

# Culture walk with inhomogeneities

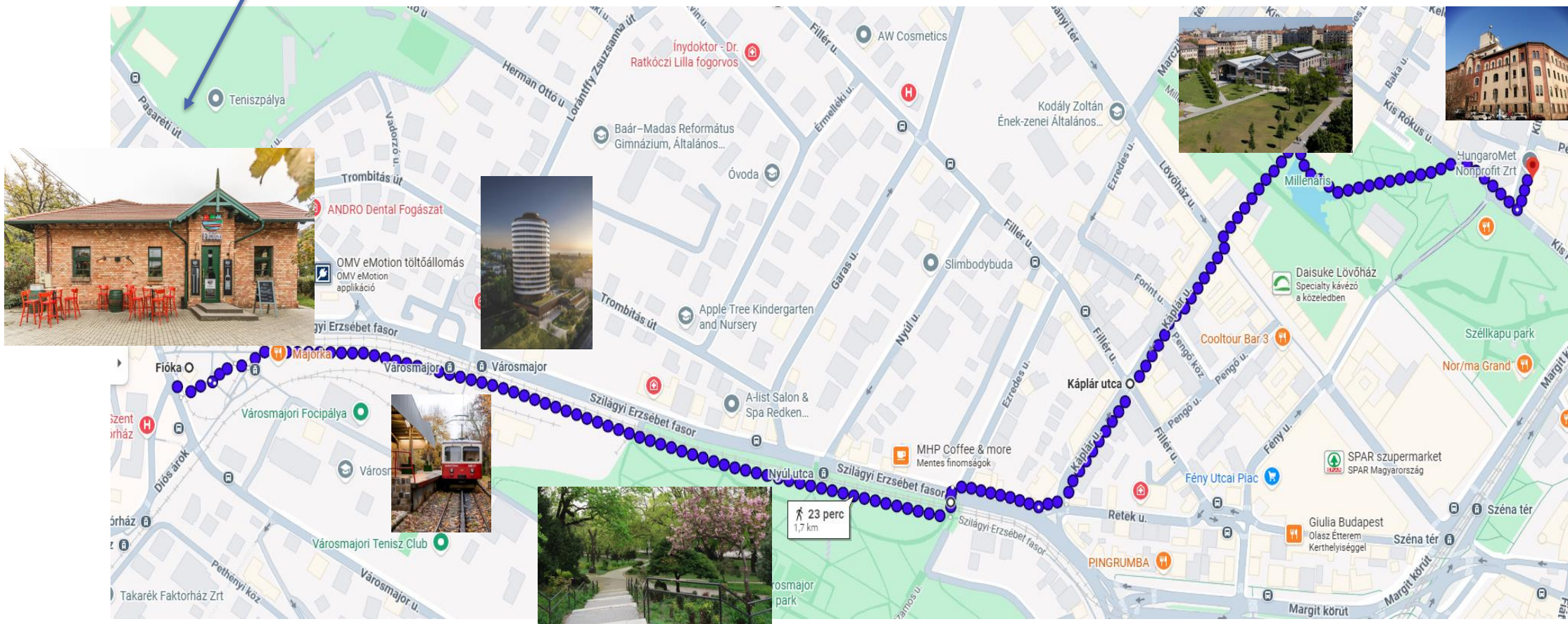
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Conference dinner:  
6<sup>th</sup> May, 19:00  
Restaurant Fióka  
Városmajor u. 75.

