

Sights above and under the ground

The region is rich in natural beauties not only on the surface, but also in the underground world. This has been acknowledged on all levels, being the region under national protection, biosphere reserve, and labelled as a World Heritage site.

Even concerts and wedding ceremonies are held in Baradla.



The landscape is scattered by all types of karst formations, forests and grasslands.



The unique caves can be visited in guided groups, all year round. The most popular caves like Baradla are accessible in normal street wears, while the others are more suitable for those who like challenges.

Man and nature



Nature conservation and landscape protection means not only the protection of wildlife, but takes care of the traditional farming practices that formed the landscape during centuries.

Rich diversity of fruits characterises the Gömör-Torna Karst, where the traditions of orchard management and fruit processing are still alive. No one should miss tasting the local jams, dried fruits and spirits called "pálinka".

The old orchards are also beautiful sites to visit, just like the traditional drying houses in Perkupa, Szögliget and Körtvélyes / Hrušov. Nature trails in Gömöršzölös and Tornakápolna show the most beautiful parts of ancient orchards.

Traditional breeds like the Grey Cattle, Mangalica pig or the Hucul horses are maintained in the national park and around.



Traditions



Not only the natural features, but the man made beauties make this region attractive, like the traditional houses, churches and mansions in the valleys.

Furnitures, household equipments and other tools (e.g. from farming) have been collected and then exhibited in the regional houses of Gömöršzölös, Perkupa, Szögliget and Jósfafő villages.



Some of the craftsmen gladly invites the visitors into the workshop, where we can try our skills and take home vivid experiences.

Village walks guide the visitors into the secrets of the local history of villages.

Gömör-Torna Festival

The Gömör-Torna Festival is a unique occasion for visitors and locals to meet each year. The festival provides programmes on both sides of the now virtual state border.



Visitors can select their preferences of the more than 100 programmes (cave, open-air and church concerts, exhibitions, folk dance sessions, street programmes and fairs) during the second half of July each year.

The crossborder, one-day bicycle tour shows the natural and cultural beauties of the Karst region. Also those preferring horse riding can take the special Hucul horses.

One can try and learn handicrafts in camps organised in Várhosszúrét / Krásnohorská Dlhá Lúka and Jósvalfő during the Festival.

The traditional Fair in Jósvalfő is the meeting place of craftsmen, locals and tourists. Local products can be tried and bought here, and the visitors can also taste local specialities.

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