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# 1. Geographical location

Eger is the second largest city in Northern Hungary after Miskolc and 19th largest city in Hungary. The total area of Eger is 92.2 km2 and is at a high elevation of 165 m (541ft) above sea level. The density of Eger is at 610.8. It is surrounded by the Bukk Mountains which has the highest peak at 960 meters and there are around 1,115 known caves in the Bukk Mountains with the deepest being at 254 meters.



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# 2. Neighbouring cities/countries

Eger Is The Capital Of Haves County In Northern Hungary. Northern Hungary Has Three Regions I.e. Haves, Borsod-Abaúj-Zemplén And Nograd. Miskolc (82.7 Km) Is Regional Capital Of Northern Hungary And It Is The Only Town Larger Than Eger In The Region. Budapest The Capital City Of Hungary Is Approximately 138 Km From Eger. Eger Is Surrounded By Vine Yards All Round Thus Making It The Region's Premier Wine Producer.



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# 3. Significance

Renowned for its castles, architecture, thermal baths, food, and red wines, Eger is a tourist's paradise. The history of the town goes back to the earliest settlements in the Stone Age. Having witnessed a long line of conquerors from all across the world who had ruled the region through the centuries, the city has a great cultural and historical heritage that still fascinates the visitors. Today, Eger is a popular tourist centre with its charming buildings, delicious food, and alluring collection of wines. Wine making is still the major industry here which also serves as the base for tourism activities in the region.

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# 4. History

Located in North Hungary, Eger is one of the historical towns which have immense cultural wealth. The town of Eger was designed and formed by the St. Stephen (997–1038) in the 10th century. The world-renowned Eger Castle was the first cathedral structure was built atop the Castle Hill. The town of Eger flourished around the cathedral, and it is poised as the foremost religious point in Hungary. After the Mongol invasion in 1241, the town was in ruins, however after their withdrawal, the town was revived once again. Development reached its peak in the medieval era in the 14th and 15th century. Forests were spread, vines were planted, townhouses were built and roads were constructed.





### 5. Cultural identity

The cultural identity of Eger is mainly prevalent in its architecture - its castles, cathedral, red wine, Baroque palaces and Turkish remains. The city boasts of many churches and cathedrals, and all of them are particularly big draws for tourists who are intrigued to come and experience the architectural delights of Eger on their own. Also, there are number of historic structures which ably recall the ethos of the Eger historical timeline. Tourists must also check out the numerous museums which are home to several historical relics of Eger and Hungary overall.

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### 6. Natural resources

It has a very rich reserve of natural resources that includes coal, silica, zinc, petroleum, tin, iron ore, limestone, salt, gypsum, arable land, clay, rocks, slate, chalk, etc. It also has a reserve of oil, bauxite, uranium, lignite, manganese and coal. The species of valuable plants and herbs are in abundance. The large number of species of flora and fauna are found. It is densely forested and the forest cover includes oak, lime, beech and deciduous plants. Species of animals such as Hare, fox, deer, boar are in abundance.

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# 7. Key site seeing places (paid and free)

#### 7.1. Paid

### 7.1.1. Castle of Eger

One of the historic sites in Hungary dating back to 16th century, Eger Castle is the most frequented attraction in the city. The Istvan Dobo Museum is situated in this castle that talks about its impressive history. The terrace collapsed in 1976 and was later rebuilt to give panoramic views of the city. Visit the sites or just wander around in the bounds of the Eger Castle; you are surely going to have an unforgettable experience.

Address : Eger, Vár 1, 3300 Hungary

Zipcode: 3300

Location: 47.9040518, 20.379642099999955

Contact: +36-36312744

Website: http://www.egrivar.hu/fooldal.html

Nearest Public Transport : Egervár Train Station

Entry Fee: There are different entry fees for different destinations – Museum: Adult – 1600 HUF Discounted Ticket (6 to 26 and 62 to 70 years old) – 800 HUF Additional Tickets – The Rebirth of the Gate – 300 HUF Guided tours of the mine monitoring aisle – 300 HUF Finnegans Wake Wax Museum: Adult – 500 HUF Discounted Ticket (6 to 26 and 62 to 70 years old) – 350 HUF Audio Guide – 400 HUF Special Guided tour – 6000 HUF + ticket Géza Gárdonyi Memorial House: Adult – 500 HUF Discounted Ticket (6 to 26 and 62 to 70 years old) – 250 HUF Memorial Library - The History of Eger Tobacco Factory, Valide Szultána Fürdőrom – Free admission Sándor Ziffer Gallery: Adult – 500 HUF Discounted Ticket (6 to 26 and 62 to 70 years old) – 250 HUF Discounted

