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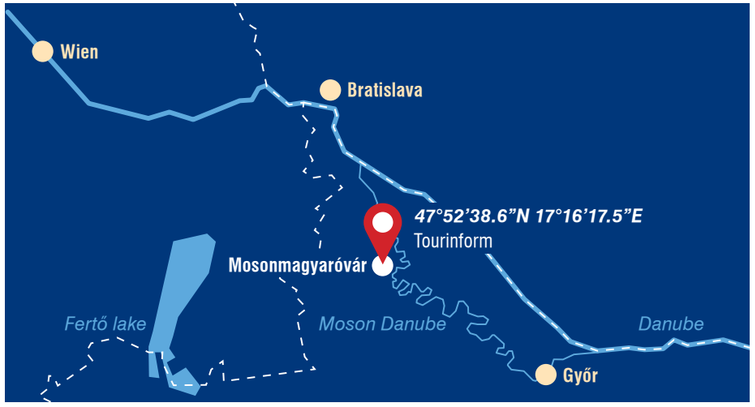
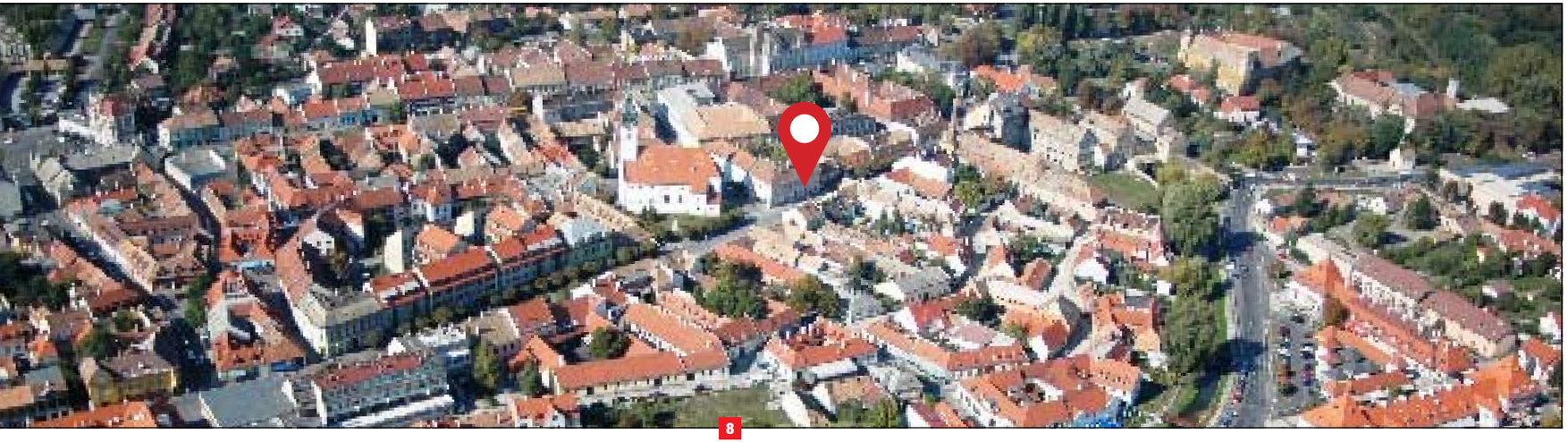
# The prospering city, Mosonmagyaróvár





LOCAL GOVERNMENT OF MOSONMAGYARÓVÁR

## Dear Visitor,

Welcome to Mosonmagyaróvár, this city so rich in both natural beauties, and architectural values. The Lajta river zigzags its way among and under the city’s enchanting streets with inviting cafés, and restaurants on its banks. Imposing indigenous trees populate Wittmann Park just a stone’s throw from the Castle, and the adjacent lake. The inner city of Mosonmagyaróvár, or Magyaróvár for short offers not only beautiful historic monuments for visual enjoyment, but also culinary delight in restaurants in and near our high street. The Moson market sells merchandise characteristic of the Szigetköz small region. Futura, a great place for entertainment for all age groups is a short distance away from there. Sport lovers also find their favourite pastime kayaking on the Moson-Danube, or cycling round the city. I wish you a very enjoyable stay with us! I am sure that once you learn more about our city you will wish to return.

