



Experiences in Veszprém!

Discover the City of Queens: its historic atmosphere, vibrant cultural and sporting life, and exciting events!



WELCOME TO VESZPRÉM!

The City of Queens, a historic jewel box built on hills – Veszprém offers both a journey through time and modern, inspiring experiences. The charming castle district, cobblestone streets, stunning panoramic views, and the welcoming atmosphere of the downtown area captivate every visitor from the very first moment.

At the heart of the city, Veszprém Castle rises majestically above the landscape, with centuries of history coming to life within its walls. The towers of St. Michael's Cathedral preserve the memory of the coronations of Hungarian queens, while the city's cultural life remains vibrant and diverse to this day. It is no coincidence that Veszprém was awarded the title of European Capital of Culture in 2023, giving fresh momentum to festivals, community spaces, and creative initiatives.

Alongside its historical treasures and rich cultural scene, the city's newest must-see attraction is the CODE – Centre of Digital Experiences, which connects art, music, and digital technology in an innovative and interactive way. CODE opens up a new dimension of visitor experience and further strengthens Veszprém's position among Europe's creative 21st-century cities.

Veszprém also looks confidently toward the future: in 2026, it was awarded the title of European Region of Sport, further reinforcing its active, health-conscious, and community-oriented approach. The city's goal is to become one of Europe's most livable cities by 2030 – a place where cultural values, sustainability, innovation, and a human-scale urban environment form a harmonious unity.

Veszprém is at once historic and dynamic, intimate and inspiring. Discover it for yourself and experience everything this remarkable city has to offer!



CASTLE DISTRICT

ARCHBISHOP'S PALACE

Standing on the edge of Castle Hill, this Late Baroque palace was designed by master builder Jakab Fellner on behalf of Bishop Ignác Koller. The palace is not only rich in beautifully decorated rooms, but it is also home to the Archbishop's Library and a private chapel, among other treasures.



ST. MICHAEL'S CATHEDRAL

Founded by King Saint Stephen, the history of the cathedral is as old as Hungarian Christianity itself: Queen Gisela commissioned and adorned it around a thousand years ago. The renewed church interior, featuring freshly restored altars, a unique organ, and the Gothic crypt, is open to visitors.



BIRÓ-GICZEY HOUSE

The most beautiful canon house on Castle Hill, commissioned by canon guard István Giczey in 1772. The richness of its frescoed rooms rivals even that of the Archbishop's Palace, while the mysterious wall paintings in its upstairs halls enchant visitors. The Biró-Giczey House is a Baroque jewel of Veszprém's Castle District, housing four remarkable exhibitions.



STATUE OF KING SAINT STEPHEN AND QUEEN GISELA

At the lookout bastion at the end of Castle Street stands the statue of Hungary's first royal couple, King Saint Stephen and Queen Gisela, created by József Ispánky and erected in 1938. From beside the statues, visitors can enjoy a magnificent view of the city, and beyond the rooftops, the hills of the Bakony Mountains can already be seen.



GISELA CHAPEL

Hidden between two Baroque buildings lies the Gothic palace chapel, whose uniqueness stems in part from its two-level structure. Believed to have served as the private chapel of bishops, it was built in the 13th century, and its lower level contains frescoes dating back to the same period as the building itself.



ST. BENEDICT HILL

On the northern side of the castle, a set of paved steps leads to St. Benedict Hill, once the burial site of our conquering Hungarian ancestors. Today, a stone cross from the former Calvary of Veszprém stands where the crypt once was. A short walk to the cross rewards visitors with a magnificent panorama.



HEROES' GATE

Heroes' Gate commemorates the Hungarian victims of World War I. It was erected and inaugurated as part of the city celebrations marking the 900th anniversary of the death of King Saint Stephen. Today, it serves as an exhibition space where visitors can deepen their knowledge of local history.



FIRE LOOKOUT TOWER

The Fire Lookout Tower is undoubtedly one of Veszprém's symbols. Originally intended as a watchtower, it was later rebuilt for fire watch purposes. From its copper tower in Rococo style, Antal Csermák's recruiting dance melody can be heard every hour on weekdays. Its circular balcony offers stunning views over the districts of Veszprém – photography enthusiasts should definitely climb to the top.



FOTON

The FOTON Audiovisual Center is an innovative, multifunctional arts and cultural venue. It hosts concerts, film screenings, audience meetings, and workshops, while also featuring an exhibition space, lecture hall, hanging garden with an outdoor stage, and a pet-friendly specialty café that transforms into a bar in the evenings.