Ticket (6 to 26 and 62 to 70 years old) – 250 HUF

Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes

Buy Ticket: Yes

### **7.1.2.** Minaret

Built in the 17th century, the Minaret is a reminder of the time when the Turkish had invaded Hungary. Christian Cross has now replaced the Islamic crescent on

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the minaret and there are slick stones to climb which can turn to be one of the most interesting climbs. The minaret is an architectural marvel with spellbinding views from the top.

Address : Knezich Karoly Utca 1, Eger 3300, Hungary

Zipcode: 3300

Location: 47.904653, 20.376382000000035

Contact: +36-702024353

Website: http://www.minareteger.hu/

Nearest Public Transport : Autóbuszállomás Eger Bus Station

Entry Fee: 300 HUF

Open & Close Timing: 1st April to 30th September: Daily 10:00hrs-18:00hrs 1st

October to 31st March: Daily 10:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required: 1

Expected Wait Time: 10 minutes

Buy Ticket: No

### 7.1.3. Kopcsik Marcipania

One of special culture homes in Eger, the Kopcsik Marcipania is a total cultural destination to experience the Hungarian tradition and lifestyle with a deep glimpse of the food culture and history that has remained unchanged with the times.

Address : Zalar u. 1-3, Eger, Harangöntő u. 4, 3300 Hungary

Zipcode: 3300

Location: 47.90468649999999, 20.3770088

Contact: +36-412626

Website: http://www.kopcsikmarcipania.hu/

Nearest Public Transport : Egrevar Train Station

Entry Fee : Adults: 800 HUF Student, senior: 400 HUF

Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required: 1.5

Expected Wait Time: 10 minutes

Buy Ticket: No

### 7.1.4. Astronomical Museum and Camera Obscura

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The tower was completed in 1776 and has 9 floors with magnificent interiors as well as classical works with vibrant cultural influences. The tower has a small, revolving dome housing a camera obscura and is home to some classical collections of 18th-century astronomical equipment, a planetarium, and an observatory. There is also the library that includes approximately 60,000 books with codices and manuscripts.

Address: Eszterhazyter 1, Eger, Hungary, 3300

Zipcode: 3300

Location: 47.9001023999999, 20.37620849999996

Contact: +36-36325211

Website: http://www.varazstorony.hu/

Nearest Public Transport : Autóbuszállomás Eger Bus Station

Entry Fee: Adults: 800 HUF Student: 500 HUF

Open & Close Timing: 1st Oct to 15th Oct - Tuesday to Sunday: 12:30hrs-15:30hhrs 16th Oct to 31st Oct - Saturday, Sunday - 09:30hrs-13:00hrs Closed Days: 1st Oct to 15th Oct - Monday; 16th Oct to 31st Oct - Monday to Friday

Time Required: 1

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket: No

# 7.1.5. Középkori Börtönmúzeum és Panoptikum Szilvásvárad

The illustrious and classic Wax Museum is home to some of the finest artistry and works that reflect the prisons of the medieval times. With precise and innovative impressions, every bit of art at the museum is of an exceptional quality that demonstrates the medieval times in all its grandeur and class.

Address: Szilvasvarad, Park utca, KozepkoriBortonmuzeum, 3348 Hungary

Zipcode: 3348

Location: 48.099217, 20.391366000000062

Contact : +36-304452075

Nearest Public Transport : Szalajkavölgy-Lovaspálya Train Station

Entry Fee: 300 HUF

Open & Close Timing: Saturday and Sunday: 10:00hrs-16:00hrs Monday to

Friday: Closed

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Time Required: 1

Expected Wait Time: 10 minutes

Buy Ticket: No

#### 7.1.6. Bükki National Park

Bukk National Park is a haven for nature-lovers along the valleys of the Bukk Mountains. The Bukk Mountains have limestone peaks with an elevation of 900 meters, making them the tallest mountains of Hungary. They have an indigenous and vibrant ecosystem with geological formations, diverse flora, and fauna. Miskolc-Tapolca tavasbarlang, Szent István Cave, Diósgyőr-Tapolca Cave and Anna Cave are the 4 caves located inside.

