

# HÓDMEZŐVÁSÁRHELY Generációk jövője az Alföldön

HÓDMEZŐVÁSÁRHELY CITY GUIDE



# Foreword

#### VÁSÁRHELY IS A GOOD PLACE, IT IS THE CITY OF FREEDOM!

Welcome to our city and I hope that, like us locals, you will love our city.

You are holding in your hands our travel guide, which will help you to discover the built heritage of our city, its most important institutions, its pride and glories.

What you will not necessarily find out from this brochure is that Vásárhely is one the safest cities with county rank, and is home to an increasing number of families with young children, which we are trying to make more and more attractive through our family-friendly developments. We have spent 100 million HUF on playgrounds and renewed them in the last two years, our spa has giant slides for anyone who wants to have fun, and we also pay a lot of attention to our nurseries and kindergartens.

We are greening up, because the people of Vásárhely are particularly concerned about environmental awareness, and we are protecting our environment with sustainable green areas and selective waste bins already placed everywhere.

We are also protecting our built heritage, in recent years we have doubled the number of our protected buildings, you can learn about their history and architecture with the help of QR codes on their walls.

The city has been involved in many developments that make life easier and more beautiful for the people who live here, and that also encourage tourists to return. We have achieved all this by managing the city's money in a transparent and honest manner, and it is no coincidence that the risk of corruption has fallen from the previous 90% to less than 10%.

I encourage you to come back to our city as often as possible, to experience the freedom of Vásárhely and the kindness of its locals!

With friendship: Péter Márki-Zay, mayor

# About the city

In our days Hódmezővásárhely, with the second largest administrative area in the country, is a significant economic, cultural and art centre of the Southern Great Plain Region. There are about fifty thousand inhabitants living on forty-eight thousand hectares of land. The city received independent municipal rights in 1873 and obtained county rank in 1991.

Since the change of regime, the development of the city has been outlining to be worth living in, keeping its traditional values and local characteristics in our globalizing world. The infrastructural development made during the years significantly transformed the aspect of the city and besides this, its cultural and artistic life is showing prosperity. The main aim of Hódmezővásárhely is to offer pleasant and refined recreation and the possibility of quality city-life both for local inhabitants and visitors.



# Sights



# 1. VÁROSHÁZA (TOWN HALL)

The Town Hall, designed by Lajos Ybl, was built in eclectic style in 1894. The building, still the administrative centre of the city, may be visited between 8.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m. on weekdays. The ceremony hall and the tower can be visited with a special permission at a time agreed on in advance.

Tel.: +36 (62) 530 117

# ELSŐ VILÁGHÁBORÚS EMLÉKMŰ (MONUMENT OF WORLD WAR I)

Between 1914-1918 fifteen thousand men went into war to serve the country. János Pásztor's statue in front of the entrance of the Town Hall commemorates those men.



## FEKETE SAS RENDEZVÉNYHÁZ (BLACK EAGLE EVENT HALL) – Kossuth tér 3.

In the 19th century a ground floor inn stood on the same spot, which was later extended into a multi-storey building. On the exterior the building is an eclectic style mainly with baroque and rococo elements while the ornamented rendering is decorated with fine floral adornments. The interior of the building deserves attention as well: gilded, ornamented rendering, large mirrors of the ball room, plaster reliefs, secessionist boxes.

The ball room is open to visitors during the opening hours of the Café.



# A "NAGYTAKARÉK" ÉPÜLETE (THE BUILDING OF THE SAVINGS BANK)

Kossuth tér 5.

The secessionist building was completed in 1907, designed by Miksa Müller. On the top of the cupola the statue of Mercury, the god of merchants in Roman mythology, is standing.





#### (CASINO) – Zrínyi u. 1.

In 1896 the Casino Society of Hódmezővásárhely decided to build its own clubhouse. Gyula Sándy was commissioned to design the building, which was completed in 1901. Because of the ogee arch pediment and rounded windows it is one of the most distinctive buildings of the city.

## 6 ALFÖLDI GALÉRIA (ALFÖLDI GALLERY) Kossuth tér 8.

The Alföldi Galéria is a gallery that was built between 1820-1822. The autumn exhibition is a unique art event in Europe as there is no other exhibition that has been organised every year since 1954. On the first Sunday of every October the Öszi Tárlat, an arts display of national importance, has habits of grand opening here since 2006.

