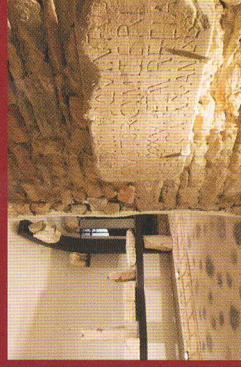




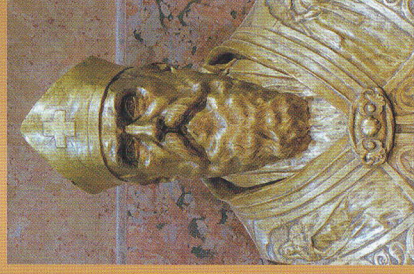
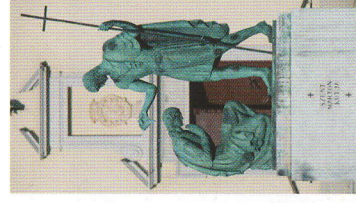
Following ST MARTIN'S footsteps IN SZOMBATHELY

St Martin was born in Savaria. Spending his childhood in Ticinum (today's Pavia, Italy), Martin followed his father's footsteps and became a soldier. The most decisive moment in his life was when he shared his cloak with a shivering beggar on a frosty winter day, thus becoming a model for mercy and solidarity. Having parted ways with the army, Martin became a monk, and founded a number of monasteries and served as the bishop of Tours from 371 up until his death in 397. Martin's honour spread all over the Christian world, and thousands of churches and hundreds of towns and villages bear his name today.

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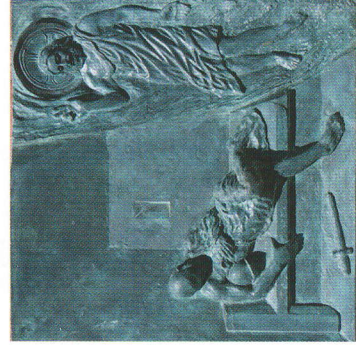
Modern-day Szombathely, known as Savaria in Roman times, is St Martin's native town; and the Saint's cult has been an integral part of the town's life for more than a millennium. The most significant venue of the Saint's honour is the **St Martin Church**. The inscription 'HIC NATUS EST SANCTUS MARTINUS' in the side chapel suggests that, legend has it, Martin's birth house once stood on the very same spot. Emperor Charles the Great probably visited the place when he travelled to Savaria in 791 to pay tribute to the patron of the Frank Empire. As attested by various sources a church before today's St Martin Church stood at the same place as early as in the 11th century. The **cemetery** next to the Church has been in use since the Age of Early Christianity right until very recent times. The Church was rebuilt to its current form during the reconstruction works between 1668 and 1672.



Housing today's **St Martin Visitors' Centre**, the Dominican monastery dates back to the same period.

St Martin's well was first mentioned in deeds in 1360. Local legend has it, Martin baptised his mother with water from the well when he returned to Savaria.

Cathedral The Diocese of Szombathely was established in 1777 when its first bishop, Szily János offered the newly formed diocese to the town's two saints, to St Quirine and to St Martin. The St Martin altar is located on the right-hand side of the transept. The painting by Maulbertsch features wonders by St Martin. The herma holds the St Martin relic gifted to the Saint's native town in 1913 by the Bishop of Tours. **St Martin's Historical Walking Route** – The route indicated by stepping stones starts from the St Martin Church to the Calvary, where it meets the Via Sancti Martini walking route.



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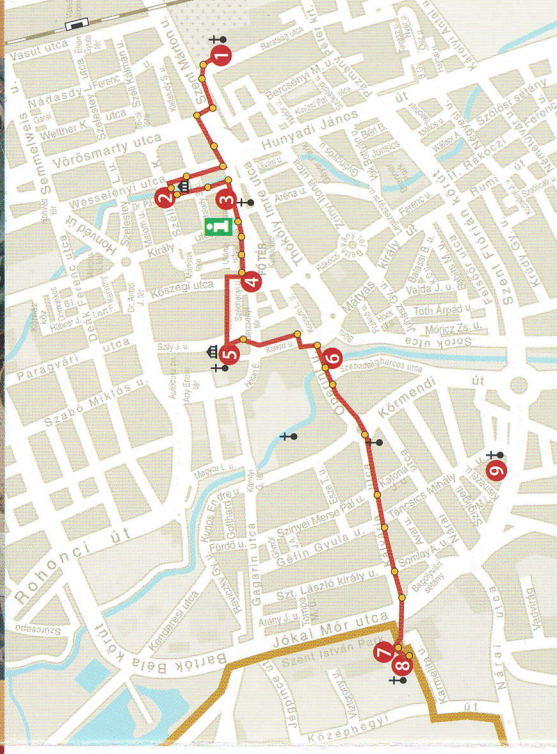
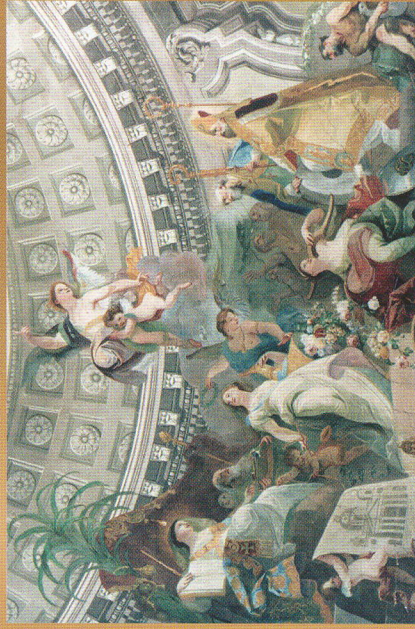
ST QUIRINE'S footsteps IN SZOMBATHELY

Szombathely (Savaria) is where St Quirine, Bishop of Siscia (today's Sisak, Croatia) died martyr. He worked as a bishop at the turn of the 3rd and 4th centuries. When he refused to make an offering to the pagan gods during Diocletian's prosecutions, he was taken to the seat of the province and to court. He was persistent in his Christian faith so he was sentenced to death and was thrown into the creek Sibaris (Perint) with a millstone around his neck. There are today some 15 towns and villages (particularly in Northern Italy and in Croatia) regarding St Quirine as their patron saint.

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St Quirine's commemorative venues in Szombathely:

Venue of the former **Roman theatre** where his trial took place and where he was sentenced to death. The **Perint Bridge** where he was thrown in the water with a millstone around his neck and died martyr. The place was a place of prayer already in the Ancient Times. **St Martin Church** where you can see the cella memoriae, a commemorative tomb reconstruction in the crypt of the Church although the Saint was first buried in the local Early Christian cemetery. The **Cathedral** where the St Quirine altar is located in the left hand side of the transept, just opposite the St Martin altar. The oil painting by Maulbertsch depicts the bishop with the millstone around his neck, floating in the water. Built in 1938, the **St Quirine Church** is the only church Hungary with St Quirine as its patron saint, where the Saint's relic can be found. The triptych by Radnóti Kovács Árpád features the Saint among his followers, the Saint in court, and St Quirine's death.



- The St Martin Historical Walking Trail
- St Martin of Tours European Walking Trail, walking pilgrimage route
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