

## THINGS TO SEE IN ZEBEGÉNY



Photo: Krisztina Szabó

### CHURCH OF THE HAVAS BOLDOGASSZONY IN ZEBEGÉNY

The Art Nouveau style Church of Havas Boldogasszony in Zebegény was built between 1906 and 1910, based on the designs of the young architects of the time, Károly Kós, Dénes Györgyi and Béla Jánszky. The Hungarian architectural style, typical of the early 20th century, can be seen not only in the unique exterior of the church, but also in the interior, which was completed in 1914. The church's frescoes were designed by Aladár Krisch, a painter and teacher at the Körösfői College of Applied Arts, and created by his students with the help of György Leszkovszky, an assistant painter.

The statue of St. Elisabeth of the House of Árpád next to the church is the work of Géza Maróti (sculptor, architect, hereditary count of Zebegény, a lesser-known but influential figure of Hungarian Art Nouveau), which once stood in the garden of the Maróti villa in Zebegény. When the mansion was nationalised in the mid-20th century, the statue was saved from being thrown out by the parish of Zebegény, where it was moved to its present location.

Interesting fact! There are several Maróti monuments in Zebegény, including the National Flag and Heroes' Monument (Trianon Monument) on Kálvária Hill (Cavary Hill) in Zebegény, which was only completed in 2015, based on the sculptor's original plans, as the construction was interrupted by the Second World War.

### OPENING HOURS OF THE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY OF SNOW:

From June to October, the church is open on Saturdays from 9am to 11am and from 4pm to 5pm, and on Sundays from 4pm to 5pm.

Groups can visit the church at other times, even on weekdays, but must make an appointment in advance. (Mónika Kósa +36 20 410 3815)

## MUSEUM OF MARITIME HISTORY



Photo: from the Museum's website

The Museum of Maritime History was founded by the ship captain Vincze Farkas, who created the exhibition, which opened on 12 July 1984, through decades of collecting and with objects of his own making. Farkas Vincze tried to return from each voyage with souvenirs and curiosities that he had been able to acquire at the places and stations he had visited (even on other continents), whether they were tools, objects, paintings or relics, tools, ornaments and many other things that reflected local characteristics. The exhibition also includes models of sailing boats in various sizes, 20th century World War II battleships, aircraft carriers and meticulously crafted paper ships. The romantic world of the historic sailing era is evoked by the many Gallion figures on the bow. Original nautical equipment - machinery, navigational instruments, instruments, maps, documents, flags, life-saving equipment - preserve the memories of Hungarian navigation. The private collection, housed in the exhibition building and in the courtyard, is constantly growing, and visitors and the shipping community have contributed to the collection.

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Opening hours: 1 April - 31 October, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. every day

More information you can find below:

<http://hajozasimuzeum.tabulas.hu/>

<http://www.hajozastortenet.iweb.hu/>

## ISTVÁN SZŐNYI MEMORIAL MUSEUM

The building of the István Szőnyi Memorial Museum used to be the master's house: this is where the outstandingly talented artist of 20th century Hungarian painting spent most of his life.

This house is not only a museum in the traditional sense, but more than that. The founders' aim was to preserve and display Szőnyi's works as faithfully as possible, and to preserve the environment in which they were created. This way, museum visitors can have the rare experience - apart from

viewing the beautiful Szőnyi collection - of entering a world that no longer exists, of getting to know the relics of the workshop and the studio, which are otherwise closed to the public.



Photo: from Szőnyi István Museum's facebook page

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### **Opening hours**

1 March - 31 October - Tuesday – Sunday: 10:00 - 18:00

1 November - 28 February Friday – Sunday: 10:00 - 16:00

1 December - 31 December: CLOSED, On Mondays: CLOSED

Groups are also welcome on request at other times, by prior arrangement!

On the below link you can see the most famous works (watercolours, etchings and drawings) of István Szőnyi: <https://szonyimuzeum.hu/gyujtemenyoldal/>

More information about the museum: <https://szonyimuzeum.hu/>





Source: Pictures from the website of István Szőnyi Memorial Museum

## **DÓRY CASTLE, ZEBEGÉNY**

The first thing many people think of when they think of Zebegény is the dazzling Dóry Castle, which offers an unparalleled view not only from the mainland, but also from the middle of the Danube. On countless occasions, locals and visitors alike admire the castle's form and fairytale atmosphere while cruising or rowing.

### **THE HISTORY OF DÓRY CASTLE**

At the beginning of the 20th century, a succession of holiday homes and mansions were built on the banks of the Danube in Zebegény, including Dóry Castle. The eclectic style building was built in 1917 and was originally owned by the Jobaházi Dóry family.

**ADDRESS:** 2627 Zebegény, Dózsa György út 18.



Photo: from webpage of „I love Dunakanyar”

## **NATIONAL FLAG AND TRIANON MONUMENT - ZEBEGÉNY**

In the 1930s, the Dalkör, a choir of local residents, decided to erect a national flag and a World War I memorial on Bald Hill, on which the Calvary stands. The task was entrusted to architect and sculptor Géza Maróti, who, although he started the work, did not finish the monument and it was not officially inaugurated because the Second World War intervened. In the decades after the war, most of these monuments were destroyed, but the Zebegény council members ingeniously devised a way to preserve the monument, which had been created with enormous effort, and reclassified it as a lookout.