**Opening hours:** 10.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m. Closed on Monday and Saturday! **Tel.:** +36 (62) 245 499





# REFORMÁTUS ÓTEMPLOM (OLD CALVINIST CHURCH) Szőnvi u. 1.

The tower was built in 1713, making it the oldest brick building in the city. Although the furniture and liturgical objects were taken away from Hódmezővásárhely, during the 2012 renovations an opportunity arose to collect and restore them in their original place. The building was once fenced around with a loop-holed wall built in 1741-1742.





#### **Further information:**

Tel.: +36 (62) 241 817

E-mail: hodmezovasarhely-otemplom@reformatus.hu

Website: vasarhelyiotemplom.hu

## (3) BETHLEN GÁBOR REFORMÁTUS GIMNÁZIUM (GÁBOR BETHLEN CALVINIST GRAMMAR SCHOOL)

Szőnyi u. 2.

This Calvinist Grammar School became open Latin school as part of the Calvinist College of Debrecen. In 1822 the new Calvinist school, the Old Grammar School, was built instead of the humble building with mud walls.



### ÁRVÉDELMI FAL (FLOOD DEFENSIVE WALL)

Following the great flood of Szeged in 1879, it was necessary to raise a dike around the city. On the northern side a 17.5-kilometre-long earth dike, on the southern side a 3-kilometre long dike wall was erected.



MÁSODIK VILÁGHÁBORÚS
EMLÉKMŰ (MONUMENT OF
WORLD WAR II) – Hősök tere

The names of more than 2000 citizens of Vásárhely are graved in a limestone plaque on the ground to the west of the monument.





The museum was refurbished in 2012, offers a permanent archeological exhibition, where visitors get an insight into the everyday life of the Neolithic man. In addition, the visual storage is home to around 1500 pieces of fine art from all fields of interest of the museum.

The website of the institute: www.tornyaimuzeum.hu

#### Opening hours:

Tuesday – Sunday 10.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m. Closed on Monday!

Tel.: +36 (62) 242 224



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BESSENYEI FERENC MŰVELŐDÉSI KÖZPONT (FERENC BESSENYEI CULTURAL CENTRE)

Dr. Rapcsák András út 7.

The Cultural Centre, refurbished inside and out in 2012. Theatre performances, concerts and exhibitions await the visitors all the year round.

**Further information:** 

Website: bfmk.hu

Tel.: +36 (62) 533 317



# (SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH)

Dr. Rapcsák András út

Greek families fleeing the Greek-Ottoman War in the 17th century took refuge in the city. Following the Patent of Toleration, an edict issued by Joseph II, they had the right to erect a church without a tower and a bell in 1783. The tower could only be built in 1806. The late baroque, Louis Seize-style church has a richly decorated iconostasis and Maria Throne.

A previously booked appointment is needed to visit





BELVÁROSI KATOLIKUS TEMPLOM
(SZENTHÁROMSÁG TEMPLOM)
(CENTRAL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH)

Andrássy út 11.

The baroque Central Roman Catholic Church, a brick building, was erected between 1752-1758.

Tel.: +36 (62) 241 701 | E-mail: szentharomsaghmv@invitel.hu

(E) BELVÁROSI FAZEKASHÁZ (CENTRAL POTTERY HOUSE) Lánc u. 3.

In the Central Pottery House visitors can find the exhibition rooms and workshop of Sándor Ambrus master potter. They can also try the potter's wheel.



Previously booked appointment is needed to visit the pottery house. **Tel.:** +36 (62) 233 666; +36 (70) 510 7004

(6) KÁROLYI HÁZ (KÁROLYI HOUSE) – Andrássy út 13.

The classical building, built by the Károlyi family in 1802, originally functioned as a manorial steward's house.





EMLÉKPONT MÚZEUM (EMLÉKPONT MUSEUM)

- Andrássy út 34.

Since its opening on 7 July 2006 the aim has been to recall the fate of those living in the surrounding settlements and, by doing so, to display the era of "socialist experiment" between 1945-1990.

> **Further information:** Tel.: +36 (62) 530 940

Website: emlekpont.hu



NÉPMŰVÉSZETI TÁJHÁZ (HOUSE OF FOLK ARTS) – Árpád u. 21.

Besides serving as an exhibition place, the Peasant House is the scene of annual folk events that are connected with special days and celebrations.

A previous appointment is needed to visit it. Tel.: +36 (62) 533 317; +36 (30) 831 6409



NÉMETH LÁSZLÓ EMLÉKSZOBA (a Németh László Városi Könyvtárban) (LÁSZLÓ NÉMETH MEMORIAL ROOM in the László Németh Public Library) Andrássy út 44.

