

MISKOLC TAPOLCA – LILLAFÜRED (62 km – 1^h 15')

Miskolc is a city in northeastern Hungary, mainly with heavy industrial background. With a population close to 170,000 (2010) Miskolc is the fourth largest city of Hungary. It is also the county capital of Borsod-Abaúj-Zemplén and the regional centre of Northern Hungary. During its long history Miskolc survived fires, floods, plagues and foreign invasions, but maintained its position as the centre of northeastern Hungary. The 1990s brought a crisis in the iron industry with a decline in the population. Miskolc is now trying to become known as a cultural – instead of merely an industrial – city. Among the various cultural events, one of the most important festivities is the International Opera Festival, held in every summer. Also a University City.

The most popular tourist destinations in Miskolc are Tapolca, Lillafüred and Felsőhámor. Tapolca has a beautiful park with a boating pond and the famous and unique Cave Bath. Lillafüred and Felsőhámor are pretty villages in a valley surrounded by mountains and forests; their most famous sights are the Hotel Palace on the shore of the Lake Hámori, the Szinva waterfall (the highest waterfall of the country), the Anna Cave and the István Cave.

Activities: Theatre, Concerts, Look out tower on Avas hilltop, City center. The unique Cave Bath, a natural cave with thermal water.

Tracking, walking, outings, trips, bicycling. Arboretum,

There is a narrow-gauge railway that connects Lillafüred to Miskolc. It winds through scenic forests, and takes between a half hour and 45 minutes for the train to go between the two major stops.

Festivals:

Diósgyőr Castle Plays (every May and August)

International Soldiers and Military Bands Festival (every two years in August)

Jelly festival (every February)

Miskolc Opera Festival (every summer)

CineFest - International Festival of Young Filmmakers (every September)



Theatre



Concert



International Opera Festival



Miskolc trams



Summer festival



Jelly festival



Railway of Lillafüred



István Cave



Lake at Lillafüred



Rowing/boating at Miskolc Tapolca



Cave bath



Cave bath