

With bicycle in the Fertő-Hanság

Sights 1

The Lake Fertő and the nearby landscape compose a geographical unity, which was figured by the nature and the people who live here.

The Lake Fertő is the most occidentale steppe lake in Eurasia, which is really shallow. Its surface is 320 km, more then a half of it is covered by reed. There were some villages on the coast of Fertő in the Stone Age. The Romans, who knew and used the salty and warm fountains of the area, knew the Lake Fertő as Lacus Peiso.



The landscape was inhabited in the time immemorial because of its agreeable climate and its natural facilities. From the Iron Age it was decidedly inhabited. Military and trade lines crossed each other because of its position. This unique landscape is the meeting point of more culture, language, climate, fauna, flora.

Sights 2.

Culture and entertainment

Sopron is the city of freedom and loyalty. The grape and wine culture is 2000 year old in Sopron and in its area. It belongs to the historical wine regions of Hungary. It is entitled to say that it is „The city of the grape and the wine”. The curiosity of the wine region is that the wine owners built their cellar in the city, under their houses, not in the grape hills like in the other regions.

Nagyecenk, Széchenyi castle – It was the home of István Széchenyi, the greatest Hungarian.

Fertőrákos – The stone chapel of the Persian Sun God. The soldiers of the Roman legion showed in their preys.



It is entitled to say that Fertőd is the city of the music, because Joseph Haydn, who was the last royal composer of the music history, was employed by the Eszterházy family. The medical source with high grease content of Balf was known by the Romans. The building of the medical bath was based on it.

The medicinal baths with high salt content offer you a prime bathing opportunity in Hegykő and Mosonmagyaróvár. You can have a bath outdoor in Fertőrákos.

Tour lines

The cycle path of the coast of Fertő

Route:

Sopron-8km streets with light traffic, on shingly and bituminous cycle path – Fertőrákos – 11km on road with light traffic – Sopron-Balf – 2km on cycle path – Fertőboz – 3km on cycle path – Hidegség - 2 km on cycle path – Fertőhomok – 2km on cycle path – Hegykő – 3 km on cycle path – Fertőszéplak – 3 km on cycle path – Fertőd, length: 34 km

Appeals:

Fertőrákos: Kőfejtő, The cave which reminds of the Egyptian stone chapels. It gives a natural decoration to the opera performances in the summer.

Mithras-apse: a Roman monument, the stone chapel of the Persian Sun God

beach: This is the only water yard on the Hungarian side of the Fertő

balf: Medical bath, a fountain with a high grease content

Fertőboz: Glorieta – a classic look-out tower built in 1802

Hegykő: Medical bath, the water comes from 1434m deep. It was qualified for medicinal bath in 2004.

Fertőszéplak : Lamp Museum, a private collection consists of 252 pieces of train lamps

Fertőd: eszterházy castle The Hungarian Versailles. It was built by one of the richest Hungarian baronial families, the Eszterházy family between 1720 and 1766.

The line can be circuited as a course, if you pedal from Fertőd to Pamhagen (4 km on cycle path), then further (cycling 20km on cycle path and public road with light traffic) towards Illmitz, where you can catch the ferry to Mörbisch. After 4 km biking on cycle path you can get to Fertőrákos.

Cycle path in the Hanság

Route:

Mosonmagyaróvár – 10km on by-pass road with light traffic – Mosonszolnok – 11km on public road with light traffic – Albertkázmérfuszt – 5km on public road with light traffic – Várbalog – 14km on by-pass road with light traffic – Jánossomorja – 7km on public road with light traffic – Hanságfalva – 21 km shingly road – Tőzeggyármajor – 6km on by-pass road with light traffic – Pamhagen border crossing point – 9km on cycle path – Fertőd length: 83 km

Appeals:

Mosonmagyaróvár: hydro and medicinal bath, alkaline water with calcium, magnesium and bicarbonate.

Castle – It was for strategical aims and was built in the XIII. century. It got its baroque style during the reconstruction in the XVII. century.

Mosonszolnok: “Villa” so-called castle. It was built and furnished by Kálmán Szél, previous president in 1904.

Millennial Memorial Park

Jánossomorja: Local Historical Exhibition – archeological, local historical and ethnic collection

The wooden bridge which arcs over the main sewer of Hanság is a border crossing point towards Austria and a historical memorial place. The 9km long “Way of fugitives” begins with the bridge. The ejected Germans fled here to Austria in 1947-48. 200.000 Hungarians fled on this line in 1956.

Pamhagen: Safari park, this zoo works since 1975, it exhibits 52 kinds of animal

Green Belt - Iron curtain cycle path

Slovakia – 5km on public road with light traffic – Rajka – 3km on cycle path – Bezenye – 7km on public road with light traffic – Hegyeshalom – 13km shingly road – Irénmajor – Hanság cycle path’s part between Albert-Kázmérfuszt and Fertőd (68km) – the whole

cycle path on the coast of the Lake Fertő (34km) and a by-pass (8 km) from the cycle path pan-European picnic length: 138 km

Appeals:

Rajka: You can find here the house of Ferenc Liszt's grandfather, where the grandfather of the composer was born and where he spent the first years of his childhood.

Bezenye – village museum, the house is the oldest one in the village. It has 3 parts and it exhibits the Croatian culture and traditions.

Hegyeshalom - the natural beauty of the River Lajta

The appeals of the Hanság cycle path and the Fertő's coast's cycle path can be read above. The pan-European picnic was a peace demonstration on the Hungarian-Austrian border, near Sopron on the 19. august 1989. A symbolic border crossing point was opened with the approvals of both nations between Sopronkőhida (Steinambrückl) and St. Margarethen. Nowadays a monument, a watchtower and a piece of the iron curtain remind of the moment which speeded the decoupling of the wall in Berlin, when the eastern-German went to Austria in large quantities.

Services for the friends of the bike

The hosts in the area of Fertő-Hanság take into consideration the special claims and expectations of the biking tourists and they offer the best services those who arrive here. In the following table you can read the names where you cannot be disappointed and where you bike can have a rest too.

Tourism informations

Two tourinform offices can help your orientation in this area

Tourinform Fertő Landscape, 9431, Fertőd, J. Haydn str. 2., Tel.:99/537-140 www.fertotaj.hu

Tourinform Sopron, 9400, Sopron, Liszt Ferenc str. 1., Tel.:99/ 517-560 www.sopron.hu

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