

## Dear Advanced Hikers!

It is such a relief to be able to wander in nature after such a long period of confinement. One wouldn't think how many natural and cultural treasures are hidden in the Bükk Mountains, from the bubbling streams and waterfall to the amazing Caves. May it just be a refreshing walk or an adventurous forest hike. Lillafüred and the neighborhood offer unforgettable experiences not only for nature lovers.

In this leaflet, we collected a few hiking trail options and ideas for you to make exploration easier!

- If the weather seems a bit rainy, do not worry! You don't need to miss the opportunity to walk in the area, on reception umbrellas can be borrowed for those occasions to give shelter from the rain.
- Lillafüred and its surrounding area give you plenty of different opportunities to exercise with all ranges of hiking trails in different lengths and difficulties.

### 1. Hike to one of the most beautiful lookout spots in Lillafüred: To Fehérkőlápa

Who do we recommend it to? **To those who are looking for an even higher location than our Tower and are not afraid to climb steeper paths in order to reach them. The panorama will definitely worth the climb! Probably best for families with kids above the age of 6.**

**Where it starts:** At the bottom of the Chairlift

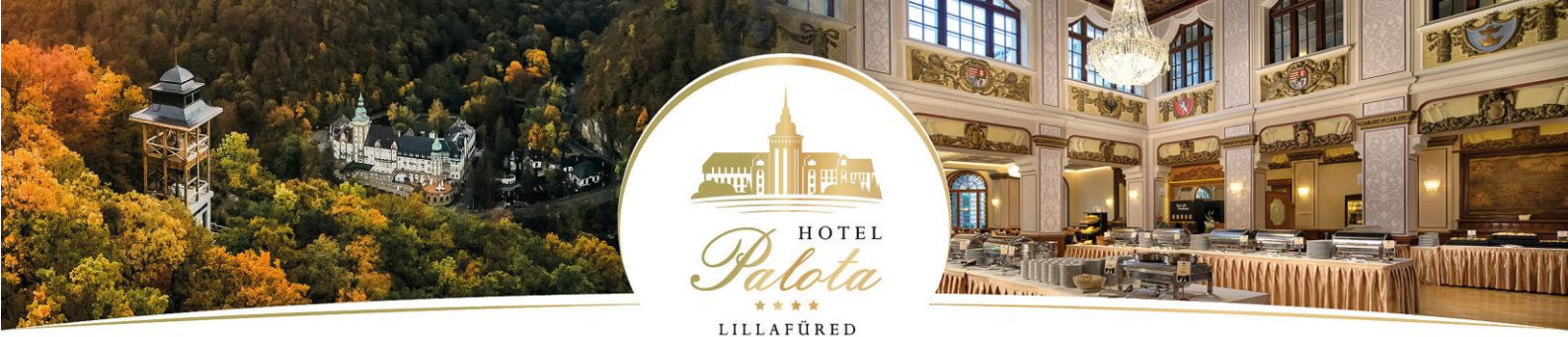
**Where it ends:** Hunguest Hotel Palota

**Length:** 4 km (if you take the Chairlift to the top and start your hike from there)

**Duration:** approximately 2-3 hours due to the elevation differences

**Signs:** green line, green triangle, and red line

Following the Lillafüred hiking trail will lead us to the Chairlift (See in the Beginners' guide). We recommend the refreshing ride with the chairlift for those who want to spare themselves the sweaty uphill part and exchange it for a thrilling ride at the level of the foliage. We can purchase one-way tickets at a very reasonable price at the bottom of the chairlift, where the cashier is located. The chairlift will take us to the top of the hill and we can continue our hike from there.



On this trail, you will be able to look down from one of the most beautiful lookout spots of Lillafüred and see the famous Fehérkőlápa Cliffs just in a 15-minute walk from the end of the Chairlift.