In the autumn of 1945 the bond between László Németh and the city became stronger when, on the invitation of the city, the church and directorate of the grammar school, he accepted a part-time teaching position in the merged boys' and girls' grammar school.

The tableau, furniture and furnishings from the room in Sajkód, represent the life and oeuvre of László Németh and give an insight into his personal and family life. The exhibition can be visited during the opening hours of the library.

#### Opening hours:

Monday: 1.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m.

Tuesday - Friday: 9.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m.

Saturday: 8.00 a.m. - 12.00 a.m.

Closed on Sunday! Admission: free.

Tel.: +36 (62) 246 811 Website: nlvk.hu





Kálvin tér

The foundation stone was laid down in 1792 by Benjamin Szőnyi, whose memorial poem is hidden in the ball of the church tower. The late baroque church without an aisle has a rectangular apse and a two-story gallery on both ends. The steeple has a typical baroque shaping.

# Keys to the guide-book of Hódmezővásárhely

Tourinform office

Local government, Mayor's office

Court of Justice

Police

Fire-brigade

Post office

Cultural centre, house of events

University, college

School (primary, secondary)

Library, record office

Cinema

Hospital, night service

Ambulance

Pharmacy

Railway Station

Coach Station

Petrol station

Boat landing place

Motorway junction

P Parking place

Bicycle road

TRAM-TRAIN Pedestrian zone

Hotel, inn. hostel

Camping site

X Restaurant

Coffee House, café

Confectionery

Shopping centre

Supermarket

Market, market-hall

1 Sports centre

Thermal bath, swimming pool

Beach

Museum

Gallery, showroom

Roman Catholic Church

Calvinist Church

Greek Orthodox Church

Lutheran Church

Unitarian Church

\* Synagogue

Church ruin

Sight of folk architecture

X Windmill

Monument, statue

Artesian well, fountain

Handicrafts

Wine-growing

**Ecotourism Visitor Centre** 

ħ Study-trail

Bird reserve

Nature-protecting sights

Archeological excavation

Cumin burial-hill (earth pyramid)

Bicycle storage

Bike rental

Horse riding area

Fishing area Hunting area

Tennis courts

Squash

Mountain-bike track

Ice-rink

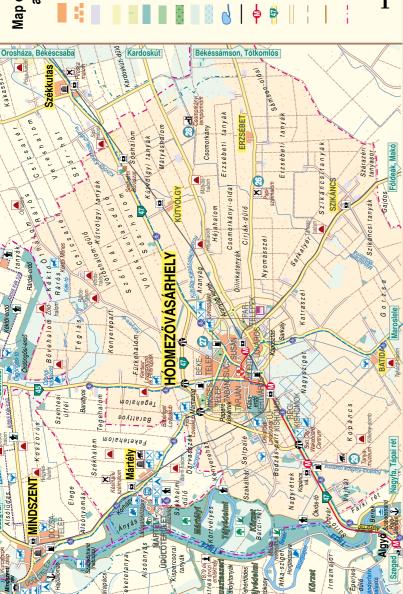
Runway

Water-ski, wakeboard

Skateboarding



# Map of Hódmezővásárhely and surroundings



# Sights

ZSINAGÓGA ÉS MAGYAR TRAGÉDIA 1944. KIÁLLÍTÓHELY (SYNAGOGUE AND "HUNGARIAN TRAGEDY 1944) (HOLO-CAUST MUSEUM)

Szent István tér 2.

Instead of building a house of prayer from a dwelling house, Miklós Busch constructed a new church between 1906-1908. It was at this time that the building got its present look. The eclectic building with Morish ornaments but mainly receptionist decoration has an imposing spatial effect. Along Szeremlei Street on the site of the synagogue stood the eclectic building of the Jewish School where the Hungarian Tragedy 1944, a permanent exhibition opened in July 2004. It commemorates the victims of the Holocaust, including the 190.000 Jewish children carried off during those terrible times.

#### Opening hours:

Sunday – Friday: 9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
Closed on Saturday and on religious days.
E-mail: holocaust.museum@emlekpont.hu
Tel.: +36 (62) 241 968



SZENT ISTVÁN TÉR ÉS SZENT ISTVÁN KIRÁLY TEMPLOM (ST ISTVÁN SQUARE AND KING ST ISTVÁN CHURCH)

The church named after King Saint Stephen was designed by Gáspár Fabián, based on the style of an old Christian basilica. The construction was started in 1935, the first mass was conducted in 1937 by the Jesuit provincial.