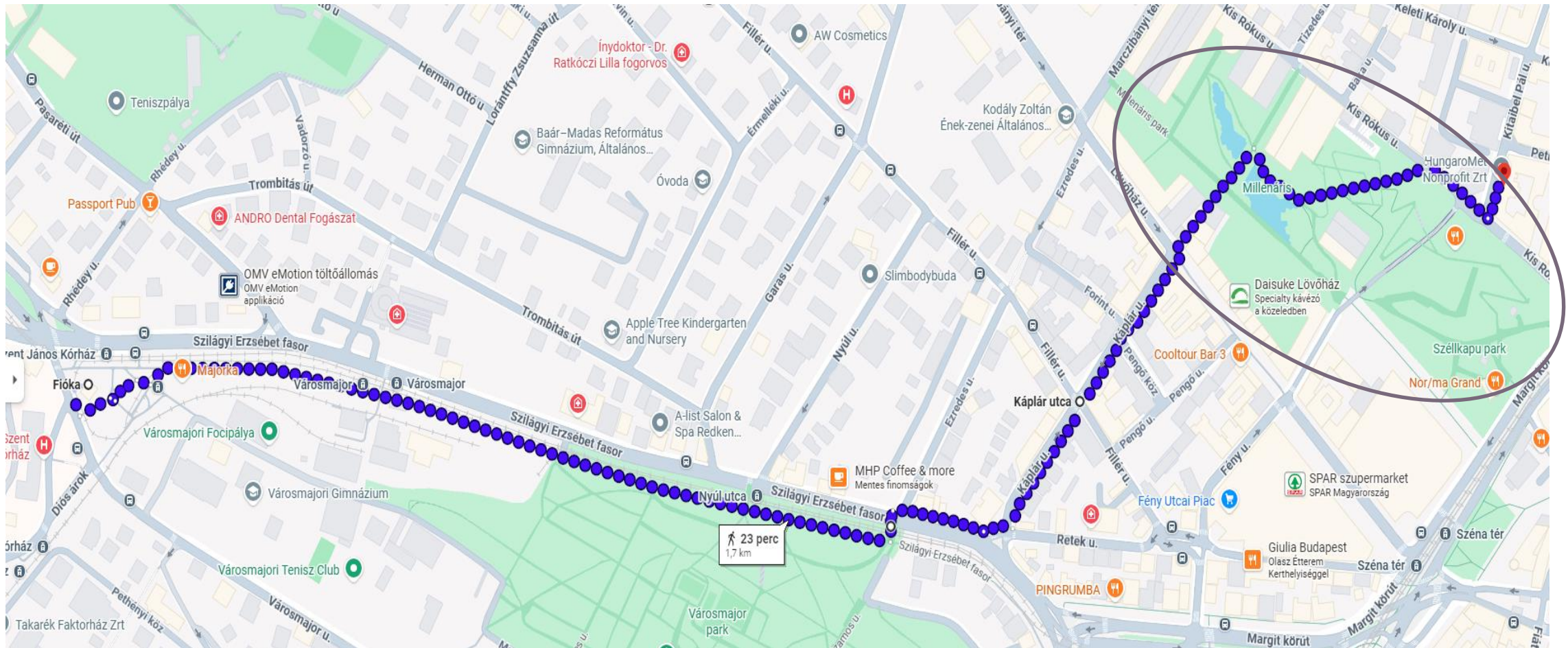


20 minutes walk or  
10 minutes by tram 56, 59, 61  
from Széll Kálmán tér toward  
Hűvösvölgy

