

Esztergom

The population of the town is about 30,000. Esztergom, in the **western gateway of the Danube Bend**, the seat of the kings of the Árpád dynasty, is the **centre of the Roman Catholic Church** in Hungary. The Castle Hill is the richest in sights in the town mellowed with age. The medieval Royal Palace, housing the **Castle Museum of the Hungarian National Museum** is the oldest stone fortress of the country. **The Cathedral**, the most monumental building of the Catholic Church in Hungary, was built on the plateau of the hill in the 19th century. Its predecessor, the old Saint Adalbert Cathedral was built by Saint István, the first King of Hungary at the beginning of the 11th century. In the 16th century next to it the **Bakócz Chapel**, one of the most significant monuments of Hungarian Renaissance architecture was built and can be seen in full splendour in the existing Cathedral. **The Treasury of the Cathedral** displayed here incorporates the most valuable collection of Hungarian religious art. Of the masterpieces of goldsmith's and textile art the most outstanding one is the Calvary of King Mátyás, one of the finest pieces of medieval European goldsmith's art. A comprehensive picture of Italian painting is offered by the material of the **Esztergom Christian Museum**, housed in the Primate's Palace. A unique work of medieval Hungarian wood carving, the Lord's Coffin of Garamszentbenedek, used for liturgical purposes in the medieval times, can be seen here. Another interesting public collection of the town is the **Danube Museum of the Hungarian Museum of Water Conservancy**, showing the history of water management practiced by the peoples living along the river. Exhibitions of local history and archaeology are displayed in the **Balassa Museum**.

Sights:

1. Christian Museum

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2. Treasury of Head Cathedral

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06 (33) 402-354, 06 (33) 402-353

- 3. Castle Museum of the Hungarian National Museum**
2500 Esztergom , Szent István tér 1.
varmegom@invitel.hu
www.varmuzeum.ini.hu
06 (33) 415-986, 06 (33) 500-095
- 4. "Kis-Strázsa-hegyi" Path**
2500 Esztergom , Kertváros
dinpi@dinpi.hu
www.dinpi.hu
06 (30) 663-4620, 06 (1) 200-1168
- 5. Babits Mihály Memorial Museum**
2500 Esztergom , Előhegy, Babits Mihály u. 11.
balassamuz.e@vnet.hu
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06 (33) 412-185
- 6. Danube Museum of the Hungarian Museum of Water Conservancy**
2500 Esztergom , Kölcsey u. 2.
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