Let's walk towards the Tourist House, the little forest cottage at Fehérkőlápa. There is a spring water stream next to the Tourist House called St. Stephen, happy to help the thirsty hikers. From here we need to follow the green line and after that the green triangle signs. That will lead us to the lookout spot where the fantastic panorama awaits, you can see all of Lillafüred, the Sport- and Adventure Park, and the beautiful forests hugging the valley.

Once we admired the view enough and had a chance to rest, we can continue the trip. From now on we only need to move downwards. Following the Green Line Sign, we can make our way down proceeding on a beautiful serpentine surrounded by bükk trees. At the feet of the mountain, we will find ourselves at the Lillafüred Camp. It is best if you do not go out to the streets, continue using the forest trail marked with the Red Line Sign and go through the Rock Tunnel. Arriving back at Lillafüred we will find a bunch of different buffets and restaurants where you can try even the famous local trout. If you are not in a hurry the St. Stephen Cave is just across the road and ready to show the unique stalactite formations during a guided tour. Another can't miss attraction is the Hanging Garden next to the Hotel and the Waterfall. Before finishing the trip it is definitely worth checking these out.

## 2. Mesmerizing lookout-spots and a prehistoric cave - Szinva hiking trail

Who do we recommend it to? **To those who want to bring out the most from their visit to Miskolc and are not afraid of elevations and steeper parts. The trail is also suitable for runners.**

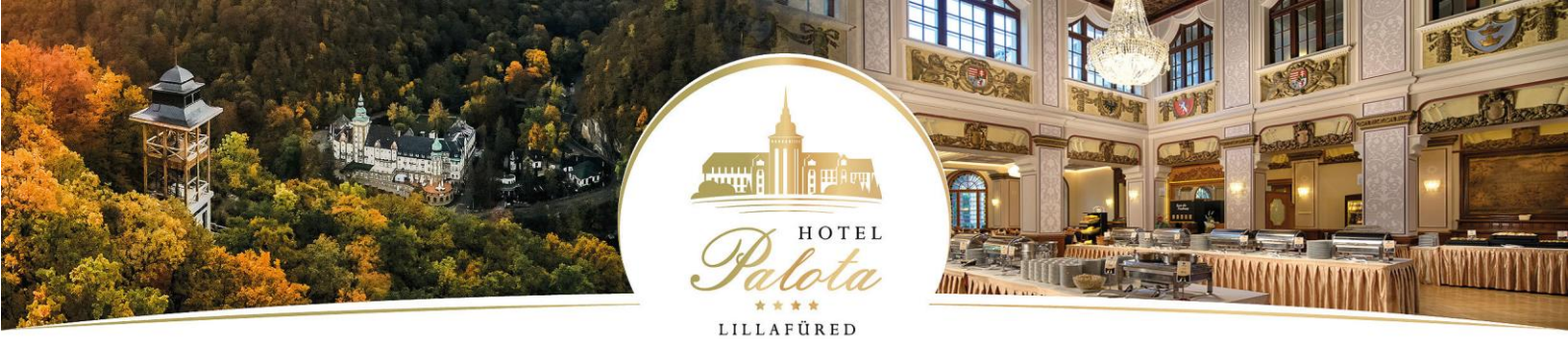
**Where it starts:** Hunguest Hotel Palota

**Where it ends:** Herman Otto Memorial Park (Csanyik - Valley)

**Length:** 4,5 km

**Duration:** approx. 3 hours due to the elevation differences

**Signs:** blue line, red omega, and red line



We can start our journey through the Hanging Garden and visit all the thematic terraces. Reaching the Anna Cave at the bottom, let's go into the village Hámor and make our way to the Metallurgy Museum. Crossing the main road we can start our way to the prehistoric Szeleta Cave following the blue omega sign.