HungaroMet  
Departure from the entrance  
at 18:30



# Ganz Works and Millenáris Park





During Seminars 1-3

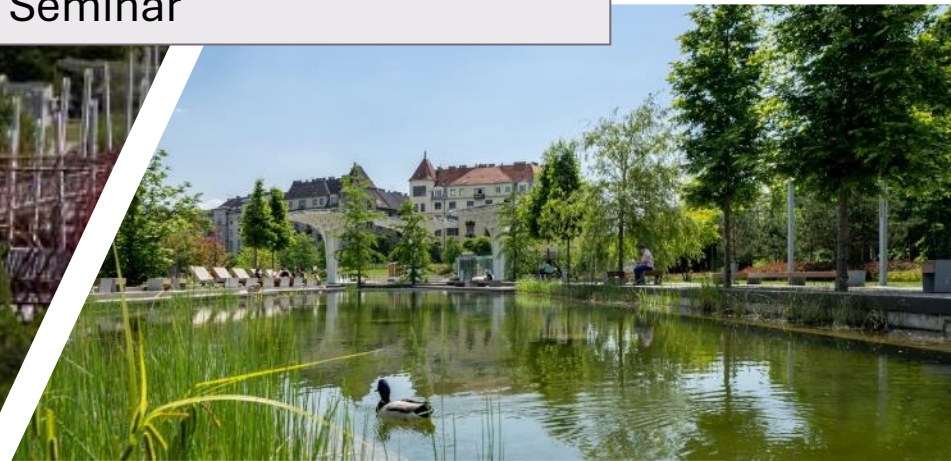


Before the Era of Seminars for Homogenization (early 20<sup>th</sup> century)



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After the 4<sup>th</sup> Seminar



# Ganz Works and Millenáris Park

- Abraham Ganz founded the Ganz Works foundry in Buda in 1844. The small plant grew into a major mechanical engineering company within a year. After Ganz's death, the factory was further developed by András Mechwart, a mechanical engineer, in 1878, Mechwart established the electrical department. The Ganz factory soon became known worldwide for its production of electrical systems, and its electrical products and equipment became one of the world market leaders for two decades. The buildings on **Lövőház Street**, the electrical engineering factory, was built **in 1897**, where more than two thousand people worked at that time.
- Around the turn of the millennium, reconstruction began on the long-abandoned factory complex. The principle behind the **redevelopment** of the Ganz Works was to **transform the buildings** that could be preserved into a fitting setting for an exhibition and event center through modern spatial planning and sophisticated design. As a result, **Millenáris Park** opened in 2001, followed by **Széllkapu Park** in 2020.
- The preserved historic buildings of the Ganz Works, along with the park enriched with water features, now form part of one of the country's largest event venues.
- The National Dance Theater opened in 2019 in a reconstructed building that was once an industrial hall belonging to the former Ganz Works.