Tel.: +36 (62) 241 491



# WNITÁRIUS TEMPLOM (UNITARIAN CHURCH) Völgy utca

Although in 1567 Unitarians from Transylvania already had followers in Hódmezővásárhely, the local Unitarian Church was only founded in 1877. Instead of the old house of prayer, in 1910 a small eclectic church was erected. The church was refurbished in 2012.

Tel.: +36 (70) 576 7208



# HÍMZŐMŰHELY (EMBROIDERY WORKSHOP) Szent István u. 77.

The embroidery of Vásárhely is the heritage of Hódmezővásárhely. On the Great Plain people used to embroider the pillows of beds with wool, but then they were not used in the beds just kept on top of them with the aim of decoration.

Opening hours: Monday - Friday: 7.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m. Tel.: +36 (62) 241 058

## CSÚCSI FAZEKASHÁZ (POTTERY HOUSE IN CSÚCS) – Rákóczi u. 101.

The house of Sándor Vékony, an outstanding master of folk pottery in the 20th century, was built between 1850-1880. His house is a museum displaying the poor surroundings, hard life and a workshop of potters. The workshop was left as the master used it for five decades. The Pottery House in Csúcs opened in 1974.

Visitors are expected to make previous appointments.

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Erzsébeti út (towards Békéssámson, Tótkomlós) 7 km from the city

The windmill was built in 1856 by Bálint Csánki. It became the property of the Papi family in 1891. During their ownership the mill built on a small hill was running with its original function until the 1940's together with the miller's house next to it.

Visitors are expected to make previous appointments.

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#### TÉGLAGYÁRI TANÖSVÉNY (STUDY PATH AT THE EARLIER BRICK WORKS)

Study Path at the earlier brick works can be found in the north-eastern part of Hódmezővásárhely right at the edge of the city. This natural habitat covering about 20 hectares can be walked within 1.5-2 hours. It got its name from the brick works, which worked there in the 19-20th centuries.

CSOMORKÁNYI TEMPLOMROM (CHURCH RUINS IN CSOMORKÁNY)

It can be found about 17 km from Hódmezővásárhely, not far
from the road between Hódmezővásárhely and Kardoskút.

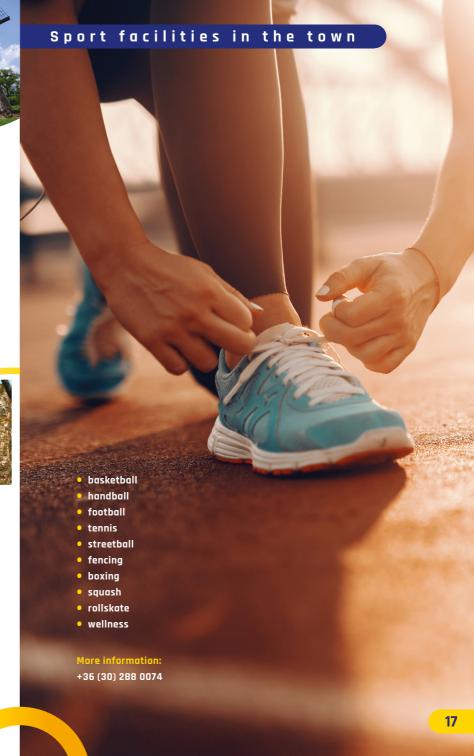
The brick church in Roman and Gothic style with a semi-circle apse and counterfort was built in the 13-14th century. The ruins are open to visit.

## KOPÁNCSI TANYAMÚZEUM (FARM MUSEUM IN KOPÁNCS)

The present sight of the Kovács farm, which was built around 1890, represents the circumstances of the 1920's. It is a crop-growing, animal-keeping type of farm with a stable and a cow-shed, a roofed barn, summer-manger, granary and a barn for maize. The dwelling house is a room-kitchen-pantry arrangement with an earthware oven in the room. All the equipment necessary for a peasant farm can be found in the stable.

Visitors are expected to make a previous appointment for a visit. **Tel.:** +36 (62) 533 317

Find the QR code on over 200 protected buildings in the city!



# Relaxing, sports and entertainment

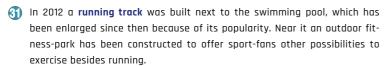
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GYARMATI DEZSŐ SPORTUSZODA
(SÁNDOR TÖRÖK SPA AND
GYARMATI DEZSŐ SWIMMING POOL)

Ady Endre út 1.