Address : 3304 Eger, Sancut 6, Hungary

Zipcode: 3304

Location: 48.0526791, 20.54181170000004

Contact : +36 36 411 581 Website : http://bnpi.hu/

Entry Fee: Guided tours (Professional guided tour – 4 hours): 900 HUF pp Throughout price ticket – 1200 HUF Discounted ticket (pensioners and children): 800 HUF preschooler discount – 300 HUF All the group-price ticket discount (over 20 people): 1000 HUF Group discounted tickets (over 20 people): 600 HUF Miocene Forest: 300 HUF Hollókő Village Museum, "Landscape And People" Exhibition, Hollókő: 200 to 250 HUF West Gate Field Education And Visitor Center, "The Karst And Its Wildlife" Exhibition, Felsőtárkány: 150 to 450 HUF Millennium View Tower, Szilvásvárad: 250 to 350 HUF Oszla Country House: 100 to 200 HUF Guided tour with interpretation (English, German, Russian): 1800 HUF/person; half-day (4 hours): 1200 HUF/person Guided cycling tour in the National Park: 1200 HUF/person Guided cave tour: 500-3400 HUF/person Participation fee for open programs: 300 HUF/person

Open & Close Timing: Monday to Friday: 07:30hrs-16:00hrs Saturday and Sunday: 07:30hrs-13:30hrs (depends upon the type of cave)

Time Required: 3

Expected Wait Time: 10 minutes

Buy Ticket: No

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#### **7.2. Free**

### 7.2.1. Bolyki Pinceszet

Bolyki Pinceszet is not just a winery; the facility is worth every bit of your time in Eger. With cultural events and festivals, it is amongst the most popular facilities in Hungary. Live events and shows are a grand occasion and the undisputed eyecatchers you just would not want to miss. Note: There are separate charges for wine-tasting tours.

Address: Eger, 3300 Hungary

Zipcode: 3300

Location: 47.8793132999999, 20.402810300000056

Contact: +36-706039474

Website: http://www.bolykipinceszet.hu/

Nearest Public Transport : Egrevar train station (Not Recommended)

Open & Close Timing: Wine Shops: Monday to Thursday: 08:00hrs-16:00hrs Friday: 08:00hrs-22:00hrs Saturday: 11:00hrs-22:00hrs Sunday: 10:00hrs-15:00hrs Wine Tasting: Monday to Thursday: Open to our guests after appointment booking. Every Friday: 17:00hrs-22:00hrs Saturdays: 11:00hrs-22:00hrs Every Sunday: 10:00hrs-15:00hrs at the indicated times by appointment without it is possible to taste and buy wine.

Time Required : 2 Buy Ticket : No

# 7.2.2. Egri Bazilika

The cathedral was supposedly established between 1831 to 1836 by József Hilda and commissioned by Archbishop JánosLászlóPyrker. Exemplifying the finest architecture in the city, it reflects Latin and Greek impressions. The monumental entrance is laced with statues of few saints, whereas the dome that rises to a height of 40 meters is beautifully decorated and has 2 bell towers in the surrounding. The baronial gives a brief history of Hungary in all its glory.

Address: Eger, Pyrker Jánostér 1, 3300 Hungary

Zipcode: 3300

Location: 47.8994386, 20.37327719999996

Contact: +36-36420970

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Website: http://www.eger-bazilika.plebania.hu/

Nearest Public Transport : Autóbuszállomás Eger Bus Station

Open & Close Timing: Monday to Saturday: 08:30hrs-18:00hrs Sunday:

13:00hrs-18:00hrs Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket: No

### 7.2.3. Dobó István tér

Dobó Square or Dobó István tér is the central and unified region of Eger that is embraced by 2 great monuments. One of which is captain István Dobó (1907) by AlajosStróbl and Border Castle Warriors that is a tribute to the defenders of the fortress of Eger made by ZsigmondKisfaludiStróbl. Head to this square to spend some time and marvel at the colossal statues.

Address: Dobótér, Eger, Hungary 3300

Zipcode: 3300

Location: 47.9021834, 20.377144600000065

Nearest Public Transport : Autóbuszállomás Eger Bus Station

Open & Close Timing: Open 24 hours

Time Required : 0.5 Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.4. Minorita Templom

Minorita Templum is one of the most classical baroque churches in the central region of Europe, which was once the convent church of St. Anthony of Padua. The construction of the church started in 1767 and was completed by 1770, and is one of the most contrasting symbols of Hungary. This church is the only exception in Hungary in terms of architecture, as the facade is slightly arched and not straight.

