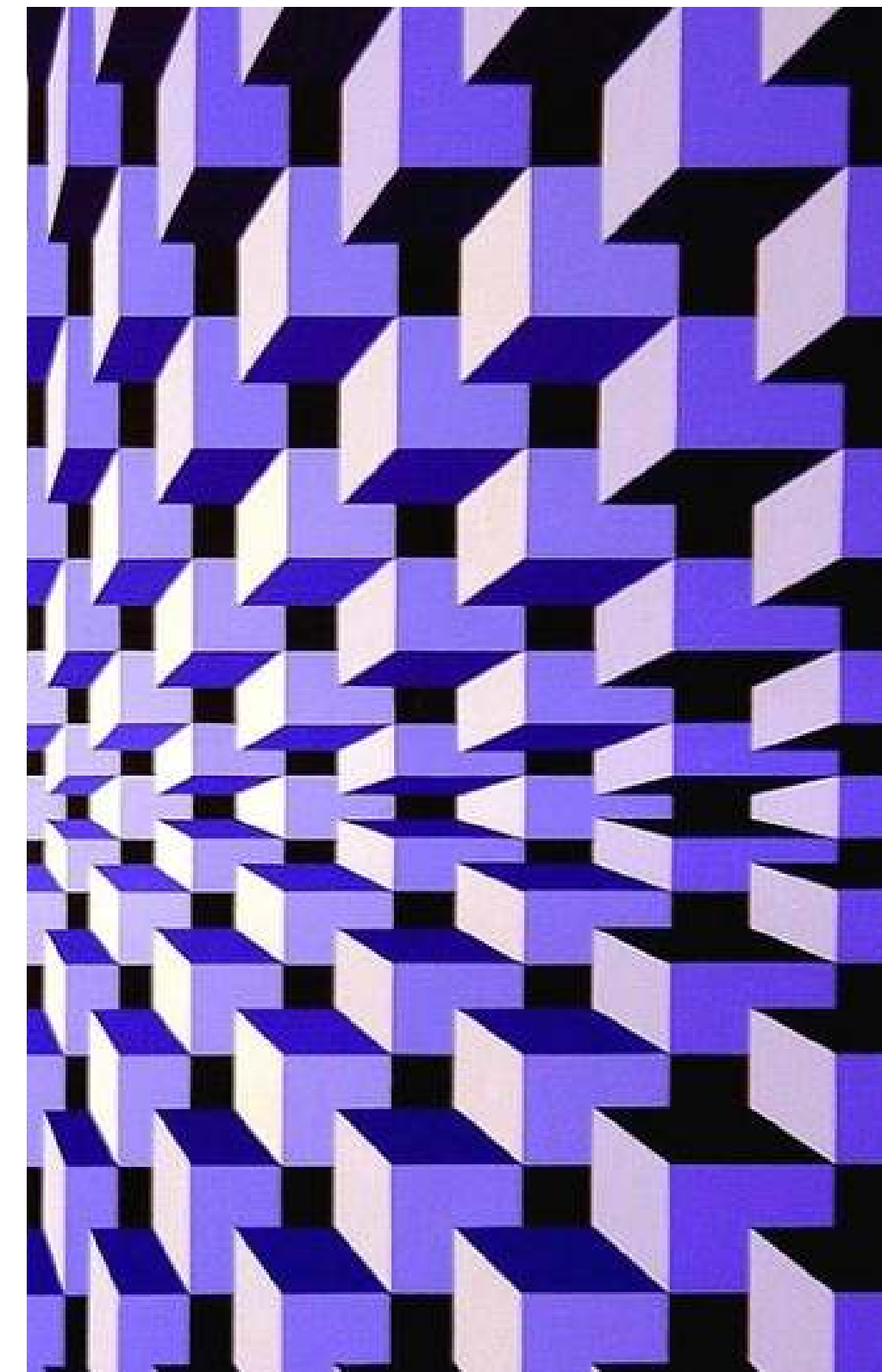
Viewers of the exhibition Bizarre or magnificent? can get acquainted with domestic and foreign species – butterflies, beetles, straight and membranous wings – as well as species known around our house. The installation is also special: insects can be admired not only in the insect boxes, but also in their natural environment, referring to certain habitats.

unmissable permanent exhibitions

Vasarely Museum - with geometric art vision

Csontváry Museum -amazing expressionism

Cella Septichora - UNESCO heritage





HOTELS

Beautiful hotels situated in the historical downtown of Pécs. We can offer wide range hotels with different profiles: adult friendly, wellness, MICE hotels, healthcare hotels, etc.
More information about accomodation are [here](#).



