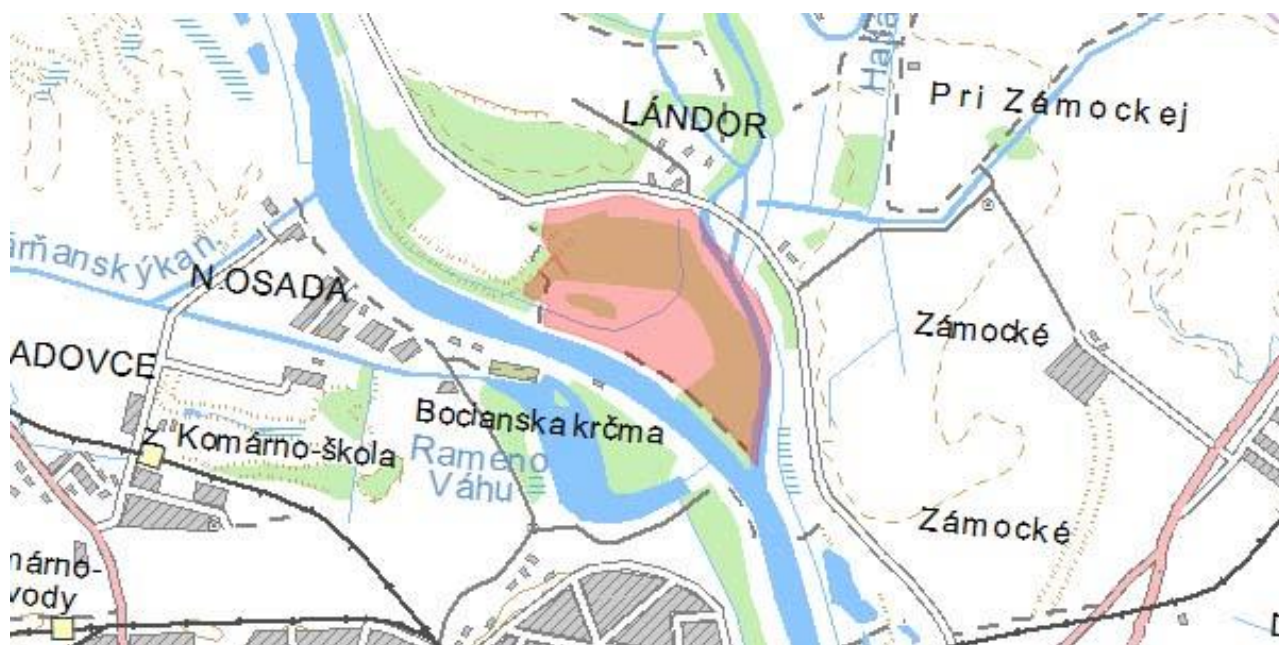


HOUSEBOAT MANUAL

LIFE IS GOOD

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The Vah River, river km 4



Welcome to a town known by the nickname "GIBRALTAR ON THE DANUBE RIVER".

HE PLACE WHERE YOU ARE RIGHT NOW

Welcome to the Vah River, a unique tiny place of a little oasis found in a nature conservation area of the Apalean peninsula (apalsky polostrov). We are pleased you have decided to spend your time here with us.

We named our houseboat "LIVE IS GOOD", which defines our philosophy of life.

Zitny ostrov (Rye Island) is the largest river island which is formed by the main stream of the Danube River flowing through the Little Carpathian Mountains into the Podunajska Nizina Lowlands. The massive stream of water is divided into various streams, two of which formed the greatest river island in Europe.

Danube floodplain forests are ranked among the last remains of floodplain forests in the Middle Europe. Along with the uniqueness, beauty, richness of species and high production of biomass, Danube floodplain forests can be compared to tropical rain forests.

Forests on the other side – floodplain forests – are on the list of Protected Areas, Level 4, which is closed to all human activities. How close to the nature would you like to get? ☺ Enjoy the nature, respect the environment and animals living in water and on land. It is us visiting them in their environment, and not the other way around.

After the sunset, you may have a chance to hear the sound of fallow deer, deer, wild boars, foxes and various birds. You might be able to learn the habits of grey herons by watching them. You will find them circling in the air over the confluence of the Stara Nitra and Vah Rivers before every dawn and nightfall. With a loud shout they welcome the oncoming day or night.

If you are lucky enough, you might be able to see wild boars or deer swimming across the Vah or Stara Nitra Rivers. It is a favorite place for a rare mustached kingfisher that you may catch resting on the banks close to the houseboat. It can be simply identified by its turquoise feathers. Admire a flock of fish swimming in waters around the houseboat, watch pikes lurking motionlessly for the prey or rapacious carps jumping from water when fishing.

Don't miss relax on the upper terrace on a sunny day and welcome first morning sun rays on the lower terrace.

