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Dear Readers

Any tourist picking up this publication will share in an out-of-the-ordinary experience in Budapest!

The city, which has a rich historical background and unique cultural heritage, now reveals a completely new face. Last year, we tempted residents of Europe's metropolises to take a "summer adventure in Budapest". Citizens of Budapest were able to suggest the best places and give great "insider" tips for getting the most out of the arts and design, parties and entertainment, rest and relaxation, love and romanticism, festivals and events.

Budapest – venue of not one but two UNESCO World Heritage sites – is the only capital in the world boasting nearly 100 thermal wells and 12 spas, where 19 million litres of thermal water breaks to the surface each and every day.

But do you know, for instance, what an experience it is to enjoy a night time bathing party in the Rudas or a romantic engagement on Margaret Island?

The whole city is packed with fortifications and buildings from Roman times, Turkish baths still in use today, the heritages of the Gothic and Baroque eras, and the incredibly rich architecture of the Art Nouveau.

There again, have you ever gazed out across the entire city from the vantage point of the dome of the Basilica?

Did you know that the superb natural environment that surrounds Budapest, the Buda Hills, can be best and most conveniently explored using a most varied range of unusual transport: cog-wheel railway, chair-lift and children's railway? And I haven't even mentioned the astonishing world of the caves and cave systems running beneath Budapest!

No doubt the new "experience islands" uncovered by locals will charm you, too. I have no hesitation in recommending this publication which, with its entertaining style and practical structuring, is the perfect companion on your exploration of the city. If you listen to it, you'll not miss a single experience!

May I wish you a warm welcome to the city of cultural adventures!



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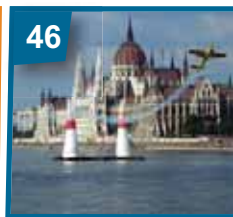
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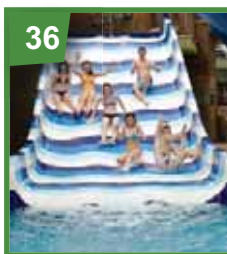
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Art and design

Museums, exhibition halls



Churches, ecclesiastical collections



Contemporary and antique



Magyar design



If you are looking for artistic turbo-charging, look no further than Budapest! During your cultural safari we will guide you round the most important museums, show you the city's most famous churches, archaeological sites and contemporary galleries, and then provide a glimpse into the world of Hungarian fashion design.



Museums, exhibition halls



Most museums are closed on Monday. Admission charges show the lowest and highest rates. There may be several variations between these two extremes, from student tickets to group rates. Prices valid to the end of 2009; admission charges are likely to increase in 2010.



With Budapest Card, you can visit the main museums in Budapest for considerably less!




Don't miss this

Aquincum Museum and Ruins A3

III., Szentendrei út 135–139 ☎ 454-0438 www.btm.hu
☉ April 15–October 31: archeological park 9 am–5 pm; exhibits 10 am–5 pm; closed Mon. (November 1–April 14: Closed for the winter season)

One of the largest archeological parks in Hungary looks back on a past of more than 110 years. The ruins area puts on display around one quarter of the Civil Town of Aquincum with its most characteristic public buildings and dozens of private houses. These building remains recall the heyday of the provincial capital, the town-structure from AD 2nd–3rd century. Chronoscopes installed in the park provide a glimpse into the way the buildings of the town originally appeared. Visitors can see Roman period objects from the territory of Budapest in the permanent and temporary exhibitions. Permanent exhibition: Rome in Aquincum

 from Batthyány Square towards Szentendre

 34, 134, 106  HUF 360–2100

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Budapest History Museum Castle Museum B2

I., Szent György tér 2 ☎ 487-8800 www.btm.hu ☉ 10 am–6 pm (10 am–4 pm between 1 Nov. and 28 Feb.), closed Tue except 16 May–15 Sept

Collection of archaeological finds in Budapest. Budapest in the Middle Ages: development of settlements from the Roman age to the 13th century. The medieval Buda royal palace: collection of original objects, seals, glassware, weapons, tombstones. Gothic sculpture from the royal palace. Budapest in modern times: historical moments in the life of a metropolis.

 5, 16, 178,  18  HUF 520–2100



CULTURAL WEALTH 

Museum and Institute of Military History B2

I., Tóth Árpád sétány 40 ☎ 325-1600 www.militaria.hu
☉ Tue–Sun: 10 am–6 pm (10 am–4 pm between 1 October and 31 March)

A rich collection of weapons from the days before the Turkish wars to the 20th century. Collection of uniforms, flags, maps, ammunition and 28,000 coins. Memories of pilots who emigrated after the Second World War. The exhibition “Thirteen Days, about the 1956 Revolution”, is well worth viewing.

 16A  free

Holocaust Memorial Centre D3

IX., Páva u. 39 ☎ 455-3320, 455-3333 www.hdke.hu
☉ Tue–Sun: 10 am–6 pm

 4, 6, 21, 21A  Ferenc körút

 HUF 1000 (free with student card)






The synagogue on Páva Street and its new, design-winning wing has hosted the Memorial Center since 2004. Memories of victims of the Hungarian holocaust are on display in the permanent exhibition “From Deprivation of Rights to Genocide” over an area of approximately 1500 sqm.

Ferenc Hopp Museum of Eastern Asiatic Art D1

VI., Andrásy út 103 ☎ 322-8476 www.hoppmuzeum.hu
☉ Tue–Sun: 10 am–6 pm

The collection based on 19th century art collector Ferenc Hopp's collection of 4000 items of East Asian, and primarily Japanese and Chinese, objects today has around 20,000 art objects. Among the pieces on display in the art collector's former house are important Japanese medieval art items and Chinese bronzes and porcelain-ware. The permanent exhibition is located in the Ráth György Museum (see below for address).

 Bajza utca  70, 78  HUF 400–2300



For several years now Budapest buzzes all night long on the Saturday closest to St Stephen's Day, on the Night of Museums. Institutions compete against each other to put on the biggest, best and most unusual programmes. (Admission tickets entitle holders to participate in programmes organized by all the museums involved in the scheme as well as to use public bus transport running between the venues).

TOP tip

Museum of Applied Art 6 **D3**

IX., Üllői út 33–37 ☎ 456-5100
www.imm.hu ☉ Tue: 2–6 pm,
 Wed, Fri–Sun: 10 am–6 pm,
 Thur: 10 am–10 pm

One of the most attractive sights in the capital, designed by Ödön Lechner and Gyula Pártos, this Art Nouveau building is roofed in Zsolnay ceramic tiles. The most precious items in the museum's collection can be seen in the permanent exhibition.

🇳🇪 Ferenc körút 🏠 4, 6 📄 HUF 800–2500


Kassák Lajos Memorial Museum 7 **A3**

III., Fő tér 1 ☎ 368-7021 ☉ Tue–Sun: 10 am–5 pm
 (1 March–31 Oct.: 10 am–5 pm)

Exhibition in the former Zichy Mansion on the art of Lajos Kassák, leading artist of Hungarian avant-garde, poetry, painting and literary editor. The museum's new permanent exhibition: 20th century Hungarian art, from the legacies of Hungarian authors.

📄 206, 86 🏠 1 🌳 Árpád hid 📄 HUF 150–300

Kiscelli Museum 8 **A3**

III., Kiscelli utca 108 ☎ 388-8560 www.btm.hu
 ☉ Tue–Sun: 10 am–6 pm (1 November–31 March: 10 am–4 pm)

The museum building was constructed for the Trinitarian order in the 18th century, while it was later transformed into a Baroque mansion and even served as a hospital. Today it is one of the museums of Budapest in perhaps the most picturesque of locations, surrounded by woods at the foot of the Óbuda Hills. Its exhibitions embrace two major areas of collections from the Budapest History Museum: modern urban history, and the fine art collection of the Municipal Gallery.

🏠 17 📄 260, 165 📄 HUF 320–1500

KOGArt House (Kovács Gábor Art Foundation) 9 **D1**

VI., Andrássy út 112 ☎ 354-3820 www.kogart.hu
 ☉ Mon.–Sat.: 10 am–5 pm, Sun.: 10 am–8 pm

Each year in the mansion on Andrássy Boulevard five or six major exhibitions are staged from different periods of Hungarian and international art history and of different oeuvres. Particular attention is given to the proper display of works by the rising generation of young artists.

🏠 Bajza utca 📄 HUF 750–1500

Transport Museum 10 **E1**

XIV., Városligeti körút 11 ☎ 273-3840 www.km.iif.hu
 ☉ Tue–Fri: 10 am–5 pm, Sat–Sun: 10 am–6 pm (closes one hour earlier from November to March)

One of Europe's oldest transport history collections. Its model railway material is world famous. Permanent exhibitions over 8,000 square metres include:

TOP tip

Ludwig Museum of Contemporary Art 11 **D4**

IX., Komor M. u. 1 ☎ 555-3444
www.ludwigmuseum.hu

☉ Tue–Sun: 10 am–8 pm

The only public collection in Hungary that makes sequential purchases of works by Hungarian and international artists and then displays these in a common space. At present, the museum functions as the Central European regional centre of key significance for contemporary international artistic life because of its geographical situation, size, nature of the collection and collecting traditions.

🏠 1, 2, 24 📄 23, 54, 103 🌳 Csepel, Ráckeve
 📄 HUF 700–3000



TOP tip

Hungarian National Gallery 12 **B2**

I., Szent György tér 2
 ☎ 201-9082

☉ Tue–Sun: 10 am–6 pm

The collection of 10,000 art objects sited in wings A, B, C and D of Buda Castle Palace covers the period from the foundation of the state to the present day. Permanent exhibitions: Medieval and Renaissance lapidarium; Gothic wood carvings and tableaux; Late Gothic winged altars; Renaissance and Baroque art; Habsburg palatine crypt; 19th century painting and sculpture; 20th century painting and sculpture.

📄 5, 16, 178, 🏠 18 📄 HUF 700–1500



TOP tip

Hungarian National Museum 13 **C3**

VIII., Múzeum körút 14–16
 ☎ 338-2122 www.hnm.hu

☉ Tue–Sun: 10 am–6 pm

(10 am–5 pm from November to May)
 The museum (founded in 1802) was based on the numismatic, book and document collections of Count Ferenc Széchényi, and the number of art objects now exceeds one million. The huge national collection has occupied its present site, a neo-Classical building designed by Mihály Pollack, since 1846. Permanent exhibitions: History of Hungary, The Coronation Mantle, Scholar Hungarians, Lapidary – Roman lapidary.

🇳🇪 Kálvin tér 📄 15, 9 🏠 47, 49
 📄 HUF 520–2100



TOP tip

Hungarian Natural History Museum E3

VIII., Ludovika tér 2–6

☎ 210-1085


www.nhmus.hu

🕒 10 am–6 pm,

closed Tue.

This imposing neo-Classical building together with the courtyard has hosted the museum's mineral and rock collection since 1995. Permanent exhibitions: Man and nature in Hungary; Treasures from the mineral collection; Time track-rock park in front of the museum.

 Nagyvárad tér  24

 HUF 300–2000



100 years and today, 100 years of Hungarian motor-ing; A century of Hungarian state shipping; History of Motoring; History of steam locomotion; History of urban transport.

 1  70, 72, 74  7, 173E  HUF 500–1900

Memento Park A4

XXII., Balatoni út (main road No. 7) – corner of Sza-badkai Street ☎ 424-7500 www.mementopark.hu

🕒 daily from 10 am until dusk

Stepping into this museum takes one back to the days when half of Europe was ruled by communism. When the Iron Curtain fell Soviet-style propaganda sculptures were destroyed en masse in other countries of East Europe, but the Memento Park in Budapest preserved around 40 major works of the time that used to stand in public areas. There are statues of Lenin, Marx and En-gels, gigantic memorials and allegorical works depict-ing Soviet soldiers and communist heroes. The Stalin tribune, the barracks exhibition and a film all serve to give a real sense of life behind the Iron Curtain.




 150  HUF 1000–1500


Art Gallery D1

XIV., Dózsa György út 37 (Heroes' Square)

☎ 460-7000 www.mucsarnok.hu

🕒 Tue, Wed, Fri–Sun: 10 am–6 pm, Thur: midday–8 pm
The largest exhibition gallery in the country, a defin-ing neo-Classical structure in Heroes' Square. It does not have its own collection, but its regular temporary exhibitions feature mainly the contemporary arts, and the works of artistic groups.

 Hősök tere  20, 30, 105  75, 79

 HUF 500–2600 (combined entrance ticket also valid for the Ernst Museum: HUF 800–1600)



Memento Park – The final glimpse behind the Iron Curtain; one of the most popular sights of Budapest. Hundreds of tons of communism! www.mementopark.hu

Nagytétény Mansion Museum A4

XXII., Kastélypark utca 9–1 ☎ 207-0005/4

www.nagytetenyi.hu 🕒 Tue–Sun: 10 am–6 pm

The permanent collection of this attractive Baroque mansion includes over 300 items of furniture and suites in 28 rooms, plus tile stoves, chandeliers, carpets, tapestries, ceramics, glassware and gold- and silversmiths works.

Traditional exhibitions and events organized every year: Ages – Flowers; Secret Drawers in Furniture; Anti-quity Fair in Centaur Garden; Christmas in the Castle.

 33  HUF 300–2000

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Museum of Ethnography C1


V., Kossuth tér

☎ 473-2400 www.neprajz.hu 🕒 Tue–Sun: 10 am–6 pm

(until 28 March 2010, Thu–Sun: 10 am–5 pm)

One of Europe's largest specialist museums with around 139,000 Hungarian and 53,000 international art objects. The former royal court, a magnificent building sited opposite Parliament, combines Renais-sance, Baroque and neo-Classical elements. Perma-nent exhibitions: Traditional culture of the Hungarian people; From primitive societies to civilization.