Dr. István Árvay

Mayor’s Office of city of Mosonmagyaróvár

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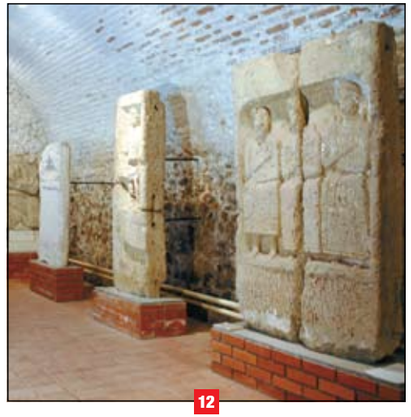
# History, and sights

Mosonmagyaróvár owes its location to its favourable natural, and geographical features. A military camp, and civil settlement used to be situated here as early as Roman times under the name of Ad Flexum. When Moson county was established as an administrative unit around the time the Hungarian state was founded the city became the county seat. During the Mongol invasion in 1271 its sand castle was destroyed, which broke the growth of the city. Following the invasion master Konrád, a member of Győr's lineage erected a stone castle not a long way from Moson prompting the foundation of a smaller village next to it. Óvár was granted privileges by Erzsébet – Elisabeth – Queen mother in 1354, and was promoted to the status of market town. During the 15-18th centuries the city traded cattle to lay the fundaments for its growth. Its population was partly German, partly Magyar. In the 1550s **preacher Gál Huszár** founded a printing press, and a school in Óvár, but both ventures remained short-lived. The Óvár demesne became the private property of the Habsburg family, then, in 1766 Maria Theresa donated it to her daughter Maria Christina. The growth of Moson – also moving up the ranks of a market town by the end of the Middle ages – came into full swing in the 19th century. During that period a significant Jewish community also settled there. The two parts of the city united in 1939, and in 1905, following the merger with locality of Lucsony the new settlement assumed the name Mosonmagyaróvár.

## The castle where Hunyadi was held prisoner

The irregular four-turret palace as it currently stands was erected in the second part of the 1400s by Szentgyörgyi and Bazini earls to take the place of the 13th century castle 16 that survives only in the foundation walls of its gothic chapel. **Mátyás Hunyadi** was held prisoner in 1457 in the south-west turret of the castle. Following Hungary's defeat by the Turks at Mohács the castle was home to Queen consort Maria Habsburg, widow of Louis II. The present castle gate was made in the 16th century: its cradle vault contains a representation of the Szentgyörgyi, and Bazini earls carved in stone, and the passageway to the castle-gate is segmented by sedilias. Stones with Roman signs were also used during the works. The bridge overarching the castle lake was constructed in the 18th century with the life size statue of **István Fekete** leaning against the railing, and **little Vuk** 15 sitting at his feet. An additional storey was added in the 17th century whose merlon is seen today incorporated in the wall. At that period even the Holy Crown was hidden behind its walls.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## The 200 year-old academy

Prince Albert Casimir August of Saxony, Duke of Teschen added a second storey to the building in 1810. **Since 1818 it has been housing the agricultural academy** founded by the duke. The busts of Albert Casimir, and Antal Wittmann, designer of the Academy's educational program are located next to the palace's main entry. In the immediate proximity of the castle stands the Art-nouveau style building of the university handed over in 1912 today home to the Agriculture, and Food Science Faculty of Széchényi István University 16. A major monument on the square in front of the castle, Deák square, is the former county hall built in neo-renaissance style in 1892, today functioning as the city hall. Facing the building is the huge monument of **Saint John of Nepomuk** 14 carved in 1744. On the square we see the Habsburg archduke's palace that once provided accommodation to Napoleon's foreign minister, to István Széchenyi (parliamentary representative for the county at the time), and to Jellasics. In October 1848 Lajos Kossuth called the local