At any time, you can jump into the river or take a swim to cool down. Nature or God (it is up to you what you believe in) has endowed us with water heating and back flow. ☺

We, your hosts - Erik, Eva, Andrej and Jakub, live in the adjacent floating house right next to the houseboat. You can come and ask for help or a piece of advice at any time. We have been living here for several years and we will be happy to share on how to spend the best few days. Every single day gives us more than we have dreamed of or expected.

We always respect the privacy of our guests and we will not interfere during your stay, though, you might see us on the terrace, in the boat or bank. If you like what we would be doing, feel free to join us. ;)

HOW TO MANAGE A HOUSEBOAT

POTABLE WATER

Please, drink only water from the water dispenser. Though running tap water is refined and disinfected, still it comes from the river. And, also, be aware that fish pee in it. 😊

You can also use this water for cooking.

NON-POTABLE WATER

Water running in the kitchen and in the bathroom is pumped directly from the river, therefore, we do not recommend you to drink it - it is non-potable water. However, mechanical and chemical filtration is in pontoons, therefore, water can be used for washing your body, still be careful not to drink it. We have no problem to clean our teeth with it, and you can do the same. Just keep an eye on your children when cleaning their teeth 😊.

Water is heated in 60-liter Electric water heater. If you want to take a shower after doing some sports activities, don't forget to think of your family or friends. Use just as much water as you really need. In case you run out of hot water, you will have to train yourself in patience and wait for an hour until water is heated again and explain it to the others.. 😊

BATHROOM

Bathroom is a little bit smaller than in the ships, but it will serve you well. In case you are cold, turn on a wall heater. Please, turn it off when leaving the bathroom.

TOILET/RESTROOM

Flush electric toilet runs on 12V current. Use a wall switch to turn it on. Flush electric toilet works by sucking in the water from the river, grinding the excrements and subsequently discharging them into a tank out of the houseboat.

HOW TO USE THE FLUSH ELECTRIC TOILET

1. Use special toilet paper found in the houseboat only. Please, don't use you own toilet paper nor any other toilet paper. **We also kindly ask you to use the necessary amount of it.**
2. Press the switch until the flush bowl is half full of water.
3. Release the switch for a moment.
4. Press the switch again and hold it pressed until you are satisfied with the result. 😊

You can use this procedure several times (till the accumulator runs out of energy 😊)

LIGHTING

Lighting of the interior of the houseboat can be combined with central ceiling lighting and spot lighting on the walls of the room. Light up the room based on your own taste. Remote controls can be found on the walls at the entrance door, at the entrance to the bathroom and directly on the spot lightings on the wall.

Exterior lighting is controlled by wall remote controls at the entrance door. Try them all and you'll soon find out how they work. The exterior lighting serves as an anchor light and should be turned on during the night. If you are on the terrace at night and want to enjoy looking at the night sky or fishing all night long, feel free to turn it off. There are sensor lights placed on the exterior walls of the houseboat. These can be of help when you return to the houseboat in the evening, so leave them on as you leave.

AFTER THE SUNSET

We recommend to draw the curtains on the windows facing the river after the sunset. There are still some other fishing boats floating on the river at night. When lights in the houseboat are on, people from the outside can watch you as fish in the aquarium ☺ It happens to us all over again every spring. ☺

WHERE TO SLEEP

If you are only 2 persons, sofa-bed will be just fine for you. Simply open it.

If you are three or four persons, use self inflatable sleeping mattress. There is one single and one double self inflatable sleeping mattress in the houseboat. Children love sleeping on these mattresses, so be kind and let them do so and you can get a comfortable sleep on the sofa-bed. The mattress can be found in a bag next to the refrigerator. Open them, plug them in and turn the button to the desired direction - inflate or deflate - and turn ON/OFF button.

MAKE THE BED YOURSELF

Bed linen can be found in a coffer. You'll find comforters and pillows in the cabinet or under a sofa packed in vacuum bags. Our guests make their beds themselves, so that they could see how much has Ms. Molnar done to wash and iron it all just for them. If you need to wash, dry or iron some of your clothes, please let us know. Mrs. Molnar will definitely find some time to do that for you. ☺

WI-FI

Yes, we do have a WI-FI. Unfortunately. ☺ A password is left for you on the table. If you prefer talking to people you came to spend some time in the houseboat with, let us know and we will gladly turn it off for you.

SMOKING

As adults, you can do whatever you want. However, we kindly ask you to smoke only in the area outside. Fish do not like stubs, therefore we have put ashtrays for you there. Thank you for considering the nature and subsequent guests.

Tapka

Tapka is a dog that lives its freedom to the fullest. Its owners are our neighbors living in the neighboring big ship. Tapka loves all the visitors of houseboats and dike. It will certainly come to check the situation in its territory and meet new people. No need to worry, it's nice and keeps an eye on all of us. It barks at other animals such as beavers, martens, otters, but sometimes even at some kayakers (only she knows why). You will please her by throwing a pebble in water. Tapka jumps high in the most exceptional and interesting way to catch the item – she resembles a deer, which you can spot during evening walks or in the dark, strolling on the dike.

