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- 4. Medgyessy Promenade
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- 7. Nagyerdei Stadium
- 8. Fog Theater
- 9. Main Building of the University of Debrecen
- 10. Botanical Garden of the University of Debrecen
- 11. Agora Science Center
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A BUCKETLIST OF IDEAS FOR EXPLORING DEBRECEN



Check out the city center of Debrecen from a bird's eye view. From the panoramic walkway of the Great Reformed Church and the tower of the Small Reformed Church, you will certainly get to enjoy a wonderful view.



Stroll down Piac utca [Market Street], admire the colorful merchants' mansions and downtown palaces, then relax next to a cozy fountain or unwind on one of the terraces of the Mediterranean-style Hal köz [Fish Yard].



Get yourself charged up with cultural experiences. Painter Mihály Munkácsy's Trilogy in Déri Museum, the Great Library of Reformed College, the exhibitions at MODEM and the performances of Csokonai Theater are all must-see attractions.



Take tram No. 1 from the old downtown to the Great Forest. On the way, get off at the stop Simonyi út and walk between the imposing Nagyerdei villas and the statues of literary figures along Medgyessy promenade.



Wander through the meandering streets and romantic townhouses of the old town section: Szentlászlófalva, Mesterfalva and Debrecenfalva, and get a feeling of the atmosphere of centuries past.



Recharge your batteries with a pleasant stroll or a bike ride among the century-old trees of the forest called Nagyerdő [Great Forest], then admire the surroundings from the lookout tower of Nagyerdei Water Tower. Should you feel tired, you can relax on the lakeshore of Békás-tó [Froggy Pond].



Take a splash in the tropical theme waterpark Aquaticum or at Hungary's most modern swimming pool complex, relax in the thermal baths or pamper vourself with a wellness treatment.



Delight in the evening lighting effects inside and next to the Great Forest. Take a walk under the stars, marvel at the illuminated water tower and stadium, enjoy the outdoor stage performances or go to the movies at Fog Theater.



Take a walk with penguins or feed ring-tailed lemurs in Zoo Debrecen, then have fun in the one and only permanent amusement park in Hungary.



Take a trip to the plain area of Hortobágy. Admire the stunts of the traditional horse herders of Hortobágy, watch the peacefully grazing indigenous Hungarian animals and try the traditional shepherds' dishes at Hortobágy Big Inn.



THE HISTORICAL DOWNTOWN

Debrecen is a settlement rich in attractions and things to do: it can evoke both the vibrant atmosphere of the early 1900s and the dynamic metropolitan milieu of the 21st century. In its city center, there is an amazing amount of cultural and historical sights and attractions on almost every square meter, ranging from the iconic Great Reformed Church through spectacular merchants' houses and palaces to exciting museums.



GREAT REFORMED CHURCH OF DEBRECEN

The largest Reformed church building in Hungary is also a national memorial site made famous by its own history: on April 14, 1849, Lajos Kossuth proclaimed the (Hungarian) Declaration of Independence here. Kossuth's chair and some of

his personal belongings are treasured relics of the Great Church to this day. From the towers of the church building and the panoramic walkway behind its tympanum, you can enjoy a magnificent view of the city. On your way to the top, you can see a collection of biblical maquettes, the mystic attic and the Rákóczi bell that weighs about ten thousand pounds (4600 kg). In addition to the ecclesiastical events, this site also hosts a permanent exhibition of clerical history, temporary art exhibitions, evening performances and concerts.

Kossuth tér



KOSSUTH SQUARE

This is Debrecen's main square. Among other sights, here you will find a statuary sculpted in memory of Lajos Kossuth, Debrecen's coat-of-arms composed of 120 000 pieces of Venetian glass mosaic, the statue of local writer Magda Szabó and the spectacular Millennium

Fountain. The square is a traditional site for a number of regularly occurring events. The colorful floral floats and artistic ensembles of the festival called Flower Carnival pass through here every August 20, and the Christmas fair and events related to Advent in December are also hosted here.



PIAC [MARKET] STREET

The main street of Debrecen is where its fairs of nationwide fame were held for centuries. Its current streetscape is dominated by the former merchants' mansions and palaces built in the 19th and 20th centuries. The best examples that stand out among the colorful downtown

buildings are the pink palace of the First Savings Bank of Debrecen on the corner of Kossuth and Piac Street, the towered twin merchant house decorated with its copper "helmets" on the corner of Simonffy Street and the neoclassical Old Town Hall at 20 Piac Street. On Debrecen's main street, a wooden "bridge" was used to aid traffic for two centuries from the 1600s. The remaining planks of the former grand bridge of Debrecen in front of Hotel Golden Bull represent a unique archaeological exhibit.



SMALL REFORMED CHURCH

This is the oldest church building in Debrecen. Its currently truncated tower used to be decorated with an onion-shaped cupola, but it was damaged in a windstorm and subsequently removed. Since then, it has been called Truncated Church by the locals. Take one of the regular tower tours and find a stunning panorama from the top lookout point.