MUST taste

Stifolder



A huge success in the British Great Taste Awards international competition. Fekedi Stifolder became the best & most successful salami manufacturer in the world in 2019! According to the results of the Great Taste Awards 2019, 38 products won some kind of award in the salami category, 3 of which were brought by the Swabian family manufactory in Baranya, Fekedi Stifolder. 4 companies won the highest 3-star rating with their 1-1 product, one of which also went to Fekedi in Baranya.

wine & beer

Taste the traditional beer of Pécs. Pécsi Brewery is an independent brewery with a history of 170 years of uninterrupted operation. While Pécsi and Szalon lagers are among Hungary's most popular beers, the company has successfully started to market top-fermented beers such as Weissbier, Pale Ale and APA.

Wine production is traditional in Pécs and around on the slopes of Mecsek Hill. Cirfandli is grown in Hungary only in the Pécs wine region, it was originally an Austrian variety. The flagship wine of Pécs is made in several versions, from dry to sweet, and assortment also occurs in good vintages. Pécs is not far from Villány wine region that is famous for high-quality fiery red wines.

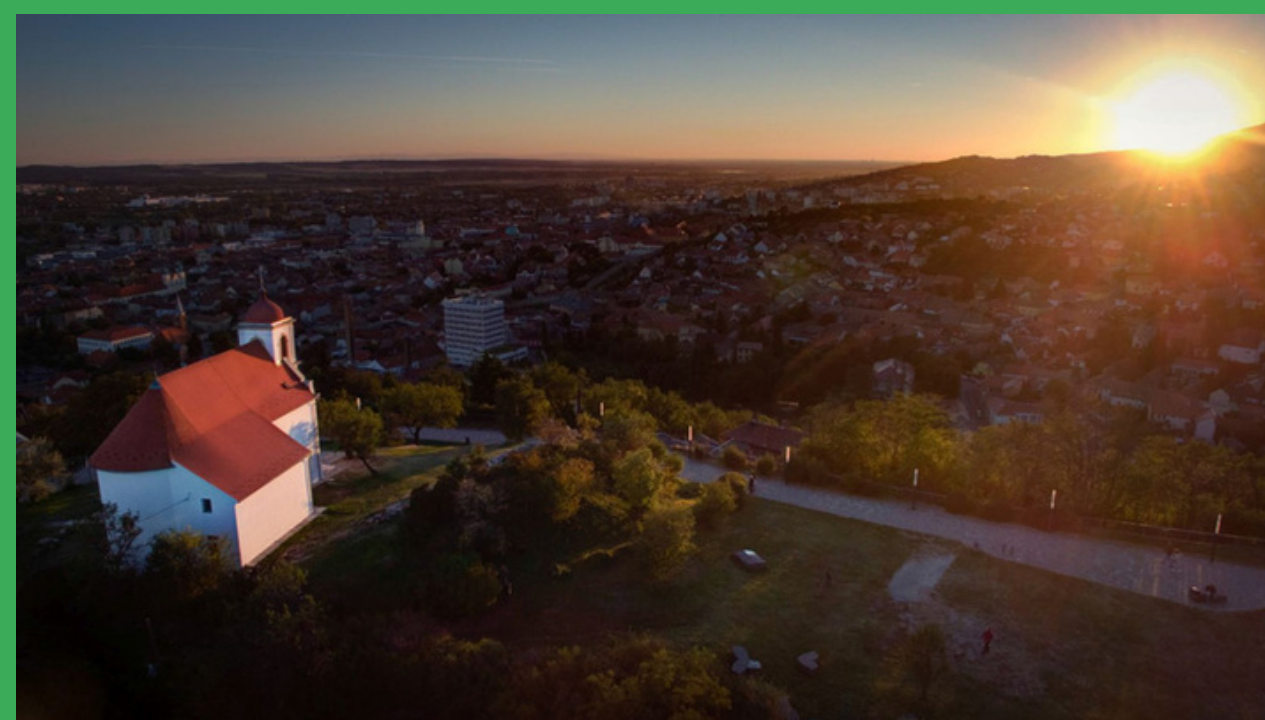


goose dinner with new wine

St. Martin's Day goose dinner is a traditional dish, people usually toast with a glass of new wine.



