



S I G H T S KECSKEMÉT



WELCOME TO KECSKEMÉT!

Discover the famous historical sights, cultural and leisure facilities of Kecskemét.

BIG CATHOLIC CHURCH

The dominant building of the main square, built between 1774 and 1806, is the largest cathedral in the Great Plain. Its clockwork is one of the oldest in the country still in use, and has the largest clock face in Hungary.



TOWN HALL



The outstanding example of Hungarian Art Nouveau was built between 1893-97 by the plans of Ödön Lechner and Gyula Pártos. The carillon at the balcony has been operating since 1983. The signal can be heard every hour, the 37 bells play Hungarian classics (Kodály, Erkel) at 12.05 p.m., Händel, Beethoven and Mozart at

18.00 p.m. and Hungarian folk songs at 20.00 p.m. You can register to visit the Ceremonial Hall at the new Kecskemét City Hall Visitor Centre, which is a unique interactive exhibition (20/490-9909 • info@kecskemetvaroshaza.hu).

SZENT MIKLÓS CHURCH

The oldest architectural monument of the town is the church of St. Nicholas, built in the 14th century, also known as the Church of Franciscan Friars, since it was looked after by the Franciscan Order in the 17th century. It is of religious historical importance that it was used jointly by Catholics and Protestants until 1564.



KODÁLY ZOLTÁN INSTITUTE OF MUSIC PEDAGOGY



The building of the former Franciscan monastery, built between 1700 and 1736, houses the Kodály Institute of the Liszt Ferenc Academy of Music. The institute has been dedicated to teaching the music education concept of the famous composer and music teacher Zoltán Kodály (1882-1967), born in Kecskemét, to foreign and Hungarian music teachers since 1975. The concerts and the temporary exhibition in the newly renovated building are open to the public.

KODÁLY MONUMENT

Next to the Calvinist Church facing the Kodály Institute is the Psalmus Hungaricus monument, reminiscent of the Gothic winged altars, which was erected in honour of Zoltán Kodály in 2007. The Psalmus Hungaricus is one of Kodály's most famous compositions. It also pays tribute to Mihály Végő of Kecskemét, the author of the Hungarian Psalm.



KATONA JÓZSEF NATIONAL THEATRE



In 1826, József Katona, as the chief prosecutor of Kecskemét, initiated the idea of a permanent theatre in the city. It was 70 years before the city's neo-Baroque theatre was finally completed in 1896, the year of the Millennium, based on the plans of the renowned Viennese architects Hermann Helmer and Ferdinand Fellner, and bearing a strong resemblance

to the Vígyszínház in Budapest, which they also designed. The Trinity Column in front of the theatre commemorates the victims of the plague of 1739-40.

NEW CALVINIST COLLEGE

The building of the New College, which houses the Kecskemét Calvinist Primary School and Secondary School, blends influences of Transylvanian folk architecture and the North German Jugendstil style, while at the same time it reflects the atmosphere of the Great Hungarian Plain.



CIFRAPALOTA



One of the most beautiful buildings of the Hungarian Art Nouveau. The "modern and Hungarian" style represented by Ödön Lechner was combined with the international aspirations of Art Nouveau by Géza Márkus, the building's designer. The majolica ceramic inserts on the façade, the roof tiles, the pyrogranite sculptures and the ornate chimneys were all made in the

Zsolnay factory in Pécs. Originally built as an apartment building, it also housed shops, warehouses and a casino. It is now the art gallery of the Katona József Museum.

HOUSE OF SCIENCE AND ARTS

The former synagogue in Moresque-Romantic style was converted into a conference centre in the 1970s. Today it is the House of Science and Arts, which houses 15 replicas of the most famous works of Italian Renaissance sculptor, Michelangelo Buonarrotti.



LUTHERAN CHURCH



The foundation stone of the church was laid in 1862. The church was designed by Miklós Ybl, one of the greatest masters of the time, in the semicircular style of romantic historicism, with neo-Romanesque elements. The church is the venue for many concerts, in which its neo-Baroque organ plays an important role.

YOUTH CENTRE

The former craftsmen's house is a typical Art Nouveau building, the work of Marcell Komor and Dezső Jakab. Today it houses one of the country's most beautiful art cinemas and the Hírös Agóra Youth Centre. It is a popular venue for children's programmes, workshops and camps.



THE CALVINIST CHURCH



The wooden church of the Kecskemét Reformed denomination burnt to ashes in the great fire of Kecskemét in 1678, and a new church was planned to be built in its place. Since Christian churches were not allowed to be built in Hungary during the Turkish occupation, the Calvinists of Kecskemét went to Sultan Mohammed IV himself for permission. In exchange for a lot of gold coins, they received the Sultan's permission and the church was built in 1684.