CSOKONAI THEATER

Debrecen's first permanent theater built of stone was inaugurated in 1865 and has borne the name of Debrecen-born poet Mihály Csokonai Vítéz since 1915. The building, which still stands today, was where such legendary actors and actresses appeared on the stage as Luiza Blaha, Hanna

Honthy, Kálmán Latabár, Imre Soós, László Mensáros, Zoltán Latinovits and Géza Hofi. The façade of the theater, built in a romantic style with Moorish and Byzantine elements, is decorated with statues of our literary greats. The repertoire of the theater, in the building of which there are several different stages, consists of plays in prose, music and dance. Occasional and on-demand theater tours, which provide visitors with a behind-the-scenes look, are also available.

Kossuth utca 10.



ST. ANNE'S CATHEDRAL

Debrecen's Catholic church building, which is still significant today, was completed in the middle of the 18th century. The original parish church, built in Baroque and Louis XVI style, was elevated to cathedral status in 1993 by Pope John Paul II, whose full-body statue stands in front of the entrance opposite that of the founder of the

church, Cardinal Imre Csáky. As of 2011, an authentic replica of the Shroud of Turin has been on display here.

Szent Anna utca 15.



SYNAGOGUES

Debrecen's Jewish Congregation is currently the largest Israelite community outside the capital city of Hungary. In the Jewish quarter near the city center, there are two synagogues today. The synagogue on Kápolnási Street is used by the community for communal purposes and

observing holidays, while the synagogue on Pásti Street is also open to tourists. Furthermore, this latter complex serves as a venue for exhibitions, concerts and conferences, but also includes an old mikvah (ritual bath), a bona fide slaughterhouse that has been preserved in its original condition and a prayer house that is still in use today. In its courtyard, a Holocaust memorial has been inaugurated in memory of the victims of the Holocaust from Debrecen.

Pásti utca 4., Kápolnási utca 1.



GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

This is the main cathedral of the Greek Catholic Metropolia in Hungary. The neo-Byzantine church building was completed with the help of donations from the Eastern orthodox believers of the faith and consecrated in 1910. Its distinctive feature is the Byzantine cross-shaped floor plan.

The internal decorations of the building comprise a modern iconostasis, precious seccos and stained-glass windows.

Attila tér



RED-BRICK CHURCH BUILDING

Built in 1888 from the foundation established by Chief Justice István Szombathy, this neo-Gothic house of worship is unique among Reformed Church buildings. The architect Samu Petz considered it the most successful achievement of his life. As a manifestation of the pioneering spirit in the Reformed community in Hungary, it has been decorated with seccos of biblical symbols by painter Jenő Haranghy since 1936.

Méliusz tér



SIMONFFY STREET AND HAL KÖZ [FISH YARD]

Located at the site of the former fish market, Hal köz is one of Debrecen's most atmospheric downtown squares, a genuine recreation spot with its cafés, terraces, colorful fountain features and spectacular apartment buildings. Simonffy Street, running into the square, is lined with trendy bars, restaurants and, in the summertime, lively patios.



ADY PARK

Ady Park is a lively, vibrant and youthful spot in the city, with a spectacular water fountain and a cozy café, where guests can even take a selfie with "the poet himself." From the square, you can easily take a short walk to Csokonai Theater.



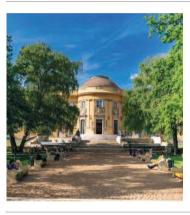
CSAPÓ STREET

Csapó Street is one of the oldest streets in Debrecen, named after the woolen coat makers who lived here in the 16th century. The part close to the city center is a popular pedestrian area. It is home to the Main Marketplace, the Flower Market, the Forum Shopping Mall, the Music School, and a number of cozy restaurants and cofés.



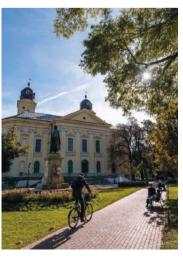
DÓSA NÁDOR SQUARE

An organic part of the pedestrian zone at the end of Csapó Street, the recently refashioned downtown square is decorated with colorful flowerbeds, a unique water fountain and a statue of King Stephen. The square is not only a popular community space, but also a venue for events related to Flower Carnival festivities and the Christmas Fair.



DÉRI SQUARE

The square on which Déri Museum is located is one of the most romantic public spaces in the city center. The four allegorical sculptures by Ferenc Medgyessy in the park in front of the building won the Grand Prize at the 1937 Paris World Exhibition. One of the most exquisite features of this sunken park apart from its intimate atmosphere is a huge pedunculate oak tree, which is more than 100 years old and was a runner-up in the Tree of the Year 2020 competition in Hungary.