COFFEE, TEA

Use a coffee machine and help yourself with coffee in capsules. First check whether there is any water in the container. If there is none, use potable water from the water dispenser. ☺ Then insert the coffee capsule. Turn on the coffee machine and wait until it is heated up – you'll see the green light on. Push a lever to the right - towards the red mark. To stop the coffee dosing, push the doser lever to the mid position. And finally, enjoy your coffee. If you want a cup of coffee, use an electric kettle. For sure, you know how to do it. ☺

OPEN FIREPLACE + SUMMER SHELTER

On the banks of the river, close to a small bridge, you will find an open fireplace where you can roast, cook goulash or prepare any other meals. Camping trivet with a camping pot is also available. We have put it in a hidden place because someone might borrow it forever. We will tell you where it is, just ask us. ☺ . If you find wood next to the summer shelter, feel free to use it. If not, you can buy some at a gas station.

CELEBRATIONS/PARTIES

Have fun and enjoy yourselves, however, don't forget to consider the surrounding nature.

This place is not suitable for wild parties with noisy music and crazy turmoil.

WHERE TO SHOP

FOOD STORE BASTA POTRAVINY, BALA - Komaromi Kacza 37 St., Komarno

- You can walk or go by car
- Distance: 1,5 km
- Open daily from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm, Sat from 6:00 am to 12:00 pm
- Map is included in the attachments
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Fresh fruit and vegetables

LITTLE SHOP NEXT TO THE UNDERPASS - 29. Augusta St., close to the underpass

- Walk on a dike, which is on the left hand side from the houseboat, then turn left at the railway bridge, walk under the underpass and a little shop is right there.
- Walking distance: 1,5 km
- Driving distance: about 3 km
- Open daily from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm
- Excellent water melons and the sweetest corn ever
- Google nor TripAdvisor don't know the location, but it's always No. 1 choice for us ☺
- Map is included in the attachments

Town market - Zeleznicna St.

- You can walk or go by car
- It is a 45 min walk, about 3 km far
- Open on Wed and Sat from 7:00 am to 10:00 am
- Excellent Hungarian Fried Bread
- Map is included in the attachments

If you want to shop at multinational corporations, available are:

BILLA Medercka St. 4335 or Eotvosa St. 23

KAUFLAND Hadovska Rd. 3912

LIDL Medercka St. 4708

TESCO Bratislavska Rd. 4018

PLACES TO EAT

BASTYA CSARDA – restaurant

Okružna 271 St., Basta VI

- Walking distance: 0,5 km, about 10 min – you can take a shortcut across the water dike
- Driving distance: 2 km, 5 min
- Open on Sun-Mon-Tue-Wed-Thu from 10:30 am to 10:00 pm, on Fri-Sat from 10:30 am to 11:00 pm
- <http://csarda.eu/web/sk/home-2/>
- Tel. no: 035 77 10 459, 0903 500 794

APALI – restaurant

Dead stream branch of the Vah River No. 50

- You can walk or go by car – there is a lake on the left side when approaching the houseboat, you cannot miss it
- Distance - 1 km far
- Open from Mon-Sun from 10:00 to 22:00
- <http://www.apali.sk/>
- Tel. no: 035 77 21 721

CSÁRDA at the Vah River – restaurant

Vazske waterfront (nabrezie), at the road bridge

- Walking distance: 3 km, about 45 min – walk on a dike, which is on the left side from the houseboat, then go under the railway bridge, walk again on a dike, go under the road bridge and a restaurant is right there.
- Driving distance: 6 km, about 10 min
- Open on Mon-Sun from 10:00 am to 10:00 pm
- Tel. no: 035 77 02 016
- <http://www.cardaprivahu.sk/>

DIVOKA KACICA (WILD DUCK)

GPS N 47.79243°, E 18.13375°

- Driving distance: about 8 km
- GURMET restaurant!
- Beautiful setting, a pond and ZOO
- Landor towards Kava, follow the road sign on your left hand side
- Open on Mon-Thu from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm, Fri-Sat from 08:00 am to 10:00 pm, Sun from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm
- Tel. no: 0907 74 74 75
- <http://www.divakacica.sk>

LITOVEL

Dunajske waterfront 10 (nabrezie)

- Driving distance: about 6 km
- PUB
- Open on Mon-Tue-Wed-Thu-Sun from 10:00 am to 10:00 pm, Fri and Sat from 10:30 am to 23:00 pm
- <http://www.penzionkomarno.sk/>

LEISURE TIME

WALKS

You can use a reinforced part under the dike or asphalt crown of the dike for walks or Nordic walking.

Walk around a lake - Dead stream branch of the Vah River (3 km).