 2  Kossuth Lajos tér  70, 78

 HUF 400–800



Óbuda Museum A3

III., Fő tér 1 ☎ 250-1020 🕒 Tue–Sun: 2–8 pm (free on the first Saturday in every month)

The collection in the Zichy Mansion includes historical documents and relics of the industrial history of Óbuda

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
Museum of Fine Arts D1


XIV., Dózsa György út 41

(Heroes' Square) ☎ 469-7100

www.szepmuveszetih.hu 🕒 Tue–Sun: 10 am–5.30 pm

The core of the museum material derived from the su-perb collection of paintings formed by the Esterházy's and donated in the 1870s. The grandiose neo-Classical building in Heroes' Square has housed the collection (now around 100,000 art works) since 1906. The muse-um has a broad collection of foreign art from Antiquity to the present day. In addition to the Egyptian, Greek and Roman collections, the Italian collection, which gives a comprehensive overview of Italian schools of painting from the 13th to the 18th century, is very rich. The jewels of the Spanish collection are seven El Greco works, and among 19–20th century masterworks French painting is most comprehensively represented.

 Hősök tere  75, 79  20, 30, 105

 HUF 700–3000





House of Terror Museum

and surroundings, running from Roman times to the 20th century. One can view Art Nouveau interiors and toy and game collections in its permanent exhibitions, as well as wrought-iron decorative work from old Óbuda houses.

📍 Árpád híd 📄 1 🚆 206, 86, 106 🎫 HUF 200–500

House of Terror Museum D1

VI., Andrásy út 60 📞 374-2600 www.terrorhaza.hu
 ☉ Tue–Sun: 10 am–6 pm

This neo-Renaissance block stands as a symbol of recent Hungarian history since for several decades it was the most dreaded of locations: in the winter of 1944 it functioned as the headquarters of the National Socialists (Hungarian fascists), and after 1945 it was the base for the political police (ÁVH) engaged in tracking down opponents of the communist regime. The different sections of the permanent exhibition trace, in chronological order, the formation of Hungary's totalitarian dictatorships.

📍 Oktogon 📄 4, 6 🎫 HUF 900–1800 (International student card required)

More museums and galleries

Arany Sas (Golden Eagle)

Pharmacy Museum

I., Tárnok utca 18

📞 375-9772

www.semmelweis.museum.hu

☉ Tue–Sun: 10.30 am–5.30 pm (1 Nov–15 March: 10.30 am–4 pm)

📄 16 🎫 HUF 350–700

Gizi Bajor Museum of Actors and Actresses

XII., Stromfeld Aurél utca 16

📞 356-4294

☉ Thur–Fri: 2–6 pm, Sat–Sun: 10 am–6 pm

📄 102, 105 📄 59 🎫 HUF 400–800

Béla Bartók Memorial House

II., Csalán út 29 📞 394-4472

☉ Tue–Sun: 10 am–5 pm www.bartokmuseum.hu

📄 5 (to the Pasaréti Square terminus), 29

🎫 HUF 500–1000



The Buda villa in which the memory of Hungarian music's greatest genius is preserved regularly stages classical music concerts, and in summer open-air performances.

Vasarely Museum A3

III., Szentlélek tér 6 📞 388-7551 www.vasarely.tvn.hu
 ☉ Tue–Sun: 10 am–7.30 pm

The museum is named after Hungarian-born painter Győző Vaszárhelyi who moved to Paris in 1930 to work, and who as Victor Vasarely gained world fame as the founder of the op-art movement. His pictures use sharp colours, geometric forms and optical illusions. The exhibition material encompassing the entire oeuvre of the artist is selected from 400 works bequeathed to the Museum of Fine Arts.

📍 Árpád híd 📄 1 🚆 206, 86, 106 🎫 HUF 400–800

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Jewish Museum C2

VII., Dohány u. 2 📞 343-6756

☉ Mon–Thur: 10 am–5 pm,

Fri: 10 am–2 pm, Sun: 10

am–6 pm (01.11.–01.03.:

Mon–Fri.: 10 am–3 pm, Sun:

10am–3 pm), closed on Saturday

The museum, built in fitting style and attached to the uniquely beautiful Dohány Street Synagogue, has an unparalleled collection of Judaica. Permanent exhibitions: Devotional objects for Jewish celebrations; Everyday objects; History of the Hungarian Holocaust.

📄 74 📄 47, 49 🚆 Astoria 🎫 750–2600 (The price of admission includes entry to the museum and synagogue)



CULTURAL BUDAPEST



Stamp Museum

VII., Hársfa utca 47 📞 341-5526

www.belyegmuzeum.hu

☉ Tue–Sun: 10 am–6 pm (1 November–31 March: 10 am–4 pm)

📄 4, 6 🚆 74 🎫 HUF 250–1000

Bible Museum

IX., Ráday u. 28 📞 217-6321 ☉ Tue–Sun: 10 am–5 pm

🚆 Kálvin tér 📄 15 🎫 free

Budapest Gallery

V., Szabadsajtó utca 5 📞 318-8097

☉ Tue–Sun: 10 am–6 pm

📄 2 🚆 5, 8, 7 🚆 Ferenciek tere 🎫 HUF 450

Citadel

XI., Gellérthegy, Citadella sétány

📞 466-5794 www.citadella.hu

☉ 9 am–8 pm (October–April: 9 am–5 pm)

📄 27 📄 18, 19, 41, 47, 49 🎫 HUF 1200

Dorottya Gallery

V., Dorottya utca 8. 📞 266-0877 www.mucsarnok.hu

☉ Tue–Fri: 11am–7 pm

🚆 Vörösmarty tér 🚆 Deák tér 📄 2 🎫 free

Ernst Museum

C2

VI., Nagymező utca 8 ☎ 341-4355
www.ernstmuzeum.hu ☹ Tue–Sun: 11 am–7 pm
 🗳 4, 6 (Oktoyon) 1 Opera 🎫 70, 78
 🎫 HUF 300–1400 (combined entrance ticket also valid for the Art Gallery: HUF 800–1600)

Underground Railway Museum

C2

V., Deák Square-pedestrian underpass ☎ 461-6500
www.bkv.hu ☹ Tue–Sun: 10 am–5 pm
 🗳 Deák tér 🗳 47, 49 🎫 9, 16, 105
 🎫 cost of a tram and metro ticket

Military Baths Museum

A3

III., Flórián tér 3–5 (in the pedestrian subway) ☎ 250-1650
www.btm.hu ☹ 30 15 Apr–1 May: Tue– Sun: 10 am–5 pm (by prior arrangement); 1 May–30 Sept.: Tue–Sun: 10 am–6 pm; 1 Oct–14 April: Tue–Sun: 10 am–5 pm
 🎫 206, 34, 134, 86, 106 🗳 1 🎫 free

House of Royal Wines and Cellar Museum

B2

I., Szent György tér – Nyugati sétány ☎ 267-1100
www.kiralviborok.com ☹ Tue–Sun: non–8 pm
 🎫 16, 16A 🎫 HUF 500–900

Zoltán Kodály Memorial Museum and Archives

D1

VI., Kodály körönd 1 ☎ 352-7106 www.kodaly-inst.hu
 ☹ Wed: 10 am–4 pm, Thur–Sat: 10 am–6 pm, Sun: 10 am–2 pm
 🗳 Kodály körönd 🎫 HUF 150–300, free on Sunday

Ferenc Liszt Memorial Museum and Research Centre

D1

VI., Vörösmarty utca 35 ☎ 322-9804
www.lisztmuseum.hu
 ☹ Mon–Fri: 10 am–6 pm, Sat: 9 am–5 pm
 🗳 4, 6 🗳 Vörösmarty utca 🎫 HUF 300–600

Kossuth Museum Ship

C2

V., Pest side of Chain Bridge, pier No 2
www.europagroup.hu
 ☎ 411-0943
 🗳 2 🎫 16

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Museum of Hungarian Commerce and Catering

C2

V., Szent István tér 15 ☎ 375-6249, 212-1245
www.mkvm.hu ☹ 11 am–7 pm, closed Tuesday
 In addition to exhibitions displaying the history of Hungarian gastronomy, concerts, performances and film screenings are regularly staged in the museum (KULTEA).
 🗳 Bajcsy-Zsilinszky út, 🗳 Deák tér
 🎫 HUF 300–600



Medieval Jewish Prayer House

B2

I., Táncsics Mihály utca 26 ☎ 225-7816 www.btm.hu
 ☹ 1 May–31 October: Tue–Sun: 10 am–6 pm
 🎫 16A, 16 🎫 HUF 200–450

Kresz Géza Ambulance Museum

C1

V., Markó utca 22 ☎ 350-3737/510
 ☹ Mon–Sat.: 8 am–2 pm
 🗳 Nyugati tér 🗳 4, 6 🎫 free

Hungarian Electrical Engineering Museum

C2

VII., Kazinczy u. 21 ☎ 322-0472
www.emuseum.hu
 ☹ Tue–Fri: 11 am–5 pm, Sat: 9 am–4 pm
 🗳 Blaha Lujza tér 🎫 74 🎫 178, 233E
 🎫 HUF 200–1200

Hungarian House of Photographers (Mai Manó Ház)

C2

VI., Nagymező u. 20 ☎ 473-2666 www.maimano.hu
 ☹ Mon–Fri: 2–7 pm, Sat, Sun and holidays: 11 am–7 pm
 🗳 70, 78 🗳 Opera 🗳 4, 6 (Oktoyon) 🎫 HUF 300–700

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Agricultural Museum

D1

XIV., City Park, Vajdahunyad Castle ☎ 422-0765
www.mezogazdasagimuzeum.hu
 ☹ Tue–Sun.: 10 am–5 pm
 The museum, which has one of the richest collections of artefacts of any museum in Hungary, is located on Széchenyi Island in City Park, in buildings designed by Ignác Alpár to create a romantic ambience with most different stylistic motifs. A selection of the permanent exhibitions: Hungarian Grapes and Wine in Europe, Hunting exhibition, Natural Assets, Conservation.
 🎫 20, 30, 105 🗳 Széchenyi fürdő
 🎫 70, 72, 79 🎫 HUF 300–600



Hungarian National Television Museum of the Technical and Programming TV

C2

V., Október 6 utca 9 ☎ 200-8782
 ☹ Tue: 10 am–2 pm, Thur: 2–6 pm
 🗳 Deák tér 🎫 15, 16, 105 🎫 free

Marzipan Museum

B2

Budapest, Hess András tér 1–3 ☎ 889-6861
www.marzipan.hu
 🎫 16, 16A 🎫 HUF 400

Pál Molnár-C. Studio Museum

B4

XI., Ménési út 65
 ☎ (+36-30)201-1073 May be visited by prior arrangement
 🎫 27 🗳 61 🎫 free

Geological Institute of Hungary  **F2**

XIV., Stefánia út 14 ☎ 267-1427 www.mafi.hu
 ☉ 8 Jan–21 Dec: Thur, Sat, Sun: 10 am–4 pm
 🎫 Népstadion 🎫 7 🎫 75, 77 🎫 HUF 150–400



Annually many thousands of visitors and camera-wielding tourists are attracted by the spectacular Art Nouveau structure – on the roof are early Magyar figures, one shouldering a globe, Zsolnay glazed roof tiles, ceramic façade elements bearing folk and geological motifs – and its collections.

Gallery of the Óbuda Society Circle **A3**

III., Kiskorona u. 7 www.obudaitarsaskor.hu
 ☎ 250-0288 ☉ Tue–Sun.: 2–6 pm
 🎫 Árpád hid 🎫 1 🎫 206, 86, 106 🎫 free

Foundry Museum  **A3**

II., Bem József utca 20 ☎ 201-4370 www.omm.hu
 ☉ Tue–Sun: 9 am–5 pm
 🎫 11, 60, 86 🎫 4, 6, 19, 41 🎫 Batthyány tér
 🎫 Batthyány tér 🎫 HUF 200–400

Petőfi Literary Museum  **C3**

V., Károlyi Mihály utca 16 ☎ 317-3611 www.pim.hu
 ☉ Tue–Sun: 10 am–6 pm
 🎫 Ferenciek tere 🎫 15 🎫 HUF 270–540

Postal Museum  **C2**


VI., Andrásy út 3 ☎ 269-6838 www.postamuzeum.hu
 ☉ Tue–Sun: 10 am–6 pm
 🎫 105 🎫 Bajcsy-Zs. út 🎫 45 🎫 Deák tér 🎫 HUF 250–1000

Ráth György Museum  **D1**

VI., Városligeti fasor 12 ☎ 342-3916 ☉ Tue–Sun: 10 am–6 pm
 🎫 Bajza utca 🎫 70, 78, 79 🎫 HUF 300–1300

Rátkay-Átlók Gallery **B4**

XX., Klapka utca 48 ☎ 283-1779, 284-7324
www.ratkay.hu ☉ Tue–Sat: 2–6 pm
 🎫 23, 35 🎫 52 🎫 free

Museum of Crime  **E2**

VIII., Mosonyi u. 7 ☎ 477-2183 ☉ Tue–Sun: 9 am–5 pm
 🎫 7, 78 🎫 Keleti pu. 🎫 24 🎫 81, 76 🎫 free

Miksa Róth Memorial House  **D2**

VII., Nefelejcs utca 26 ☎ 341-6789
www.rothmuzeum.hu ☉ Tue–Sun: 2–6 pm
 🎫 7, 173, 178 🎫 Keleti pályaudvar 🎫 HUF 250–500

Hospital in the Rock – Top secret hospital and nuclear bunker **B4**

I., Lovas út 4/C ☎ 36-30/689-8775 ☉ Tue–Sun: 10 am–8 pm www.sziklakorhaz.hu
 Get a real sense of this historical site with its warren of rooms fitted with waxwork figures and authentic furnishings/equipment. The facility, declared top secret until 2002, was designed to serve as a nuclear bunker in the event of an atomic attack during the Cold War.