Address: Eger, DoboIstvanter 4, 3300 Hungary

Zipcode: 3300

Location: 47.9021813, 20.3773817

Contact: +36-36516614 (Fax)

Nearest Public Transport : Autóbuszállomás Eger Bus Station

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Open & Close Timing: Tuesday to Sunday: 09:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 1 Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.5. Saint Nikolaus Orthodox Church

The beautiful church was built with the design influenced by the concept and work of János Povolniin between years of 1785 and 1799. Built on the remains of the same site after 340 years since the burning of Saint Sava's, the church is surrounded by alluring gardens and showcases a wonderful panoramic view of the city.

Address : 3300 Eger, Vitkovicsutca 30

Zipcode: 3300

Location: 47.9079953, 20.3703931

Contact: +36 36 320 129

Nearest Public Transport : Egervár Train Station Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required: 0.5

Buy Ticket: No

### 7.2.6. Agria Park Bevásárlóközpont

Encompassing everything from best brands and entertainment sections to food corners and live events, Agria Park is a one-stop-shop destination for locals as well as tourists. Head here to buy some souvenirs and splurge on yourself.

Address : Eger, Törvényház u. 4, 3300 Hungary

Zipcode: 3300

Location: 47.8992615, 20.3685471999999

Time Required : o Buy Ticket : No

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# 8. Key sites sports & adventure

The suburban areas of Eger provide some adventure activities like paragliding, horse riding, etc. With the place being the finest location for extreme sports, Eger sees to become the finest destination for adventure lovers with hiking, mountaineering and paragliding being the core sports.

# • Szépasszonyvölgy -

Address: Szepasszonyvolgy, Eger, 3300 Hungary

Location : 47.890177,20.359053 Contact No : +36 36 416 886

Entry Fees: Free

Open / Close Time : Open 24 hours

Time Required: 5

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# 9. Adventure sports, Local sports, stadiums

Football is a popular sport in the city. One of the major stadiums is Szentmarjay Tibor Városi Stadion. It is the stadium is mostly used for football matches and is home to Egri FC. The stadium has a seating capacity of 6,000.



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# 10. Spas and relaxation

There is a range of spa treatments offered in Eger that deals mainly with wellness of body, mind and soul with famous acupressure, Ayurveda massage and sauna.

### • Saliris Spa:

Address : Egerszalók, Forrásutca 6, 3394 Hungary

Location: 47.8539440000001,20.3338919999999

Contact No: +36 36 688 600

Website: http://salirisresort.hu/en

### Hotel Korona:

Address : Eger, Tündérpart u. 5, 3300 Hungary

Location: 47.9039979,20.37019190000001

Contact No : +36 36 313 670

Website: http://koronahotel.hu/en

### • Bambara Hotel Premium:

Address : H-3324 Felsőtárkány, Bükkerdősétány 2-4

Location: 47.97675459999999,20.434039799999937

Contact No : +36 36 534 505

Website: https://bambara.hu/en

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#### 11. Events calendar

#### **Month**

Events
New Year @ various Venues Eger
(1st)

Eger locals celebrate the new year at different places and in different ways. People either go to churches, or clubs and others celebrate by staying home with family.

Palinka Festival @ Eger park courtyard (10th to 11th)

This is a festival that is awaited for long by the locals and tourists. You get a chance to taste the blend of the best apple pálinkas of the country for the first time and many apple related food and beverage specialities are available to accompany the pálinkas. There are jazz concerts and street musicians to add to the excitement.

Hollók? Easter Festival @Eger-Tokaj Wine Region (14th to 16th)

This festival has been a part of UNESCO since 1987. The village life of the past times is demonstrated with Easter Folk



customs. Visitors can involve themselves in activities like painting eggs, jiggering and many other handicrafts. Also, as a tradition, water is sprinkled on girls by the boys.

Saint Donat's Day EgriBikavérÜnnep @ Érsekkert (15th)

One of the biggest gestro wine festival in the year, you can taste the best wines of the region and different Hungarian dishes by the best cooks. Eger's finest restaurants setup in the park and offer their best fares. Excellent wines and delicious food – what else does one need at a wine festival!

Beer Festival @ Agria park Court

Yard (12th to 13th)

Come and sample from Eger's finest selection of premium beers. Visitors also get a chance to enjoy the traditional handicrafts and musical performances.