We recommend to start walking from the right hand side and walk around the whole lake. Keep the lake on your left hand side. You'll walk along the dike for a while, then you'll go down and get to a pumping station that gets water from the canal. When you get there, turn right, and the lake is on your left hand side. Then, walking along the lake you will get to the Apala Buffet and Restaurant, which we highly recommend! We cannot tell how long it might take you to stay there, much depends on how much time you'll spend in the tavern 😊, but you could make it within 2 hours.

Walk to the confluence of the Danube and the Vah Rivers. (4 km; 8 km if you plan to walk back).

Go in the left direction from the houseboat, then go along the Vah River, under the railway bridge, under the road bridge, until you reach the confluence of the Danube and the Vah Rivers. On the other side of the bridge you will find a cozy and stylish restaurant with outdoor seating. We highly recommend it to you! It's about three-hour walk.

BICYCLE

A dike situated before the houseboat is suitable for all kinds of bikes. Take any direction and go and explore the surroundings. Wherever you can go on foot walk, you can get there by bike as well (see information above).

Cycleway: Komarno – the Vah River – the Dunaj River, circuit

(ice-cream and refreshment in the town center 😊)

If you want to get to know the town of Komarno by bike, try a large cycleway Komarno – the Vah River – the Danube River. It is about 15 km long. Set out on the left, under the railway and road bridge, then go along the Vah River until you reach the confluence of the Danube River. Then go along Elektrarenska Rd. to the bascule-bridge in Komarno. (If you want to check the town center or “the Courtyard of Europe”, turn to the right at the children's park and the road will bring you directly to the town center. Make sure you visit the Officers Pavilion (Dostojnicky pavilion) and its beautiful garden and town.) Go across the bascule-bridge and you'll reach the Maria Theresa Bridge that leads to Hungary. Turn to the right before you reach the bridge and you'll see the cycleway along the Danube River. Keep on and go along the flood wall to the railway bridge across the Danube River. When you reach it, you can either set on the way back or go alongside the boathouse to the shopping centers. Then take the road leading out of Komarno, direction to Hadovce. Take the turning to the right before you reach the road to Hadovce, keep on walking until you reach irrigation channel. Passing by the channel, you will get to the settlement of Nova Osada. There you'll find a way - it's easy, just turn to the left and keep the direction – until you reach the dike of the Vah River. Then go along the dike so that the Vah River is on your left hand side and you will simply get to the houseboat.

Cycleway: Komarno – Kolarovo

If you want to make a half-day trip, we recommend to take the first turning right and go along the Vah River to a town of Kolarovo. You will follow the asphalt road all the time. After 17 km of beautiful scenery, far from the villages, you will reach the road bridge in a town of Kolarovo. Go on for another 250 meters and you will find a water mill on the Little Danube River. You can take a tour of the mill, go for a walk over the wooden bridge and buy some snack in a restaurant in the open-air museum that presents a typical village of our region in the past.

Cycleway: Komarno - Velkolelsky Island (Zlatna na Ostrove)

For many decades, Velkolelsky Island has been one of the most well-know Danube Protected Areas. Its importance has even increased due to the implementation of the latest landscape-rehabilitation program center. Begin your trip in a town of Komarno on the dike along the Danube River, direction to Bratislava. After a 12 km cycling you will directly reach the island. There you can enjoy beautiful nature of the floodplain forests as well as the traditional way of farming that is in harmony with the nature. Go across the Mahuliena's Bridge and step into the beautiful nature. You can safely leave your bicycles locked there.

Cycleway: Komarno – Patince – Kravany on Danube

Another possibility of a half-day trip is to visit Radvan on the Danube, which is about 25 km far from the houseboat. Set out on a path and take the first turning on the left. Go across the road bridge on the other side of the Vah River (take the first turning on the right of the bridge and go towards the dike). After a while you will reach the confluence of the Vah and Danube Rivers. Depending on the water level of the Danube River you will find there a beautiful sandy beach and people from our town. Keep on walking on a dike, then you may cycle along the Danube River, the village of Patince until you reach Radvan on Danube. You can have a snack in cozy taverns and restaurant. Just ask the locals and they will be glad to give you their best advice.

Cycleway: Komarno – Komarom – Ostrihom (Esztergom)

For more demanding tourists, you can take a route on the Hungarian side of the Danube River which will bring you to Esztergom. You'll find a magnificent cathedral there. You can take a route to Sturovo back home, which is already on the Slovak side of the Danube River. Study a map and set out on a trip. At your own risk – make sure you don't overestimate your strengths. ☺

You'll find the map of cycleways of Komarno surroundings. Feel free to take one of them with you before you set out on a trip.

BIKE RENTAL

Please contact us if you want to rent a bike. We can lend you some – a bike rental is 3 EUR a day. Also, we can help you to get bikes from a bike rental in Hungary.