EXHIBITIONS

HOUSE OF ARTS

Located next to the Castle Gate and the Fire Lookout Tower, the venue's spirit and its Baroque surroundings provide inspiration for both artists and visitors alike. It operates five exhibition spaces: the Modern Art Gallery – László Vass Collection, Csikász Gallery, Dubniczay Palace, Castle Gallery, and the Granary. In the cellar of Dubniczay Palace, visitors can also explore the Tegularium – a brick collection exhibition featuring engraved, monogrammed, and coat-of-arms bricks, as well as unique roof tiles.

DEZSŐ LACZKÓ MUSEUM

Named after Dezső Laczkó, a geologist and paleontologist who taught at the Piarist Grammar School of Veszprém, the museum has welcomed visitors for more than 100 years with permanent exhibitions, temporary displays, events, educational programs, and scientific publications.

FENYVES MILL

By visiting the mill, guests can gain detailed insight into how mills operated, the demanding work involved, and the entire milling process – from grain to finished flour. The mill history exhibition is interactive, allowing visitors to touch and try out the displayed tools and equipment.



A JOURNEY THROUGH TIME: FROM PRISON CELLS TO VIRTUAL SPACE

CODE DIGITAL EXPERIENCE CENTER

Located in the heart of Veszprém, CODE brings the world's greatest works of art, the secrets of the human body, and the wonders of our diverse world to life through state-of-the-art audiovisual technology, balancing on the boundaries of art, science, and technology.

CODE CREATOR – DIGITAL CREATIVE WORKSHOP

Veszprém's innovation hub, dedicated to introducing the public to the digital world and modern technologies in a playful and interactive way. Visitors can explore robotics, programming, artificial intelligence, custom-developed board games, 3D technologies, and virtual experiences.

DUNGEON VISITOR CENTER

The Dungeon Visitor Center welcomes guests with a completely renewed prison exhibition, where visitors can discover not only personal stories but also the broader historical context. Featuring 14 cells, 14 micro-stories, and multiple perspectives, the exhibition offers a thought-provoking new insight into the world of prisons and their role in society.



A GREEN OASIS IN THE HEART OF THE CITY

VESZPRÉM ZOO

Founded in 1958, Veszprém Zoo welcomes visitors every day of the year in a beautiful natural setting just 15 kilometers from Lake Balaton, including weekends and public holidays. Offering a full-day experience, the zoo provides enjoyable recreation for all age groups while allowing visitors to discover the fascinating world of animals.

CLOISTERS AND GARDENS

The Séd Stream winds through the majestic hills of Veszprém, accompanied by the more than 3-kilometer-long walking and cycling paths of Cloisters and gardens, embraced by a well-maintained public park. This unique location in Veszprém offers a harmonious blend of nature and cultural heritage, inviting visitors on a historical journey of discovery.

JESUIT CHURCH

After the Ottoman occupation, the estates of the Dominican nuns, including the ruins of the nunnery standing here, were granted to the Jesuits of Győr. The church visible today began to be rebuilt in Baroque style in 1747. Only centuries later, in recent times, was the reconstruction finally completed. Today, the church also serves as an exhibition and concert venue.



QUEEN GISELA LOOKOUT TOWER

Following the Gulya-hills nature trail, visitors can explore the entire forest, where the unique metal-structured Queen Gisela Lookout Tower rises 22 meters above the treetops. Its design resembles the crown of the former queen. Beyond the city, the tower offers breathtaking panoramic views of the Bakony Mountains.



MARGARET RUINS

Known as the Margaret Ruins, the former church and monastery built for the Dominican nuns was where Saint Margaret, daughter of King Béla IV, was raised until the age of six. The ruins were uncovered in 1938, and today only the foundation walls and part of the church wall remain visible.



LOVE ISLAND

The shaded promenade running alongside the Séd stream, crossed by small bridges, is the perfect setting for a first, second, tenth, or even thousandth date. The former island no longer truly resembles its name, except in one sense: it remains a peaceful hideaway from the bustle of the city, where couples can retreat from the world and rest together on a small bench beneath a willow tree.



FESTIVALS

Veszprém is the city of festivals, where cultural life flourishes throughout the year, especially during the summer season. From classical music to pop music, from gastronomy to dance arts, the city embraces every genre. Proudly bearing the UNESCO title "City of Music," Veszprém hosts renowned events such as VeszprémFest, the Veszprém Street Music Festival, Rosé, Riesling and Jazz Days, the Auer Festival, Gisela Days, MOZ.GO Hungarian Motion Picture Festival, and The Festival of Dance.





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