MEMORIAL GARDEN

In the Memorial Garden situated between the Great Reformed Church and the Reformed College, you can almost get overwhelmed with a sense of history. The list of features included in the park contains the statue of Transylvanian prince István Bocskai, who settled the Haidú mercenary soldiers around Debrecen, the Gallev slaves' memorial column, commemorating the Reformed pastors deported during the Counter-Reformation, and a Reformation Memorial, inaugurated in 2017 to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. There is also a nice café with lots of benches to sit on in this lovely public park.



LYCIUM TREE

This botanical rarity, also known in Hungarian as ördögcérnabokor [devil's thread bush1, located in the vicinity of the Great Reformed Church, is a reminder of a Reformation-era religious controversy and a symbol of the roots and establishment of the Reformed faith in Hungary.



PETŐFI SQUARE

Petőfi Square's park in front of the Big Railroad Station contains a modern playground, a cozv pond and comfortable benches. Take the municipal history trail across the square and learn about the old and prestigious buildings that once stood here before the devastation of the Second World War



CITY CENTER MURALS

A slice of Debrecen's rich historical. spiritual and cultural heritage is preserved in the spectacular murals in the city center, which not only decorate the city but also convey an important message to visitors about what Debrecen in fact stands for What is on display behind the arcades on the

square named Kálvin Square is an homage to book printing, while in the parking lot behind Gambrinus köz, you find a tribute to fine art and literature. In the courtyard of a former merchant house at 39 Piac Street, the writer Magda Szabó and 19th-century Debrecen are commemorated, while in the courtvard dubbed Sesztina Yard, an image of the old middle-class way of life in Debrecen appears.



OLD TOWN STREETS AND TOWNHOUSES

The heritage of the so-called civis [traditional middle-class citizens with certain privileges] people of Debrecen, whose heyday was in the 16th and 17th centuries, and the traces of their everyday life are preserved in the oldest

houses in the city. Located in the winding streets of the former Árpád-era settlements of Szentlászlófalva, Mesterfalva and Debrecenfalva, the cívis houses are recognizable by their massive gates and ornate facades.

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DEBRECEN REFORMED COLLEGE

This educational institution, which has been operational without interruption since 1538, is the cradle of Hungarian culture with a number of alumni who later became famous writers and poets, such as poets Mihály Vitéz Csokonai or

Endre Adv. In the permanent exhibitions of the college museum, you can learn about the history of the school, the life of the students and the treasures of Transtibiscan Reformed Diocese. A staircase with frescos on one side of the walls leads to the venue called Great Library, which has been described as one of the most beautiful libraries in the world, and to the hall named Oratory, which provided the seat for the House of Commons in 1849.

> Kálvin tér 16 www.muzeum.drk.hu



DÉRI MUSEUM

One of the major museums in Hungary has become a benchmark through its rich local history material and the name-giver Frigyes Déri's universal collection of cultural history. One of the best-known pieces in its fine art collection is the monumental trilogy on the Passion of Jesus

Christ by Mihály Munkácsy. Permanent exhibitions include a town history exhibition, a Samurai mansion, an Egyptian collection, a weapons exhibition and a picture gallery, which can be explored by children through playful and interactive museum education sessions.

> Déri tér 1. www.derimuzeum.hu



FERENC MEDGYESSY MEMORIAL MUSEUM AND HOUSE OF LITERATURE IN DEBRECEN

The exhibition of the life's work of Debrecen-born. two-time Kossuth Prize-winning sculptor Ference Medgyessy is on display in one of Debrecen's characteristic cívis houses. In addition to honoring this outstanding figure of 20th-century Hungarian

sculpture, the rest of this exhibition space features periodic exhibitions commemorating Debrecen's rich literary heritage and areats. Péterfia u. 28.

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RELIGIO ET FREEDOM FAITH CREATION DATRIA

COMPLEX ADMISSION TICKET

The thematic tour route called "Debrecen: the town of reformation" comprises the Reformation heritage of the city of Debrecen, regarded to be at the epicenter of Reformation in Hungary, dubbed either "the Calvinist Rome" or "the Hungarian Geneva."

The complex admission ticket is valid token of entry for visiting the following venues and locations:

Debreceni Református Nagytemplom [Big Church Building],
Debreceni Református Kistemplom,
Csonkatemplom [Small Church Building],
Debreceni Református Kollégium Múzeuma
[Museum of Debrecen's Reformed College],
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MAGDA SZABÓ MEMORIAL HOUSE

The memorial museum of the Kossuth Prize-winning writer Magda Szabó is located in the high school that the writer attended (currently named Dóczy High School of the Reformed College Debrecen). The memorial house helps recall the writer's personality, her works and achievements through period furniture, personal objects, photographs, auotations and interviews.

Kossuth u. 35.



TANNER WORKSHOP -HOUSE OF FOLK CRAFTS

the only crafts workshop in Debrecen with a rich industrial history. preserved in its original location, where, in addition to the permanent exhibition on the history of the tanner's craft, there are also temporary exhibitions, workshops, craft activities and family programs on offer.

Nagy Gál István u. 6.



