

HISTORIC RIVER VESSELS

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THE HUNGARIAN MUSEUM
OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY
AND TRANSPORT

KOSSUTH MUSEUMSHIP

The KOSSUTH was built in 1913 at Ganz-Danubius Shipyard, under the name of FERENCZ FERDINÁND FERENCZEG, as a double-decker passenger and freighter ship. She was originally in the service of MFTR (Hungarian River and Sea Navigation Company), and she was one of many ships which connected Budapest to towns and villages along the Danube. She transported vendors and their wares up to Budapest before market hours began and back home after. At that time her decks were crowded with fruitbaskets, packed meats and sacks of other goods while she made her way between Esztergom (and later southwards to Mohács) and Budapest.

The 105 years old ship has survived the Second World War by having been sent to Austria together with the majority of the Danube steamship fleet. After the war had been over, she was reconstructed and renamed in 1955, when she received the name KOSSUTH. She continued to serve in the Hungarian fleet until 1979. As the last survivor of her shiptype she finally came into ownership of the Hungarian Museum of Transport in 1984, in the same year she was turned into a museumship. The KOSSUTH Museumship is part of the amazing industrial heritage of Hungarian shipbuilding, and as such, the Hungarian Museum of Science, Technology and Transport are committed to elevate her into a landmark cultural and touristical attraction in the heart of the capital.