Hungarian House of Photographers (Mai Manó Ház)

Semmelweis Museum of Medical History **B2**

I., Apród utca 1–3 ☎ 201-1577
www.semmeiweis.museum.hu
 ☉ Tue–Sun: 10.30 am–6 pm (1 November–14 March:
 Tue–Sun: 10.30 am–4 pm)
 🎫 5, 178, 86 🎫 18, 19, 41 🎫 HUF 350–700

Sport Museum  **E2**

XIV., Dózsa György út 1–3 ☎ 469-5010, 251-1222
www.sportmuzeum.hu
 ☉ Tue–Thur, Sat–Sun: 10 am–4 pm
 🎫 7, 173 🎫 HUF 50–100

Telephone Museum  **B2**

I., Uri utca 49 ☎ 201-8188 ☉ Tue–Sun: 10 am–4 pm
 🎫 16 🎫 HUF 200–800

Textile Museum  **A3**

III., Lajos utca 136–138 ☎ 367-5910
www.textilmuzeum.hu
 ☉ Mon–Thur: 9 am–4 pm, Fri–Sat: 9 am–2 pm
 🎫 Timár utca 🎫 106, 86 🎫 HUF 450–700

Fire Service Museum  **B4**

X., Martinovics tér 12 ☎ 261-3586
 ☉ Tue–Sat: 9 am–4 pm Sun: 9 am–1 pm
 🎫 9, 32, 62 🎫 3, 28 🎫 free

Railway History Park  **A3**

XIV., Tatai út 95 ☎ 450-1497, 238-0558
www.vasutortenetipark.hu
 ☉ 15–28 Mar: 10 am–3 pm, 29 Mar–3 Nov: 10 am–6 pm,
 4 Nov–14 Dec: 10 am–3 pm, closed Mon.
 🎫 30 🎫 14 🎫 HUF 400–2200

Varga Imre Collection  **A3**

III., Laktanya u. 7 ☎ 250-0274
 ☉ Tue–Sun: 10 am–6 pm
 🎫 Árpád hid 🎫 106, 86 🎫 1 🎫 HUF 300–600

Flag Museum  **D3**

VIII., József körút 68 ☎ 334-0159 ☉ Tue–Fri: 11 am–6 pm,
 Sat–Sun: 11 am–3 pm
 🎫 4, 6 🎫 HUF 400

Churches, ecclesiastical collections



The majority of churches in Budapest are built in Baroque or neo-Classical style, but Romanesque, Gothic, Moorish or even Bauhaus examples can also be found. Nearly all churches are open daily (no charge).



Don't miss this

Church of St. Elizabeth of the House of Árpád

D2

VII., Rózsák tere – open daily from 5 pm and during services

Rózsák (Rose) Square and this historical church make up one of the true gems of the city. The Catholic church was built to the designs of Imre Steindl in neo-Gothic style between 1893–1901. Its imposing spires rise 76 metres into the air; a statue of St. Elizabeth adorns the crown of the tympanum. Renowned master craftsmen of the day such as glass artist Miksa Róth and wood carver Mór Höltzl contributed to the interior decoration. The compact park with beautiful rose garden surrounding the church is open from 7 am to 9 pm.

🚶 73, 76

🚗 7, 173, 178

TOP tip

Inner City Franciscan Church

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V., Ferenciek tere

Open to visitors every day

In the 13th century a monastery and church stood on the site of the present-day church, while its current decorative Baroque form was given in the 18th century. The frescoes speak of the talent of Károly Lotz and Vilmos Tardos Krenner. The Baroque main altar and the statues decorating the altar are particularly attractive.

🚶 Ferenciek tere



Inner City Parish Church

C3

V., Március 15. tér 2

☎ 318-3108

Open to visitors every day during church services

The oldest church in Pest, built in the 12th century in Romanesque style on the site of the grave of martyr Bishop Gellért. Nothing remains of the original church; over the centuries it took on Gothic features, and during the 17th century it was used by the Turks as a mosque. Following a fire in 1723 it was rebuilt in Baroque style, but the interior has neo-Classical features too. Main sights: Gothic chapel, neo-Gothic carved pulpit, 15th century Italian frescoes and 20th century main altar.

🚶 Ferenciek tere 🗺 2



Church of St. Elizabeth of the House of Árpád

Inner City Calvinist Church

C3

IX., Kálvin tér

Open to visitors every day

Built in the 19th century in neo-Gothic style, its four-column portico at the main entrance was built by József Hild. The organ loft and pulpit were also built to his designs. The church has renowned stained glass windows designed by the master artist Miksa Róth. The church treasury preserves 17–18th century liturgical objects.

🚶 9, 15 🚶 Kálvin tér 🗺 47, 49



BASILICA:

Weekday guided tours in English: Mon–Fri: 11 am, 2 pm, 3.30 pm, Sat: 11 am (registration: 06-20/527-5329 mobile telephone).

Guided tours including visit to the tower: adults HUF 1600, students/pensioners: HUF 900.

Admission to the tower for a 360° panorama of the city: adults HUF 500, students/pensioners: HUF 400.

Church of St. Anne

I., Batthyány tér 7. ☎ 201-3404

Open daily during services (6 am–6 pm).

The Church of St. Anne is one of the finest Baroque structures in Budapest. Construction started in 1740 to the designs of Kristóf Hamon and its completion in 1761 is associated with Mátyás Nepauer. In the course

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of the succeeding 200 years or so the church endured wars, floods and earthquakes, and in fact it was even suggested that it be demolished to make way for the construction of the metro. Happily this plan was never realized, and the church was restored between 1970–84.

☒ Batthyány tér, 📍 19

TOP tip**Dohány Street Synagogue**

VII., Dohány utca 2 ☎ 413-5531

☉ Sun–Thur: 10 am–5.30 pm, Fri: 10 am–2.30 pm (1 Nov–28 Feb: Sun–Thur: 10 am–3.30 pm, Fri: 10 am–1.30 pm), Sat: closed

The glorious building in Byzantine-Moorish style is Europe's largest synagogue. It was built by Viennese architect Ludwig Förster in the middle of the 19th century. One of Budapest's most imposing historical monuments, it is faced in white and red brick, with a wealth of ceramic decorative elements and two onion-dome towers. The museum has an unequalled collection of Jewish-related items from the Roman period to the 20th century.

📍 74 📞 Astoria

📄 1850–2900 (The price of admission includes entry to the museum and synagogue)

CULTURAL HERITAGE

**C2****TOP tip****Lutheran Church**

V., Deák tér, ☎ 483-2150

☉ Mon–Fri: 9 am–1 pm, National Lutheran Museum: Tue–Sun: 10 am–6 pm

In line with the Puritanism of Protestant churches the building, a striking feature in Deák Square, is characterized by the typical simplicity of early neo-Classicism. Although the church was built between 1797–1808, its final facade with tympanum supported by Doric columns was completed only in 1856. Its superb acoustics make it a popular location for evening organ concerts. The adjacent National Lutheran Museum has an interesting exhibition revealing the history of the Hungarian Reformation.

📍 9 📞 📍 Deák tér 📍 47, 49

**C2****TOP tip****Matthias Church**

I., Szentháromság tér

☎ 355-5657

☉ Mon–Sat: 9 am–5 pm, Sun: from 1 pm (after mass)

Budapest's most attractive and most famous Catholic church, which due to its unique siting largely defines the view of the Castle quarter as seen from the Pest side.

The royal cathedral, the Church of Our Lady, was built in several stages between the 13th and 15th centuries. Today's neo-Gothic form was given by major reconstruction work directed by Frigyes Schulek in 1896. Frescoes and stained glass windows in the church were made by some of the age's finest artists (Károly Lotz, Mihály Zichy, Bertalan Székely).

The marvellous collection of the church includes the lapidarium, reliquary, coronation relics and the treasury with goldsmith masterpieces and church textiles. (*Museum closed due to reconstruction.*)

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**B2****SYNAGOGUE - Guaranteed programme:**

From 10.30 am. on an hourly basis, last tour of the day from Sunday thru Thursday at 4:30 pm. On Friday at 12.30 pm. Tour duration is approximately: 50 minutes; Price: HUF 1900/person; Available languages: English, Hebrew, Spanish, French are guaranteed; groups who have made advance reservations can get guided tours in any preferred language. Information and group reservation availability: 462-0477; www.dohanystreetsynagogue.hu; Email: aviv@aviv.hu

TOP tip

St. Stephen's Basilica C2

V., Szent István tér ☎ 317-2859

⌚ Mon–Fri: 9 am–5 pm, Sat: 9 am–1 pm, Sun: 1–5 pm; No charge.

The largest church in Budapest. Its 96-metre-high dome affords a view over virtually the entire city. Building started in 1851, and then in 1867 the work was taken over by Miklós Ybl, the greatest architect of the day, and finally concluded in 1905 by József Kauser. The neo-Classical building holds the greatest reliquary of the Hungarian people: the mummified arm, the Holy Right, of King St. Stephen, after whom the basilica is named.

 Bajcsy-Zsilinszky út   Deák tér



Serbian Church




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Church of St. Michael

V., Váci utca 47/B ☎ 337-8116

Open to visitors every day

The history of this single-nave church founded by the Dominican Order of friars dates back to the 1700s. The Dominicans were followed by the Paulines and the Mary Ward Nuns, who opened and ran a girls school in the adjacent building until 1950. The high altar, the inlaid pews and the furniture in the sacristy all date from the 1760s and are the work of Dominican friars. The high altar picture depicts St. Dominic with the Virgin Mary who is passing him a rosary.

 2  Ferenciek tere  5, 7E, 7, 8, 112, 173, 178, 173E

Church of St. Michael



C3

Serbian Church

V., Szerb utca 2–4

Open to visitors every day

Built by Serbian settlers in Baroque style in 1698. Its interior is patterned on the plan of Greek Catholic churches: a wooden railing separates the women's church from the church for men built one step lower down. Pictures in the iconostasis (1850) show Italian Renaissance influences.

 Kálvin tér  47, 49

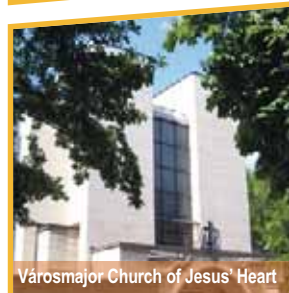
Városmajor Church of Jesus' Heart

XII., Csaba utca 5

Open to visitors every day

 Moszkva tér  4, 6

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Városmajor Church of Jesus' Heart



Budapest's first Modernist church was built in Bauhaus style in the early 1930s. Today it is a protected monument, and although it attracted scathing criticism from the contemporary press it is now considered one of the outstanding creations of 20th century ecclesiastical architecture in the capital.



Concerts in St Stephen's Basilica every tuesday, friday and sunday at 8 pm, and in St Michael church every monday, wednesday and saturday at 7 pm. The best compositions and the greatest hits of the classics! For more information check: www.concertsinbudapest.com; phone: +36-70-407-8594.



From the following you will see that it is worth exploring Király Street and surroundings for contemporary art, while Falk Miksa Street is better suited to those searching for antiques.



Don't miss this

Gallery 2B

IX., Ráday utca 47 ☎ 215-4899
www.pipacs.hu/2b/2b.html
 ☹ Mon–Fri: 2–6 pm, Sat: 10 am–2 pm
 🚶 Kálvin tér 🗺 47, 49 🚏 9 🎫 free

Ateliers Pro Arts/A.P.A!

VIII., Horánszky utca 5
 ☎ 486-2378 www.ateliers.hu ☹ Tue–Fri: 2–7 pm, Sat: 11 am–6 pm
 🚶 Kálvin tér 🗺 4, 6, 47, 49 🚏 9 🎫 free

Gallery Boulevard & Brezsnjev

VII., Király u. 39–43–46
 ☎ 36-30/944-5778
www.bbgaleria.hu ☹ Mon–Fri: 10 am–10 pm
 🚶 Deák tér 🗺 47, 49 🎫 free



The essence of Boulevard and Brezsnjev Gallery filling several locations in Király Street is to create a meeting point, a "culture bazaar", where not only can the visitor look and buy (drawings, paintings, photographs, sculpture and jewellery) but also lounge around, listen to music and chat.

G13 Gallery

VI., Király utca 13.
 ☎ 984-7984 www.g13.hu
 🚶 Deák tér 🗺 47, 49 🎫 free

Gallery Godot

VII., Madách Imre út 8
 ☎ 322-5272 www.godot.hu
 ☹ Tue–Fri: 10 am–6 pm, Sat: 10 am–1 pm
 🚶 Deák tér 🗺 47, 49 🎫 free

Gallery Liget

XIV., Ajtósi Dürer sor 5
www.ligetgaleria.c3.hu
 ☹ Wed–Mon: 2–6 pm
 🚶 75, 79 🚏 20, 30, 105 🎫 free

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TOP tip

"Ecséri" Flea Market

XIX., Nagykovácsi út 156
 ☎ 348-3200 ☹ Mon–Fri: 8 am–4 pm, Sat: 8 am–3 pm Sun: 8 am–1 pm

Known by the locals simply as the "Ecséri", the bustling market is an experience not only for those with a fixed aim but also for those who just want to do some "stall shopping". After all, it is great fun to browse through so many bits and pieces.

Access: tram 4 or 6 from Blaha Lujza Square to Boráros Square, and then bus 54 to the market

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Lumen Gallery

VIII., Mikszáth Kálmán tér 2 www.photolumen.hu
 ☹ Mon–Fri: 8.30 am–7 pm, Sat: 10 am–6 pm
 🚶 Kálvin tér 🗺 47, 49 🚏 9 🎫 free

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The Mikszáth Kálmán Square-based Lumen Gallery presents – in its monthly rotating exhibitions – works by young artists who otherwise would have great difficulty finding opportunities to stage independent shows.

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TOP tip

Falk Miksa Street galleries

V., Falk Miksa utca
 Budapest's street of galleries first began to coalesce just off Margaret Bridge around 10 years ago. A stroll down just two blocks of Falk Miksa Street reveals more than 20 shops

and galleries stuffed with bric-a-brac, curios and objets d'art. (As an interesting aside, politician and publicist Miksa Falk was the person who taught Queen Elizabeth, wife of Austrian Emperor Franz Joseph, to speak Hungarian.)