DEBRECEN BICYCLE MUSEUM

The first permanent bicycle exhibition in Debrecen, from the private collection of veteran bicycle collector and restorer Attila Katona, opened in the summer of 2024. The museum houses about 100 bicycles, which take you on a journey through time, from the

first wooden bicycle invented by Karl von Drais to the first pedal bicycle by Pierre Michaux. One of the prides of the collection is the series of bicycles by Hungarian craftsmen, including many unique examples by masters such as Ferenc Bécs, Miksa Essenfeld and Nándor Velvárt, but of course there are also old Csepels, over 100 years old. The museum also has a display of Italian racing bicycles, including several that competed in the world-famous Italian road race, the Giro d'Italia, decades ago.



ARCHITECTURAL SPECIALTIES

The notable buildings of Debrecen, from the Great Church to the Town Hall, were built in the neoclassical style. In addition to the buildings known for their characteristic vellow color, you can find architectural masterpieces at several locations throughout the city. The County Hall at Piac Street 54 and the Police Palace at Kossuth Street 20 are beautiful examples of Hungarian Art Nouveau, and the Israelite apartment building at Hatvan Street 6 is one of the domestic jewels of Art Deco. Piac Street is lined with former merchant houses and Art Nouveau palaces built in the late Baroque and Classicist styles. Among them, it is worth visiting the light blue building of the former Seszting hardware store at Piac Street 23, the Bishop's Palace on the corner of Hatvan Street and the patinated Hotel Golden Bull on Kossuth Square. Among the contemporary works, the main building of the Nagyerdei Stadium and the Aquaticum Strand, which has won several awards, stand out, but the huge airy gate of the Life Science Center and Library behind the main building of the University of Debrecen, with its green patina and copper covering, is an impressive sight. The Mercure Debrecen hotel on Bajcsy-Zsilinszky Street in the city center has an airy entrance and dynamic, sloping lines, and an interior inspired by the Debrecen Flower Carnival. The modern façade of the Hilton Garden Inn Debrecen City Center, located next to the historic Reformed College, is a fascinating combination of angular and wavy shapes.



TOWERS AND LOOKOUTS

Although Debrecen is a lowland city, there are heights here too. What's more, the city is full of spectacular towers and observation decks reaching into the sky, from which you can see a fabulous view. It is dominated by the tower of the County Hall depicting Prince Árpád at number 54, the towers of

St. Anne's Cathedral, the open truncated tower of the Small Reformed Church, the soaring corner wing of the Hotel Golden Bull and the two towers of the Great Reformed Church. In addition to these, the water tower of the Bishop's Palace on the corner of Hatvan Street, the decorative corner towers of the patinated semi-detached house on Simonffy Street, and the Palace of the Chamber of Commerce on Petőfi Square, whose tower is decorated with a group of female statues raising a globe, are a special sight. While you can admire the city center from the towers of the Great Reformed Church and the Small Church, the Nagyerdő from the viewing tower of the Nagyerdei Water Tower.

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GLASS PYRAMID

The glass pyramid on the site and remains of the Red Tower, a tower that once stood on the site of the Reformed Great Church, was built to preserve one of the city's oldest architectural heritages. An exhibition of local history is displayed under the glass pyramid, and an

installation on top. The latter symbolizes the city, which has burnt down several times, and the rebirth of life in Christ. The blue, grey, purple and red sticks on the top of the glass pyramid - the number of sticks is equal to the number of fires in the city - symbolize the colors of fire and ash and provide a 'flavorful' light show in yellow and red in the evenings from spring to autumn.

BOTANICAL SPECIALTIES

Debrecen is one of those lucky cities where nature is at your fingertips. In addition to the protected trees of Nagyerdő, chosen as the most beautiful forest in the country, you will find many special natural values in the flowery squares and parks of Debrecen. Among these, look for the Lycium tree on Kálvin Square, which preserves the memory of the 16th-century religious debates, the two hanging Japanese acacia trees in front of the Csokonai Theater that took first place in the 2021 Tree of the Year competition, and the royal-looking pedunculated oak on Déri square, which won a special award at the 2020 Tree of the Year competition. On Péterfia Street there is a beautiful row of spheroidal stones, on Bem square there are huge pedunculated oaks, and on both sides of Simonyi Street there are rows of linden trees almost a hundred years old.



THE MOST BEAUTIFUL GATES OF THE CITY

While walking the streets of the city, it is worth not only admiring the impressive buildings and ornate facades, but also lingering in front of a special gate. Be sure to check out the beautiful art nouveau gate of the former Széll Kálmán house at Bajcsy-Zsilinszky street 35–37, the baroquely decorated gates of the Déri Museum on Déri square, the medieval gate of the Árpád Square Reformed Church, the wrought iron gates of the pink palace of the First Savings Bank or the richly decorated doorknobs of the Reformed Great Church. A real curiosity is the green gate of the so-called Hangya [Ant] apartment house at 40 Piac Street, which is decorated with a real army of ants, the wall with keys on Batthyány Street, and

the Rickl house at 41 Piac Street, whose massive gate is decorated with a lion knocker that was one of the favorite memories of Debrecen-born writer Maada Szabó.







