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MÁRIA ÚT

Pilgrimage across Central Europe

Along Values

**SOUTHERN TRANSDANUBIAN
PILGRIMAGE**

The "Mária Gardens rest spots" project was created as a development of the Maria Route's stretches in the southern Trans-Danubian region. This project was funded by the European Union and the Hungarian government and serves the purpose of providing resting stations where you can find shelter from the rain; appropriate kneelers for solitary prayer; and statues of the Virgin Mary. As part of the project, you are able to download onto your smartphone a GPS-based mobile guide. The interactive website of the southern Transdanubian Mária Route premium pilgrimage route also contains an interactive tourist database which simplifies the pilgrim's access to important information. The project funding also covered a guide providing a map; pamphlet and book popularizing the pilgrimage; and designated courses for the cause. The project's provided resources add up to 256, 126 million HUF, which cover the 95% of the project. The project began on 2014.06.02 and closed on 2015.12.15. The project was realized under the project number "DDOP-2.1.1/A-B-12-2012-0013".



“What is Maria Route?”

Maria Route is the Pilgrimage of Central Europe, which leads from the Austrian Mariazell to Csíksomlyó in Transylvania. The approximately 1400km walking distance is divided into 60 daily stages. The most important Marian shrines along the Way are: Mariazell, Celldömölk, Bakonybél, Majkpuszta, Máriabesnyő, Beaded, Máriapócs, Cluj, Târgu Mureș, Șumuleu Ciuc, along the northern branch Esztergom, Márianosztra, Mátraverebély. The north-south route between Czestochowa in Poland and Bosnia Medjugorje is in initial construction phase. The north-south together with the west-east route overlaps Central Europe shaping a cross. The north-south direction - apart from short sections - exists only virtually, just as a GPS tracks. Additional sub-branches and alternative pathways complement the main branch, thus creating a network of various places of pilgrimage, of natural and cultural values. The pilgrim encounters the wonders of nature, the works of God seeking man and the traces of the spirit of prayer walking along the Route. This is a real opportunity to the people to be open to the Creator. And if the encounter happens it may turn a man's life around. The road becomes our internal route - one can return home from a longer pilgrimage spiritually renewed, with experiences lasting a lifetime. Along the route, we marvel the beauty of the created world, the diversity of human communities intertwined with each other every day. The sacrifice, the mystery and the upliftment of the pilgrimage, allows us to meet with God and at the same give testimony about Him. Several central questions of our existence can convert to our personal experience as walking the pilgrimage. The Maria Route is actually not outside, but is built up in your own soul.

Mária Gardens in southern Transdanubia:

- Áta, Bakonya, Boda, Cserkút, Drávaszabolcs, Kővágószőlős, Kővágótöttös, Magyarsarlós, Nagykozárd, Szóké

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Further Information:

www.mariaut.hu

www.ddop.mariaut.hu

Sightseeing in southern Transdanubia:

- Máriagyűd: The first church is said to have been built by King Géza II. in 1148. The current shrinal church was built between 1739-1742. The original monastery has been built into the new church in the form of a shrine or sanctuary. The indulgence is held at Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, and at the Assumption of Mary.
- Görcsöny: The church's presence is one of the oldest, which - along with ten other settlements - dates back to the time of St. Stephen. One can find Rebel's beautiful copy of Madonna dating back to 1700.
- Pécs: regional capital (the vicinity of the Bazilica, the Zsolnay quarter, 250 various monuments, Modern Hungarian Gallery, Csontvary Museum, Martyn Ferenc Museum...).
- Siklós: the castle of Siklós, which is one of the best preserved castles from 18th century Hungary
- Harkány: location of renowned quality bath