🚶 Nyugati pu. 🗺 2, 4, 6 🎫 free

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Gallery Stúdió

D2

VII., Rottenbiller u. 35 ☎ 342-5380, (+36-70)324-4748
http://studio.c3.hu/studio_galeria/galeria_magyar/index.html ☹ Tue, Thur, Fri: 11 am–6 pm, Wed: 12 am–8 pm, Sat: 12 am–4 pm
 🚶 7, 173, 178 🚇 Keleti pu. 🎫 free

Gallery Várfok

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I., Várfok utca 11, 14
 ☎ 213-5155 www.varfok-galeria.hu
 ☹ Tue–Sat: 11 am–6 pm
 🚶 Moszkva tér 🚶 4, 6 🎫 free

TOP tip

Trafó Gallery House of Contemporary Arts

D3

IX., Liliom utca 41 ☎ 456-2040 www.trafo.hu

☹ Tue–Sun: 4–8 pm, and 1 hour before and after programmes in the main hall



Trafó is the undisputed bastion of contemporary arts in Budapest, a multicultural platform where world revolves around dance, theatre, fine arts, literature and music. “A place through which we can look out into the world.”

🚶 4, 6 🚶 Ferenc körút 🎫 free

TOP tip

VAM Design Center

D2

VI., Király utca 26.

☎ 267-9540

www.vamdesign.hu

A multicultural complex with the country’s largest exhibition space. Exclusive events are often held in the extravagant environment created out of the residential block with inner courtyard, although world-famous mega exhibitions and displays of the contemporary arts are also staged here.



🚶 Deák tér 🚶 47, 49 🎫 charges vary



Várfok Gallery is located not far from Moszkva Square in Várfok Street; it was one of the first contemporary arts display centres established by a private individual, and it actually also maintains multiple exhibition spaces (Várfok Room, XO Room) in this attractive street.

Magyar design



It is also worth finding out about the fashion scene dictated by Hungarian designers who stand at the cutting edge of international fashion. The style of our designers can be characterized as a lightness of touch, playfulness, and at other times elegance and femininity. Collections feature pieces representative of modern luxury alongside everyday wear.



Shops and showroom

ANH TUAN Showroom

D1

VI., Rózsa utca 74 ☎ (+36 20) 4444-704

www.anh-tuan.com

Collections by the Vietnamese fashion designer ANH TUAN – besides being full of contrasts – are the embodiment of modern luxury.

ARTISTA Showroom

C2

VIII., Puskin utca 19 II/5

☎ 328-0290

www.artistafashion.com

Artista is the place for everyday wear, made from quality textiles sourced in London and Milan.

TOP tip

Ballon Showroom

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XIII., Visegrádi utca 19

☎ 36-30/515-6006

⌚ Mon–Fri: 12 am–7 pm

www.karattur.com
Clothes, shoes, bags and accessories by five designers are available in the Ballon Showroom, Újlipótváros.

**Bolt – Hungarian Designers Shop**

D2

VII., Kertész utca 42–44

⌚ Mon–Fri: 11 am–7 pm, Sat: 11 am–3 pm

www.boltmuhely.hu**Chee Chee**

C2

VI., Zichy Jenő utca 34

☎ 36-30/609-3683

⌚ Mon–Fri: 11 am–7 pm, Sat: 12 am–4 pm

ECLECTICK

C2

V., Irányi utca 20 ☎ 266-3341

⌚ Mon–Fri: 10 am–7 pm, Sat: 11 am–4 pm

www.eclectick.hu**INSITU Home and Fashion**

C3

V., Múzeum körút 7 ☎ 266-3080

⌚ Mon–Fri: 10 am–7 pm, Sat: 11 am–3 pm

www.insitu.hu**Je Suis Belle**

C3

V., Ferenciek tere 11 IV. floor (Párizsi Court)

☎ 36-20/313-0557

⌚ Mon–Fri: 10 am–6 pm, by prior arrangement

www.jesuisbelle.hu

The Je suis belle style speaks of lightness, playfulness, elegance and femininity combined; the brand can also be purchased in Berlin, Zurich and Vienna.

Lollipop Shop

C3

V., Váci utca 45

⌚ Mon–Fri: 10.30 am–7 pm,

Sat: 10 am–3 pm

www.myspace.com/nyalokamoka**Mono**

C2

V., Kossuth Lajos utca 20

☎ 36-20/772-5273

⌚ Mon–Fri: 10 am–8 pm, Sat: 10 am–6 pm

www.monofashion.hu**Nanushka Showroom**

B2

I., Csónak utca 9 ☎ 202-1050, 214-1729

⌚ Mon–Fri: 10 am–6 pm

www.nanushka.hu

The now world-famous Nanushka continually experiments by reinterpreting tailoring methods and forms.

Öltöző – young designers clothes shop

C2

VI., Hajós utca 26/A ⌚ Mon–Fri: midday–6 pm

RETROCK – Cutting Edge Fashion

C2

V., Ferenczy I. utca 28

☎ 318-1007

⌚ Mon–Fri: 10.30 am–7.30 pm,

Sat: 10.30 am–3.30 pm

www.retrock.com

Retrock sells selected clothes that cannot be obtained elsewhere: retro collections, and the latest works by artists and designers.

Retrock Deluxe

C2

V., Henszlmann Imre utca 1

⌚ Mon–Fri: 10.30 am–7.30 pm,

Sat: 10.30 am–3.30 pm

www.myspace.com/retrockdeluxeshop**VOLT BOLT**

C2

VII., Klauzál tér 14

⌚ Mon–Fri: 11 am–7 pm, Sat: 11 am–4 pm

www.voltbolt.hu

VOLT BOLT welcomes customers with limited edition, one-off T-shirts and plenty of gift ideas.

TOP tip

WAMP (Sunday Artmarket)

C2

V., Erzsébet Square / Gödör

Club ⌚ all-day design fair; staged monthly

The monthly Vasárnapi MűvészPiac (WAMP) is staged in Erzsébet Square (in the old coach station) in summer, and in the Gödör Club in winter. Silversmiths, graphic artists, textile artists, ceramic artists, glass-makers, recycling artists, toymakers as well as several famous galleries and top Hungarian designers market their modern design creations here.



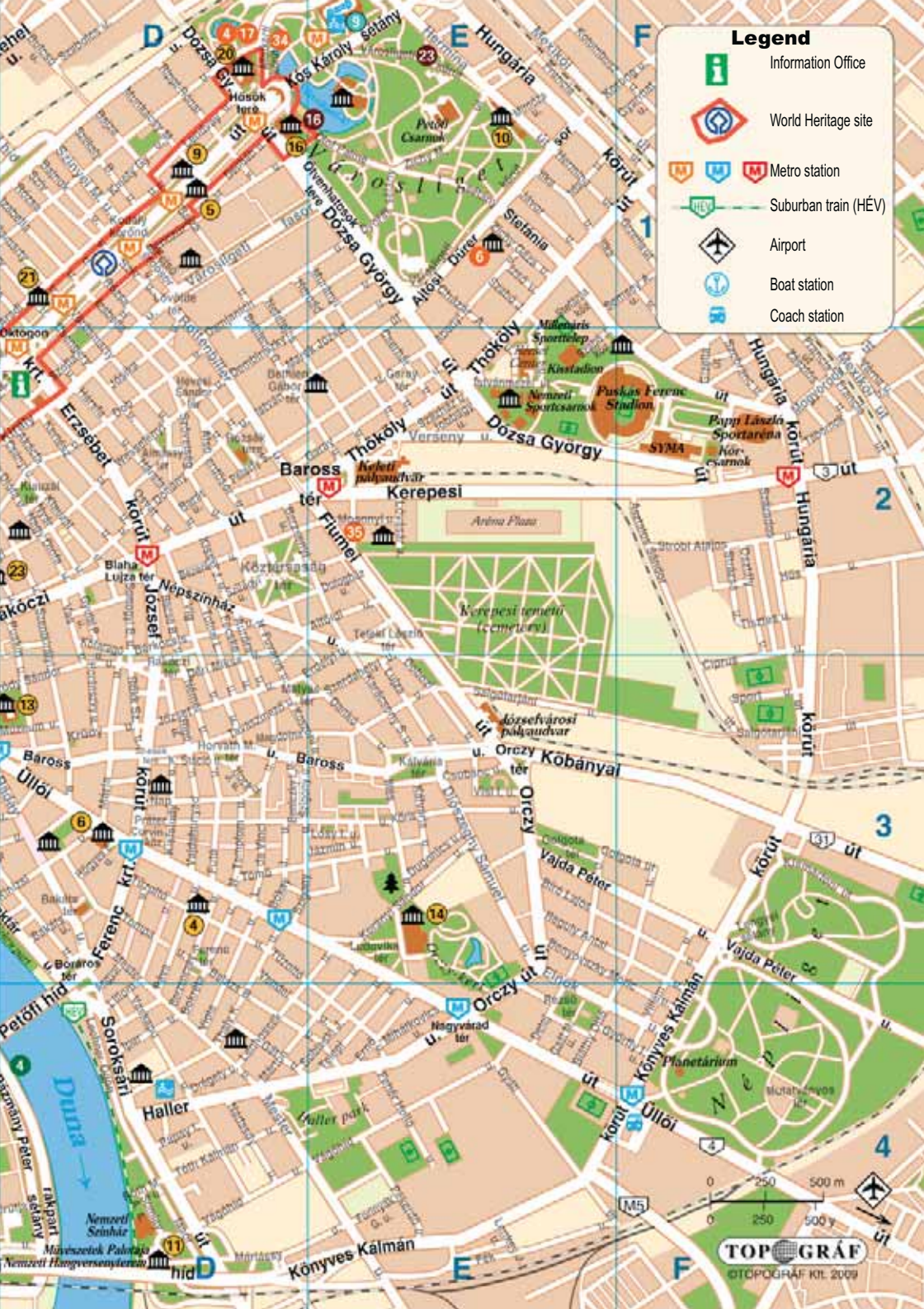


BUDAPEST



Legend

-  Information Office
-  World Heritage site
-  Metro station
-  Suburban train (HEV)
-  Airport
-  Boat station
-  Coach station



Sights, sightseeing



Budapest holds a front-ranking position among the most attractive cities of the world. It successfully combines a centuries-old architectural and cultural heritage with the latest features of modern life. If you are setting off on a sightseeing trip, take Budapest Card along with you because it gives great discounts not only on city sightseeing tours but also on entry to a variety of famous sights, museums, spas and thermal baths, as well as other leisure and entertainment providers.



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BUDAPEST



Only one day? What you mustn't miss...

Anyone who has just one day to spend on sightseeing around the capital needs a well-planned programme. It would be a pity to miss the Buda Castle, Danube embankment and Andrásy Avenue, all World Heritage sites. The Castle district is packed with museums, for instance the Castle Museum, Museum of Military History and the Hungarian National Gallery. The view from the Royal Palace across the Danube is breathtaking. Despite being rebuilt in neo-Gothic style, Matthias Church has managed to preserve its interior layout first shaped 700 years ago. Once the church where royalty was crowned, today its excellent acoustics make it an ideal venue for organ concerts. Its collection of ecclesiastical vestments is famous, and there is also a replica of the Hungarian Holy Crown preserved in the treasury. The pale masonry of Fishermen's Bastion serves as a fine backdrop to Matthias Church. Close by is the Hilton Hotel, award-

ed the Hotel of the Year prize at the time it was built. In summertime the Hilton café and terrace are popular places to relax.

The most attractive parts of the Danube embankment can also be observed while on the move. Tram No. 2 travels the entire length of the embankment, and a return trip affords an excellent platform from where we can pick out the most important buildings: departing from Jászai Mari Square we soon arrive at Parliament and then a little further down the view of Matthias Church, Fishermen's Bastion and the Royal Palace unfolds across the river. The tram rattles past one bridge after another, including Chain Bridge, the oldest in Budapest. Leaving Elizabeth Bridge behind, Gellért Hill dominates the Buda scene, and then the marvellous old Gellért Hotel and Spa Bath hove into view at the foot of Liberty Bridge on the Buda side.

The Citadel (formerly a fortress, today a museum), the most important lookout point in the city,

TOP tip

Castle quarter and Castle Hill **B2**

I., Castle district (Buda)

16A, 16, Funicular

Part of the World Heritage. Due to its excellent features it was settled as early as the 13th century; King Béla IV built a castle here after the Tartar invasion, and he chose this spot as the seat of royal rule. The Castle quarter on Castle Hill stands 180 m above sea level. It is around 1.5 km long and in places it is 500 metres wide. It boasts three churches, five museums, many historical buildings, monuments, streets and squares, a theatre, four hotels, numerous atmospheric restaurants, cafés, galleries and gift shops. Breathtaking panoramas open from the Fishermen's Bastion and the promenade in front of the National Gallery.



TOP tip

Hungarian State Opera House **C2**

VI., Andrásy út 22

www.operavisit.hu

Opera 4, 6

One of the most imposing opera houses of its day, the Budapest Opera House opened in 1884. Its neo-Classical and neo-Renaissance design is the work of the greatest Hungarian architect of the 19th century, Miklós Ybl. The grandiose lobby, elegant staircase and horseshoe-shaped auditorium are important tourist sights in themselves. Guest conductors at the Opera House have included such world greats as Gustav Mahler and Otto Klemperer.



! As well as traditional and hop on, hop off bus sightseeing tours (12-16 languages) (www.citytour.hu; www.programcentrum.hu; see pages 27 and 29 for advertisements) the following special programmes are also recommended: tours of Parliament, the Opera House and Ethnographical Museum, walking tours around Buda and Pest, Jewish memorials in Budapest, Hungarian Art Nouveau, night time Budapest, the Hammer and Sickle Tour (remains of communist times) – www.discoverhungary.com.

sits atop Gellért Hill and offers an unrivalled panorama of World Heritage Budapest including the Buda Castle district and both sides of the Danube embankment. At the end of our tram ride stand the new National Theatre and Palace of Arts on the Pest side close to Lágymányos Bridge. On the return trip (on the right-hand side) we have the dignified University Corvinus Budapest, behind which is the remarkable Central Market Hall. Further back into town we pass a series of top class hotels and the Vigadó, whose concert hall and lobby are as dramatic as the external view. The Gresham Palace, which has been transformed into a luxury hotel (Four Seasons), and the neo-Renaissance building

of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, stand on Roosevelt Square.

Andrássy Avenue is a key element in the Budapest city plan. An early underground railway (in fact the very first on the continent) still runs the length of the Avenue; stations on the line have preserved their original designs created 130 years ago, and small exhibitions at each station detail the most interesting buildings of the age. Our tour concludes at Heroes' Square where it is worth devoting time to the world-famous collection of Spanish masters and other treasures in the Museum of Fine Arts, or the contemporary exhibitions staged in the Art Gallery on the opposite side of the square.

