



## Hungarian Benedictine Congregation Archabbey Pannonhalma **TriCollis Tourist Office of the Archabbey**

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### **ARCHABBEY PANNONHALMA**

In 996 Prince Géza settled Benedictine monks on the Sacred Mount of Pannonia. The monastery, confirmed in its rights by King Saint Stephen, was commissioned to propagate Christianity and European culture in Hungary. Monks living there follow the Rule of Saint Benedict. They choose this way of life in order to seek God through prayer and communal living.

The basilica of the Abbey, built in late Romanesque and early Gothic style, is one of the masterpieces of the medieval Hungarian architecture and it is surrounded by the building of the monastery. In addition to the basilica the cloister from the days of King Matthias (15<sup>th</sup> century) and the classicistic library can also be visited by guests. The buildings preserve messages from different ages and the unique beauty of the exhibited relics and also the diverse cultural heritage is that they are still used by a living community for the purposes for which they were originally created.

The buildings of the Archabbey and the surrounding area were officially declared a part of the World Heritage in December 1996.

The Archabbey offers guided tours for visitors, beginning from the Reception building. New facilities, such as the fifteen-minute film showings provide guests with a means to gain insight into the life of the Benedictine monastic community.

Following the film, a local guide shows guests around the accessible parts of the Archabbey such as the basilica, crypt, cloister and library. From March 2007 following the guided tours, the Archabbey will provide guests with the opportunity to visit a sacral architectural exhibition on the ground floor of the library. The exhibition also can be visited independent of a guided tour; doing so requires a special admission ticket.

Guided tours in the Archabbey take about one and a half hours.

### **THE WINERY OF ARCHABBEY PANNONHALMA**

Through the centuries, the life of the monks was closely connected with grapes and wine. The Archabbey had its own winery until the time that all church properties were taken into state ownership by the communist government after 1945. Confiscation, following World War II, however destroyed the monastic viticulture that prospered for nearly a thousand years. The Archabbey of Pannonhalma and the Hungarian Bank of Foreign Trade took the opportunity, provided by recent political changes, to unite in reviving this essential part of Hungary's national culture. Revival of the monastic viticultural tradition began with planting new grape-vines after re-purchasing some of the former properties of the Archabbey. Continued revival efforts produced a new winery and wine house. The Archabbey Winery has been open to visitors since March 2004.

Guided tours in the winery start at the meeting point near the library exit. Following a short walk, the local guide brings visitors to the Archabbey Winery (press house and wine house) and describes the wine-making process. The guided tour through the Archabbey Winery offers, by request, wine tasting as well.

## SIGHTS IN THE MONASTERY

### Inside the Abbey

#### *with guided tour:*

basilica and crypt from the 13<sup>th</sup> century  
 cloister from the 15<sup>th</sup> century  
 library from the 19<sup>th</sup> century  
 exhibition (from April 2008)  
*(it also can be visited **independently**)*

### Outside the Abbey

#### *with guided tour:*

Winery of Pannonhalma Archabbey

#### *without guided tour:*

Our Lady Chapel from 1710's  
 Millennium Monument from 1896  
 botanical garden, park forest, look-out tower

## VISITING THE ABBEY

**The Archabbey is a living monastery; it can therefore only be visited with a local guide. The basilica, the crypt and the cloister are closed to visitors on Sundays and feast days during church services, concerts and during other liturgical occasions.**

### 1. Guided tours for individual visitors:

	Guided tours in the Abbey		Guided tours in the Winery	Opening hours of the pay-desk
	In Hungarian	in English / German		
<b>04.04. – 30.04.</b> <b>Mondays closed</b>	09.00, 10.00, 11.00, 12.00, 13.00, 14.00, 15.00, 16.00	11.20, 13.20	only according to preliminary registration between 10 and 19 o'clock	09.00 – 16.00
<b>01.05. – 31.05.</b> <b>Mondays open</b>			only according to preliminary registration between 10 and 19 o'clock	
<b>01.06. – 30.09.</b> <b>Mondays open</b>	09.00, 10.00, 11.00, 12.00, 13.00, 14.00, 15.00, 16.00, 17.00	11.20, 13.20, 15.20	only according to preliminary registration between 10 and 19 o'clock	09.00 – 17.00
<b>01.10. – 11.11.</b> <b>Mondays closed</b>	09.00, 10.00, 11.00, 12.00, 13.00, 14.00, 15.00, 16.00	11.20, 13.20 only according to preliminary registration	only according to preliminary registration between 10 and 19 o'clock	09.00 – 16.00
<b>12.11. – 20.03.</b> <b>Mondays closed</b>	10.00, 11.00, 12.00, 13.00, 14.00, 15.00	11.20, 13.20 only according to preliminary registration	only according to preliminary registration between 10 and 19 o'clock	10.00 – 15.00

### 2. Guided tours for groups:

Following preliminary registration, guided tours for groups start upon arrival as soon as possible during opening hours.