Grape Harvest Celebration @ the Valley of the Beuitful Women (10th)

September is an important

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month in Eger as locals from the surrounding hills come here to celebrate the grapes harvest. The event features wine testing and other various activities and programs. You must try the grape juice at this event.

All Saints Day @ Catholic Churches (1st)

All Saints Day is also known as All Hallows and is widely celebrated by the followers of Catholicism. They attend the mass in Churches and often commemorate by offering flowers on the graves or lighting candles on the graves.

Wine Salon @ Eger Hotel (29th)

This event is always the last wine event for the year. Wine makers present their finest blend of wine in this hall. The wine is presented for tasting to over 1000 guests visiting the place and the guests usually dress up depending on the theme.

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### 12. Key local guides and tours

Eger is a beautiful town with a lot to see and explore in every corner. A range of specialised tours are arranged for the visitors to enjoy the sites and sights of this city. Walking tours are the most popular ones as most of the sites are within walking distance from each other. Moreover, walking tours give a more personalised experience for the tourists as they get a chance to get closer to the local cultures and traditions. Cycle tours through the pretty cobbled streets of this historical town are a different experience for the adventure seekers. Touring through the castle sites and vineyards on a bicycle is quite refreshing. Wine tasting tours are probably the most attractive tours in Eger. The endless number of vineyards and the wide range of wines offer quite a heady experience for the tourists.

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### 13. Transportation hubs

There is no airport in Eger. Visitors who arrive at the Budapest Ferenc Liszt International Airport can reach Eger by train, bus, or car. The train journey takes 2 hours 20 minutes. A bus ride from Budapest will take more than 2 hours to reach Eger. Buses operate from other major Hungarian cities as well. A direct train journey from Budapest to Eger will cost about 2725 HUF for a one way ticket. If there is a change of trains at the Füzesabony station, the fare will be 3025 HUF. Coach ticket rate is about 2,900 HUF. A taxi ride from Budapest to Eger will cost around 3023 HUF. The main railway station is 1.5 km away from the city centre. The bus station is in the downtown area itself.





# 14. Transportation cost

Eger is a small city that can be explored mostly on foot. Taxis are also available for longer trips. Bus services connect the city with the suburban areas. A single trip by private coach takes 2900 HUF. The starting rate of taxis is 330 HUF and increases by 370 HUF for each kilometre.



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### 15. Baggage allowance

The train services allow a maximum of three luggage pieces per person for free. The baggage should be able to fit on the luggage rack or under the seat. Passengers are not allowed to put the hand luggage on the isle of the car or between the seats, so that they do not make the other passengers uncomfortable. The maximum weight of the hand luggage should be 30 kg. If your baggage is too heavy, you should ask for assistance from the crew before you board the train. Some of the items that are also carried for free include wheelchairs, portable music Instruments, crutches, walkers etc. Sport equipment, collapsible bikes, plastic barrel and canvas boats are carried for free only on the 2class passenger car. The buses have very limited space for baggage. Some taxis allow a maximum of 3 baggage pieces for free. Any additional baggage is charged depending on the weight and size.

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# 16. Must try food and local savouries

Some of the most interesting food items here are paprika chicken, roasted whole trout and smoked goat cheese.



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# 17. Restaurant & Nightlife

The best place where you can find lots of restaurants serving Hungarian and internationally fused cuisines is within the town center.

#### Food -

The best place where you can find lots of restaurants serving Hungarian and internationally fused cuisines is within the town center.

#### Kulacs Csárda:

Address : SzépasszonyVölgEger, 3300 Hungary

Location: 47.8922199999999,20.3597130000000

Contact No: +36 36 311 375

Website: http://www.kulacscsarda.hu/

Open / Close Time: Daily 11:00hrs-23:00hrs

# • Hotel Senator-Ház és Étterem:

Address : Eger, DobóIstván u. 11, 3300 Hungary

Location: 47.903159,20.377899999999

Contact No: +36 36 411 711 or +36 36 515 237

Website: http://www.senatorhaz.hu/

### Macok Bisztró és Borbár:

Address : Eger, TinódiSebestyéntér 4, 3300 Hungary

Location: 47.902501,20.3811620000000

Contact No : +36 36 516 180

Website: http://www.imolaudvarhaz.hu/en/

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Open / Close Time : Monday to Thursday 12:00hrs-22:00hrs Friday and Saturday 12:00hrs-22:00hrs Sunday 12:00hrs-18:00hrs