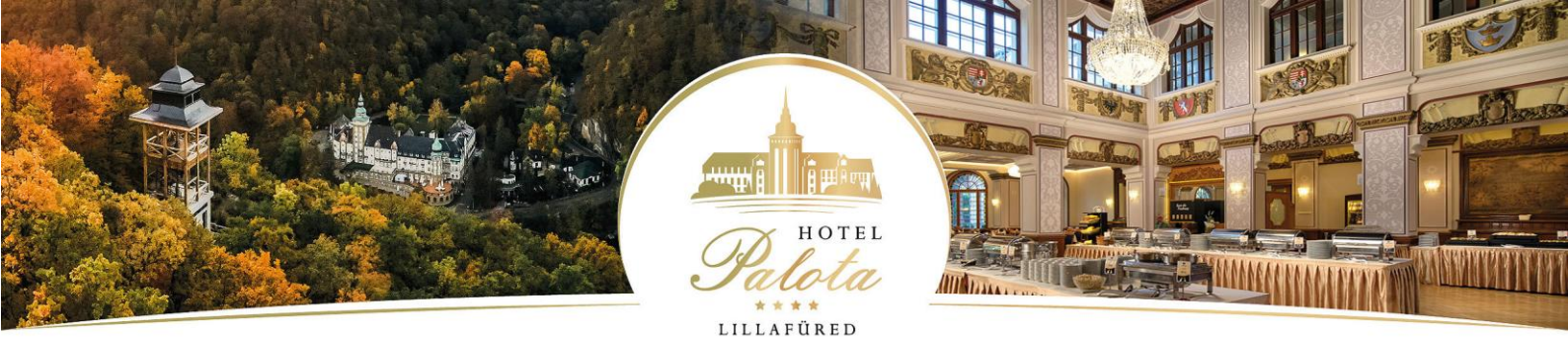
In this natural reserve area, we can admire some really unique rock plants. Reaching the top the view is immersive! The whole panorama of the Bükk is at your feet making it seem even more grandiose than ever.

The Cave itself used to be inhabited by the foremen, that's where the name came from. The cave inspired the so-called Szeleta-culture, which describes a special way of tool usage. The discovery of this cave around a hundred years actually gave a huge boost to Hungarian prehistoric researches and archeology. Spending some time in the huge hall of the cave is really pleasant, especially during really hot summer days.

Continuing the journey from the cave we ought to follow the red omega sign and make a detour to the so-called King Mathias's Footprint, where again a view of unparalleled beauty will surprise us. Going on the red omega, later on, the red line sign will take us to another special spot, the Molnár-Cliff. At the top of there is a wooded cross standing, several legends are associated with it. One saying a young miller boy and the rich miller's daughter jumped together from here, because of the father's disapproval. A heartbreaking Romeo & Juliet story. The other legend says the Miller, the father jumped because he found out his young wife was unfaithful.

From now on you will only need to go downhill still following the red line until we reach the Szinva Brook and the once called Herman Otto Memorial park in the Csanyik-Valley.





### 3. Lookout-tower tour

Who do we recommend it to? **To those advanced hikers who want to see amazing views and take on new experiences.**

**Where it starts:** At the bottom of the Chairlift

**Where it ends:** Lookout tower of Bükkszentkereszt

**Length:** 3 km (if you take the Chairlift to the top and start your hike from there)

**Duration:** approx. 3-4 hours due to the elevation differences

**Signs:** red line

Advanced hikers are recommended this trail to the lookout-tower of Bükkszentkereszt, also known as the “small-south lookout”. This trip will require 4 hours. Bükkszentkereszt is the highest village in the Bükk mountains. The famous healing stones are located here. According to legend if you sit on them all the tiredness will leave your body and you will stand up as a refreshed person, recharged with energy. The more fearless hikers are welcomed to start the hike from the bottom of the Chairlift and make their way to the top of the Jávör-Mountain on foot instead of a chairlift ride. Arriving at the Jávör-mountain follow the red line, and only shortly after a gravel road, you will see the wooden tower.

The most famous inhabitant of Bükkszentkereszt is the well-known “herb-man” György Szabó, but everyone just calls him Uncle Gyuri, who is the professional “professor” of the herbs in the Bükk mountains. He has a really remarkable house up here surrounded by a designed garden full of all the different herbs and plants that can cure diseases.

