



Spirit of Monks, Spirit of Centuries



1st day: arrival to Budapest. Transfer from the airport to the hotel. Accommodation in good 3* hotel. Dinner.

2nd day: after breakfast departure from Budapest to Székesfehérvár. During centuries of the Middle Ages the city founded in the Roman Age, called 'Alba Regia', was the residence of the first dynasty of Hungarian kings. Till 1526 took place here the coronation of the Hungarian kings and many of them were buried here. Visit the Garden of Ruins and the Basilica. Departure to Tihany. Lunch. After lunch visit of the Benedictine Abbey and Abbey Church of Tihany: the beautifully harmonious twin-towered Baroque church, which embodies the memories of a thousand years and dates from the time of the foundation of the Hungarian state, can be seen from practically all points of Lake Balaton. Accommodation in a good 3* hotel in Tihany. Dinner.

3rd day: after breakfast departure to Zirc. A cavernous Baroque church stands out above this low-rise, mostly dreary town. The Abbey Church, built in the 18th century, is equipped with a theatrical altar and pulpit. In the abbey complex is a folklore museum as well as a natural history collection of stuffed local animals and birds. Lunch after visiting the Abbey and the Abbey Church. An interesting and relaxing walk in the Arboretum which is backing onto the abbey "campus". Travel to Győr, accommodation in Hotel Klastrom 3*. Short guided tour in the downtown of the city: Town Hall, Basilica and Bishop's Castle. Dinner.

4th day: after breakfast departure to Pannonhalma. Visit of the Cistercian Abbey (its wonderful library) and the Abbey Church. Seen from afar, it's as if the Vatican came up like a mirage in the green hills of northern Hungary. The historic hilltop monastery of Pannonhalma is a treasure-house of architectural and artistic accomplishments. The establishment still functions as a church-run secondary school with Benedictine monks as well as lay teachers. Lunch in a typical in a wine cellar with wine tasting. After lunch departure to Budapest, arrive in the afternoon. Accommodation in a good 3* hotel. Time at leisure. Dinner.

5th day: after breakfast three hours guided tour in Budapest: visit of the Chapel of the Pauline Cloister, the only monastic order with Hungarian origin. Lunch at the hotel. Afternoon free, shopping possibilities in the city centre. Dinner in an elegant Hungarian restaurant.

6th day: transfer to the airport, end of services.