

# MUSEUMS

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The world-famous operetta composer was born on 24 October 1882, in Siófok. For the 105th anniversary of Imre Kálmán's birth, a memorial exhibition was opened in Siófok on 22 October 1987, in his childhood home. The exhibition in the ground-floor rooms of the house presents the artist, the major stages of his career and some interesting events in his life. The upper floor of the house functions as a gallery. One of his most significant operetta compositions is The Csárdás Princess.



## MINERAL MUSEUM

### KÖVECSES-VARGA LAJOS COLLECTION

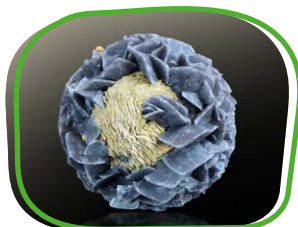
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# WATER TOWER

Fő tér 11.

**1912.** The Water Tower was built.

Architects: Jenő Gergely and Árpád Guth

**1944.** It was damaged during World War II.

**1973.** A new water plant was built in Siófok, so the original function of the tower became redundant

**1992.** The tourist information office was opened in the tower

**2012.** Celebrating its 100th anniversary, the tower is renovated

- accessible entrance
- external, panoramic elevator
- open terrace with a full 360° panoramic view



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## BUILT HERITAGE

### **RAILWAY STATION** - Millennium park

It was built by the Southern Railway Company in 1904.



### **PORT** - Krúdy sétány

The era of passenger ships on lake Balaton began in 1846. Today, Siófok has the busiest port around the lake.

### **THANHOFFER VILLA** - Karinthy Frigyes u. 4.

The villa near Jókai Park, which now functions as a guesthouse, was built by professor doctor Lajos Thanoffer in 1897. Only open for guests.

### **JÓKAI VILLA** - Batthyány utca 2.

The famous Hungarian novelist, Mór Jókai spent his last summer in this villa in 1903. The building was completed in 1897 and now operates as a hotel.

### **KRÚDY VILLA** - Mártírok útja 4.

The villa was built at the end of the 19th century and functioned as photographer Ede Ellinger's guest house. Gyula Krúdy, the great Hungarian writer spent many summers here. The building is a guesthouse today.



### **FORMER SIÓ AND HULLÁM HOTELS**

- Petőfi sétány 1.

The hotels were built in 1893. Nowadays, these buildings are used for educational purposes. They are not open for the public.

## CHURCHES

### **ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH** - Fő utca 57.

Built in 1904, in Neo-Romanesque style. The biggest organ of the Balaton region can be found here.



### **ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH** - Darnay tér

The modern church was built in 1998.

### **ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH** - Asztalos utca 4.

The late baroque parish church was built between 1801 and 1804.

### **CALVINIST CHURCH** - Kele utca 10-13.

The church was built following the plans of János Ripszám and György Pápay, and it was consecrated in 1994.



### **LUTHERAN CHURCH** - Oulu park

The Lutheran church of Siófok is mostly made out of wood, being a beautiful example of organic architecture. It was designed by Imre Makovecz and consecrated in 1990. The Lutheran Congregation of Oulu, the sister city of Siófok donated part of the materials. In honour of their donation, the city of Siófok named the park after Oulu.

## PARKS



### **ROSE GARDEN**

The Rose Garden at the port of Siófok and the coastal promenade have been popular destinations for visitors and residents from the 1930s. While taking a pleasant walk or sitting on a bench you can enjoy the beautiful view of Lake Balaton at any time of the day.



### **JÓKAI PARK**

The largest park of Siófok was reconstructed according to the original plans in 2006. Visitors can admire the colourful flowers and the pond with its romantic bridge. There are also two big, modern and well-equipped playgrounds for children.

### **MILLENNIUM PARK**

The stunning park was created in 1996. You can find the statue of Imre Kálmán in the music pavilion.

## ENVIRONMENT

### **PROTECTED AREA OF TÖREKI**

The valley of the Cinege stream near Siófok-Töreki was declared a protected area in 1994. An 8.5 km long trail was established in the area in 1998, with two resting places. At the stations of the trail we can get abundant information about the rich fauna and flora of the area.

### **SIÓ CANAL**

The 13 km long bicycle route was established along the Sió Canal in 2006. It is an ideal place for bird-watching because of the variety of bird species living nearby.