

# NEW COAT FOR A FORMER COMMUNIST PARTY RESORT IN HUNGARY



An old Hungarian communist party resort at Lake Balaton will be extended and further developed by Pro-Mot Kft.

Structures from the communist era are not exactly a symbol of a luxury and comfort these days. Nevertheless, some of these remains of the fallen regime were transformed into tourism attractions. In 2007 developer Pro-Mot Kft, acquired **Club Aliga**, which is a former communist party resort by the **Lake Balaton**. The developer currently creates plans for a **€300 million development of the resort**. There should be 1,500 residential homes, a 20-storey luxury hotel, restaurants as well as underground garage. Nevertheless, it is unlikely for the project to start this year.

The resort is some 90 km from Budapest and is located within a 50 acre arboretum-like park. It is still operational. **Club Aliga, which in days of its fame hosted such people as Castro, Mao Cetung or Gagarin, certainly has the atmosphere of 70s**. Even now it offers a unique experience for its visitors. The resort has rooms with a view of the Lake at affordable price. There is a retro espresso bar as well as a restaurant with terrace. There is a 2 km beach and a number of possibilities how to spend one's holiday. A visitor can swim, sunbath or go boating. However, no motor boats are allowed here therefore boating means mainly rowing or sailing.

Some visitors may choose to spend their vacation in a more active way. For those there is a tennis court, basketball court, soccer field, beach volleyball, table tennis and so on. Bicycling and hiking is also an option. A visitor may for example visit local sights. Vacation here is suitable for all age categories, adults as well as children.

Lake Balaton is sometimes dubbed as the Hungarian Sea. It is a very popular tourism destination, not only with locals but with foreigners as well. It is true especially about Germans who are frequent visitors of this area.

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