<http://www.teremgokart.hu/kerekparkolcsonzes>

INLINE SKATES

Concerning rental of inline skates, we do it in the same way as with bikes. You can choose to take shorter routes several times until you crash out. ☺ We are used to skate pass the railway bridge to the pumping station and go all the way back. The distance from the houseboat to a pumping station and back is 5 km, from the houseboat to a railway bridge and back 2 km. You can count the total distance yourself. ☺

ICE SKATES

If you visit our houseboat in winter season and it's really freezing outside, you can head to nearby lake for skating. It is just past the dike, opposite the houseboat. Also, you can skate on a frozen irrigation channels close to a town of Komarno and villages of Iza and Patince. Feel free to ask us to make sure whether the ice is thick enough for skating.

SWIMMING

Directly from the houseboat

You can cool yourself down at any time by jumping into the river or by having a swim near the houseboat. Nature or God (it is up to you what you believe in) has endowed us with water heating and back flow. ☺

Children under the age of 15 must always wear a life jacket. Do not underestimate the power of the stream as well as the condition of your children.

Life jackets are available in all sizes. You'll find out how much your children and their friends have grown when they put on the life jackets. ☺

From a boat with the current

You can start up a boat, drive against the current for about 500 meters, turn off the engine, jump into the water and swim along the boat to the houseboat. However, position yourself on the side of the houseboat. You can appoint one swimmer to hold a line of the boat so that it would not be driven away..

Usually, it is not easy to get back into the boat. You don't have to do that. If you put a ladder into the water before leaving the houseboat, you can use it to get back to the boat.

Children under the age of 15 must always wear a life jacket. Do not underestimate the power of the stream as well as the condition of your children.

Life jackets are available in all sizes. That's how our children grew up.

Nearby lake - Dead stream branch of the Vah River

You can go for a walk to a lake behind the dike whenever you like. If you had a closer look at it during your previous walk, you'll know which shoreline of the lake suits you best for swimming.

Don't forget to take some money with you. After you swim across the lake from the dike, you can get some refreshments on the opposite shore in a lovely tavern.

Winter season - Polar bears

There is nothing we can add to this; you just have to try it yourself. 😊 If you are lucky enough to persuade us, we might accompany you.

BOAT:

A small fishing boat - a pram, that is untied (you have now learned a new waterman's expression) to the houseboat is available to you at any time. You do not need to be certified to use it. It is a four stroke petrol engine that runs on a petrol (gasoline), do not add oil.

Children under the age of 15 and non-swimmer MUST WEAR a life jacket. We can do the training for you. Afterward which you'll be able to use it without our help.

Enjoy a boat ride during the day and also at night.

During the day, ride a boat down the river, test the boat and your skills. Turn off the engine and let it waft on the river. You might take a picnic basket with you and have breakfast on water. Maybe you'll meet us there. ☺

You are 4 km far from the confluence of the Vah and the Danube Rivers. When going downstream, you will go under the railway bridge and road bridge until you reach the confluence. Be careful, do not take the boat to the Danube River, it is not designed for that. It is a huge river, which can be tricky. Important advice: if the tank is full when leaving, you should have enough gasoline to go back and forth.

When driving a boat to the confluence of the Vah and the Danube Rivers, ALWAYS KEEP ON THE LEFT SIDE of the river when going downstream, if you go upstream, KEEP ON THE RIGHT SIDE. Otherwise, you might hit the rocks at the bottom of the river!

We recommend a trip to the Old Nitra River at night. Take a lamp to make yourself visible. You will encounter some fishing boats on the river at night. Turn off the engine and listen to the sounds of nature. You will love it.

Enjoy view on the world from another perspective, but keep in mind you are on the river and use your common sense. Do not risk injuries.

PRACTICAL PIECE OF ADVICE, A MINOR BOAT TRAINING

LEAVING ON A BOAT

Boat is untied as follows:

1. Get on a boat
2. Ensure the gearshift is in the neutral position when starting engine
3. Untie the stern
4. Untie the foreship
5. Push off the boat, change gearshift to „F“ position (forward)
6. Accelerate and manage the boat
7. Have a smile on your face

RETURNING ON A BOAT

Boat is tied as follows:

1. Drive upstream
2. Tie the stern
3. Tie the foreship
4. Turn off the engine
5. Get off the boat
6. Have a smile on your face

If you are on a houseboat or on a boat, you are a part of a community. You become a member of watermen who always greet each other by waving their hands. Respond to greetings of other watermen, you can even be the first one to greet. It is polite to do so as well as the expression of belonging to a waterman group.

If you have any difficulties with your engine or oars, do not hesitate to ask another waterman for help. Do the same if anyone asks you for help. However, don't overestimate your experiences or boat capabilities.

In case you run out of petrol or cannot start the engine, do not panic. There are 2 oars in a boat. Important thing is to get yourself to the bank. Being in the middle of the river, you might be an obstacle to larger vessels, e.g. tugboat. It is our hope you don't really want that. ☺ Once you are safe on the bank, you can call us and we'll come to help you. Or, ask any boat or kayak passing by to let us know at our houseboat that you need help. All you need tell is that you are staying at "Erika from the houseboat".