Nature in and out of Pécs



Tettye

Pécs's most picturesque area is only 15 minutes walk from the city center. This part of the town swarms up to the slopes of the Mecsek mountain, and is the favourite spot for excursions, hiking or just for a romantic picnic. Tettye has countless attractions and a magnificent view of Europe's cultural capital. One of the most amazing hiking trails of the Mecsek starts here and after 21 km of hiking, ends by the Dripstone-cave in Abaliget.



The Tuff Cave at Tettye

Unique geological formation, reached its present form partly by nature and partly as a result of man's work. At the beginning of the 1900s, the Tettye Cave was a tourist attraction, called "Gateway to Hell" those days, with a dreadful dragon inside. This mystic system of underground cavities is now awaiting its visitors with an interactive guided exhibition - and a dragon.



Pintér-Garden Arboretum

the arboretum was named after János Pintér a retired bank clerk in Pécs who started the installation of the plants in the 1920s. Today, the combination of original communities and of ornamental species make up the vegetation of the garden. In the well-kept botanical garden visitors can get acquainted with the number of evergreens and many rare and protected plant species.



Treetop Walkway

The structure was built in the young, dense forest near Hetvehely, just 30 minutes away from Pécs. The treetop walkway is 50 m long with a 6 m high walk-level, and it is made from 100% wood. A study trail about the nesting birds makes the experience complete.



Orfű

The Orfű valley is exactly this kind of place. Peace, happiness, fresh air and beautiful nature as far as the eye can see. Orfű is a true centre for longer active holidays with its human-sized and high-standard aqua park at one lakeshore; and with the cozy sandy, green beach at the other lake; with its qualified riding schools, extreme cave tours, marked hiking forest trails, water sports centre, and its operating water mill.