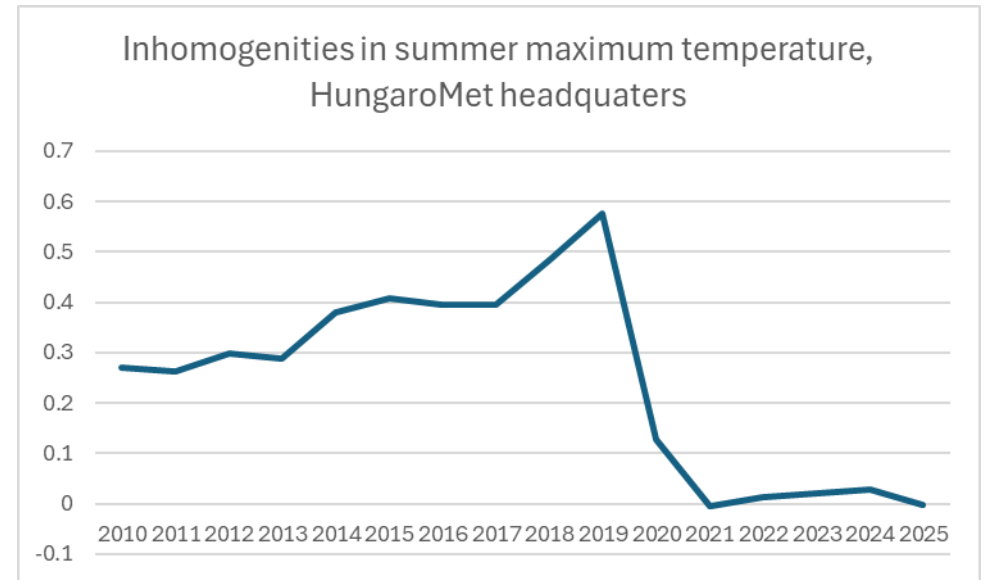


# Reconstruction of Ganz Work in HungaroMet data

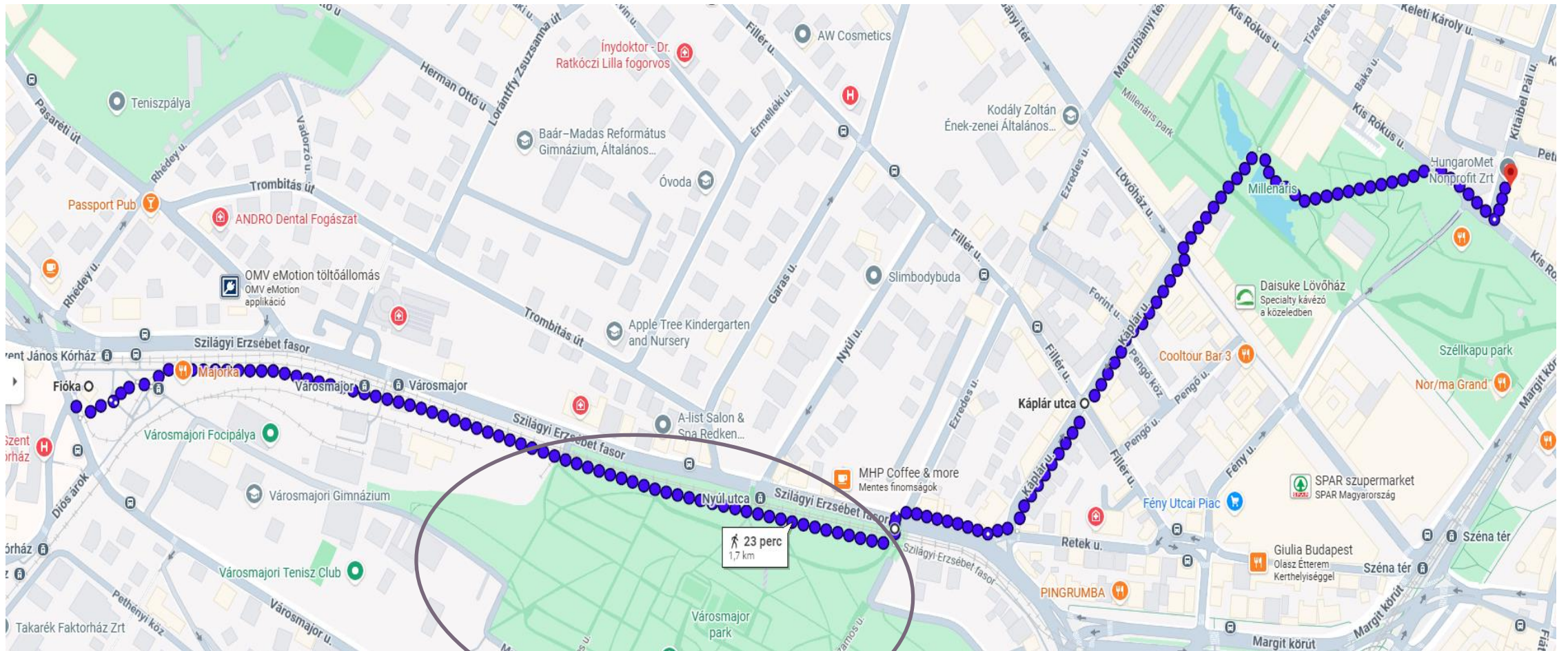
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# Városmajor Park