TOP tip

Heroes' Square

XIV, City Park 🚏 Hősök tere 🚏 20E, 30 🚏 75, 79

The most spectacular square in the capital, sited at the entrance to City Park. Anyone coming up Andrássy Boulevard sees from afar the 36-m-high column in the centre of the Millennium memorial, on top of which is a statue of the Archangel Gabriel holding the Hungarian Holy Crown and apostolic double cross. Quarter-circular colonnades extend to both left and right of the column. Between the pillars of the colonnade are figures of the 'greats' from Hungarian history, while the butt piers are embellished with emblematic sculptural ensembles (work, welfare, knowledge, honour and peace). The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is positioned in front of the monument. The magnificent buildings of the Art Gallery and the Museum of Fine Arts to the right and left of the monument enhance the fine architectural entity of Heroes' Square.

D1



World Heritage sights of Budapest

Castle district and Danube embankment

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The Castle quarter represents the core of the ancient town and an area guarding some of the most important historical monuments in the country. And although in the 800 years since its foundation it has been hit by virtually every disaster imaginable – earthquake, fire, siege and world war – its beauty continues to shine through and its medieval monuments are a delight. On entering the quarter visitors generally get the impression they have travelled back in time to a completely different, calmer age, where the gateways of Baroque houses reveal Roman-age stones and finely carved sedilia from the age



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of chivalry. Underneath the feet lies a vast labyrinth of caves, which served as a military station for 20,000 German soldiers during the Second World War. One of the defining buildings of Budapest, the over 700-year-old Matthias Church, stands in Szentháromság (Holy Trinity) Square. Its Gothic tower and the backdrop of Fishermen's Bastion make this one of the most commonly photographed monuments. Over the course of centuries the church was the scene for many coronations, then it served as a Turkish mosque from 1541 before being re-consecrated. Inside, the earthly remains of King Béla III and his wife lie in a carved sarcophagus. The rich collection of ecclesiastical art attracts many visitors each year. Fishermen's Bastion was raised in neo-Romanesque style on the foundations of the medieval castle walls; it affords a superb viewpoint over the city. Right alongside, and happily alloying the old with the new, stands the luxury Hilton Hotel built over 25 years ago. The hotel courtyard encompasses the cloister of a medieval monastery, inside which are the remains of an ancient church; theatrical performances are held here each summer.

TOP tip

The former Royal Palace and its attendant buildings represent an organic, and yet at the same time a separate part of the Castle quarter. The several historical sections, which were severely damaged during the Second World War, have over the intervening years found new functions. Most wings of the palace have been turned into museums, and the National Széchényi Library is also here. Sándor Palace, once the residence of the prime minister, is now the office and residence of the president of the republic.

The Royal Palace and its fine buildings form a single entity with the rows of Danube embankment houses under Castle Hill, with Rudas Baths, built in 1566 by Pasha Sokoli Mustafa and once a cultic centre due to its proximity to a nearby Dervish monastery, as well as the cliffs of Gellért Hill and the bridges spanning the Danube. The century-old building of Parliament, built by Imre Steindl in neo-Gothic style, defines the view on the opposite side of the Danube. Behind this one can see the dome of Budapest's largest ecclesiastical building, St. Stephen's Basilica. Not far from this stands the dignified edifice of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences on the Pest end of Chain Bridge, and beside it the Art Nouveau Gresham Palace which has been completely renewed to function as a Four Seasons luxury hotel. The marvellous panorama is rounded off by the line of hotels on the embankment and the grand old Vigadó.

Andrássy Avenue and the underground

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Andrássy Avenue and environs make up a unified architectural form dating from the late 19th century, despite which there are still clearly defined sections to it. It was named after the former prime minister who had done much to make Budapest a true metropolis. The cream of Eclectic architecture is to be seen along the Avenue, including the outstanding Opera House and many beautiful tenement blocks with intimate inner courtyards, statues and fountains. But it is not only these buildings which are worthy of attention; the Avenue's environs boast a huge variety of architectural styles and interesting sights. The near 2.5-km-long Avenue was in-



Fishermen's bastion



Palace of Arts

IX., Komor Marcell utca 1

☎ 23, 54 🗺 1, 2, 24 🎫 Csepel, Ráckeve

The capital's newest concert venue, the Bartók Béla National Concert Hall, as well as the new residences of the Ludwig Museum and National Dance Theatre (in Festival Theatre) are all in the modern cultural structure positioned between Lágymányos Bridge and the National Theatre, the Palace of Arts. Since its opening in March 2005 the institution has attracted such world-famous orchestras and companies as the Chicago Symphonics, the London St. Martin-in-the-Fields Ensemble and the Nederland Dance Theatre. The permanent exhibition of the Ludwig Museum includes works by Picasso, Warhol and the greatest contemporary Hungarian artists. All are welcome to take in the building's breathtaking interior dimensions; there is also a CD store, gift and bookshop, restaurant and cafeteria.

CULTURAL BUDAPEST

D4

There are always a few cheaper standing places for people with student ID cards (you might have to queue for a while, though) for the generally full-house performances of the greatest Hungarian and foreign orchestras performing in the Béla Bartók National Concert Hall.



spired by the boulevards of France, and it originally had a separate lane reserved for gentlemen out riding.

One of the special features of Andrássy Avenue is barely visible on the surface. The only give-away is the occasional wrought iron balustrade leading underground... Continental Europe's first sub-surface railway was built under the road, and the more than 125-year-old underground is still carrying passengers today along a line only slightly longer than the original.

Andrássy Avenue terminates in Heroes' Square at the Millennium Monument erected to mark the thousandth anniversary of the Magyar Conquest. On one side of the square stands the Museum of Fine Arts with a Spanish collection unrivalled outside Spain, and opposite the Art Gallery, home to temporary exhibitions.

City Park Lake behind Heroes' Square tempts the visitor to take out a boat in summer and skate in winter. The entertainment and cultural centres in City Park (Zoo, Funfair, Municipal Grand Circus, Széchenyi Spa, Vajdahunyad Castle, Petőfi Hall) are the capital's favourite tourist destinations.



Castle district and Danube embankment

Don't miss this

Fishermen's Bastion

B2

I., Szentháromság tér 16A, 16, A relatively youthful structure next to Matthias Church. Building started in 1895 on the designs of Frigyes Schulek. It was sited on the place of the medieval fish market and the walls protected by the guild of fishermen, whence the name. The neo-Romanesque bastion has only ever had a decorative role: it is a popular place to look out over Pest.

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Royal Palace

B2

I. district Castle quarter 16A, 16, Funicular One of the symbols of the nation, the palace has witnessed wars and occupation from the 13th to the 20th century. The Turks occupied it, as did the Habsburgs, it was destroyed three times and then rebuilt, each time in the architectural style of the age. Today's neo-Classical style was taken on after the Second World War. The building hosts several distinguished institutions: the Hungarian National Gallery, Budapest History Museum and the National Széchenyi Library.



Central Market

Central Market

C3

IX., Fővám tér 1–3 15 2, 47, 49
⌚ Mon: 6 am–5 pm, Tue–Fri: 6 am–6 pm, Sat: 6 am–2 pm
The largest market in the capital, and the most attractive. It was built in 1890, designed by Samu Pecz. Following its complete restoration in 1994 it has become one of the most popular and visited shopping sites among tourist circles. The imposing building of the University Corvinus Budapest stands close by, at the Pest foot of Liberty Bridge.

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Chain Bridge

📍 16, 86 🗺️ 2, 19, 41

The capital's first bridge, a historical monument, has attracted many tourists to Budapest: photographs or film of it illuminated at night, with the imposing Buda Castle rising in the background, make for a breathtaking sight. Count István Széchenyi commissioned William Tierney Clark to design the bridge and engineer Adam Clark (no relation) to build it. Construction lasted from 1839–1849. The bridge did not escape the destruction of the Second World War, and it was rebuilt in 1949, on its 100th anniversary.

Hungarian Academy of Sciences**C2**

V., Roosevelt tér 9 🗺️ 2 📍 16

The oldest and most significant building on Roosevelt Square. Its perfect neo-Renaissance design came from the studio of Berlin architect Stüler, and it was built between 1862–64. The grand gala hall decorated with pictures by Károly Lotz is also used for staging concerts. There are lecture and session rooms, and a valuable scientific library. Allegorical sculptures in the imposing foyer and on the façade are the work of Miklós Izsó and Emil Wolf.

Scattered throughout the city, one will come across the "guardians of Budapest", carved lions, some with severe, some with gentler countenances, all radiating a sense of dignity and authority. Pairs of lions guard the entrances to important buildings, most are to be observed in the Royal Palace grounds, but without doubt the most famous are the four magnificent beasts on Chain Bridge.

**Parliament****C1**

V., Kossuth tér 1–3 441-4000 www.parlament.hu

🗺️ Kossuth tér 📍 15 🗺️ 2 📍 70, 78

The largest building in the country, the permanent site of the national assembly, Parliament sits on the Danube embankment with its entrance looking out over Kossuth Square. The neo-Gothic building is the work of architect Imre Steindl, and was constructed between 1884–1904. It has 691 rooms, is 268 m long



Parliament



Hungarian Academy of Sciences

and its cupola rises 96 m into the air. The staircase is embellished with fine frescoes by Károly Lotz and sculptures by György Kiss. Parliament's most important work of art, the painting "The Conquest" by Mihály Munkácsy, is in the Munkácsy Room next to the President's office. Since 2000 the general public has been able to view the Hungarian coronation regalia here: St. Stephen's Crown, the sceptre, orb and Renaissance sword.

Chamber concert audiences are admitted to the Academy's grandiose Gala Hall, which has superb acoustics, mainly during the Spring Festival.

**Liberty Statue****C3**

XI., Gellérthegy 📍 7, 86 🗺️ 18, 19, 41, 56

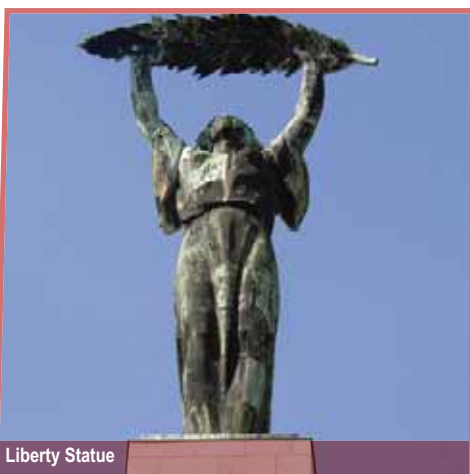
The 14-m-high statue, the work of outstanding architect Zsigmond Kisfaludy Strobl, was raised in 1947 in memory of the country's liberation. And even though the post-war period also marked the start of Soviet rule, the statue on Gellért Hill was not removed even after the change of regime since it had become an indelible part of the cityscape. There are two other sculptures at the foot of the female figure holding aloft the palm of victory: one is an allegory of progress, the other the fight against evil.

Statue of St. Gellért**C3**

XI., Gellérthegy 📍 7, 86 🗺️ 18, 19, 41, 56

The statue of Bishop Gellért, who died a martyr in the 11th century, stands opposite Elizabeth Bridge on the south side of Gellért Hill. According to legend this is the spot from where pagans pushed the missionary bishop, sealed in a barrel, down into the Danube. The striking statue is enhanced by the semicircular colonnade behind and the natural spring which rises to the surface at this point, and which turns into a waterfall below the statue.

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Parliament stands head and shoulders above its neighbours on the Pest side of the river. Whether we are talking of its external neo-Gothic appearance or its interior, there is but one word to describe it: stunning. Today it guards the Hungarian Holy Crown, Orb and Sceptre, while the 1009-year-old mantle, another part of the coronation regalia richly embroidered with gold thread, is preserved in the **Hungarian National Museum**. Not far from Parliament is **St. Stephen's Basilica**, the largest ecclesiastical building in Budapest and repository for the relic the Holy Right Hand of St. Stephen, Hungary's first king. The Basilica's dome affords a superb all-round view of the city. A 5-minute walk from the Basilica in the direction of **Chain Bridge** gets one to the neo-Baroque **Duna Palace** (1895), once the home of the Lipótváros casino. Today it hosts symphony concerts and folklore shows (seating capacity: 292).

One of the finest historical monuments in the capital, the **Opera House**, stands on Andrásy Avenue. It is well worth visiting not only for its brilliant performances but also for the magnificent grand stair and lavish interior design. Buy tickets for an evening of entertainment there. You'll be able to enjoy the classics or contemporary music in the form of opera or ballet performed nearly every day of the week. It will be a memory you'll always treasure.

However, should the history of transport, rare vehicles and the like, be more to your taste, then we can recommend the **Transport Museum**. The collection, set up in a museum in City Park, displays a whole variety of items from veteran cars to a space module. The museum's model collection – incredibly detailed scale models of locomotives, carriages and ships – is spoken of around the world. Life-size, working locomotives, the real thing, are on display in the **Railway History Park** (indeed, you can even try your hand at driving one). The Park boasts around 100 fully functioning locomotives from the early days of steam up to more modern times.



Lics Vine Cellar, Budafok

Aquincum is packed with memories of the Roman period. The town was the seat of the province, and its excavated ruins allow one to conjure up in the mind an image of the once thriving centre complete with baths, amphitheatres and military encampment. An extensive furniture exhibition in the **Nagytétény Mansion Museum** covers periods which came long after the Romans had left: superb Renaissance, Baroque, Biedermeier and neo-Classical furniture. Budafok, famed for its wine-making, lies not far from Nagytétény. Millions of litres of the very finest sparkling wines and select reds and whites lie maturing in the cavernous cellar system hereabouts. A tour of the cellars combined with wine tasting takes at least half a day.

A trip out to the **Memento Park** will prove an unforgettable experience. Gigantic statues and memorials erected during Communist times and collected from all parts of the country (although largely from around the squares and streets of the capital) after the change of regime have been brought together to make a stunning collection probably unique in the world.

