



Early plan of Győr, Hungary

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Cologne, c.1598, Latin text edition. Coloured. 360 x 510mm.

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A plan of Győr after a sketch by Nicolao Aginelli of 1566, redrawn by Joris Hoefnagel for the fifth volume of the 'Civitates Orbis Terrarum', the first systematic atlas of town plans. In this volume were many plates illustrating events in the recent wars between the Holy Roman Empire and the Ottomans. Although Braun's text describes the fortifications as 'impregnable', the title (lower left) tells how Győr was taken by the Ottomans in 1594 and held for four years. The situation of the city is reflected in the staffage: in the foreground are 'Heyducks' (mercenaries), a Polish knight (with arrows protruding from his shoulders) and a captured Turk with a horse with an ornamental saddle.

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