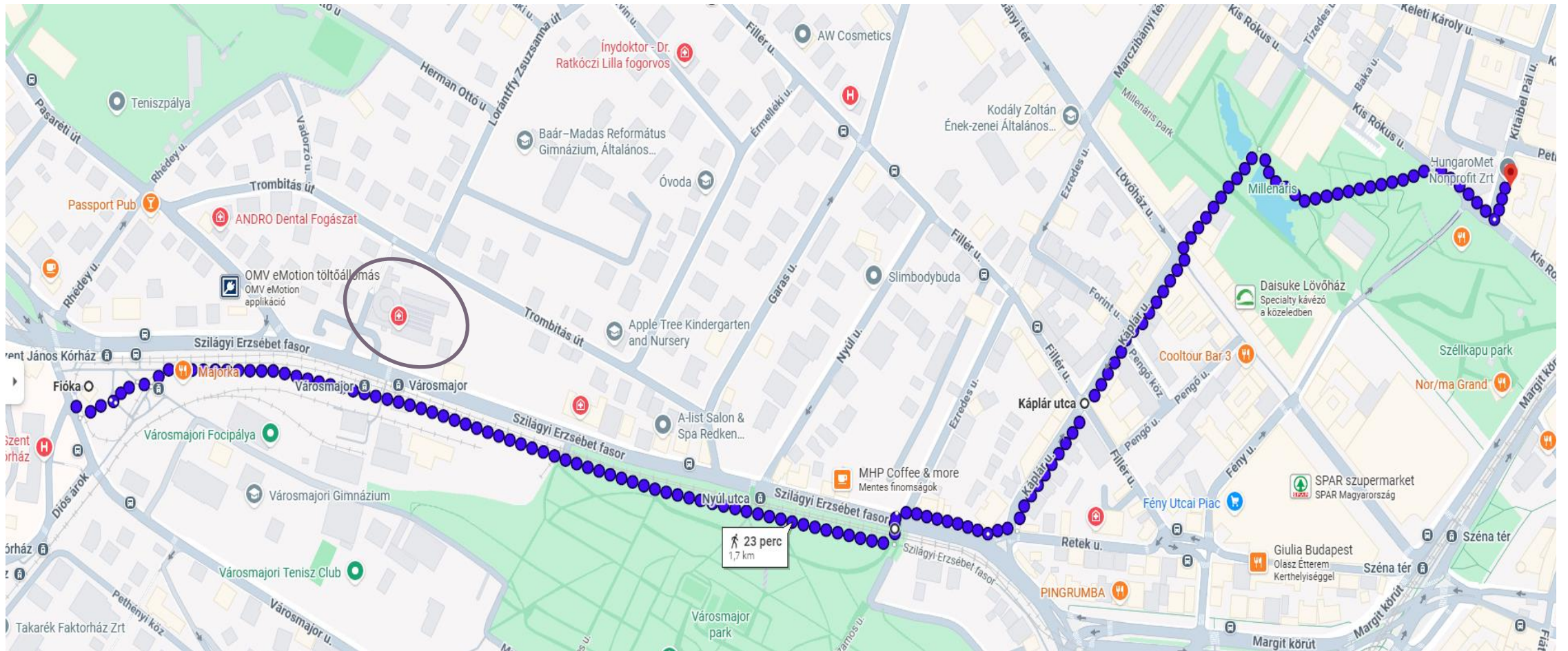


# Városmajor Park



- Originally, this area was the floodplain of a stream called Ördög-árok (Devil's Ditch), as well as hayfields and land owned by the military. **In 1785**, by decree of Joseph II, a **public park** was to be established on the site of today's Városmajor; 3,000 trees were planted there, modeled after the French gardens that were in vogue at the time. These oldest elm trees were cut down in 1989.
- In 1920, the park was revitalized with the covering of the Ördög-árok and the subsequent park reconstruction. During this period, several structures were completed, including a church, a sports hall, tennis courts, and the terminal of the cog railway.
- In addition to the above, the park now also features an outdoor stage, as well as an elementary and a high school.

# Hotel Budapest



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The construction: 1967

Demolition: 2026

The new design: 2028



# Hotel Budapest

- The hotel opened on New Year's Eve 1967, but on the morning of the 30<sup>th</sup>:
  - wall paperers were still finishing up in a few rooms;
  - a fire broke out in one room,
  - and in another, the sink came loose, causing water to leak onto the lobby ceiling.
- A few interesting facts(?):
  - This was the first place where Coca-Cola was sold in Hungary;
  - One of the waiters was able to buy himself a vacation home at Lake Balaton with a month's worth of tips;
  - In 1968, the Czechoslovakian national soccer team got drunk here;
  - Its guests included: Roger Moore, Tony Curtis, Willy Brandt, Muammar Gaddafi, as well as some participants of the homogenization seminars;
  - After a forced hiatus during the COVID pandemic, it closed permanently in 2020.
- Demolition of the building began at the start of this year. According to the plans, the building will be converted into branded residences with hotel services, with completion expected in 2028.