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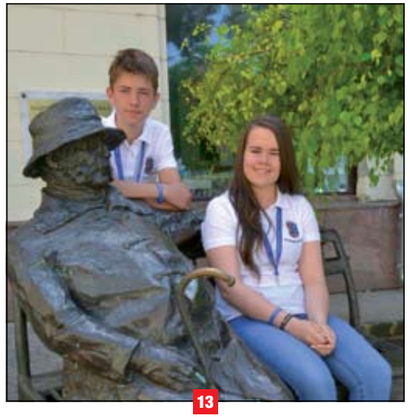
population to the arms from the balcony of the building. A bronze statue of the jovial **Frederick Habsburg** 13 sitting on a bench commemorates its most notable guest. The bench is an ideal place for a rest or for taking a picture in the company of the statue. The first secondary school of the city stands on Fő utca – Main street – the Piarist friary and Grammar School. The Fekete Sas Szálló és Étterem – Inn and Restaurant to the Black Eagle – used to be the city's oldest inn once hosting emperor Gábor Bethlen. The façades of several buildings have wooden ornaments to recall the gothic balconies of the time. As a rare memory, the façade of the Wallisch house still has the painted decoration of the 17th century. A gemstone of the Fő utca is the **Cselley house,** 12 accommodating the applied art exhibition of the Hanság Museum, the Gyurkovich collection of 19-20 century Hungarian painters including masterpieces by **Munkácsy, Rippl-Rónai, Vaszary,** a literary memorial room, and a collection of Roman stones. The classicistic edifice of the old City Hall still boasts the city's ancient coat of arms encircled by the proud sign: RESPUBLICA OVARIENSIS. The most important buildings on Városkapu tér – City Gate Square 9 (see cover) – winning the title of the **Europe's most beautiful main square** in 2016 at the Entente Florale Europe competition – are the **neo-renaissance Post Palace** 11 (1909), and the **City Court of Justice** (1936).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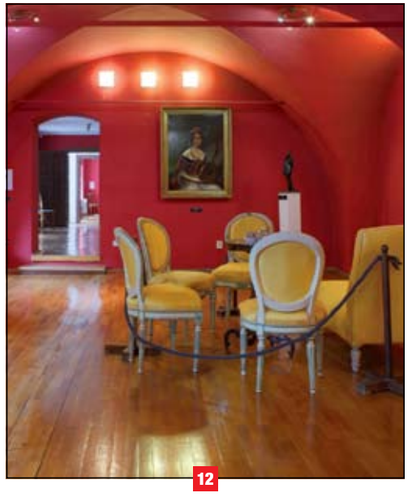
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### Where the saints sleep the sleep of the just

A sign on the castle-like building of the city mill says it was erected in 1754. Opposite the castle the former mill of the demesne, and the archduke's beer factory built to form one unit with the former rise above the branch of the Lajta on which the mill operates. Next to the middle class family houses of Magyar utca stands the parish **church of Holy Mary and Saint Gotthard** 10, a medieval building, but featuring Baroque style in its current form. In the **Habsburg crypt** in the undercroft archduke Frederick, and his wife sleep their eternal sleep in bronze coffins, while the **catacomb saints**, a gift from the Pope rest in glass coffins. A Pieta statue proclaiming the jus gladii – a lord's right to execute serfs – is located in a narrow street a short way from there erected to the salvation of the executed. The Neo Romanesque church (1884) of the evangelical community marks the end of the pedestrian precinct. The **Mosonvármegye** – historical county of Moson – **Museum** 7, whose foundation is the oldest one in our country's history, is located in a classicistic building, and exhibits items ranging from ancient horns to fibula brooches with runic writing, and 19th century ball attire along with an endless list of other artefacts to conjure up the history of the city, and Moson county. Szent István király út – the road of king St. Stephen – connecting Magyaróvár and Moson is lined with villas constructed for the urban élite from the early 1900 onward: a particularly noteworthy one is the picturesque turreted building of the Pálffy family. The Reformed congregation also built their Magyar-Art nouveau style church at this location (1940). 123 Szent István király út in Moson is the native home of violinist, and music educator Károly Flesch. The **St. John of Nepomuk parish church** was 1 built in Baroque style in 1757. The church is surrounded by houses of well-to-do middle class citizens as well as the Baroque style former Korona Szálló – Crown Hotel – with the coat of arms of the Zsidanics family. The Haller school designed by István Medgyaszay is a unique vestige of early modern architecture. The memory of the former local Jewish community is preserved by their old cemetery 3. A real speciality is the **Italian chapel** 4 of the Craftsmen's district made of wood by Italian prisoners of war during WW1. The **Golgota statuary** 5 on Gyásztér – Square of Mourning – in front of the one-time border guard barracks commemorates the victims of the bloody volley fired during the 1956 Revolution.