#### Ködmön Csárda Borétterem:

Address : Eger, Szépasszonyvölgy, 3300 Hungary

Location: 47.891507399999,20.3598434000000

Contact No : +36 36 413 172

Website : http://kodmoncsarda.szepasszonyvolgy.eu/en/

Open / Close Time : Daily 11:00hrs-23:30hrs

### • Bar Italia:

Address : Eger, Érsek u. 14, 3300 Hungary

Location: 47.9018266,20.3763744000000

Contact No: +81 742-23-5471

Open / Close Time: Sunday to Thursday: 11:00hrs-21:00hrs Friday and

Saturday: 11:00hrs-21:30hrs

# Govinda Étterem:

Address : Eger, Tűzoltótér 5, 3300 Hungary

Location: 47.90684,20.3727659999999

Contact No : +36 70 222 2631

Website: http://www.govindaeger.hu/english/

Open / Close Time : Monday to Friday: 12:00hrs-16:00hrs Saturday and

Sunday closed

## Bíboros:

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Address: Eger, Bajcsy-ZsilinszkyEndre 6, 3300 Hungary

Location: 47.900937,20.3765670000000

Contact No : +36 70 428 4993

Open / Close Time : Monday to Friday: 11:00hrs-03:00hr Saturday:

13:00hrs-03:00hr Sunday: 15:00hrs-00:00hrs

# • Gál Tibor pincészet Eger:

Address : Eger, CsikySándor u. 10, 3300 Hungary

Location: 47.903366,20.3714720000000

Contact No : +36 20 852 5002

Website: http://www.galtibor.hu/en/

Open / Close Time : Sunday to Tuesday, Wednesday: 11:00hrs-16:00hrs

Thursday: 11:00hrs-22:00hr Friday and Saturday: 11:00hrs-23:00hrs

# Liget Dance Hall:

Address : Eger, Érsekkert 1, 3300 Hungary

Location: 47.8964064,20.378840200

Contact No : +36 20 532 3952

Website: http://www.ligetdancehall.hu/main.html

Open / Close Time : Friday, Saturday and Sunday: 22:00hrs-05:00hrs

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# 18. Average meal cost

In an inexperienced restaurant a normal meal costs 1,350.00 HUF. A three-course meal at a mid-range restaurant for two people costs 6,500.00 HUF. You can have a fresh cappuccino at 313.33 HUF. A combo meal at McDonald's can be purchased at 1,450.00 HUF. 11.2 oz small bottle of water can be purchased at 146.60 HUF.



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#### 19. Tourist benefits

Goods and service tax in Hungary is at 25% although for some goods it's 12%. Hungary has a tax refund policy for tourists. Tourists should look for shops with a global tax free sign on the doors and windows of tax free shops. If you buy items at these shops you should ask for a tax reclaim form and an envelope. Also, you need to make sure that you spend a minimum of 55.001 HUF to claim the refund. Make sure you fill the form appropriately because forms that are filled incorrectly or are incomplete will not be accepted. For refund, you should take the forms to custom offices found at the major international airports and border points, so that they can be stamped. Goods that qualify for a refund should be sealed and unused. Forms which are stamped are only valid for 150 days (5 months). To cash your refund you should take the stamped form to refund counters. If you happen to be in a rush you can mail your forms and you will get your refunds via credit card. Those qualified for tax refunds are nationals from non-EU countries. Original invoices and copy of the passport should be attached to the tax free form.

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# 20. Essential local apps

Your trip to Eger is made easier and more convenient by using some travel apps. Touristtaxi Eger Taxirendelés is a taxi booking app that allows reserving cabs for a fixed price. TELvira is a transport app with features like train search, bus search, combined search, search for closest stations, live schedule and time, etc.



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# 21. Driving

Person with international driving permit are allowed to drive in Eger. The permit is valid for a year. Other documents you must have while driving in Eger include proof of id (passport) and proof of ownership. Eger uses the right hand side of the road this means the driver is on the left hand side. The maximum speed limit on motorway for a car is 130kph, semi motorway is 110kph, and normal roads are 90kph while for built-up areas is 50kph. Hooting in built-up areas is prohibited. Every person in a vehicle should wear a seat belt when traveling in public roads. Children measuring 1.5 m or less should use appropriate car seat according to the weight. In some roads, cars must have snow chains at all time. The maximum speed for a car on snow chain is 50kph. On the spot penalties can be collected by the police in-case of the above violations. The alcohol limit is 0.08% and drivers are not allowed to drive under the influence of illegal substances. Police are allowed to clamp your vehicle if you violate parking rules in Eger. Fuel is readily available and many of the gas stations accept Eurocard, MasterCard and visa.