### 4. The Hámori Lake and the countless streams and caves of the area

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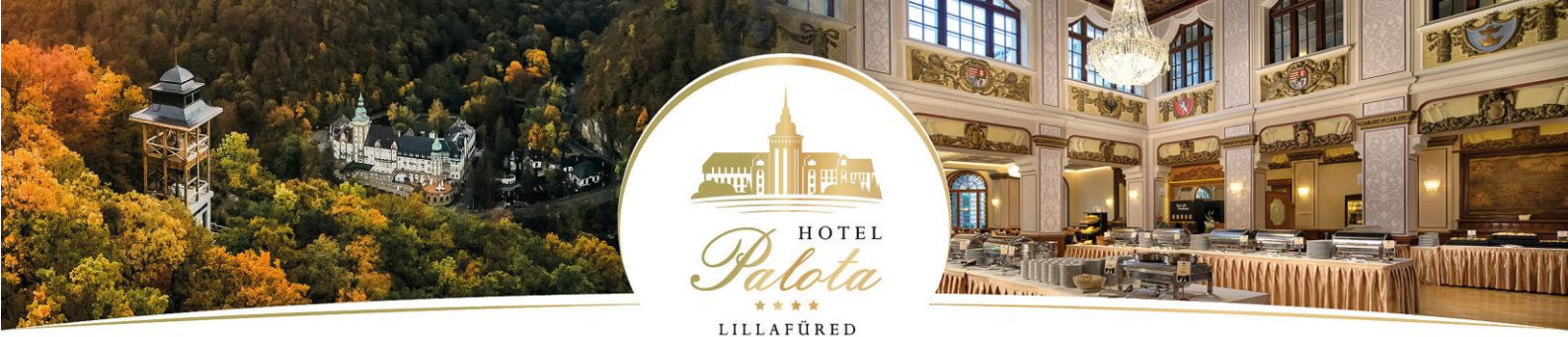
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Let us start with Hámori Lake. One would think it is a natural lake, but no, it was artificially made by humans for industrial reasons. It is surprising, as the environment of the lake looks like it has always been there and nature has formed it over the years to its current form.

Start our trip next to the Lake, where you can see a rock gate right next to the boat harbor. We will find ourselves on the little path alongside the Lake. We will pass parts with barriers, under the trees giving us the well-needed shade during warm summer days, and we even share the same direction with the Forest Train Railways. There are several benches placed along the way if one needs to rest or just to admire the scenery.

In one of the turns at the end of the Lake, there will be a table with seats where we can have a bite and on the opposite side there is a stream called Eszperantó, and underneath it a little mastiff waterfall feeding the Lake.

Returning to the path, we will reach the very end of the Lake, and need to make our way across to the other side using the human-made dam, and follow the stairs up to the main road.

Crossing the main road we need to follow the green line sign upwards. First, it will be a longer steep phase reaching Lencsés-stream and crossing the so-called Lencsés-Col. This will take a 120-meter elevation. Now we need to cross the red line path and follow downwards on the other side of the col. We will reach a nice spot called Kaszás-Meadow with the Eszter-Stream and Lilla-Cave. From the stream, there is a little creek starting, but only visible for a while as it will disappear into one of the caves. Don't panic if you can't spot a road here, there is none here leading to the caves and this tranquil little island. You will need to follow a small lane downwards between the vegetation into the bay formation in the ground. These formations called "töbör" in Hungarian are generated by underground gallies.

Shortly after we will arrive at another fantastic location, next to the Felső - stream. We can admire the Felső - Stream Caves broke-down entrance, which is a collapsed part of the main Cave. The Felső-Stream Cave is a quite big one with its 60 meter-long length and 15-meter height. Several archaeological treasures were found here from the prehistoric and new-age eras. It has eight exits, different-sized wholes. The earlier mentioned Kaszás-Stream played a significant role in the creation of this cave system because it used to flow this way back in the days. The Cave is strictly protected, please be extra careful not to harm anything while visiting this site.





Following the red cross and after that the red square will take us back to the Hotel, passing the Szeleta Cave on our way back.

