

# TOURIST ATTRACTIONS AND SIGHTSEEING IN EGER AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS

## WHY EGER?

Eger has been inhabited since the Stone Age. Today's Eger was formed in the 10th century by St. Stephen (997–1038), the first Christian king of Hungary, who founded an episcopal see in Eger. Eger is strategically located at the foothills of Bükk Mountain and the Northern edges of the Great Hungarian Plane (Alföld). Eger is ideally located to become the base, both for individuals, families and groups, for visiting many interesting and famous touristical sites and outdoor activities, like tracking, picnic, hunting, skiing, etc.

Eger is situated 130 km to the East from the Capital City of Budapest and 1h 20m drive on highway from the international airport.

In 1985 Hungary joined the World Heritage Convention and integrated it into the Hungarian legal system. Since then Hungary has been awarded 8 World Heritage sites of which 4 is in convenient reach from Eger. The year in bracket is the registration year of UNESCO when the site was included in its list.

2. Hollókő old village and its surroundings (Cultural category-1987)
3. The joint karst/dolomite caves of Aggtelek (Hungary) and Slovakia (Natural category-1995)
5. National Park of Hortobágy and Puszta-moorland (Cultural landscape) (1999)
8. The cultural landscape of the historical wine region of Tokaj-foothills (Cultural landscape) (2002)

**Hunting:** Three well known hunting grounds can be easily accessed from Eger: Mátra Mountain, Tokaj hills and Poroszló (on the Great Hungarian Plane). Interested parties can hunt for: wild boar, deer, also Hirsch (stag and hind), moufflon, rabbit, pheasant, geese, duck, etc. depending on the hunting seasons.

**Skiing:** Facilities are available on the slopes of Mátra and Bükk Mountains within one hours drive from Eger. Some places have snow cannons for assuring continuous snow during winter.

**Thermal baths and Spa:** Hungary is well known for its hot baths based on natural springs. Eger with its surroundings offering equal or better facilities than any other part of Hungary.

**Wine:** Hungary has 22 wine districts four of it is in place or easily reachable from Eger. Bull blood (Egri Bikavér), Star of Eger (Egri Csillag-white special wine), and the world famous wines from Tokaj specially should be mentioned.

**Marzipan museum:** exhibition of the products of the multiple World Champion marzipan Master Lajos Kopcsik.  
**Pedestrian streets.** Eger is having excellent **dentists**.

## CITY OF EGER



**Baroque city:** Baroque buildings; Bishop palace; Lyceum with library, observatory and college. Wrought iron gates and window protectors.



**City of churches:** 32 churches, (among others Minorite and Rác). Famous Basilica – Concerts



**Castle** from 1300<sup>th</sup> Century (it stopped the Turkish army); Most northerly Minaret. Castle tournaments



**City of wines:** Egri Bikavér festival; grape harvest; grape harvest festival; wine festival; wine blessing; wine dinner with gypsy music.



**City of waters:** Turkish bath; Spa and thermal treatments; Rheumatology; Medical treatments; Swimming pool;

**Sport center:** Tennis courts; Water polo; Swimming; Squash; Football, Hang-gliding, Paragliding.



Dry carbon-dioxide bath in Mátraderecske ( 24 km – 30')



Salt hill and fishing at Egerszalók ( 5 km – 7')