KAYAK

Can you do that? Feel free to try kayaking if you haven't done it so far. It is a tourist kayak with greater stability. Start upstream or at the right angle to the stream of the river. Hold kayak with one hand, get on the board using your both hands, sit down and hold the houseboat with one hand. Take a paddle, calm the kayak and set forth. In case you are passing by another boat, put a kayak at the right angle to the waves.

Explore the nearby Old Nitra River. Go to its end - about 1 km far. Enjoy peace, birds singing and waterfowl. Cormorants and herons will accompany you. Respect the fishermen, give them some privacy. You can join children and gauge your strengths against members of the Speed Canoe Club. If you are lucky, you may encounter a quadruple kayak with our representatives and Olympionics on board.

HORSEBACK RIDE

HOLDAS Horse Riding Complex, Komarno

- Nova Osada
- About 2 km far from the houseboat
- Tel. No.: 0905 553 116
- www.holdas.eu/sk

M-CLUB, Svaty Peter

- 6 km far from Komarno
- Tel. No.: 0903 720 767
- www.mclub.sk

GO-KARTS

Komarom, Hungary, Puskaporosi utca 10

Booking: +36 30/9890067. If you can't speak Hungarian, seek our help. We do. ☺

Safe and funny, 400 meters long enclosed driveway, with straight and sharp curves. The driveway is secured by a safety tire wall and anti-slip asphalt coating. Suitable for children, beginners and professionals with time of the current, fastest and final result time.

<http://www.teremgokart.hu/teremgokart>

WATER SPORTS:

We do the following water sports:

- **water skiing**
- **ZUP board**
- **Wakeboard**
- **FLYBOARD**
- **JET SKI**

If you are interested in any of water sports mentioned above and want to spent some money trying it, let us know. Based on weather and other conditions, we hope to find the best time for you.

It is a matter of courser to provide you with water sport accessories, such as life jackets and short training. Water sports can be performed on the Vah and Danube Rivers. Depending on the water level of the rivers we can decide where to go.

We use our Stingray 220 CS motor boat to provide these activities. There is a very high gasoline consumption when performing any kind of water sports mentioned above and that's why it makes it rather expensive. However, it is worth it! 😊

WATER SPORTS 1

- 2 hours on a boat
- Max 3 persons + captain
- 45 min of water skiing or ZUP board or wakeboard

WATER SPORTS 2

- 3 hours on a boat
- Max 3 persons + captain
- 60 min of water skiing or ZUP board

FLYBOARD

- We'll arrange the flight along with training by a MS FLYBOARD DUBAI 2015 participant

SKI JET

- We'll arrange a ride on a jet ski for you.

Boat trip on Stingray 220 CS

A

- We'll go under the Maria Theresa Bridge and railway bridge
- We'll have a look at the Hungarian sandy beaches on the Danube River
- 25 km boat drive on the Danube River
- Swim in the Danube River
- Duration: 2 hours + upon agreement
- max 4 persons

Boat trip on Stingray 220 CS **B**

- Watching the sunset on the Danube River
- 20 km boat drive on the Danube River
- Swim in the Danube River
- Duration: 1,5 hours + upon agreement
- max 4 persons

Boat trip on Stingray 220 CS **C**

- Neszmely, Hungary
- 60 km back and forth on the Danube River
- You can have lunch/dinner in a restaurant in the Danube Bay
- Swim in the Danube River
- Duration: 4 hours + upon agreement
- max 4 persons

Boat trip on Stingray 220 CS **D**

- Ostrihom, Hungary
- 120 km back and forth on the Danube River
- You can have lunch/dinner in a restaurant in Ostrihom
- Swim in the Danube River
- Duration: 8 hours
- max 4 persons

Boat trip on Stingray 220 CS **E**

- Vysehrad, Hungary
- 170 km back and forth on the Danube River
- Lunch/dinner in a restaurant in Vysehrad or Nagymaros
- Short stop in Sturovo, Ostrihom
- Swim in the Danube River
- Duration: 12 hours
- max 4 persons

Boat trip on Stingray 220 CS **F**

- Budapest, Hungary
- 260 km back and forth on the Danube River
- Lunch/dinner in a restaurant in Szentendre
- Short stop in Sturovo, Ostrihom, Vysehrad
- Swim in the Danube River
- Duration: all day
- max 4 persons

TOWN ATTRACTIONS AND ATTRACTIONS OF SURROUNDING AREA:

Fortress and Fortress System in Komarno and Komarom, Hungary.

Komarno is the largest, the most important and preserved Fortress Complex in Slovakia. It is a unique example of the fortification architecture from the 16th to 19th Century. Visitors can see a bastion, polygon and fort systems of fortification. In its era, it was the largest defensive structure of the Austro-Hungarian monarchy. Because of its monumentality and preservation, it is one of the unrivalled structures in the European scale. Visit Komarom, a partner city in Hungary. The only thing that separates you from it is Maria Theresa Bridge. The fortification system will learn you lessons and provides fun to you and your children.

