



# OROSZLÁNY

## (Hungary)



As the centre of five settlements in the region, Oroszlány is situated on the northern wooded-humpy side of the Vértes Mountain. The neighbourhood of the town has been inhabited since the Árpád-era. It was destroyed during the Turkish occupation; the depopulated villages were revived by the Slovak and German settlers.

According to the tradition, the name of our town derives from its formerly existed castle whose gates were decorated with two stone lions. Nowadays, almost twenty thousand people live here 16 kilometres far from the county town Tatabánya, and approximately a quarter of an hour's drive from the connection for the busy motorway between Vienna and Budapest (M1).

The coal mining – and the power generation industry based on it – is significant in Oroszlány, since

today Hungary's last functioning mine employing deep exploitation is functioning here. On the other hand, our industrial park, which was officially established in 1997, has also a growing importance. At the moment 17 companies can be found here, which together employ approximately two thousand people.

After overcoming many difficulties and obstacles, people living here and visiting our town find that the approximately twenty thousand citizens are living here in peace, although among them we can find ethnic German, Slovak and Hungarian nationalities, as well. Nations has always lived here in harmony and concord next to each other while preserving their original language, cultural customs and holidays. People living in Oroszlány are fond of this settlement, they insist on the native country, to the familiar landscape.