MUSEUMS

- **Bozsó Collection**
Klapka utca 34., Tel: +36-76/324-625, www.bozso.net
- **Cifrapalota, Cifra Palace**
Rákóczi út 1., Tel: +36-76/480-776, www.kkjm.hu/cifrapalota
- **Katona József Memorial House**
Katona József utca 5., Tel: +36-76/328-420,
www.kecskemet.hu/katona-jozsef-emlekhaz
- **Leskowsky Collection of Musical Instruments**
Rákóczi út 15., Tel: 36-76/486-616, www.hangszergyujtemeny.hu
- **Hungarian Museum of Photography**
Katona József tér 12., Tel: +36-20/263-2632, www.fotomuzeum.hu
- **Museum of Hungarian Naïv Artse**
Gáspár András körút, Tel: +36-76/324-767, www.kkjm.hu/naiv
- **International Ceramics Studio**
Kápolna utca 11., Tel: +36-76/486-867, www.icshu.org
- **Collection of Folk Art**
Serfőző utca 19/a., Tel: +36-76/327-203, [iparmuveszeti](http://www.kkjm.hu/nepi-
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Kölcsey utca 3., Tel: +36-76/329-964, www.kkjm.hu/orvostorteneti
- **Ráday Museum**
Kálvin tér 1., Tel: +36-76/486-226, www.radaymuzeum.hu
- **Szórakáténusz Toy Museum and Workshop**
Gáspár András körút 11., Tel: +36-76/481-469, www.kkjm.hu/szorakatenusz
- **House of Science and Arts**
Rákóczi út 2., Tel: +36-76/505-688, www.titbkkm.hu
- **Kecskemét City Hall Visitor Center**
Kossuth tér 1., Tel: +36-76/512-242, www.kecskemetvaroshaza.hu
- **Zwack Kecskemét Pálinka Distillery**
Matkói út 2., Tel: +36-76/487-711, www.zwackunicum.hu

CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS

- **Ciróka Puppet Theatre**
Budai utca 15., Tel: +36-76/482-217, www.ciroka.hu
- **Katona József National Theatre**
Katona József tér 5., Tel: +36-76/501-170, www.kecskemetinemzeti.hu
- **Kelemen László Chamber Theatre**
Rákóczi út 15., Tel: +36-76/501-170, www.kecskemetinemzeti.hu
- **Ruszt József Studio Theatre**
Katona József tér 10., Tel: +36-76/501-170, www.kecskemetinemzeti.hu
- **Hírös Agóra Cultural and Youth Centre**
Deák Ferenc tér 1., Tel: +36-76/503-880, www.hirosagora.hu
- **Katona József Library**
Piaristák tere 8., Tel: +36-76/500-550, www.kjmk.hu
- **Planetarium**
Lánchíd utca 18/a., Tel: +36-76/505-075, www.plani.hu

SPORT

- **Messzi István Sport Stadium**
Olimpia u. 1/a.; Tel: +36-76/500-320 (248m), www.sportcsarnok-kecskemet.hu
- **Kecskemét Athletic Centre**
Csabay G. krt. 1/a.; Tel: +36-76/500-320 (244m)
- **Széktói Stadium**
Csabay G. krt. 1/a.; Tel: +36-76/500-320 (244m)
- **Kecskemét Aqua Bath**
Csabay Géza körút 5., Tel: +36-76/500-320, www.kecskemetifurdo.hu
- **Kecskemét Aqua Park**
Csabay Géza körút 2., Tel: +36-76/417-407, www.kecskemetifurdo.hu/strand
- **Benkó Zoltán Recreation Centre**
Nyíri út 61, Csabay Géza körút 7., Tel: +36-20/282-1128,
www.szabadidokozpont-kecskemet.hu
- **Wakeboard**
Csabay Géza körút 7., Tel: +36-30/903-1933
- **Gokart Stadium**
Szent László körút 66., Tel: +36-30/866-0602, www.birizdokart.hu
- **Bowling Center**
Rávagy tér 3., Tel: +36-76/486-936, www.bowling-center.hu

USEFUL INFORMATION

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- **Intercity bus station Noszlopy Gáspár park 1.**, Tel: +36-76/321-777
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- **Post office Kálvin tér 10-12.**, +36-76/486-586
- **Market Budai út 2/a.**, Tel: +36-76/503-210
- **Police station Batthyány utca 14.**, Tel: +36-76/484-684 vagy 112

NATURAL HERITAGE


- **Kiskunság National Park Headquarters and The House of Nature**
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- **Arboretum**
Nyíri út 48., Tel: +36-76/492-455, www.kecskemetiARBoretum.hu
- **Nyíri woods**
Kecskemét-Hetényegyháza, Tel: +36-76/706-060, www.vackorvar.hu
- **Kecskemét Zoo**
Műkerti sétány 1., Tel: +36-76/320-121, www.zookecskemet.hu



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