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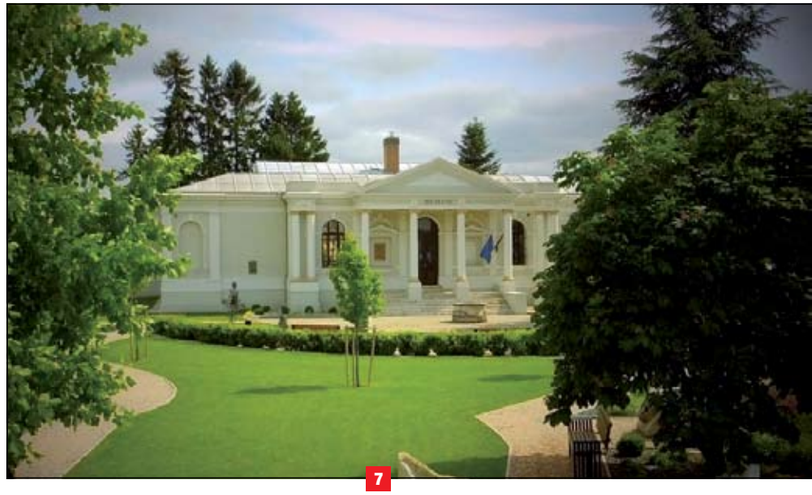
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# Leisure time and active tourism

## The city where you can slide on water

Mosonmagyaróvár offers exciting time off for those seeking active relaxation, and also for those in for a family type holiday. The most important cycling route, **EuroVelo 6** 11 crosses the city thereby attracting many cyclists. Visitors strolling along the pedestrian precinct of the historic inner city or the Lajta banks may stop by one of the terraces, or restaurants for a cup of nice coffee, a light lunch, or a tasty dinner. The city, and its proximity offers an abundance of options for lovers of water sports. The Lajta river breaks into several branches in the downtown area to zigzag over a distance of almost 4 km to join the Mosoni Duna – the Moson stretch of the Danube – near the more densely populated districts. The entire section of about 7 km may be toured by canoe. The excitement of the romantic tour comes at **two water slides at the mill** bridging a 3 meter difference in water level. Local water tour organisers offer professional services. The Castle lake 7 and its neighbourhood is a popular location for leisure pastimes. Two public beaches 3 5 with a playground, and a volleyball court await bathers on the banks of the Moson Danube. The **Szigetköz adventure park** 2 in Rudolf grove invites the brave to balance their way high among canopies and even to slide over the Mosoni Danube on a cable slide. In the Hétvezér – Seven tribal leaders – park at the city border a riverside walkway welcomes leisurely visitors, and a skatepark offers fun to skateboard freaks. Anglers love to spend a day at Báger lake 4 along with youth, elderly, and families with small children. The new city sports hall, the **UFM Aréna** 9 opened its doors to the public in February 2017 housing concerts, and sports events. Walking past the facility on the Lajta banks on top of the dyke visitors arrive at the floodgate that secures the water supply for Lajta branch with the mill. This is where the **fish ladder** 10 is located with its tiny cataracts where fish can easily swim across, or take a rest.

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## Thermal bath, and Spa

„Bio" Flexum spa 6 is fed by the **Europe's fifth most curative thermal water** bursting up from 2000 m. The thermal water of 74 °C contains a wide variety of solved salts of beneficial effect classified as iodic mineral water. The pools of different water temperature meet the highest standards, and offer a wellness experience, facilitate recovery, and rest, and also serve the needs of athletes. All 7 pools with a total water surface of 2,300 $m^2$ operate around the year; their water contains no added chemicals, and comfortable deckchairs skirt the individual pools. Open air social areas, conventional lounges, and restaurants include further conveniences available to the guests.

Mosonmagyaróvár is famous not only for its balneology, but also for its superb drinking water brought to the surface from the Black Forest water base 100 m deep. It is connected to the city pipeline without purification, or added chemicals. It is also sold in premium hotels in Hungary labelled fresh water from Szigetköz.