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RELAXATION AND RECHARGE IN THE GREAT FOREST

Debrecen is one of the lucky cities where the tranquility of nature is within easy reach, as more than one third of the city is covered by woods and other vegetation. Nagyerdő [Great Forest], a forest located 10 minutes from the historic city center, is Hungary's first nature reserve and was designated as the country's most beautiful forest in 2023. The landscaped area of Nagyerdő is an exciting multi-generational "oasis of experience" with a wide range of recreational opportunities.



FROGGY POND

The most popular part of Nagyerdei Park is Froggy Pond, which is a great place to relax around with its spectacular fountains and sunbeds. The playground near the lake is great fun for kids and their parents, while the intimate forest walks are popular with couples looking for romance. You can also explore the natural values of the forest by following special nature trails.



MEDGYESSY PROMENADE

The most beautiful promenade of the Nagyerdő area is decorated with turn-of-thecentury villas and statues of the greats of Hungarian literature, including Mihály Fazekas, Árpád Tóth and Endre Ady. In spring, blossoming magnolias are a must-see, while in autumn, the colorful canopies of trees and their falling leaves are a spectacular sight to behold.



THE MAIN BUILDING OF THE UNIVERSITY OF DEBRECEN

Founded in the 16th century on the intellectual pillars of the Reformed College, the university's imposing eclectic-nearoque main building has a glass-roofed main courtyard with an arcaded corridor system, the walls of which are inscribed with the names of the most famous former professors

and students. Next to the main building stands the University (Reformed) Church, while in front of it, there is a spacious French-style park with a spectacular fountain. At the edge of the park, there are statues of the representatives of the Hungarian Reformation.



NAGYERDEI OPEN AIR STAGE

Located in the "heart" of Nagyerdei Park, in the middle of a forest of huge pines and giant oaks, the open-air stage is where popular Hungarian theater companies and performers entertain audiences during the summer months.

Nagyerdei park 6. www.csokonaiszinhaz.hu



NAGYERDEI WATER TOWER

Nagyerdei Water Tower is more than 110 years old and still operable today, offering unforgettable entertainment all year round. In addition to concerts, thematic programs, a cozy café and a patio, the water tower also features a climbing wall and a 34-metre-high lookout tower with a magnificent view of the surrounding forest

Pallagi út 7.



AGORA SCIENCE CENTER

Unique in the region, this hands-on center promises an exciting adventure for all ages. Agora makes science and the everyday wonders of our lives accessible and experiential. You can try out a range of interactive games, participate in extraordi-

nary and spectacular experiments, and spy on the sky from an observatory in the building's tower.





AQUATICUM SPA

The spa complex, situated in the beautiful natural surroundinas of the Great Forest which has been designated a health resort, offers a thermal bath, a therapeutic section and treatments based on medicinal water for those who wish to reaenerate, recover and relax. The indoor adventure pool, wellness and sauna center, open all year round, as well as the recreation surroundina the auarantee complete relaxation and total recreation

> Nagyerdei park 1. www.aquaticum.hu



AQUATICUM STRAND

Hungary's most modern swimming pool and slide complex is an unmissable summer destination for water lovers. Surrounded by the huge trees of the Great Forest, it offers a variety of adventure pools, giant slides, diving platforms, a children's water paradise, a spa and relaxation area, sports fields and a huge sun deck on top of the 12-metre-high central building.

Nagyerdei park 1. www.aguaticum.hu



BOTANICAL GARDEN OF THE UNIVERSITY OF DEBRECEN

UD's Botanical Garden, situated behind the main building, is home to nearly 6,000 plant species and is famous far and wide for its collection of cacti and succulent plants. In the palm house, a truly tropical atmosphere is created by colorful orchids, banana trees and palm trees.

Egyetem tér 1.



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NAGYERDEI STADIUM

This multifunctional arena blends almost imperceptibly into the natural environment. The most spectacular feature of the stadium is the more than a thousand-meter-long elevated pavement that surrounds it, complemented with a recortan-covered running track, so that running enthusiasts can take their laps almost level with the canopy of the trees. The complex also houses the gift shop of the local football team, a sports diagnostics, lifestyle and therapy center and a fitness gym. Stadium tours are available to book in advance.

Nagyerdei park 12.



FOG THEATER

One of the special attractions of Nagyerdei Park is its unique multi-media fountain (also dubbed Fog Theatre), which provides an unforgettable experience from spring to autumn. The fountain's huge, fan-shaped water curtain serves as a surface to project short clips on about Debrecen and special laser animations in the evenings in summer. During the day, concrete blocks forming "islets" above the surface of the water will tempt you to take a cool walk on the water.