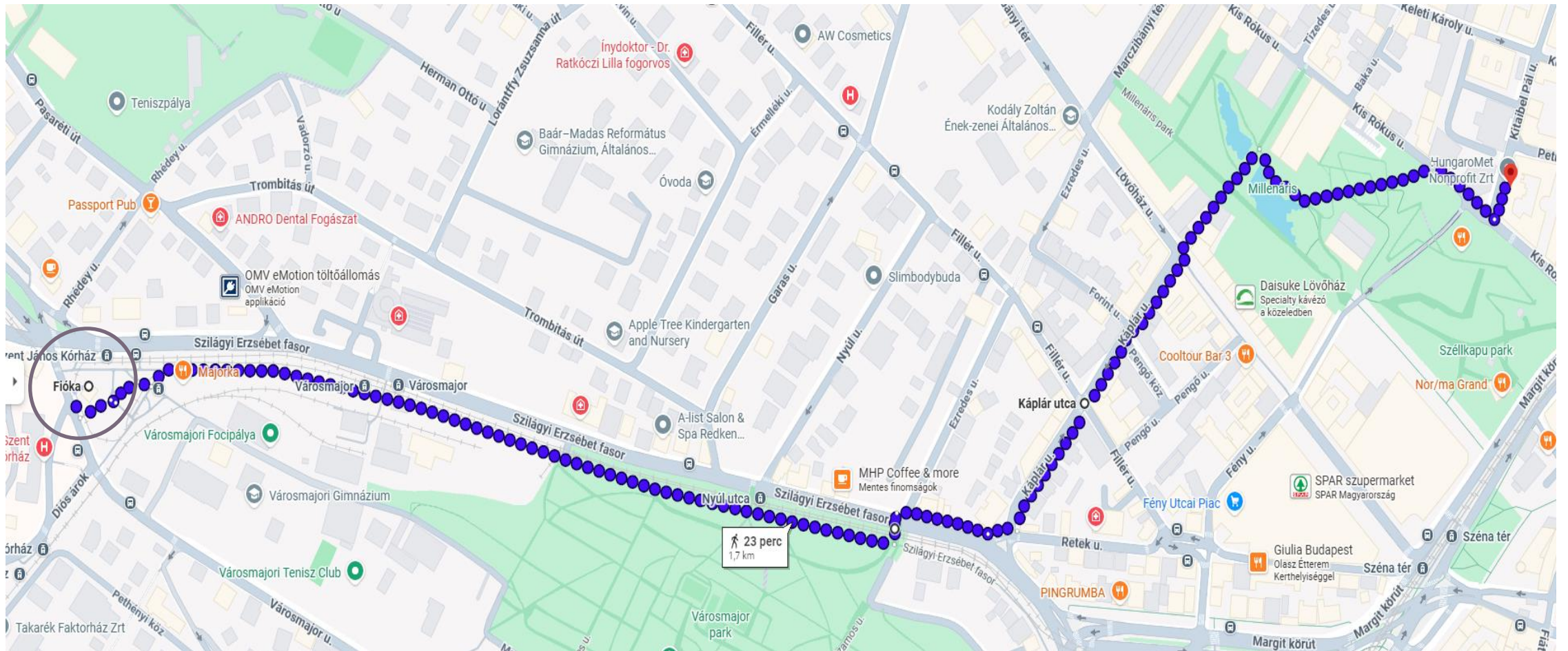


# The cog railway

- The Svábhegy Cog Railway - the **world's third cog railway** - began operation on 24 June 1874
- The electrified railway reopened to traffic on 2 July 1929
- Nowadays, it is mainly used for recreational activities and tourism



# Restaurant Fióka



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The restaurant opened in 2013 in a former post office building, which was constructed in the early 1900s in the same architectural style as the nearby St. John's Hospital.

Quiz