Available are black labyrinth in the Fortress of Komarno, or an interactive game about military ranks, a museum of bread in Hungarian part of Monostor.

For more information, read attachments and Information Office Leaflets of the two places:

<http://nasenovinky.sk/article/18142/cierny-labyrint-je-uz-pristupny>
http://www.komarno.sk/sk/prehliadka-pevnosti_4260.html
<http://www.erod.hu/sk/erodrendszer/monostorska-pevnost>

Courtyard of Europe in Komarno

The Courtyard of Europe is a unique architectural work of the Atelier Europe in Komarno. Buildings in a new square with a surface area of 6,500 m² are stylistic shaped and represent historical architecture typical for particular parts of Europe.

The historical center of Komarno, a town situated in the south part of Slovakia on the banks of the Danube River, and the Courtyard of Europe are linked by **entrance gates**: St. Stephen's Gate, Bela IV Gate, and Maria Theresa Gate.

You can find the **Mathew I Gate** in the inner park of the Zichy Palace. King Mathew I, the most well-known king in our history, was closely emotionally connected with the town of Komarno. This gate is one of the landmarks of the Courtyard. With its shape and colors, it reminds us of the buildings built in the reign of Mathew I.

In the middle of the square stands a functional copy of the original **well** which used to stand in the main square, in front of the Town Hall until 1878.

<http://www.europeplace.com/>

Danubian museum in Komarno

The Danubian Museum in Komarno presents objects connected with natural history and history. It consists of 4 exhibition buildings in Komarno and an open-air museum in Martovce.

<https://www.muzeumkn.sk/index.php?cat=12&page=article>

Floating Mill and Bekavar Fortress remains in Kolarovo

The sights are located in the confluence of the Vah and Little Danube Rivers. Go for a walk on the longest all-wood structure bridge in Europe. Both historic sights are reconstructed and made available to the public.

<http://www.vodnymlyn.sk/>

Observatory in Hurbanovo

It was built in 1871 by Mikulas Konkoly-Thege, a physicist and astronomer.

Individual visitors are provided with a historical museum display, fulldome virtual tours, such as Flight to Moon, Solar System, Four Seasons, Exploration of the Solar System Boundaries, Planetarium and Open Sky Observation through telescope.

<http://www.suh.sk/>

Iza, LEANYVAR Roman camp

Iza is an important archaeological site of Kelemantia Roman Camp, a Roman Stone Castle. This unique historical sight is foremost a direct evidence on continual over two-century presence of Romans in this area. You can get here by bicycle - see the cycleway Komarno - Patince - Kravany on Danube.

http://www.iza.sk/sk/lenyvr_87.html

Iza, Bokros Salt Marsh

In the land register of the village of Iza, there is a very unique place called Bokros Salt Marsh, which has been on the list of Natura 2000 network, the European network of protected areas, as a Site of Community Importance, since 2004.

www.iza.sk/content/file/panonics_infonaweb_bokrosske_slanisko_final.pdf

Velkolelsky Island, Danube Luhy (Zlatna na Ostrove)

For many decades, Velkolelsky Island has been one of the most well-know Danube Protected Areas. Its importance has even increased due to the implementation of the latest landscape-rehabilitation program. Get a car and set out on a trip. Start in a town of Komarno with direction to Bratislava, near the village of Zlatna na Ostrove, take a turning to Velky Lel from the main road and you're right there. ☺ After 12 km of cycling you will directly reach the island. There you can enjoy beautiful nature of the floodplain forests as well as the traditional way of farming that is in harmony with the nature. Go across the Mahuliena's Bridge and step into the beautiful nature.

<http://www.freemap.sk/?q=Ve%C4%BElol%C3%A9lsky%20ostrov>

THERMAL POOLS

Komarno, Vnutorna Okružna St. 177/19, Tel. no.: 035/771 30 14

If you want to enjoy swimming directly in the town of Komarno, definitely go to a swimming pool in the town, which is very close to our fortress. It is so close that you can see a famous Stone Virgin on the tip of western bastion from one of our swimming pools.

On January 7, 1967 at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, the town of Komarno received a precious gift from nature - healing thermal water. A group of twenty drillers from Gbelce discovered a hot spring 1224 meters below the surface, with temperature of 54 °C and a capacity of 17 liters per second. Thermal swimming pool in the town of Komarno is built on an area of 2,5 hectares. There are two active thermal springs with water temperature of 45 °C and 30 °C. This mineral water has a positive effect on joint and rheumatic diseases and gynopathy. It is also greatly recommended for recreation purposes.