Budapest is a spa city. Travellers were writing about its remarkable medicinal waters in the 1500s. One of the Turkish baths built around that time is the **Rudas**, and it still employs some of the original fittings today. **Gellért Spa** is the most elegant in town, offering a bubble bath, open-air wave pool, thermal pools and medical services to very high standards.

Of course one's tour, trip to a museum or spa wouldn't be complete without enjoying a fine meal in one of the many excellent restaurants of the capital, or coffee and cakes in an equally outstanding confectionery. Budapest is proud of several very good restaurants, with unique atmosphere like the Alabárdos and Arany-szarvas (Golden Hind) in the castle district, Kárpátia in Pest side or Kisbuda Gyöngye in Óbuda. Their furnishings and style are delightful, and each serves traditional Hungarian cuisine made to order, just as is the case in the famed Matthias Cellar (Mátyás pince). Among the confectioneries the Mozart on Erzsébet Boulevard serves the *creme de la creme* in cakes and desserts.

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Duna Palace

V, Zrínyi utca 5 2 16

The neo-Baroque Duna Palace located between the Basilica and Chain Bridge was built by Vilmos Freund in 1895 and was originally the home of the Lipótváros casino. Each year it donated several million forints to artistic causes and to nurture young talent. All concerts and soirées were arranged to the very highest standards, and in fact there was not one notable artist of the day who didn't perform there at least once. Later on the building underwent several reconstructions; its current form dates from 1941. Folklore performances and symphony concerts are regularly staged in the theatre hall.

Elizabeth Bridge

5, 7, 7E, 8, 86 2, 18, 19, 41

In the year of its construction (1903) it was the world's longest suspension bridge, a record it held until 1926. The bridge was named after the wife of Emperor Franz Joseph, Hungary's beloved Queen Elizabeth. German troops blew up the original bridge in 1945. The new bridge was designed by Pál Sávoly and built in 1964.

C2

Gozsdu Court

VII., between Király Street and Dob Street
 Deák tér 9 74 2, 47, 49

This restoration development in the downtown is just a few minutes away from Deák Ferenc Square. Joining Király utca 13 and Dob utca 16, Gozsdu Court is located in a part of the capital particularly wealthy in cultural, historical and architectural memories (Liszt Ferenc Square, Academy of Music, "Pest Broadway", Opera House). The Art Nouveau block was designed by Győző Czigler, one of the most outstanding architects of his day (another of his famous works is Széchenyi Spa), in 1902 at the commission of lawyer and leading society figure Manó Gozsdu. Gozsdu, who came from a Macedoromanian family from the Bánát, had the idea of creating this block to assist Romanian students studying in Budapest.

As well as providing a residential function (it comprises 11 flats) this unique architectural treasure in the capital has also become a magnet for a variety of service providers and programmes: galleries, cafés, art exhibitions, concerts and gastronomy days.

C2

Gresham Palace

C2

V., Roosevelt tér 5–6 2 16

This Art Nouveau building was commissioned by the Gresham Assurance Company, London, and built in 1907 on the basis of designs by the brothers József and László Vágó and Zsigmond Quittner. The most modern luxury apartments and offices of the day were established in the building. The Palace features several statues, one of which (at the top of the facade) is a bust of Sir Thomas Gresham, founder of the London stock exchange. The Four Seasons, the capital's most exclusive luxury hotel, opened here in 2004.

Geological Institute of Hungary

F2

XIV., Stefánia út 14 2 Stadionok 7 75, 77

One of the capital's finest Art Nouveau buildings. It was designed by Ödön Lechner and built in 1899. Its light blue ceramic roof and blue Zsolnay ceramic decoration harmonize with the yellow-brown façade. Three figures can be observed on the middle roof crest holding a globe. There is a rock and mineral exhibition in the Institute.

House of Hungarian Art Nouveau

C2

V., Honvéd utca 3

15 2 Kossuth tér Arany János utca

A 600-sqm permanent exhibition set up in Bedő House, built in 1903 to the designs of Emil Vidor,

presents this remarkable and dynamic artistic style of the early 20th century. Of equal interest are the Art Nouveau fittings, the small gift shop and the café in this superbly restored and furnished building.

Still can't get enough of the glorious Art Nouveau buildings of Budapest? Then search out the former Postal Savings Bank (V., Hold utca 4), the lobby of Gellért Spa and the Museum of Applied Arts!



Pál Street Boys

D3

VIII., Práter utca 15 (2 minutes from József körút)

Ferenc körút 4, 6

The work was unveiled to commemorate the 100th anniversary (September 2007) of the "Pál Street Boys", one of the all-time classics of Hungarian literature. The bronze sculpture depicting one of the most memorable scenes in the novel (which has been translated into 35 languages), the "einstandolás" (when the red shirted Pásztor brothers gaze down at the Pál Street kids playing marbles in the garden of the National Museum), is the creation of Péter Szanyi and is located in front of the VIII district Práter Street school. The unusual artwork combined with the shabbiness of the locality perfectly reflect the ambience of the turn of the century.

Liberty Bridge

C3

15, 86 2, 18, 19, 41, 47, 49

Originally called Franz Joseph Bridge, it was constructed in 1899, and following the destruction of all the Budapest bridges in 1945 this was the first one to be rebuilt (1946) since it had suffered the least damage. During rebuilding all its decorative motifs were retained: the mythical Turul birds, royal coat of arms etc.

Szabadság (Liberty) Square

C2

V., Szabadság tér

15 2 Kossuth tér Arany János utca

One of the most imposing squares in the capital is surrounded by fine buildings. The richly decorated walls of the Hungarian National Bank look onto the Eclectic-Art Nouveau headquarters of Hungarian TV (formerly it was the stock exchange) opposite. Both were built to the designs of Count Ignác Alpar in 1905. The building housing the American Embassy (1899–1901) is also worthy of attention. On the north side of the square stands the huge memorial to Soviet troops killed during the siege of Budapest in 1945, the only communist monument still standing in its original position after the change of regime.

! *There are many excellent vantage points around the city from where it is easy to capture several of the capital's bridges in a single shot, but if you want the best place, take your photographs from Fishermen's Bastion!*

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Aqua-fun all year round

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Exciting novelties

- **Refresh your summer party memories!**
Enjoy the pleasures of music and spa together in a perfect party combo with DJ Leonardo! Every Friday and Saturday from 5 p.m. till 10 p.m.
- **Aqua scooter**
- **Ball on the water**

Opening hours

All year round from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Location

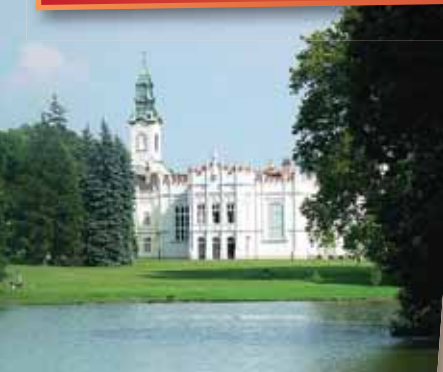
Northern part of Budapest, just off the Pest side bridgehead of Megyeri Bridge along the new M0 ring.

How to get there

Take the free shuttle bus which runs every day between Heroes' Square and the waterpark.

Aquaworld Budapest

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Martonvásár – Brunswick mansion

In whichever direction one looks, there are things of interest close to Budapest: to the north, Szentendre and the charming towns of the Danube Bend are the closest sights; to the southwest it is possible to travel back thousands of years in time; to the south, we come across memories of Beethoven's visits to Hungary; and to the northeast there is a Baroque town preserving the memory of Queen Elisabeth (fondly known as Sissi).

TOP tips

Esztergom

Each year this more than 1000-year-old settlement (founded 973) – the first capital of the country, site for the baptism into the Christian Church of our first king, where the pagan rebel Koppány was cruelly executed and his quartered remains hung on the city walls, seat of kings and archbishops for centuries – attracts around 1 million visitors.

Hungary's largest church, the Basilica, stands atop Castle Hill. There is a statue of St. Stephen not far away, and the recently rebuilt Mária Valéria Bridge also contributes to the delightful view of the surroundings.



Visegrád

Visegrád is a synthesis of the past, present and future. At one time the border of the Roman Empire, the limes, ran past the settlement; you can still see the ruins of Roman watchtowers along the Danube. The first king of Hungary, St. Stephen, established a stewardship here and raised the archdeacon's church, the foundations of which still stand on Castle



Szentendre

This neat town with a decidedly Mediterranean feel has preserved its 18–19th century compact and unified layout. Its picturesque setting on the Danube, its architecture and historical monuments all contributed to the formation over the years of colonies of painters, sculptors and artists who lived and still live today in Szentendre. There is a particularly strong Serbian culture all around, brought here by Serb communities fleeing a Turkish onslaught in the late 17th century. Most of the houses which once belonged to wealthy merchants are now museums; in fact the galleries, workshops, exhibition centres and museums just come one after the other.

Szentendre is home to the first (and still the largest) skanzen or open-air museum in Hungary.

Museum experts revive the everyday life and holidays of the old peasant way of living.

More sights

Villages on the Danube Bend

Visegrád is not the only sight on the Danube Bend. A ferry ride across the Danube gets one to the charming villages of Nagymaros, Kismaros and Verőce on the opposite bank, and there is always the wonderful Börzsöny for hiking and excursions. The Danube Bend region extends across the section of the Danube ringed by the Börzsöny, Visegrád and Pilis hills, embracing more than 60 towns and villages. Among these, one of the finest – complete with fine Danube embankment promenade – is the recently magnificently rehabilitated town of Vác.



Hill. The view from here is superb, encompassing the incomparable Danube Bend. The imposing citadel, which is not far from here, during the reign of King Matthias, rebuilt in Renaissance style has a fountain which ran not with water but with wine while VIP meetings. Each summer a knight's tournament and medieval crafts fair are organized in Visegrád.

Martonvásár

Martonvásár lies close to the M7 motorway 30 km from Budapest. This tiny settlement became famed throughout Europe thanks to the hospitality and love of music of the resident Brunswick family. Indeed, Ludwig van Beethoven was a regular guest and music teacher at the attractive Brunswick mansion built originally in Baroque and later rebuilt in neo-Gothic style. Today Martonvásár remains a centre for the Beethoven cult: a museum set up in the mansion preserves items related to the great composer, while each summer outdoor concerts are staged in the delightful grounds.

Százhalombatta

Let's return to Budapest and then set off in a south-westerly direction. We are in for a trip back in time... several thousand years! Visitors to Százhalombatta come upon Iron Age relics of the so-called Hallstatt culture. Huge pyres were set ablaze on the Danube embankment in honour of those recently deceased, and their ashes were then hidden away in the mounds made to carefully planned designs. One such grave has survived in pristine condition, allowing archaeologists to reconstruct accurately the burial customs of yore; deep in the tumulus visitors can trace (aided by sound and light effects) the course of a burial ceremony as performed 4000 years ago.

What's more, it has been possible to reconstruct the everyday life of Iron Age society too: house reconstructions, furnishings and clothing, and the very meals eaten in millennia past. Information: www.matricamuzeum.hu



Gödöllő

If we leave the capital heading northeast, after 30 km we arrive in the town of Gödöllő, renowned for its association with Queen Elizabeth, wife of Franz Joseph, emperor of the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy. The restored Baroque palace, originally the Grassalkovich Mansion, was the favourite residence of the queen, familiarly known by the Hungarians as Sissy. This truly imposing palace lovingly restored to its original glory has a fascinating exhibition and regularly hosts cultural events and festivals. A Baroque theatre operated in the south wing of the mansion between 1785–1867. Following its complete restoration, opera performances are once again staged in Hungary's only surviving original Baroque theatre (guided tours also available).



The only national scouts collection moved from Budapest to the Gödöllő Municipal Museum (Szabadság tér 5) in 2009. Title of the permanent exhibition: History of Hungarian Scouting from 1910 to the Present Day.

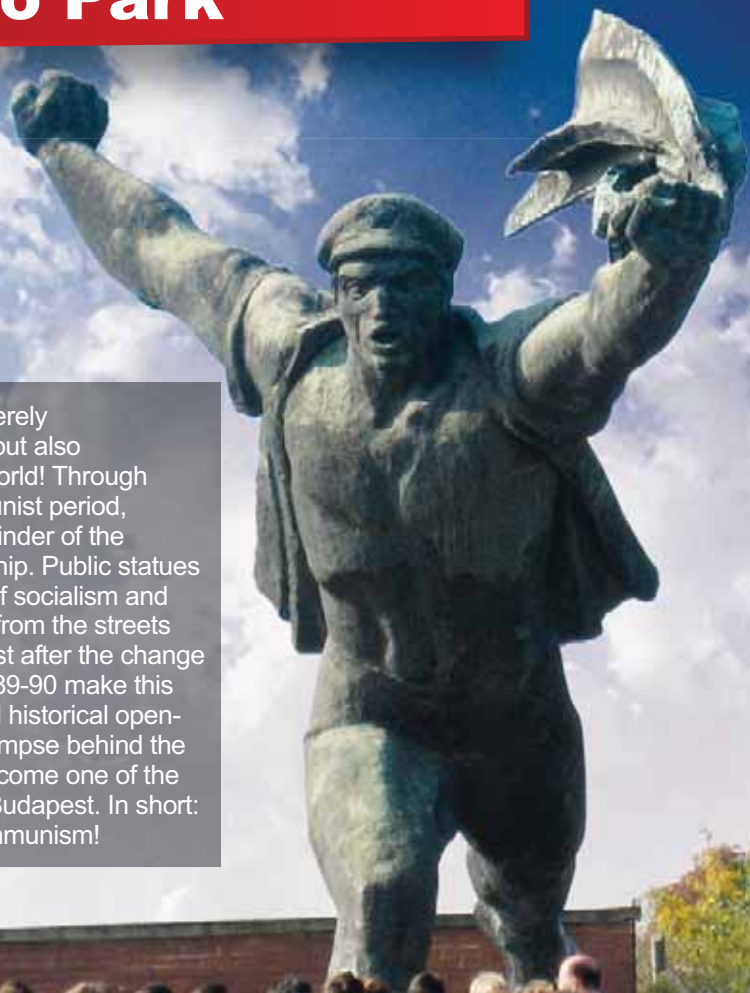


Esztergom and Visegrád are easily accessible by Volánbusz departing from the Újpest-Városcapu station on metro line 3. A suburban railway service (HÉV) to Gödöllő departs from the Örs vezér tere terminus of metro line 2, and to Szentendre from the Batthyány tér station.