With its qualified medicinal water, outdoor pools, 3 huge slides, indoor pool suitable for international competitions, massage, sauna and other wellness services water-sport fans can find perfect circumstances for recreation and recovering. In the brandnew camping there are accommodation in mobile houses and space for tents or caravans.



Website: hodstrand.hu
Opening hours: 8.00-20.00



#### **BICYCLE TOURS**

Hódmezővásárhely is a city of bikers. Bike roads of more than 60 kilometers have been built to ensure possibility for bike traffic in the city and its surroundings.

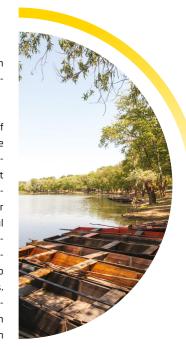
#### SOUND BOWL IN THE HÓDTÓ RELAXING PARK

The world consists of vibrations and waves: you can feel this with the help of this sound bowl. This is perfect to feel the experience of the sounding not just with our hearing but with other senses. It is good for children and adults also, but for blind and deaf people can be a nice experience. The bowl was placed in 2021.



Mártély, a village 6 kilometres away from Hódmezővásárhely, is perfect for an active holiday.

Visitors can cover the favorite places of anglers both by bike or canoe. Along the 13-kilometre long Study Path nature-lovers longing for making a tour can get to know the development, flora and fauna of the flood area. The Bertalan Bodnár Natural- and Environment Educational Centre serves the tourists with its different services all year round and the Adventure Park offers a perfect opportunity to people of all ages to try their skillfulness. From among the study paths the Washland Study Path is showing the northern part of the Mártély Landscape Protection Area, called Korhány. The wasteland hik-



ing route with its 8 stops is 2650 metres long, it takes about 2-2.5 hours to complete. When walking along, visitors can get an insight into how the backwater Mártély evolved. The Tisza Study Path represents the flora and fauna of the washland. It is 6850 metres long also with 8 stops. The Water Study Path is 4 kilometres long showing the life in the water of River Tisza and also in its backwater. The study paths may be visited individually as well thanks to the numerous information boards, but professional guides are also available, if required.

#### **Further information:**

Address: 6636 Mártély-Üdülőterület, Darvassy István u. 17-19.

Tel.: +36 (30) 744 7877, +36 (62) 530 388 (223 mellék)

Website: hadnarhertalan hadtav hu





# GREAT PLAIN ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND AGRICULTURAL DAYS EXHIBITION AND FAIR (May) – the road towards Székkutas

The Great Plain Animal Husbandry and Agricultural Days offer a wide range of programs, such as sheep-shearing, cooking competition, the musical equestrian carousel, coach-driving, dressage, foal demonstration, voltage, ladies' horse-show, horse games, show jumping competition, greyhound competition and agility obstacle race for dogs.

Further information: allattenyesztesinapok.hu, Tel.: +36 (62) 530 630

# CULTURAL EVENTS FOR SAINT ISTVÁN'S DAY (August)

Folk dance and operetta gala, concerts and exhibitions - for four days the only thing to do in Hódmezővásárhely is to enjoy the variations of a cultural experience.

Beyond the main attractions it is an excellent opportunity to taste the products of famous winemakers during the Wine and Pólinka Festival.

#### Further information:

hodmezovasarhelv.hu

Tel.: +36 (62) 530 183, +36 (62) 533 317



## "VÁSÁRHELYI ÍZÖK" FESTIVAL ("TASTES OF VÁSÁRHELY" FESTIVAL) (September)

The aim of the festival is to present the special dishes of Vásárhely. Besides the cooking competition and children's programmes, visitors, of course, may taste local delicacies.

Further information: bfmk.hu, Tel.: +36 (62) 533 317

## VÁSÁRHELYI AUTUMN EXHIBITION (ŐSZI TÁRLAT), AUTUMN WEEKS, AUTUMN FAIR (October)

The Vásárhelyi Autumn Exhibition is a unique fine art display in Europe as there is no other exhibition on the continent that has been organised yearly since 1954.

**Further information:** hodmezovasarhely.hu **Tel.:** +36 (62) 530 183, +36 (62) 533 317

#### CHRISTMAS FAIR, ICE-RINK (December)

All types of merchandise are available in the Christmas Fair, from goods of local craftsmen to the most creative presents. Mulled wine, roasted chestnut and other delicacies are also on sale next to the ice-rink.