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## FUTURA Interactive Science Adventure Centre

FUTURA Interactive Science Adventure Centre 1 started operating in 2012 in a facility that used to be a grain silo almost 300 years ago. The permanent exhibition arranged in the spirit of the four ancient elements, water, earth, air, and fire contains four floors of excitement with about 100 interactive games putting all senses to the test to demonstrate the laws of nature. Visitors are in for unique experiences such as the Tesla mission, 5D movie, Panick lab, or virtual reality.

## Mosonmagyaróvár – the festival city

The city's events attract an increasingly large audience year on year. Each month from spring to late autumn we stage a festival that lures several thousand people to the region. Colourful spots in Moson include the local farmers' market 2, and Cult street arranged in Magyar street 6 in the historic downtown area open each Thursday from May to August with a varied program.

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## Moson Model Show

### (International model exhibition and competition) – April

The Moson Model Show has grown to become one of the outstanding events in Europe over the past 20 years. The exhibition displays war, and civilian vehicles, air planes, figures, and ships.

## Old Timer show, and Veteran Car Jamboree in Mosonmagyaróvár – May

About 7 years ago 240 veteran vehicles, the participants of the Vredestein Pannonia Carnuntum Rally, the largest Austrian old-timer rally marched through the inner city of Mosonmagyaróvár 8. The Day of Cars is complete with supplementary events including a parts fair, and a local veteran car exhibition.

## Voluta International Water Carnival – June

The main attraction of the Voluta 5 festival on the Moson Danube is the dragon boat competition. Besides the dragon boat races concerts, and other programs come as further sources of entertainment.

## Saint Steven's Days, Summer Festival – August

Saint Steven's Days 1 are the largest cultural, entertainment, and touristic attraction in Szigetköz that lure tens of thousands from the city, from satellite citizens, several locations of the country and from across the borders. Open air concerts with a variety of children's programs, culinary delight, and fish soup Szigetköz style cooked in a huge cauldron await visitors.

## Tastes of Szigetköz, Festival of the historical county – September

The three-day event features a generous selection of excellent Hungarian wines, and palinkas, and traditional Hungarian food is served to the audience. Interested visitors are welcome to sports, and childrens' programs, arts and crafts fairs, singing contests, talent shows, and mounted archery jamborees.

## EXHIBITIONS, MUSEUMS CULTURAL VENUES

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**Flesch Károly Cultural Centre**
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**FUTURA Interactive Science Adventure Centre**
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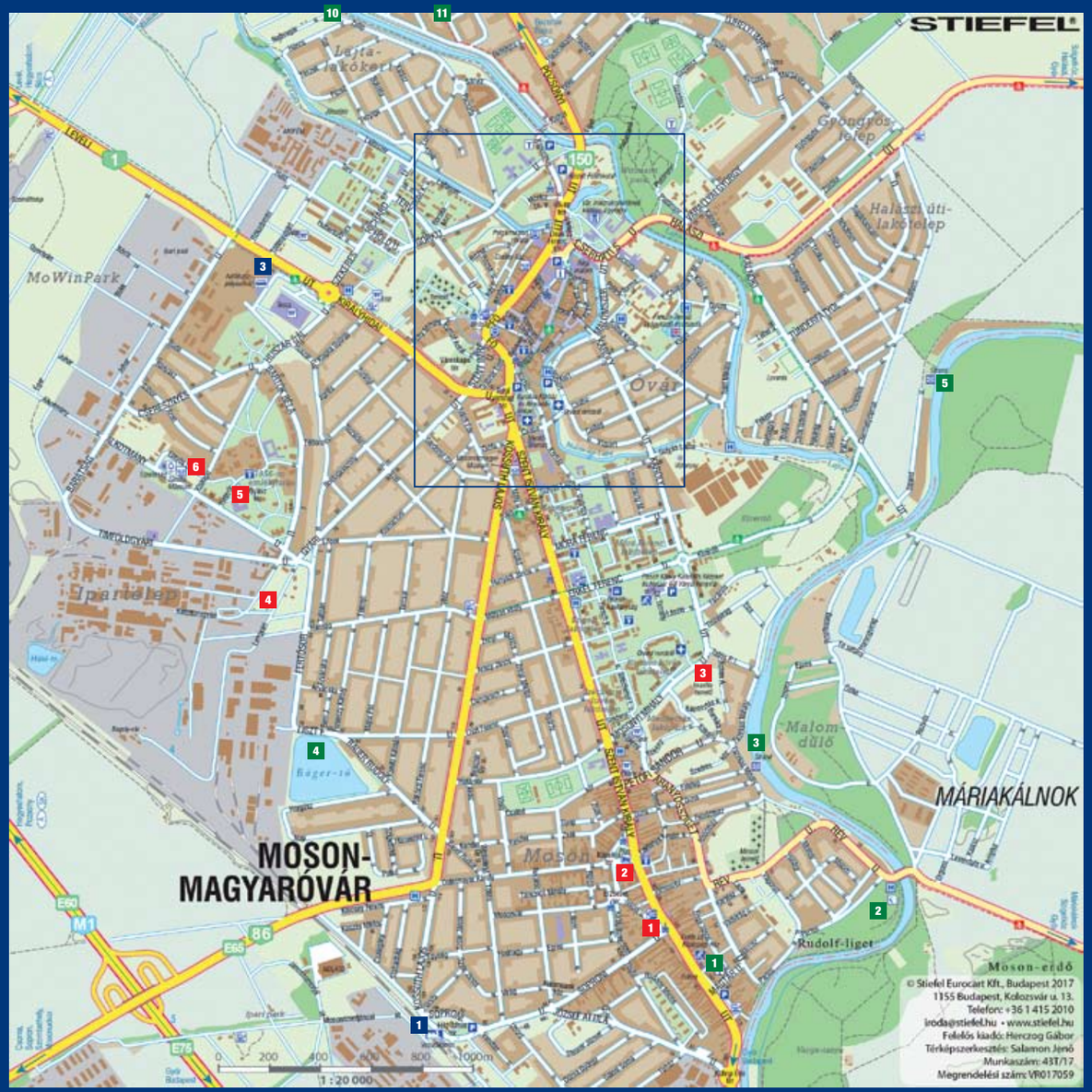