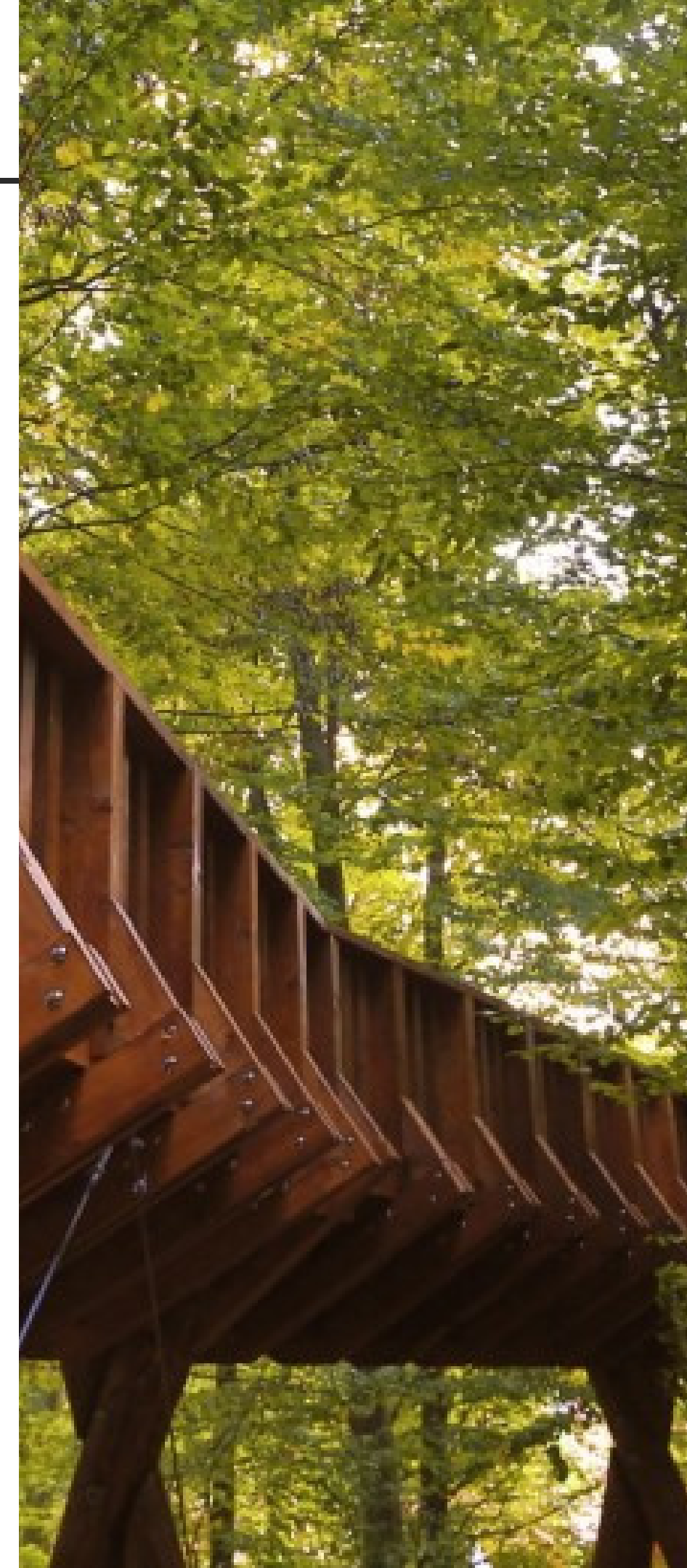
The Szársomlyó Nature Conservation Area

The Hill has been protected since 1944 as the only habitat of the Hungarian Crocus (*Colchicum hungaricum*) in the country. Guided tours are organised from the Sculpture park between Nagyharsány and Villány, visitors get information on the unique natural treasures of the Szársomlyó and enjoy the picturesque sight from the top of the hill (442 metres above sea level).



Rolling Vinyards (Gördülő dűlők)

Bicycle and walking trips, three wonderful routes in the Villány Wine region. Participants of the tours enjoy the hospitality of the winemakers, who open up their cellars and serving as pit-stops to recharge the batteries with quality local wine and gastronomy produces.





Wine and Spa

The villages lining the Villány-Siklós Wine Route offer countless attractions. This human-scale landscape, inhabited by many nationalities, hides Árpád-era churches, uniquely built cellar villages and wonderful old cellars.

Villány Wine Region is the southernmost wine region in Hungary, where the unique characteristics of climate and soil enable us to produce exclusive wines. Villány is unparalleled because of its rich history of winemaking, the cooperation and collaboration of the producers, as well as the craft traditions inherited from father to son. Winemakers of the Villány Wine Region lay great emphasis on high quality production, and this quality of the wines made in the region is guaranteed by the unique protected designation of origin system of Villány.





Feel the healing power of nature

- Harkány, Hungary's southernmost spa town with a sub-Mediterranean climate, is located halfway between Pécs and Villány. We offer our four-generation services for the treatment of rheumatic complaints in old age and for the treatment of female infertility, as well as a family water experience for holidays.
- You can choose from quality accommodation in all categories, from romantic design hotels to family rooms, from spa hotels to campsites.

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Drava Hotel Thermal Resort

- Dráva Hotel Thermal Resort**** is the most popular four-star hotel of HARKÁNY, next to the famous Harkány Thermal Bath, in a quiet, green environment.
- The comfortable 86 rooms are characterized by a cozy atmosphere, harmony and discreet elegance.
- Our master chefs offer home-cooked style meals, unique wellness menus and international dishes.
- Wellness and Therapy: Indoor swimming- and experience pool with experience elements: jacuzzi, Sauna world, Salt room, Massage services and drink bar are available every day.

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wines, events and gastronomy

The flagship product of the wine region is the Villány Franc which superbly reflects the special characteristics of the vineyards, providing an elegant, complex, vibrant, yet full-bodied and harmonious wine. The light-bodied, stylish brand of the wine region is Villány REDy, a fresh, fruity, Portugieser-based blend recommended for everyday occasions. Discover Villány's unique character in every bottle bearing the Villány Crocus trademark!

Cabernet Franc is one of those global varieties which rarely appears alone. Not so in the Villány wine region, where it has found its natural home. Thanks to the wine region's unique location, climate and creative winemakers, the premium and super premium wines made from Cabernet Franc are now to be known as Villányi Franc. In this elegant wine we salute the supreme product of this wine region.

A unique collaboration has been started in Villány. REDy is the latest community bistro wine for the Y-generation from the Villány wine region. It's light bodied and fruity, but also does promise a lots of fun and party while still being exciting and just cool. The smiling face of Villány, the REDy is a portugieser-based blend that can have the characteristics of Blauburger, Zweigelt, Blaufränkisch, Kadarka and other local variates of Villány.

The Villány Wine Region also plays a pioneer role in gastronomy and related services. Wine tourists can choose from a vast range of offerings, from original traditional meals to fine cuisine, and in recent years the number and quality of accommodation have also improved significantly.



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