

GASTRONOMICAL OFFERS

Besides the equestrian museum and a conference hall the building of the one-time Officers' Casino also houses a restaurant called "Ötösfogat" ("Five-in-Hand") and a coffee house named "Zsolnay", where balls, wedding parties and receptions are often held.



ACCOMMODATION

If you want to spend several days riding or travelling by coach, you may find accommodation at the "Imperiál Vendégház" ("Imperial Guest House") located in the historical stud farm yard or at various other hotel facilities operated in partnership by our company.

Here you can also find the Chamber Theatre with a seating capacity for 180 persons, where the local theatre company regularly performs, and which is also a conference venue.

More and more people chose Bábolna for the venue of their wedding parties. The main attractions in this respect are the famous local five-in-hand, the specialities of the restaurant and the excellent accommodation.

CULTURAL-TOURISTICAL ASSOCIATION IN NORTHERN PANNONIA

The vicinity of Chief Monastery of Pannonhalma, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and also that of the Komárom fortresses make the Bábolna Stud Farm a favourite destination for study excursions. The Herend China Factory is also a member of our Cultural Association.

Information on horse races, exhibitions and the Bábolna International Farmers' Days is available on our website and at the farm administration.

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OPENING HOURS

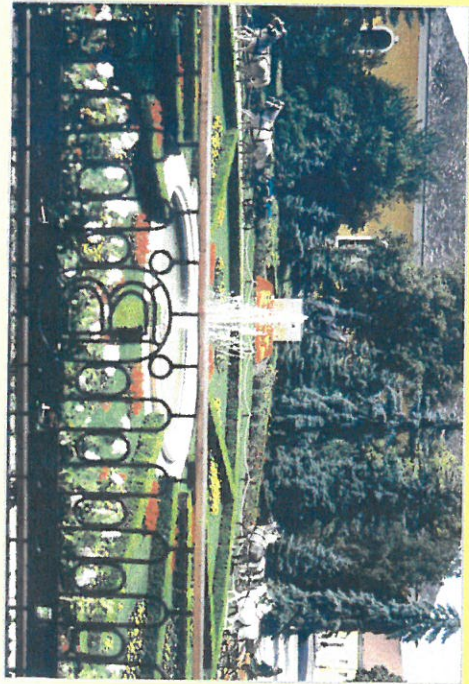
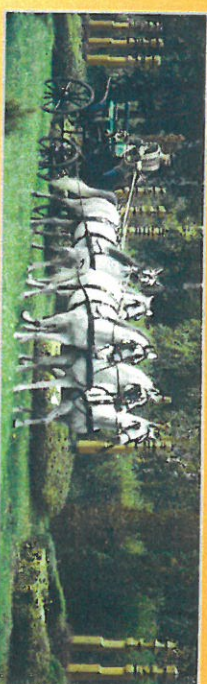
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| Stud farm yard, museum | daily | 9. a. m. – 5 p. m. |
| "Five-in-Hand" Restaurant | Mon. - Sat. | 11.30 a. m. – 9 p. m. |
| | Sunday: | upon request |
| Botanical Gardens, zoo | October 1 st – March 31 st | |
| | Mon. - Fri. | 8 a. m. – 4 p. m. |
| | Sat. - Sun. | 10 a. m. – 4 p. m. |
| | April 1 st – September 30 th | |
| | Mon. - Fri. | 8 a. m. – 4 p. m. |
| | Sat. - Sun. | 10 a. m. – 6 p. m. |



BÁBOLNA

NATIONAL STUD FARM

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THE BÁBOLNA NATIONAL STUD FARM

Founded in 1789, the Bábolna Stud Farm has been a major location for horse breeding in Hungary throughout the whole period of its existence. The mission of our company, the Bábolna National Stud Farm, is to preserve, promote and develop the values created by the efforts of our predecessors.

Our goal is not only to preserve, but also to convey our equestrian heritage to the general public about how this heritage, which once was closely connected to warfare, has become a vehicle for a noble sporting activity.

CENTURIES OLD HERITAGE - IN TRADITIONAL ENVIRONMENT

The history of the Bábolna Stud, which is rightly world-famous today, looks back to the end of the 18th century.

Győző Csékonics, captain of a cuirassier regiment, had the idea that horse breeding in Hungary may flourish only under the professional hands of stud masters, who may create imperial-royal studs. As ordered by Joseph II, Emperor of Austria and King of Hungary, a stud was created first in Mezőhegyes in 1795, then in Bábolna in 1789 with the purpose to breed fast and strong horses, which were necessary both for the army and for the public.

As set forth in the order of the Royal Military Council in 1816, only purebred Arabian stallions may be used for breeding purposes in the Bábolna Stud. This proves that the Bábolna Arabian breed came into being hardly a quarter of a century later than the Stud Book for the English thoroughbred horses was established in 1793.

Following a major expedition organised by Eduard Herbert a purebred Arabian stallion named Shagya Senior was brought to Bábolna. Besides the purebred Arabian stock the Bábolna Arabian breed developed by the middle of the 1800s, which has become known as

the Shagya Arabian breed all over Europe since it was recognised as an independent breed in 1978.

The stud survived both World Wars, although it suffered severe losses. Following World War II Bábolna lost its military role, and the stud farm was transferred under the control of the Ministry of Agriculture as a State Farm. Due to poultry breeding that started in 1960 and also large-scale, extensive plant production Bábolna became one of the largest agricultural enterprises in Hungary.

In autumn 2001 a state-owned company was established under the name of Bábolna Nemzeti Menesbirtok Kft. (Bábolna National Stud Farm Ltd.) in order to conserve and preserve the historical building complex, which is part of the Hungarian cultural heritage, the Arabian Stud, which is over 260 years old, and which has 260 horses, which have been declared an indigenous Shagya Arabian breed by Hungarian Parliament. The company has some priority responsibilities such as to be at the forefront of horse breeding, in the training of horsemen, to organise races and professional exhibitions as well as conferences, and to present all this to the domestic and international public through tourism.

OUR URBAN AND NATURAL HERITAGE MAY BE VISITED ALL THE YEAR ROUND

Outstanding sights are the stud farm yard, the two stables one of which is for the stallions, the other one for the mares; you can also visit the manège, which is considered to be the most beautiful of its kind in Hungary, the coach museum and the equestrian museum in the building of the one-time officers' casino.

It takes a short walk to the Botanical Gardens, which were established in 1965, where besides interesting plants you can also see some indigenous Hungarian domestic animals.

From the gardens you may walk to Csikótelep (Foals' Farm), where you can see over 60 Arabian mares and their foals.



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