**English-** and **German-**speaking groups visiting the Archabbey and the Winery are guided by the local guides of TriCollis Tourist Office in **English** and **German** languages. The group's own guide has the possibility to translate Hungarian guiding only to languages other than English or German.

During preliminary registration, there exists the option for pilgrim groups to serve their own masses.



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### **PROGRAMS IN THE ARCHABBEY PANNONHALMA IN 2008**

#### **1. Exhibition**

##### **“From the Icon to the Installation”**

Beginning in April 2008, guests have the opportunity to visit a temporary **exhibition** on the ground floor of the library. Guided tours also include a visit to this exhibition, but it can be visited independently as well by purchasing a special admission ticket.

#### **2. Organ concerts**

<b>24 March 2008</b>	<b>Easter Monday at 3.30 PM</b> <i>Performer: Róbert, Kovács (organ)</i>
<b>12 May 2008</b>	<b>Whit Monday at 3.30 PM</b> <i>Performer: Zsolt, Kiss (organ)</i>
<b>20 August 2008</b>	<b>Day of Saint Stephen at 3.30 PM</b> <i>Performer: László, Hoffmann (organ)</i>
<b>23 October 2008</b>	<b>National Holiday at 3.30 PM</b> <i>Performer: Lukács, Áment OSB (organ)</i>
<b>26 December 2008</b>	<b>Boxing Day at 1.30 PM and at 3.30 PM</b> <i>Performer: Lukács, Áment OSB (organ)</i> <i>With: Saint Martin Chamber Choir</i>

#### **3. Arcus Temporum V. – Pannonhalma Art Festival**

**Date of the event: 22-24 August 2008**

For further information about the three-day-festival and for archives of former years' festival events, please, visit [www.arcustemporum.hu](http://www.arcustemporum.hu).

Opportunity of program modification is reserved!

# ARCHABBEY PANNONHALMA

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### ADMISSION FEES FOR 2008

<b>ADMISSION FEES TO THE ABBEY INCLUDING HUNGARIAN GUIDED TOUR</b>	
<b>Adults</b>	<b>1.700,-</b>
Adults (only during liturgical occasions)	1.000,-
<b>Students</b>	<b>800,-</b>
Students (only during liturgical occasions)	500,-
<b>Family ticket</b>	<b>3.800,-</b>
Family ticket (only during liturgical occasions)	2.000,-
<b>Pilgrims</b>	<b>600,-</b>
<b>ADMISSION FEES TO THE ABBEY INCLUDING TOUR IN FOREIGN LANGUAGES</b>	
<b>Adults</b>	<b>2.400,-</b>
Adults (only during liturgical occasions)	1.700,-
<b>Students</b>	<b>1.500,-</b>
Students (only during liturgical occasions)	1.200,-
<b>Family ticket</b>	<b>6.000,-</b>
Family ticket (only during liturgical occasions)	3.500,-
<b>Pilgrims</b>	<b>1.400,-</b>
<b>PRIVATE TOURS</b> (UP TO 10 PERSONS, BESIDES SCHEDULED TIMES)	
<b>In Hungarian language</b>	<b>15.000,-</b>
In Hungarian language (only during liturgical occasions)	8.000,-
<b>In foreign languages</b>	<b>20.000,-</b>
In foreign languages (only during liturgical occasions)	10.000,-
<b>ADMISSION FEES TO ORGAN CONCERTS</b> (SEATS ARE NOT RESERVED, RESERVATION IN ORDER OF ARRIVAL)	
Special organ concerts for groups - with a length of 20-25 min. (for the group only, according to preliminary registration)	50.000,-
Traditional concert; adults	1.700,-
Traditional concert; students	800,-
<b>ADMISSION FEES AND GUIDED TOURS IN THE ARCHABBEY WINERY</b>	
<b>Guided tour with wine-tasting including 5 wines (following Abbey-visit)</b>	<b>2.200.-</b>
<b>Guided tour with wine-tasting including 3 wines (following Abbey-visit)</b>	<b>1.400.-</b>
<b>Guided tour without wine-tasting (following Abbey-visit)</b>	<b>500.-</b>
Guided tour with wine-tasting including 5 wines (without Abbey-visit)	2.400.-
Guided tour with wine-tasting including 3 wines (without Abbey-visit)	1.600.-
Guided tour without wine-tasting (without Abbey-visit)	600.-

- Admission free for the following persons:
  - tour guides and bus drivers, press associates, disabled people