ZOO DEBRECEN (ZOOLOGICAL AND BOTANICAL GARDEN, AMUSEMENT PARK)

Hungary's first zoo outside the capital city and sole classic amusement park has been the source of all-year-round four-season experiences, bringing generations together for the past sixty-five years. 17 hectares (42 acres) of fabulous parkland offer the chance to see the wildlife of five continents: 900 animals of 200 species and 705 different species of plants every day of the year. In addition, from Easter to the end of October, as many as 25 theme park attractions provide unforgettable entertainment.

Ady Endre út 1. www.zoodebrecen.hu



SZIGET-KÉK [ISLAND BLUE] THEME PARK

The four-season theme park, based on Magda Szabó's storybook titled Sziget-kék [Island Blue], features a lookout, a play tower and a miniature town for the little ones. In addition to outdoor experiences, the free-to-visit "play city" also offers families a variety of indoor thematic programs in the central building.



CHILD-FRIENDLY PASTIMES

- If you take a walk in the Nagyerdő area, do not miss the playground next to Békás-tó [Froggy Pond]. Climb into the belly of the giant frog, walk on the leaves of the water lilies, try the slide or race up and down in a multi-level boat. When you get tired, you can always relax in the shade of the trees or refresh yourself at the snack bar or restaurant next to the playground.
- If you feel like splashing around, you can do so in any season at the aguapark named Aguaticum SPA. Open all year round, the indoor adventure pool is surrounded by tropical plants, with a chlorine-free baby pool for the little ones and countless slides and adventure pools for the bigger ones. In the summer, you can also enjoy Hungary's most modern outdoor pool complex. Try the giant slides, go crazy in the adventure pools or test your skills on the diving platforms.
- Hungary's one and only amusement park is unmissable! A duck train, a Ferris wheel, horse-drawn carriages, a roller coaster and lots of "evergreen" toys await you here. When the playing time is over, you can walk over to the zoo, where you can find unique exotic animal species such as giraffes, tropical hippos, red pandas and ring-tailed lemurs. The zoological garden offers year-round spectacular animal feedings, and there are also periodically advertised exciting theme days and night walks giving you a glimpse into the lives of the zoo's inhabitants.
- For science enthusiasts, Agora Science Center is a virtual treasure trove. Participate in spectacular experiments or interactive games, learn about robotics or space physics; just make sure you do not get lost in the mirror maze. You can also get up close and personal with indigenous and foreign specimens of flora in the Botanical Garden next to Agora.
- Fairytale characters and fun puppets are brought to life among magical sets... which indeed feels like you are in a fairytale. One of the favorite family haunts in Debrecen is Vojtina Puppet Theater, where you can enjoy stage performances, interactive activities and fascinating puppet exhibitions





- A genuine children's paradise is the park called Sziget-kék, evoking the world of Magda Szabó's eponymous novel-length fairy tale. Here, you can not only meet life-size fairy-tale characters, but also slide down a giant slide from the canopy of the trees, clown around in the circus or even become a firefighter in a mini-city. The theme park is open all four seasons, even in bad weather or in winter.
- Discover so many wonders of the world in the Museum Quarter. Take a virtual trip to Japan or to the land of the ancient pyramids in Déri Museum, admire the Grand Library of the Reformed College evoking the world of Harry Potter or become a little hussar in the Reformed Great Church. You can even bring out your inner Picasso in the art education sessions at MODEM!
- When you walk through the city center, stop by the bookshop called Debreceni Pagony. Located in the city's oldest pedestrian street, this lovely little book corner has reading material and creative development toys for children from 0 years of age to adolescence. If you are lucky, you can even watch a slide show or take part in craft activities.
- If you fancy a challenge, test your skills on the climbing wall fitted in the middle of the more than 100-year-old Nagyerdei Water Tower, then take the stairs up to the observation deck around the dome and admire the forest around you from a bird's eye view. For more adventures, head for NAGYkaLAND playhouse. Trampolines, mazes, climbing walls, obstacle courses and lots of fun games guarantee a fun-filled experience.
- Upon leaving Debrecen, you should get a glimpse of the world of Erdőspuszták [Forest Steppes] by taking the narrow-gauge railroad nicknamed Zsuzsi. It is indeed a great experience to travel on the train through pine forests and groves of acacia and oak. Along the way, you can observe the rich flora and fauna of this area and, at the last stop, Hármashegyalja, you will find a playground, a nature trail, hiking trails, picnic areas and a lookout.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF EVENTS



DEBRECEN DRIVE

May | Nagverdei Stadium and its vicinity www.debrecendrive.hu

Hungary's largest automotive showcase will feature hundreds of different vehicles: new models and old timers, sports cars and engines, trucks, power and work machines, police, fire and ambulance vehicles and military vehicles. In addition to

this colorful range of exhibits, the organizers will also be offering a broad spectrum of additional activities, including free practice sessions, concerts, celebrity races and a MiniDrive on Children's Day.



