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Newsletter

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Medieval University of Pécs opens for the public



Researchers and archaeologists had tried to find answer to the question concerning the exact site of the Medieval University of Pécs (founded in 1367 and destroyed in 1664, during the winter war led by Miklós Zrínyi) since as early as the 1900s. During the excavation starting in 1967 Mária Sándor and Győző Gerő uncovered the remains of a building closely attached to the city wall, invaluable sculptures and the coat-of-arms of Bishops Vilmos Koppenbachi were also unearthed. These finds could prove that the 14th-century Hungarian university education had its cradle here, to the north of the Cathedral, between the Cathedral and the inner city wall.

Excavations restarted in 1985. Romanesque wall remains, fragments of columns and sculptures were unearthed, gothic and renaissance artefacts and wooden carvings were discovered, and the tomb of Bishop Vilmos Koppenbachi was also found. Excavations have led to the full-scale reconstruction of the university building on its original site and foundations.

By the opening of the Medieval University to the public, visitors can get acquainted with its everyday life in the Middle Ages. The landscaped promenade behind it offers a beautiful view over the Cathedral and is a unique, secluded place for quiet retreats, family strolls or a romantic walk hand in hand with your loved one.



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Visits are possible with guided tours starting at 10:00, 12:00, and 14:00 o'clock, leaving from Cella Septichora Visitor Centre, on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

For parties of 10 visitors or more guided tours can be booked for Wednesday or Thursday also, by advance booking.

Tickets:

Adult – 400 HUF

Student / pensioner - 300 HUF

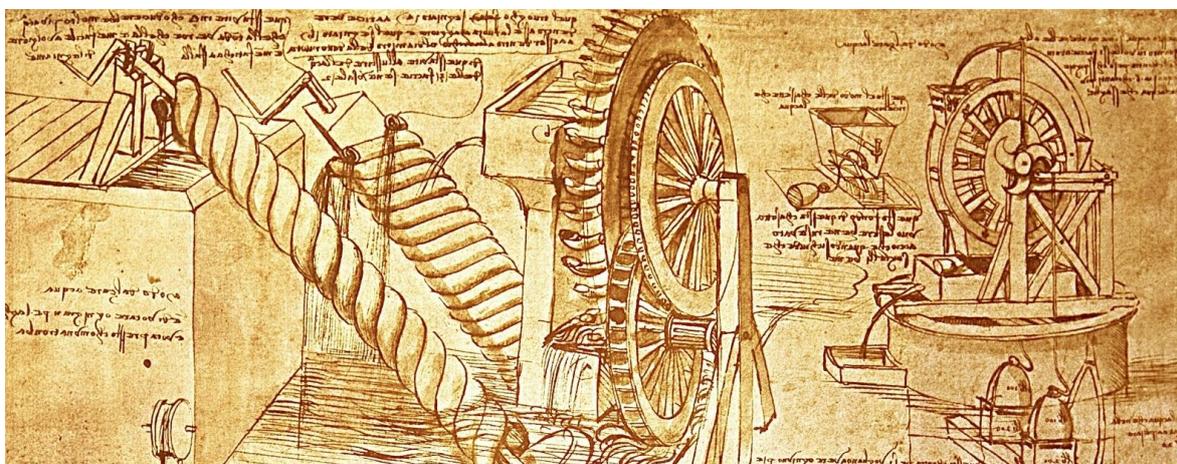
Tickets can be purchased at Cella Septichora Visitor Centre and the infopoints of the Zsolnay Quarter.

Further information:

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Coming soon to Janus Pannonius Museum: The masterpieces of Leonardo



An exhibition commemorating the renowned Italian polymath Leonardo da Vinci, set to be one of the biggest and most popular art exhibitions of recent years to take place in Pécs, opens on 15 April 2014.

The exhibition brings to life the genius of Leonardo as an inventor, artist, scientist, anatomist, engineer, architect, sculptor and philosopher. Working from Leonardo's codices, faithfully crafted interactive and life-size machine inventions will be on display. In addition, the exhibit moves far beyond machine inventions alone, featuring facsimiles of Leonardo's most famous codices, large interactive touch screens, anatomical studies, drawings and Renaissance art.



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The 8,5-meter-high statue of Sforza horse, originally designed for Francesco Sforza, the Duke of Milan, is already being built on Széchenyi Sq, Pécs. The artistic construction weighs 13 tons and its pedestal is filled with 8000 litres of water to keep it balanced and “safe”.

The two venues hosting the exhibition's 50-60 models will be the Modern Hungarian Gallery (Pécs, Papnövelde u. 5.) and the Martyn Museum (Pécs, Káptalan u. 4.) of Janus Pannonius Museum.

The exhibition is open from 15 April 2014 – 30 September 2014, Tue-Sun 10:00-18:00.

Suitable for all ages, this amazing exhibition provides a fascinating insight into not only the mind of a genius; but also into the fundamental scientific and artistic principles that he discovered. Da Vinci, the genius is an inspiration for the whole family!



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Easter inspiration



Zengővárkony, a tiny village nestled in a valley at the foothills of Eastern Mecsek, is known for its museums and folk traditions. During festive periods beautiful folk costumes – richly embroidered skirts, patterned aprons - are taken out of the wardrobe, deep-rooted traditions come to life.

The Egg Museum gives home to around 2000 decorated eggs from all corners of the world. Besides eggs decorated using traditional folk techniques and patterns, its rich collection includes unique pieces created by etching or carving. The Straw-Treasure-House showcases everyday household objects and decorations made of straw, and the Village Museum – the building of which is one of the most beautiful examples of Hungarian folk architecture – still operates as a weaving workshop. Fabrics with patterns characteristic of Zengővárkony can be bought here.

Holy Week, Easter, sprinkling, egg decoration are all part of the life of Zengővárkony. Visit this little village this Easter and see the traditions come to life!



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EVENTS OF THE HOLY WEEK:

Egg decorating contest for young “artists” aged 10-15

Venue: Egg Museum

Time: 13 April 2014. 13:00

Decorated eggs for your loved ones

During the hands-on sessions skilled hands help you make your own Easter egg. You can also take your pick from the wide array of beautifully decorated or finely crafted eggs on sale, or can get engaged in various games offered by the museum for all ages.

Venue: Egg Museum

Time: 14 -18 April 2014 10:00-17:00 daily



Egg shoeing demonstration

See how skillfull hands can attach tiny horseshoes and other metal ornaments to the fragile shell of the eggs.

Venue: Egg Museum

Time: 14-16 April 2014



Procession to the Easter Monday mass

Wearing folk costumes, the members of the Zengővárkony Folk Ensemble walk through the village to the morning mass starting at 9:30.

In the afternoon, at 15:00 a folk dance performance given by the Ensemble welcomes visitors in front of the Egg Museum.



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How to get here

By car : from Pécs take Road 6 in the direction of Budapest, and having passed Pécsvárad turn left to Zengővárkony. It is about 20 minutes' drive from Pécs.

By bus: there are regular bus services from Pécs central bus station to Bonyhád/Szekszárd. Take any of these buses and get off at 'Zengővárkony elágazás' bus stop. From here it's only a few minutes' walk to the village. For bus schedules visit the [Volán coach services](#) page.