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#### 22. Travel essentials

Eger is connected to a standard voltage of 220–240 volts at frequency of 50hzwhich is similar to most European countries. North America uses 110-120 volts standard. Some electrical appliances like laptops are used in both electrical standards i.e. they do not require external step down transformers because they either have an inbuilt transformers or dual electric capacity. Eger uses European sockets Type C, Type E and Type F. All these sockets are similar as they have two rounded prongs and the major difference is the country of origin. Few are made in France while others are made in Russia. Socket adopters are readily available in Eger and also in online retail shops. Finding a pharmacy even a 24 hour one should not be a problem in Eger, however if you are on some special medication or are allergic to particular medicines, you should carry your own medication as OTC's (Over the counter) are not allowed.

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# 24. Local currency

Hungarian Forints is the local currency of Eger. It is denoted as HUF. 1 USD = 283.63 Hungarian Forints.



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# 25. Change vendor's commission, ATM charges

Tourists are advised to exchange their foreign currency either at the Budapest airport or at the various exchange companies or banks in Budapest city. Exchange offices take a commission of about 2-3%. Banks also have a surcharge for the exchange service they provide. The commission is really high at the airport exchange counters at about 10-15%. Some hotels also provide exchange services but the rates are much lower than elsewhere. Stock enough cash from the ATMs in the city that accept international cash cards. The rate of conversion depends on the current exchange rate of the bank that issues the card. There is a fee for using the ATM and also a foreign fee levied by the user's bank.



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# 26. Staying connected

Travelling to Eger, a tourist can easily get hold of local SIM card quite easily from the mobile shops in the city. Tourists need to ensure that they carry their ID-proof and valid visa paper copies when they go out to purchase a SIM. Do enquire and compare the best networks in the region, and also take a look at the tourist-friendly packages – if any. For Internet and Wi-Fi access, hotels in Eger offer free Wi-Fi and also cabled Internet is available.



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# 27. Time Zone

Eger follows Central European Time Zone with UTC + 01:00 hours.



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# 28. Languages

German, Russian and English are the main languages spoken here.



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## 29. Political Scenario

Politics of Eger is controlled by the Mayor-headed municipal body. All the administrative authority falls in the hands of the municipal body which launches decisions and directives pertaining to the various areas and issues of Eger. Be it public welfare or developmental control, the municipal body of Eger is solely responsible and in-charge.



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### 30. Economic Scenario

The economy of Eger is largely dependent on the tourism. Every year a sea of visitors come to see the sights of Eger. Although it must be mentioned that most of the tourists who come here stay for a day or two, and very few of them stay overnight. As the city has great cultural wealth, it is precisely the biggest pull that attracts tourists to make a beeline to this destination. The city is divided into several districts, each boasting of its own specialty.

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# 31. Religious belief

Christianity is the major religion in Eger as with the rest of the country. Several denominations of the faith are present in the city. When the first Christian King of Hungary, St. Stephen came into power, Christianity became the supreme religion. The first cathedral was built on Castle Hill and this served as the main centre of religion for the people of Eger. Even today, this cathedral is an important spiritual site for the Christians in the country. There are many other ancient churches and Christian places of worship in the city most of which are architectural delights. The region has been under several conquerors and rulers who had introduced their respective religions into the city.

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# 32. Visa requirements

There are different types of visa issued by the government of Hungary depending on the purpose of visit. Some of the visas are transit visa, tourist visa, business visa etc. All tourist visiting Hungary require a visa apart from nationals of United States. The general guidelines of applying a visa include; downloading and filling visa application foam. You must attach 2 passport type photos. You must attach a copy of the reservation ticket with dates and flight numbers which will specify the entry and exit from Hungary. You must have valid travel visa insurance. You must proof civil status (marriage or birth certificate) lastly proof of financial stability which is employment letter or business incorporation letter. You must also write a letter stating the purpose of visit. A Valid passport is required with at least two empty pages. Nationals from the United States of America can only stay in Hungary for 90 days without a visa. You can use the site https://www.justlande d.com/english/Hungary/Hungary-Guide/Visas-Permits/Who-needs-a-visa-to-visit-Hungary to know more about the visa requirements.