Memento Park

- Statue Park

Memento Park is not merely a remarkable museum but also a completely different world! Through its display of the communist period, the theme park is a reminder of the overthrow of a dictatorship. Public statues fashioned in the years of socialism and subsequently removed from the streets and squares of Budapest after the change of political system in 1989-90 make this a dramatic and powerful historical open-air gallery. It is a final glimpse behind the Iron Curtain and has become one of the most popular sights of Budapest. In short: hundreds of tons of communism!



Open daily from 10 am to dusk

Admission: HUF 1500,
students: HUF 1000.

Budapest XXII district (South
Buda), corner of Balatoni Road -
Szabadkai Street.

www.mementopark.hu



Statue Park



Allegorical monuments to "Hungarian-Soviet friendship" and "Liberation", statues of individuals from the workers' movement and Soviet Red Army, as well as several other gigantic works. Lenin, Marx and Engels "in person", Dimitrov, Captain Ostapenko, Béla Kun and many other heroes of the communist world. Parade tribune and Stalin's boots.

Trabant

The chance to sit in the East German "people's car" and experience that genuine "Trabi feeling".



Red Star Store

A treasure trove of objects connected to the age of communism. Soviet souvenirs, hip flasks, lighters, medals and caps of the Red Army. Humorous T-shirts, mugs, postcards and posters. Model Trabants, Lenin candles, retro objects

from the 1950s, 60s and 70s. "Best of Communism" – revolutionary marching songs, documentary films and much more.



Personal guided tours

Tours in English lasting 50 minutes, starting from the entrance to Memento Park. Times: daily 11.45 am; March-October 12.45 pm and 1.45 pm as well; July-August 3.45 pm and 4.45 pm as well. Tour fee: HUF 1200/person (does not include admission charge).

North barracks

Photo exhibition on the 1956 Hungarian Revolution and 1989-90 change of political system. The screening room runs a film, "Life of an agent", about the methods employed by the communist secret service, the system of informers, installing bugs, professional house searches, telephone tapping and other spying techniques.



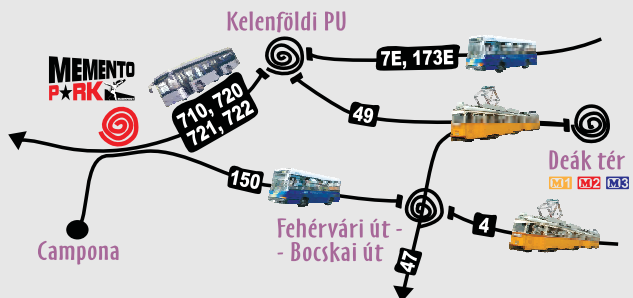
Direct bus service

Daily at 11 am (also at 3 pm in July and August) from Deák Square in the centre of town (M1 M2 M3), departs from the stop bearing a "Memento Park" timetable. Tickets: HUF 4500 (students: HUF 3500) includes the return fare and admission to Memento Park. Tickets can be purchased on the bus.

Public transport

a./ From the corner of Fehérvári Road and Bocskai Road (Allee Shopping Center, tram 4, 18, 41, 47, 61) to Campona departing every 20 minutes (30 minutes at the weekend), then bus 150 to Memento Park stop. Travel time: 25 minutes.

b./ By bus 710, 720, 721 or 722 leaving from the Volánbusz terminus next to Kelenföldi Railway Station (bus 7E, 173E, tram 19, 49) to the Memento Park stop. Travel time: 10 minutes.



Relax & enjoy

Medicinal baths, caves



Leisure, sport



Cafés, bars



Shopping



Now's the moment for some relaxation! Over the next few pages we've got plenty of ideas for those who don't want to spend their entire time in museums but would like to sample the real Budapest. Let's go! We'll take you into the worlds of medicinal baths and cafés, show you many leisure activities and look after you when you go shopping.



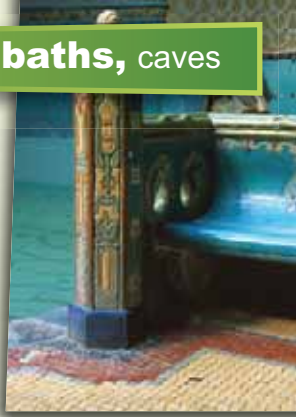


Medicinal baths, caves

Budapest is a city of medicinal baths. Although baths from Roman times (2nd century) have been uncovered in Budapest, the true bathing culture was initiated during the period of Turkish occupation in the 16th and 17th centuries. Even today there are some Turkish baths in the capital (Rudas, Rác, Király, Császár), each one a masterpiece of Ottoman architecture.



Don't forget. You can bathe for less with a Budapest Card!



Don't miss this

Castle Cave 1

I., Országház u. 16. ☎ 214-3121 ☺ k.-v.: 10 am–6 pm
This natural formation comprising a cave network under the Castle Hill plateau enjoys protected status. It has a unique standing among the caves of Hungary since it is the largest travertine cave system in the country. Closed for renovation

🎫 16A 🎫 HUF 150–300

Buda Castle Labyrinth 2

I., Üri utca 9 ☎ 212-0287 ☺ 9.30 am–7.30 pm
A 1200-metre-long cave and cellar network running under Buda Castle, part of UNESCO's World Heritage.

🎫 16A 🎫 HUF 1500–2000

Danubius Thermal & Conference

Hotel Helia 3 A3

XIII., Kárpát utca 62–64 ☎ 889-5800 ☺ 7 am–10 pm
The Scandinavian-style 4-star spa hotel on the Pest side of the Danube embankment offers guests a fantastic panorama of Margaret Island and the Buda Hills. The popular fitness centre has four pools, sauna, steam bath, workout room and sunbathing terrace.

🎫 79 🎫 HUF 3500–5200

Danubius Healt Spa Resort Margitsziget,

Danubius Grand Hotel Margitsziget 4 A3

XIII., Margaret Island ☎ 889-4700, 889-4752
☺ 7.30 am–9.30 pm

The old and modern buildings of these two hotels positioned on picturesque Margaret Island, the most attractive park in Budapest, are the ideal places for those seeking rest and relaxation. Far from the noise of town, and yet within easy reach of the downtown, they offer guests every comfort and service (including a swimming pool and four medicinal pools).

🎫 26 🎫 4, 6 🎫 HUF 6500–7700

B2

Király Medicinal Baths 5

II., Fő utca 82–84 ☎ 202-3688 ☺ Women: Mon, Wed: 8 am–7 pm, Men: Tue, Thur, Fri, Sat: 9 am–8 pm; mixed: Sun: 9 am–8 pm

It is believed that a start was made on building the bath by Pasha of Buda Arslan in 1565. It is one of the few remaining monuments from the Turkish times, receiving the visitor in all the original magnificence of a period Ottoman palace of bathing.

🎫 Batthyány tér 🎫 60, 86 🎫 HUF 1500–2100

Lukács Medicinal Baths and Swimming Pool 6

A3

II., Frankel Leó utca 25–29 ☎ 326-1695
☺ Mon–Fri: 6 am–7 pm, Sat–Sun: 6 am–5 pm

In addition to the medicinal bath section of the bath-

TOP tip

Gellért Spa Baths 7 C3

XI., Kelenhegyi út 4–6

☎ 466-6166 ☺ 6 am–8 pm

One of the most popular baths for tourists coming to Budapest. The medicinal spring here was already famed in the 13th century. The spa is decorated with a wealth of original Art Nouveau furnishings, artistic mosaics, stained glass windows and sculptures, although the interior of the hotel built alongside has lost many of these fittings over the years.

🎫 7, 86 🎫 18, 19, 41, 56, 49, 47

🎫 HUF 2200–3800



Admission charges show the lowest and highest rates. There may be several variations between these two extremes. Prices valid to the end of 2009; admission charges are likely to increase in 2010. Detailed information on the composition and indications/contraindications of medicinal waters is available in English at www.budapestspas.hu. Discounts on massages in medicinal baths with Budapest Card.

TOP tip

Rudas Medicinal Baths and swimming pool



B3

I., Döbrentei tér 9 ☎ 356-1322 ☉ Baths: men: Mon, Wed, Thur, Fri: 6 am–8 pm; women: Tue: 6 am–8 pm, mixed: Sat–Sun: 6 am–7 pm (night bathing: Fri–Sun: 10 pm–4 am); swimming pool: Mon–Wed: 6 am–6 pm, Thur–Sun: 6 am–8 pm
The original fittings dating from the 16th



century are still in use today. An octagonal pool is sited under the characteristic Turkish dome (diameter 10 m) supported on 8 pillars. Medicinal waters can be taken in the pump-room in cure form.

🚏 5, 7, 8, 86 🗺 18, 19, 41, 56

🕒 HUF 1500–2800 (night bathing: HUF 2500)



Cinetrip Sparty – a cavalcade of music, water and lights once a month throughout the entire spa, with musicians, DJs, a laser show and performance artists guaranteeing a great time for all. Information: www.cinetrip.hu

TOP tip

Széchenyi Spa Baths



D1

XIV., Állatkerti út 11 ☎ 363-3210 ☉ Men's and women's thermal baths daily 6 am–7 pm, swimming pool daily: 6 am–11 pm
Széchenyi Spa sits right towards the top of the list of must-see sights in Budapest. With 15 different pools it is not only one of the largest bathing complexes in Europe but it enjoys a reputation as the spa with the greatest atmosphere in the capital. Chess players immersed to the neck in steaming thermal water are as much a feature of the Széchenyi as the open-air pools embraced by the wings of this beautiful old building, the classical Roman pool halls and the cavernous saunas.



🗺 Széchenyi fürdő 🚏 72 🕒 HUF 2250–3500

ing complex built in the 19th century, the swimming pool is also very popular, attracting writers and artists among its regular clients. The 1800-square-metre park with trees, many of which are centuries old, is an ideal place for relaxing.

🚏 86 🗺 17, 4, 6 🕒 HUF 1800–2900

Ramada Resort Budapest

Ramada Resort Budapest is a four-star superior conference and wellness hotel offering unique services: it has 309 rooms with internet connection; a conference centre with a capacity of almost 1000; an independent spa, wellness and fitness unit; indoor and outdoor car parks with a capacity of almost 1000 and direct access to Aquaworld, one of the biggest indoor water theme parks in Europe.

Location

The water theme park is located in the northern part of Budapest, just off the Pest side bridgehead of Megyeri Bridge along the new M0 ring.

Free shuttle service is available every day between Heroes' Square and Aquaworld Budapest.



Ramada Resort Budapest

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📧 reservation@ aqua-world.hu | www.ramadaresortbudapest.hu

Rác Medicinal Baths

B3

I., Hadnagy utca 8–10
The predecessor of the Rác was founded by King Matthias and during the Ottoman occupation it functioned as a Turkish bath. Rebuilt in 1860 to the designs of Miklós Ybl, the baths enjoyed its heyday during the period of the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy.

Ramada Plaza Budapest

A4

III., Árpád Fejedelem útja 94 ☎ 436-4100
☉ all year round: 6.30 am–9.30 pm
Located in a pleasant environment by the Danube, this elegant spa hotel offers guests swimming and thermal pools, steam bath, sauna, jacuzzi and Scottish shower.

🗺 1 🚏 106 🕒 HUF 4500–5500

Szemlőhegy Cave



A4

II., Pusztaszeri út 35 ☎ 325-6001
☉ 10 am–4 pm, Tuesday closed
The cave, formed as a result of natural tectonic movements, is the other cave in the Buda Hills accessible to tourist groups. Its remarkable formations (peastone) were created in areas where thermal water permeated the limestone. Its cool, moist air has a curative effect for those suffering from respiratory problems.

🚏 29 🕒 HUF 600–1350



Pálvölgy**Cave** ¹³ **A4**

II., Szépvölgyi út 162
 ☎ 325-9505 ☉ Tue–Sun: 10 am–4.15 pm
 A superb cave in the Buda Hills open to tourists. The country's third largest cave (over 1 km open to visitors) has numerous remarkable stalactite formations.

🎫 65

🎫 HUF 750–1350



Many find that after viewing the exteriors they are motivated to "look into the matter in more depth...", something that everyone can do in the cave system running under Budapest! Those satisfied with just a glimpse into the subterranean world should head out to view the spectacular formations, sparkling crystals and stalactites of Szemlőhegy or Pálvölgy caves with their concreted, illuminated walkways. Those looking for more adventure can discover the original state of caves on "crawling" tours demanding overalls and helmets, guided – of course – by expert speleologists.



