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HORTOBÁGY WILD ANIMAL PARK



In the Hortobágy Wild Animal Park in Malomháza, you can discover the wildlife of the ancient puszta. It is full of animals that lived here before the arrival of man, such as wolves, vultures and pelicans – which have their own fish pond – and species that are still found in protected areas, such as foxes, wildcats, cranes and white-tailed eagles.

The Wild Animal Park has a number of catwalks, designed to allow visitors to take beautiful photos. You can admire the beautiful landscape from the observation towers.

Those who want a real adventure can take part in the extra safari programme, where they can see the Przewalski wild horses and reconstructed aurochs up close.



MÁTA STUD



Visit the 350-year-old Máta Stud Farm in Hortobágy, one of Hungary's most important and longest-standing horse breeding centres with nearly 270 horses. The most important task of the stud farm is the genetic preservation and breeding of the traditional Hungarian Nonius breed, which was declared a national treasure in 2004. The horse-drawn carriage rides in the puszta, which are the most popular attraction in the Hortobágy, also set off from here. Don't miss the Hortobágy Equestrian Days, a celebration of horses and equestrian sports, which attracts thousands of visitors every year.

Visit the interactive stud history exhibition and the workshop of the famous master potter, József K. Nagy from Nádudvar. From the Nyerges Café, you can see the daily life of the stables through a glass wall, with a playground also available for children. For those who want to get in the saddle, there is a riding instructor for beginners and advanced riders by appointment.



HORTOBÁGY GREAT FISHPONDS DEMONSTRATION AREA



Over the past 50 years, more than 300 species of birds have been observed in the area of the fishponds, making it a popular destination for birdwatchers. There is plenty to see and do riding on the narrow-gauge railway or hiking on the educational trail. The colourful kingfisher or the glossy ibis are rarely seen, but great egrets, wild goosanders, black-winged stilts, or buffaloes tending the land, among others, are often observed. Several lookouts and a row of viewing huts also help with observation. In the autumn, thousands of cranes spend the night at the terminal station of the narrow-gauge railway at Lake Kondás. The sight of cranes appearing in the sunset is an unforgettable experience. Visitors can join several tours to see the crane migration.

PUSZTA ANIMAL PARK



The Pusztai Animal Park is located in the heart of the Hungarian puszta, a stone's throw from the Nine-Hole Bridge. The animal park evokes the atmosphere of a traditional peasant farm, presenting old Hungarian domestic animals and livestock buildings in their original environment. It is a popular destination for families with children and school groups. Children's favourites are the playground with its typical Hortobágy motifs and the petting zoo. With our interactive educational trail, they can learn about the animals and their uses in a playful manner, and on the observation bridge over the buffalo lake, they can see the wallowing domestic water buffalo up close.