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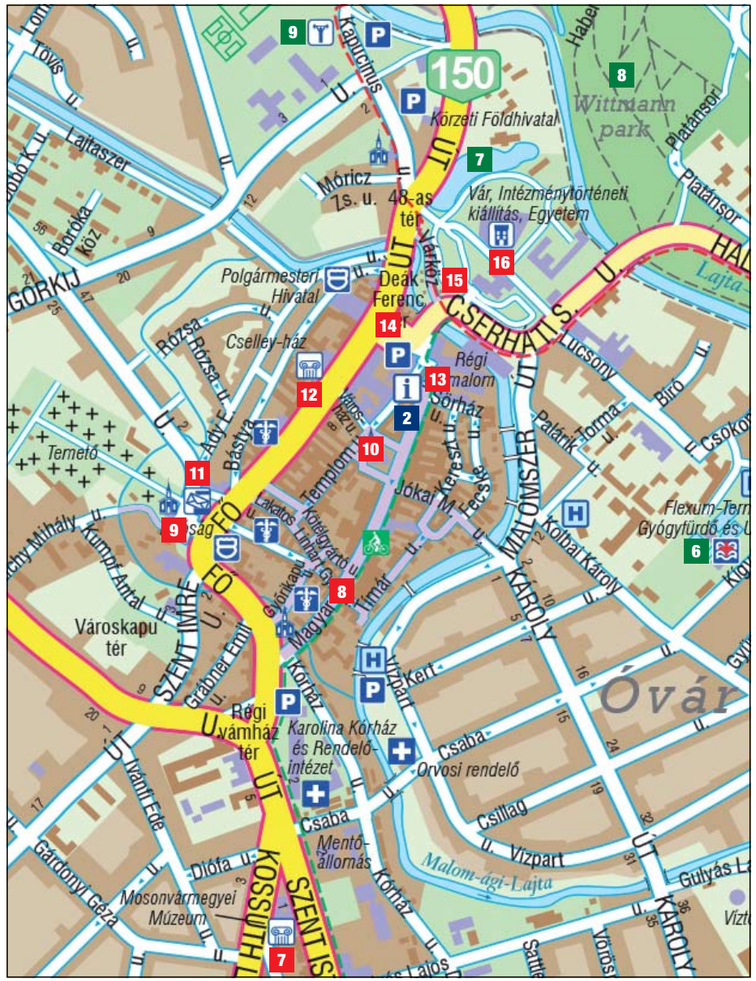

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