DEBRECZINER GOURMET FESTIVAL

June | Great Forest - Froggy Pond www.debreczinergourmet.hu

Debrecziner Gourmet Festival represents an unforgettable medley of tastes and flavors served in the heart of the Naaverdő. picturesque Debrecen's "most delicious" aastronomic event together the best restaurants

and chefs of our city and our country under the shady trees of Nagyerdő to showcase where the peak of gastronomy in Hungary is today. Alongside mouth-watering food creations and spectacular cooking shows, there are also interesting panel discussions and exciting live concerts on offer.



NAGYERDEI **OPEN-AIR THEATER**

June - August | Nagyerdei Open-Air Theater

Naaverdei Open-Air Theater. located under the canopy of huge trees in the recreation auarter called Nagyerdő, offers a colorful and varied program of entertainment every summer. This program includes light farces, popular

musicals and operettas performed by the troupe of Debrecen's Csokonai National Theater, as well as of other renowned theater companies both from Budapest and outside the capital.



THE NIGHT OF MUSEUMS

June | at several locations of Debrecen

On Midsummer Eve, museums open their gates and offer a special experience of cultural discovery beyond the traditional opening hours, up until dawn. They never fail to supply a wealth of interesting and extraordinary activi-

ties for visitors. These include guided tours, creative and interactive activities, gastronomic and children's programs as well as concerts and artistic performances.



CAMPUS FESTIVAL

July | Nagyerdei Stadium and its vicinity www.campusfesztival.hu

One of Hungary's biaaest summer music festivals. Campus. features popular Hungarian artists, emergina vouna talents and a number of foreign stars. In the bill of fare. almost all aenres represented, from hip hop to metal and from alternative

rock to techno. In addition to music, this festival also introduces other art forms such as dance and theatre, visual arts and stand-up, as well as children's activities, a civic street and a aastronomy and wine village.



DEBRECEN WINE

Early August |

Great Forest - Békás-tó [Froggy Pond] www.boresiazz.hu

Enjoy Hungarian wine and live jazz music next to a beautiful pond in Nagyerdő. Hungary's largest gastro-jazz jamboree features the finest Hungarian wineries, while the most popular Hungarian jazz musicians play

simultaneously on several stages. Besides delicious wines and soft jazz tunes, there is also a gastronomic and handicraft fair, a jazz cinema and, of course, the wonderful natural environment of Naaverdő.



DEBRECEN FLOWER CARNIVAL

August 15-20. | at several locations of Debrecen www.debreceniviraqkarneval.hu

Debrecen's major cultural event, and one of the most popular in Hungary, is linked to the day of King St. Stephen, the founder of the Hungarian state, and to the celebration of the

first "new" bread, baked from the flour of newly harvested wheat. The week-long festival brings together local performers and artistic ensembles from all over the world to create a real carnival atmosphere. The celebrations come to a close on August 20, when hundreds of thousands of flowers, both fresh and dried, are used to create a spectacular floral display with the help of floats on the streets of Debrecen, accompanied by local and foreign dancers and living tradition groups. The carnival program is complemented by concerts, children's activities as well as art and flower exhibitions.



BEER BY LAKE -NAGYERDEI SÖRKERT

August 15-20. | Great Forest - Békás-tó [Froggy Pond]

In the most charming part of Nagyerdő, on the shore of Békás-tó, you can spend an entire week in the company of the most diverse Hungarian craft and artisanal beers,

alongside refreshments from foreign breweries, including those brewed in the already familiar Czech style. There are also gastronomic and cultural activities available throughout the event, with a variety of food trucks offering culinary delights and beer snacks.



DEBRECZEN ZAMAT FESTIVAL

September | Nagyerdei Stadium (northern event site) www.zamatfesztival.hu

At the biggest gastronomic event of the fall season, the best restaurants in the neighborhood provide delicious snacks, while Hungary's renowned fruit brandy producers, among others, serve drinks. Every year, the festival

features some of the most famous gastronomic experts of our country, while there is a star-studded line-up of performers taking turns on the stage. The program includes gastronomic presentations, a paired sausage stuffing competition, a craft fair and children's activities.



OCTOBERFEST DEBRECEN

October | Eavetem tér www.oktoherfestdehrecen.hu

Bavarian vibes in Debrecen! Perhaps the world's biggest folk festival, Oktoberfest moves to Debrecen for a few days in early October. With more than 200 years of tradition, Oktoberfest Debrecen is a celebration of quality Bavarian cuisine, quality beers and delicious Bavarian specialties, accompanied by live music and traditional games. The event combines German traditions with elements of Hungarian culture, creating a truly unique and captivating event.