## Information

#### TRAFFIC

- Local parking: It must be paid between 08.00 18.00 in inner town on weekdays. Tickets can be bought from parking machines placed at different parts of the parking zones.
- Coach Station: Bocskai u. 5., Tel.: +36 (62) 535 050
- Railway Station: Central Station, Tel.: +36 (15) 162 004;
   Népkert Station, Tel.: +36 (62) 241 074
- MÁV train ticket information: +36 (1) 349 4949; +36 (20/30/70) 499
   4999
- Taxi: +36 (80) 625 625, +36 (80) 620 444, +36 (80) 621 111,
   +36 (80) 628 628, +36 (62) 222-222
- Local traffic: there are buses in every hour which grant connection to the tram train (tram between Hódmezővásárhely and Szeged)

Menetrend (buszok):

Menetrend (tram-train):





POST OFFICE: Central Post Office, Hódi Pál u. 2. ,Tel.: +36 (62) 241 380

#### **PUBLIC INTERNET:**

- Public Library, Andrássy út 44., Tel.: +36 (62) 246 811
- In Kossuth Square free wifi

#### **OTHER ENTERTAINMENT:**

Vásárhelyi Ifjúsági Klub (Young's Club), Dr. Rapcsák András út.

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**DOCTOR ON DUTY:** +36 (70) 370 3104,

PHARMACY: Központi Gyógyszertár: Szegfű u. 2 · +36 (62) 245 425



# Accommodation

#### **SUNCITY HOLIDAY RESORT**

6800 Hódmezővásárhely-Kopáncs, Tanya 1. Tel: +36 (70) 770 0025; +36 (70) 382 2527 E-mail:

szallas@suncityszabadidokozpont.hu; Website:

suncityszabadidokozpont.hu/szallas

#### **GINKGO HOTEL \*\*\*\***

6800 Hódmezővásárhely, Zrínyi u. 2.

Tel.: +36 (62) 532 532

Fax: +36 (62) 532 533

E-mail: info@ginkgohotel.hu

Website: ginkgohotel.hu

#### **KENGURU PANSION, HOTEL\*\*\* AND INN**

6800 Hódmezővásárhely Szántó Kovács János u. 78.

Tel: +36 (62) 534 841 Tel./fax: +36 (62) 534 840

E-mail: kengurugm@kengurugm.hu

Website: kenguruhotel.hu

#### **GALAMBDÚC GUESTHOUSE**

6800 Hódmezővásárhely, Galamb u. 25.

Tel: +36 (30) 326 9745 E-mail: virenke54@gmail.com

# Catering

#### **CORNER COFFEE**

6800 Hódmezővásárhely Andrássy út 27.

Tel.: +36 (20) 281 9892 Facebook: CornerCoffee

#### TÓBIÁS TANYA GUESTHOUSE

6800 Hódmezővásárhely, Szentkirály tanya 9. Tel.: +36 (30) 963 1981 E-mail: tobias01@freemail.hu Website: www.tobiastanya.hu

#### GUEST ROOMS OF BODNÁR BERTALAN EDUCATION CENTRE

Mártély Resort place, Darvassy I. u. 17-19.

Tel.: +36 (62) 228 583 Mobil: +36 (30) 744 7877

Website: bodnarbertalan.hodtav.hu

#### **GUEST ROOMS OF RETIRED PARK**

6800 Hódmezővásárhely, Pető F. u. 4. Tel.: +36 (62) 535 840, +36 (30) 606 8757

Fax. +36 (62) 535 844

E-mail: nyugdijas.lakopark@hmszzrt.hu Website: nyugdijaslakopark.hodtav.hu



# Tourinform Office

6800 Hódmezővásárhely, Andrássy út 34.

Tel.: +36 (62) 249 350

E-mail: hodmezovasarhely@tourinform.hu

#### Opening hours:

Monday: 10.00-15.45;

Tuesday to Thursday: 7.45-15.45;

Friday: 7.45-13.30 Closed on weekend!

#### Services:

- information considering the touristic offers of Hungary
- tickets and season tickets for local buses and long-distance coaches
- Vásárhely card registration (vasarhelykartya.hu)

 The office has joined ticketportal.hu ticket-selling system so tickets for events and concerts of great importance can also be purchased at the office



# DIFFERENT KINDS OF SOUVENIRS IN THE TOURINFORM OFFICE!

- Books, postcards, magnets, embroidery, embroidered masks, handmade glass jewellery;
- Promotional products of Hódmezővásárhely: T-shirts with city coat of arms, umbrellas, smart pen, crystal wine glass. A mug with a new logo in two colors and a gymbag in 5 colours!







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