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## 33. Essential vaccination

If you are traveling to Eger, then you are recommended to be vaccinated for Tetanus, Hepatitis A, Rabies, Typhoid, Meningitis, Cholera, Hepatitis B, Malaria, Japanese Encephalitis, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Diphtheria and routine vaccines.



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# 34. Theft and Safety

Eger is a small city where the tourists are perfectly safe from any serious crime. However, usual travel precautions like keeping money in front pockets or wearing bags across the body in crowded areas like public transport stations and popular tourist places are advisable. It is better to stay indoors during late hours than venturing out alone to quiet areas. Also, stay from any suspicious strangers or

scammers posing as travel guides.



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# 35. Embassy/Consulate

There are no embassies or consulate in Eger.The nearest embassies are found in Budapest Hungary. You can find more information at http://embassy.goabroad.com/embassies-in/hungary.



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# 36. Accessibility

The cobbled pathways in Eger are not convenient for wheelchair bound persons. Some hotels provide facilities for people with limited mobility. There are a few shops and tourist places in the city that are wheelchair friendly.



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# 37. Emergencies

In case of emergencies you can call 107 for police, for ambulance you can dial 106 and for fire 105. You are provided with a top notch services. There are hospitals that accept you with the travel insurance such as EgeszegugyiDolgozokSzalloja.



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### 38. Do's and Don'ts

Cultural and social etiquette is an important aspect of daily life in Eger. It is useful to know some of the common norms and traditions while touring the city. Do's - • Learn basic phrases in Hungarian for communication • Always say 'hello' and 'goodbye' even to strangers • Remove shoes before entering houses • Buy tickets before boarding public transport • It is advisable to carry a certified doctor's prescription along with the medicines to ensure hassle free import clearance. • It is advisable that do not carry unsealed/ unbranded food articles as the same may be banned for import. Don'ts - • Do not wear short dresses to religious places like churches and synagogues • Do not use drugs • Do not take excess cash or valuables to baths • Do not go out to lonely places at night

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# 39. Tipping basics

Tipping is a customary in Eger. At hotels and Restaurants it is always to tip 10% - 15% where a 12.5% service charge has not being included. Bellboys are tipped 500HUF while housekeepers are tipped 200–300HUF for each day of your total visit taxi drivers and limousine drivers are tipped 10–15% or just simply rounding off to the nearest 100HUF or 200HUF for short distances. Bartenders do not always except tips but it is cautious of you to live 30-50HUF for each drink as sign of appreciation. Eger is known for unique thermal baths, major spas hire attendants to secure your valuables, and you should tip these attendants 100HUF at the end of your spa visit. Massagers are tipped 300-500HUF, hairstylist beauticians and cosmeticians are tipped 5-10% and delivery services are tipped 200huf

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#### 40.Pet info

If the tourists want to bring their pets into Hungary, the animals have to be implanted with a micro chip at the country of origin. This should be followed by a vaccination against rabies regardless of whether the animal is coming from a rabies-free or high-rabies country. The vaccination must be taken more than 21 days before the travel. If the animal is from a high-rabies country, vaccination must be followed by a blood titer test to determine the level of rabies antibodies. The test is done after 30 days of vaccination. Animals from non-European Union countries must have a Health Certificate issued by a licensed veterinarian. Pets from European Union member countries must have an updated pet passport.





# Conclusion - Why to select this destination

Eger provides the most exclusive experience for the historical sightseers. With about 200 historical monuments, the city is a treasure chest for those who love to explore the past of a land. A walk through the cobbled streets of the town itself is an experience for the visitors who want to see the local life more closely. The pedestrian friendly narrow twisting streets with the colorful houses and iron balconies, the beautiful lamp posts, and the hanging flower baskets create a picture perfect image. No one can ignore the most significant aspect of Eger. A visit to this charming city is never complete without exploring the vineyards and wineries that make the best red wines in the country. Wine tasting is a tour in itself. The stroll through the verdant vineyards is a refreshing experience for the city dwellers. For a rejuvenating experience, the thermal spas offer the most relaxing spa environment with its mineral springs, saunas, and other facilities. For the food lovers, there is no dearth of options in this small town. Hungarian specialty restaurants, bistros, pizza places, coffee and cake parlors, and atmospheric eateries offer an unforgettable culinary journey. And, of course, there are the different wines to taste and be lost.

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