In a part of the thermal swimming pool used in summer, there is a swimming and teaching pool of CASTIGLIONE type, a pool for non-swimmers, children's pool and sitting thermal pools. There are also beach areas, beach volleyball grounds, outdoor table tennis tables and climbing frames for children. The new introduction is a slide – an elephant at the children's pool and a screen around outdoor sitting pools with thermal water. There is also a sitting thermal pool with movable roof construction (relaxation-recreational) with attractions such as air chairs, stainless steel waterfall and intensive hydromassage, which is available all year-round.

Moreover, it also offers a Finnish sauna with cooling pool and other facilities providing additional services, such as massages, manicure-pedicure, dental technique and a snack bar.

<http://www.thermalkn.sk/site/index.php>

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Come to visit the Komarom Brigetio Thermal Bath and experience beneficial effects of thermal water. No need to worry if you speak only Slovak. Based on the latest local excavations, the tradition of baths flourished in Komarom already during the Roman Empire. Although we don't know whether the inhabitants of Brigetio knew about a treasure hidden in the ground or not, the evidence shows that Romans living in the area used to cure osteoarthritis and rheumatic diseases in local baths. Also, bath was an important place of social life and relaxation.

One of the biggest attractions of Komarom, the city of fortresses, is the unique quality of its thermal water. Komarom Brigetio Thermal Bath is situated in the center of the city. The water reaches 62 °C. In 1967, it was recognized as thermal water and, since then, for over 50 years, it has been used for treatments and relaxation for the guests.

A 1700-Year Bath tradition in Komarom-Brigetio!

Sensational archaeological findings were discovered in 2014. An enormous, 800 m² large spa complex was found during the excavations, which was a part Komárom-Almásfüzitő flood protection project conducted in the area of an acre. Spa buildings have not been discovered in the area of Brigetio before.

<http://www.komthermal.hu/hlavna-strana/?language=sk&r=hlavna-strana>

Patince: 946 39 Patince

One of the best-known spas in surrounding area is located in the village of Patince. The village is known for its wellness, which is famous all over Slovakia. Besides wellness, Patince is also considered to have one of the largest and best-quality swimming pools in the area. There are two different complexes. Feel free to choose between WELLNES and SWIMMING POOL.

Wellness Patince: <http://www.patince.com/sk/index.php>

Wellness Hotel Patince is situated in southern part of Slovakia, 15 km far from the town of Komarno, direction to Sturovo. There is an indoor **Adventure Pool** in the hotel, which is a part of pool world including a children's pool. Also, **Sauna World** is one of the most favorite attractions of Wellness Hotel Patince.

Swimming Pool Patince: <http://www.patincekupalisko.sk/index.php>

Summer Thermal Swimming Pool Patince is located 15 km far from the town of Komarno, direction to Sturovo, in the most southern village in Slovakia called Patince. A complex is situated in the part of Slovakia that has the longest duration of sunshine and highest temperatures in the area. Holiday complex was built in the area of a thermal spring 160-200 meters below the surface, with temperature of 27 C °. Open daily in summer from 7:00 am to 8 pm.

Sturovo: Aquapark Vadas, Close to Vadas 2

Another popular swimming pool in the surrounding area is Vadas, which is located in the town of Sturovo. One of the best attractions of this little town is a beautiful view to Ostrihom Basilica on the other side of the Danube River.

www.vadas.sk

Wine cellars

The best way to relax is to visit wine cellars in the neighborhood.

Vinicultural region in the southern part of Slovakia is known for high-quality wine production, which gradually makes its way to the market and gain more popularity. There are three districts in the area of Komarno: strekov, hurbanovo and komarno. Local entrepreneurs are more and more established in the districts. Besides quality wine, many of them also provide accommodation and catering services.

Most well-known vineyards can be found in the villages below: Dvory nad Zitavou, Raban, Dulovce, Strekov, Svaty Peter, Modrany, Batorove Kosihy, Moca, Nova Vieska, Gbelce, Bela a Muzla.

Visit the Danube Wine Routes web page and try to choose the one for you.
www.otvorenepivnice.sk

CHECK OUT THE LIST BEFORE YOU LEAVE THE HOUSEBOAT

Although we always remind our guests to check their belongings, our collection of pajamas, towels, toys, and various personal items from our guests has grown to a large extent. Therefore, we have prepared a checklist in order to help you when packing back home 😊:

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| 1. Clothes - | in a cabinet, on a chair, upper terrace |
| 2. Food - | in a fridge/freezer |
| 3. Towels - | in the bathroom, on a terrace, on a boat, drying rack |
| 4. Slippers, flip-flops | on a terrace, under the bed, in the bathroom, on a boat |
| 5. House keys | |
| 6. Car keys | |
| 7. Travel documents | |
| 8. Toys | on a terrace, under the bed, in the bathroom, on a boat |
| 9. Bikes | in a little house on the bank of the river |
| 10. Cosmetics | on a terrace, in the bathroom |
| 11. Fishing rod | |
| 12. Children | Make sure they are in the car 😊 |