DEBRECENI ADVENT

December | Kossuth tér, Piac utca, Csapó utca, Dósa nádor tér www.debreceniadvent.hu

In 2022, Debrecen's Christmas Fair was elected one of the most beautiful small-scale Christmas fairs in Europe. For about a month, Debreceni Advent treats visitors to unique handcrafted products, irresistible delicacies, soul-warming mulled wine and stunning festive decorations. The Christmas Fair is complemented by a continuous program of Advent concerts, children's activities and joint candle-lightings, as well as a chance to admire the gorgeous scenery from the spire of Nagytemplom while participating in a special evening church tour.



DEBRECEN EVENTS APPLICATION

















HORTOBÁGY

Half an hour's drive from Debrecen, Hortobágy is the first and largest national park in Hungary. In the most impressive grassy wilderness of Central Europe, the endless horizon, the peacefully grazing herds of animals, the diverse birdlife and, last but not least, the shepher-

ding traditions still alive today offer a unique experience. The natural and cultural heritage of Hortobágy is displayed in a visitors' center, from where tourists can set off on adventurous journeys of discovery either on foot or riding horse-drawn carriages, or even by boarding a jeep. Further exquisite experiences include watching the most spectacular natural event of the autumn sunsets, the crane migration, the ritual driving of cattle into and out of their barns and the related festivities, and the long-established Hortobágy Equestrian Days.

www.visithortobagy.com



TISZA-TÓ [LAKE TISZA]

There are numerous forms of active recreation to choose from in the Lake Tisza region. Nature lovers can explore the lake's bird reserve by boat, canoe or sailing boat. Nearby Tiszafüred is one of the most popular towns in this area with its cultural events, folk

craft workshops and gastronomic festivals. In Poroszló, the Lake Tisza Eco-Center is a must-see, where you can learn about the rich wildlife of the lake displayed in the largest freshwater aquarium in Europe. The area offers a wide range of free beaches, harbors, lookouts, nature trails, cycle paths and restaurants.

www.ilovetiszato.hu



HAJDÚSZOBOSZLÓ

One of the most popular resorts in Hungary boasts the largest therapeutic bath complex in Europe. Its main attraction is the famous health spa and the complex built around it, which consists of the Aquapark indoor

adventure pool, 15 hot water pools, the Aqua-Palace Adventure Pool and the new Premium Zone outdoor wellness spa. In addition to swimming and water fun, the friendly, small-town atmosphere of this settlement is complemented by a variety of music, folk art and gastronomic programs and active entertainment for families and guests looking for relaxation and recreation all year round.



BALMAZÚJVÁROS

Situated on the borderline between Hortobágy and the Hajdúság region, this town owes its attraction to the characteristic and charming rural appearance of the town center. Attractions and places of interest comprise the castle called Semsey-kastély, the Town Hall, the park on Kossuth Square, the

memorial house named after Péter Veres and the radio history exhibition, as well as the unique natural environment of the neighboring Hortobágy National Park. One of the prides of the town with its rich handicraft traditions is Mihalkó Hatter House where you can learn about the tricks of the trade of making shepherds' hats, while Kamilla Spa, Thermal and Swimming Pools guarantee physical and mental regeneration for you.

www.balmazujvaros.hu



HAJDÚBÖSZÖRMÉNY

Also known as the "capital city of the Hajdú-s," Hajdúböszörmény is the largest settlement in the region called Hajdúság with its peculiar, concentric settlement structure. Its attractions that are worth exploring include the museum called Hajdúsági Múzeum, which presents the history of Hajdúság, the living

history houses with their folk architecture features (Tájházak), the eclectic style Town Hall, the statuary Dancing Hajdú-s in the main square, and Bocskai Swimming and Therapeutic Pools named after Prince of Transylvania István Bocskai. The romantic ruins of a church building on the edge of town near Zelemér are a popular excursion destination.

www.hajduboszormeny.hu



NÁDUDVAR

This settlement is also located between Hortobágy and Hajdúság and it was named after the reeds (nád) and the courtyards (udvar) fenced with them in the floodplains. However, it is better known today for its black ceramics. The centuries-old tradition of making black pottery with a unique firing

technique is still preserved and cultivated here by several families, whose craftsmanship and handicrafts can be observed in special workshops. Nádudvar also has a thermal spa and pools with officially certified thermal water.







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Debrecen, Csapó utca 30. www.forumdebrecen.hu

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Debrecen, Kálvin tér 5. magyarosajandek.hu

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- 13. Great Reformed Church of Debrecen
- 14. Kossuth square
- 15. Piac [Market] street
- 16. Small Reformed Church
- 17. St. Anne's Cathedral
- 18. Synagogues
- 19. Greek Catholic Church
- 20. Memorial Garden
- 21. Csapó street
- 22. Csokonai Theater
- 23. Simonffy street and Hal köz [Fish Yard]
- 24. Debrecen Reformed College
- 25. Déri Museum
- **26.** Lycium Tree
- Ferenc Medgyessy Memorial Museum and House of Literature in Debrecen
- 28. MODEM Center of Modern and Contemporary Art, Kölcsey Center
- 29. Magda Szabó Memorial House
- **30.** Tanner Workshop House of Folk Crafts
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