The national flag stood on a raised octagonal podium surrounded by four columns of stone, and the lookout was built on top of the columns. At the end of 2014, the municipality of Zebegény decided to build the monument as originally planned and to erect a lookout tower on Calvary Hill next to it. At the beginning of 2015, the spheres with the double crosses were placed on the thermestone pillars and the flag was also renovated this year. The area offers a beautiful panorama of the Danube bend.

How to find: from the center of Zebegény or through Deák Ferenc street



Photo: from the webpage of [www.termesztjaro.hu](http://www.termesztjaro.hu)

## **ROCK CHAPEL - ZEBEGÉNY**

The Rock Chapel is located on the side of the Calvary Hill in Zebegény, along the serpentine path leading up the hill. Legend has it that local hermits once lived in the cave. The hermits created a special relief inside the cave, depicting the Coronation of Mary and the Holy Trinity.

In 1938, László Jékey and his wife Magda Bartóky built a Romanesque-style, timpano-style, ornate façade and a wrought-iron gate to the cave, based on the plans of Antal Hendrich. Next to the cave is the supposed burial place of the last hermit.

OPENING HOURS: It can be visited continuously, any day of the year.



Source: from the webpage of [www.kapolnak.hu](http://www.kapolnak.hu)

### **KÓS KÁROLY-VIEWPOINT, ZEBEGÉNY**

The Kós Károly Viewpoint is one of the most popular attractions in Zebegény, attracting thousands of visitors every year. It is an excellent destination for visitors of all ages, as it does not require much effort to visit, but the panoramic view is an unforgettable experience.

The design was entrusted to architect and sculptor Géza Maróti.

The Second World War interrupted the work, halting the construction of the monument and raising questions about whether it would ever be completed, as most similar monuments were destroyed during the war.

### **Kós Károly Viewpoint, Zebegény**

The predecessor of the Kós Károly Viewpoint stood on the site of the monument until 2014, when a new structure was proposed and built on a remote spot on the Kálvária Hill.

The wooden platform was designed by Árpád Csóka.

Address: Kálvária street / through Deák Ferenc street, it can be visited any time during year.



Source: from the webpage of <https://funiq.hu/>

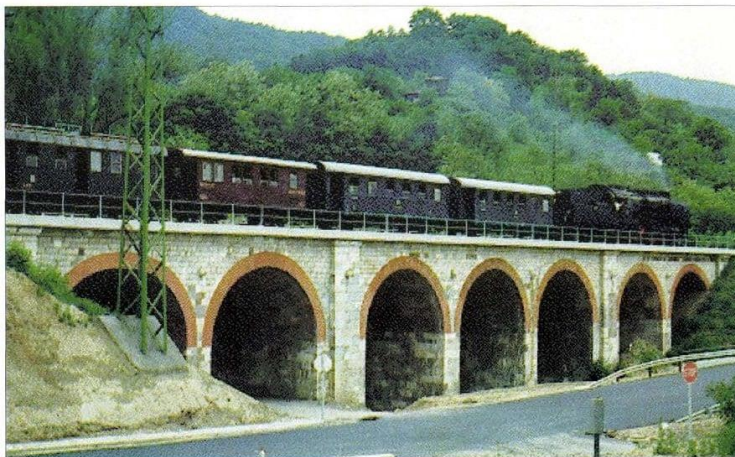
## ZEBEGÉNY RAILWAY VIADUCT - SEVEN-HOLE BRIDGE

The bridge spanning the Malom Valley stream is one of the oldest industrial monuments in Hungarian railway history. It is a real curiosity that it still serves railway traffic today.

The seven-arched railway viaduct was built between 1846-50 in the classicist style. Initially it had only one track, but a few decades later, in 1890, it was widened and extended by a further track to cope with the increased traffic. Fortunately, this was done in such a way that the original bridge structure was preserved in all its splendour, with only a reinforced concrete bridge of the same size built next to it. As a result, the older side of the viaduct still preserves the architectural style of the earliest period in Hungarian railway history. The original semi-circular brick exterior of the 75-metre-long bridge can still be seen on the side facing the highway.



Source: webpage of National Geographic



*A zebegényi hétnyílású viadukt országunk legnagyobb és leghosszabb boltozott vasúti hídja*

Source: Vasúti Közlöny, 1906

## CALVARY HILL



Source: website of „I love Dunakanyar”

## OPEN BEACH in ZEBEGÉNY

The beach of Zebegény offers one of the most beautiful panoramas of the Danube bend.



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## VIEWS TO SEE AROUND ZEBEGÉNY

Views from top of Zebegény:



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**View from Julianus Viewpoint (Hegyestető, Nagymaros, which is half way between Zebegény and Nagymaros on the top of the hill):**



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### **FOREST IN ALL SEASONS**



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Photo: Krisztina Szabó (Gründl meadow)

**Other recreational activities in the area, such as cycling:**



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**Or winter sports:**





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**Or hiking any time of the year:**



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Or you can be creative with your kids and you can collect pebbles/little stones on the Danube bank and paint them :)



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Or you can go on boat trip on the Danube:



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