More baths, swimming pools

Császár-Komjádi Swimming Pool ¹⁴ **B1**

II., Árpád fejedelem útja 8

☎ 212-2750

☉ 6 am–7 pm

🎫 6, 60, 86 🎫 HUF 900–1500

Csillaghegy Strand-Swimming Pool ¹⁵ **A3**

III., Pusztakúti út 3 ☎ 242-0754

☉ 6 am–8 pm

🎫 Csillaghegy 🎫 HUF 1100–1600

Dagály Medicinal Baths, Swimming Pool, Strand Baths ¹⁶ **A3**

XIII., Népfürdő utca 36 ☎ 452-4500, 452-4556

☉ 6 am–8 pm

🎫 1 Árpád híd 🎫 133 🎫 HUF 1600–2200

Hajós Alfréd Sport Swimming Pool ¹⁷ **B1**

XIII., Margaret Island ☎ 450-4200

☉ Mon–Fri: 6 am–5 pm

(Oct–April: Mon–Fri: 6 am–4 pm),

Sat–Sun: 6 am–6 pm

🎫 26 🎫 4, 6 🎫 HUF 900–1500

Nyéki Imre Swimming Pool ¹⁸ **A4**

XI., Kondorosi út 14 ☎ 208-4025

☉ Mon–Fri: 6 am–8 pm, Sat: 6 am–6 pm, Sun: 6

am–5 pm (June–Aug: Sat–Sun: 6 am–7 pm)

🎫 7 🎫 18, 41, 56 🎫 HUF 600–1200

Palatinus Strand Baths ¹⁹ **B1**

XIII., Margaret Island ☎ 340-4505

☉ May–Aug: 9 am–8 pm,

🎫 26 🎫 4, 6 🎫 HUF 1800–2400

Pünkösdfürdő Strand ²⁰ **A3**

III., Királyok útja 272 ☎ 388-6665

☉ June–Aug 31: Mon–Fri: 9 am–8 pm,

Sat–Sun: 8 am–8 pm

🎫 Pünkösdfürdő 🎫 34, 145, 146 🎫 HUF 600–1200

Római Strand Baths ²¹ **A3**

III., Rozgonyi P. u. 2 ☎ 388-9740

☉ June–Aug.: 9 am–8 pm

🎫 Római fürdő 🎫 34 106 🎫 HUF 1000–2000



Pünkösdfürdő Strand

**NIGHT OF SPAS AND BATHS**

Three of the most popular baths in Budapest on one night, with a single ticket? This is what is possible on the Night of Spas and Baths. And a lot more besides because the baths of Budapest – the trademark of the Hungarian capital nurturing body and spirit – go out of their way for this special occasion: aqua cinema, live concerts, and specially designed programmes entertaining an audience stripped down to bathing costumes and relaxing in jets of hot water until the early hours of the morning. Plus there's no lack of dancing "on land" either, between the pools! Free night buses run between the bathing establishments.

Information: www.budapestspas.hu



Thanks to its great setting, Budapest is one of the greenest capitals in the world: the Buda Hills, Margaret Island and the lovely parks in Pest offer dozens of outdoor pursuits. With a Budapest Card you can try out plenty of leisure activities at a discount.



Don't miss this

Aquaréna Mogyoród aquapark

Mogyoró, Vízipark út 1 (next to Hungaroring race-track) ☎ (06-28)541-100

🕒 23 May–31 Aug: 9 am–7 pm

HUF 3800–5200

B3

Brigóhintó (family pedal 'bikes')

XIII., Margaret island, Hajós Alfréd sétány 1

☎ 329-2746 🕒 8 am–dusk

26 from HUF from 2680

B1

Aquaworld Budapest

IV., Ives út 16. (to the north of the city centre, on the Pest side of the M0 Megyeri Bridge)

☎ 231-3760 www.aqua-world.hu

🕒 6 am–10 pm

30 HUF 1500–6900

A3

Buda Hills

(Széchenyi Hill, Sváb Hill, János Hill, Hármashatár Hill) A mecca for nature lovers and excursionists, the Buda Hills (400-500 m) lie to the northwest of the city centre and offer visitors excellent air and endless forests with well marked tourist trails.

Moszkva tér, and then Cogwheel railway or Chair-lift

A4

Palace of Wonders (in The Millenáris)

II., Fény utca 20–22 ☎ 366-4044

🕒 Mon–Fri: 9 am–5 pm, Sat–Sun: 10 am–6 pm

4, 6 HUF 880–3800

A1

Aquaworld Budapest

One of the biggest indoor water theme parks in Central Europe offers unforgettable entertainment to visitors of every age throughout the year. The adventure centre is covered by a 72-meter wide 5-storey high giant dome, can host 1800 guests, it has 15 different pools among the unique in Europe surf pool, 11 slides, a Sauna World, Kids' World and during the summer a beach, too.

Opening hours

All year round from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Tickets already from 1200 HUF

Location

The water theme park is located in the northern part of Budapest, just off the Pest side bridgehead of Megyeri Bridge along the new M0 ring.

Free shuttle service is available every day between Heroes' Square and Aquaworld Budapest.

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Municipal Zoo and Botanical Garden

XIV., Állatkerti körút 6–12

☎ 273-4901 www.zoobudapest.com

🕒 March and October: Mon–Thur: 9 am–5 pm, Fri–Sun: 9 am–5.30 pm; April and September: Mon–Thur: 9 am–5.30 pm, Fri–Sun: 9 am–6 pm; May, June, July, Aug: Mon–Thur: 9 am–6.30 pm, Fri–Sun: 9 am–7 pm; Jan, Feb, Nov: Mon–Sun: 9 am–4 pm

Széchenyi fürdő 72

HUF 1290–5290

B1

Municipal Grand Circus

XIV., Állatkerti körút 12/A

☎ 343-8300 www.fnc.hu

🕒 please make enquiries on the above number

Széchenyi fürdő 72

HUF 2200–2800

B1



Gellért Hill**B3**

A popular excursion destination for Budapesters and tourists due to its attractive park and superb panoramas from the viewing terraces. The sights on the hill recall individual periods in history: the statue of Bishop St. Gellért that of pagan times, the Citadel that of Habsburg oppression after the 1848-49 War of Independence, and the Liberty Monument towering over the city the period after the Second World War.

🚆 7, 86, 17 🚏 18, 19, 41, 56

Ice Terrace**C1**

WestEnd City Center Roof Garden

VI., Váci út 1-3 www.jegterasz.hu

☉ Sun-Thur: 8 am-10 pm; mini hockey: Fri-Sat: 10 pm-midnight

🚆 206 🚏 4, 6 🚏 Nyugati pu. 🎫 HUF 800-1300

Népliget**F4**

The largest park on the Pest side, founded in the 1860s. Located to the southeast of the city centre,

TOP tip**Margaret Island****B1**

The historical monuments on this slender island running between Árpád Bridge and Margaret Bridge date back to the 11th century. The capital's most beautiful park is on the island, and visitors strolling around come across a variety of interesting structures (the UNESCO-protected Water Tower, musical well, Open-air Stage, Church of St. Michael) and ruins several centuries old (nunnery where Margaret, daughter of King Béla IV, lived, and the remains of two churches belonging to religious orders). And there is still more: a strand, swimming pool, two hotels and a variety of restaurants and buffets.

🚆 26 🚏 4, 6



the 5-km-long, 112-hectare park filled with trees, flowers and grass is a pleasant place to stroll. Statues and memorials line the paths. The Planetarium, an establishment of national significance, is also sited here. Visitors can learn more about the wonders of astronomy, or enjoy laser programmes projected on to the dome (diameter: 23 m) with pop or classical music accompaniment.

🚏 Népliget 🚆 103 🚏 1, 1/A

Tropicarium Budapest**A4****Campona Shopping Mall**

XXII., Nagytétényi út 37-43 📞 424-3053 ☉ 10 am-8 pm

🚆 33 (from Móricz Zsigmond Circus), 213, 214 (from Kosztolányi Dezső Square) 🎫 HUF 1200-1900

TOP tip**Chair-lift****A3**

Zugliget-János Hill XII., Zugligeti út 97. 📞 394-3764 ☉ 10 am-4 pm (Closed every odd Monday)

The country's first cable suspension chair-lift running between Zugliget and János Hill provides the traveller with an unparalleled experience. It is just a short walk from the upper station to the Jánoshegy stop on the Children's Railway. A 15-minute walk takes one to the Erzsébet lookout with breathtaking views of the surrounding countryside.

🚆 29 🎫 HUF 400-700

**TOP tip****City Park****D-E1**

The largest green belt expanse on the Pest side, a favoured place for family outings, weekend entertainment and those looking for the tranquillity of nature. After draining and planting trees across this marshy area (centuries early a royal hunting domain), an English-style park was established here in the 19th century. Towards the end of the century magnificent buildings and monuments (Museum of Fine Arts, Art Gallery, Millennium memorial, Vajdahunyad Castle) were erected for celebrations marking the thousandth anniversary of the Magyar Conquest. City Park offers entertainment of all kinds and for all generations: Funfair, Zoo, Grand Circus, museums, spa bath, boating lake and skating rink.

🚏 Hősök tere, Széchenyi fürdő 🚆 70, 72, 75, 78

**KINCSEM PARK**

Place a bet on the horse you "know" is going to win! Kincsem Park, successor to the legendary Pest "lovi" track, offers all the excitement of horseracing and betting. The traditions on the race track conjure up old times, although the environment is totally modern so that guests can urge "their" thoroughbred on from the grandstand, from behind the table of the restaurant with panorama windows opening onto the track or from the private boxes. The inexperienced are initiated into the mysteries of betting at the window set up for first-timers. Kincsem Park is easy to reach from the city centre by underground. Trotting races are staged every Saturday and horseracing every Sunday. Information: www.kincsemrendezveny.hu

Railway History Park **A3**

XIV., Tatai út 95 ☎ 450-1497 www.vasutortenetipark.hu
 ☉ 16–25 March: 10 am–3 pm, 26 March–31 Oct: 10 am–6 pm, 2 Nov–5 Dec: 10 am–3 pm
 30, 30/a, 120 14 Charges vary



Try out your inspection trolley skills in the park! Hand-operated inspection trolley races can be staged on a track 400 metres long. This is an excellent trial of strength and a personalized certificate is presented in recognition of your achievements!

Amusement Park of Budapest **D1**

XIV., Állatkerti körút 14–16
 ☎ 363-8310 www.vidampark.hu ☉ Mon–Thur, Sat–Sun: 10 am–6 pm, Fri: 12 am–6 pm
 Széchenyi fürdő 72 HUF 3300–4400

**Buda Castle Funicular Railway** **B2**

Operating between Clark Ádám Square and Buda Castle ☉ 7.30 am–10 pm. No service on even Monday

16, 86 19, 41 HUF 840–1450

Cogwheel Railway **A3**

II., Szilágyi Erzsébet fasor 14–16 ☎ 355-4167

☉ Trains run from 5 am–11.10 pm

61, 59 HUF 300

Children's Railway**A3**

Széchenyi Hill and Hűvösvölgy ☎ 397-5392

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29 61, cogwheel railway HUF 300–700

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 ☎ 206-2754 ☉ Mon–Thur: 2 pm–1 am, Fri–Sat: 2 pm–3 am HUF 690



FUTAPEST – city sightseeing and sport combined!

Sightseeing from a bus, on foot or in running shoes – there are plenty who swear by the latter, and not by chance. Routes of several city races around Budapest take in the most attractive sights including Heroes' Square, Andrásy Avenue, the Pest and Buda embankments. The music pounds away, drums beat, friends and strangers lining the cordons cheer as one – what more could you want for an uplifting sightseeing programme? And having reached the finish line, the organizers arrange a huge fiesta to celebrate...

FITNESS CLUBS

Astoria Fitness Studio V., Károlyi krt. 4 ☎ 317-0452 ☉ Mon– Fri: 6.30 am–midnight, Sat–Sun: 10 am–9 pm from HUF 1600

Gold's Gym – Mammut 2 II., Lövház utca 2–6
 ☎ 345-8544 ☉ Mon–Fri: 6 am–10 pm, Sat– Sun: 8 am–8 pm HUF 5200

Danubius Hotel Arena XIV., Ifjúság útja 1–3
 ☎ 889-5282 ☉ Mon–Fri: 6.30 am–9.30 pm, Sat–Sun: 8 am–8 pm HUF 2900

Danubius Hotel Flamenco XI., Tas vezér utca 7
 ☎ 889-5761 ☉ Mon–Thur: 7 am–10 pm, Sat–Sun: 8 am–8 pm HUF 1900–2900

Római Fit-Forma Studio III., Monostori út 31
 ☎ 453-2901 ☉ Mon–Fri: 7 am–10 pm, Sat–Sun: 8 am–4 pm from HUF 1200

GO-CART

Budaring Go-Cart XI., Budaörsi út (at the Floracoop flower market) ☎ 247-4747 ☉ Mon–Fri: 11 am–11 pm, Sat–Sun: 10 am–11 pm 2000–2500

SKATEBOARD, ROLLER SKATING

Görzenál III., Árpád fejedelem útja 125 ☎ 250-4799
 ☉ March–Oct: Mon–Fri: 2–8 pm, Sat– Sun: 9 am–8 pm HUF 400–600

RIDING

Favorit Riding Club XVI., Mókus u. 23 ☉ Tue–Fri: 2–6 pm, Sat–Sun: 9 am–4.30 pm HUF 1400–2200

Petneházy Riding Centre II., Feketefej utca 2

☎ 397-1208 ☉ Sat–Sun: 12 am–5 pm

2500–20 000 HUF

SPORTMAX

Fitness – wellness – squash XII., Csörsz u. 14–16
 ☎ 248-2260 www.sportmax.hu ☉ Mon–Fri: 6–10.30 pm, Sat–Sun: 8 am–9.30 pm daily ticket: HUF 1870–2200; swimming pool: HUF 1020-120; squash: HUF 2900–4400

SQUASH

A & TSH I., Pálya u. 9 ☎ 356-9530 ☉ Mon–Fri: 7 am–11 pm, Sat–Sun: 9 am–9 pm HUF 1450–1750

TENNIS

Római Tennis Academy III., Királyok útja 105
 ☎ 240-8616 ☉ 7 am–10 pm HUF 2800–5000

Városmajor Tennis Academy XII., Városmajor utca 63–69 ☎ 202-5337 ☉ Mon–Fri: 7 am–10 pm, Sat: 7 am–8 pm, Sun: 8 am–8 pm HUF 3700–5400



Budapest boasted Europe's most active coffee house life in the middle of the 19th century, and at the beginning of the 20th century the number of cafés in the capital topped 500. The passion for visiting cafés was considered primarily a gentleman's pursuit; many cafés had their own table societies reserved for writers, artists and politicians. The café culture has been revived in the capital over the past few years. Once renowned coffee houses have regained their former magnificence and an ever increasing number of new cafés with modern furnishings are opening in busy spots around town.



TOP tips

Centrál Café C3

V., Károlyi Mihály utca 9

☎ 266-2110 ☉ 8 am–midnight

The Centrál stands virtually as it was in 1887, at the time when the greatest authors of the day (Móricz, Krúdy, Babits and Karinthy) spent a good part of their days here.



Gerbeaud C2

V., Vörösmarty tér 7. ☎ 429-9000

☉ 9 am–9 pm

The name of Gerbeaud is a byword for excellence among Budapesters.

For more than 150 years the grand building dominating Vörösmarty Square has functioned as the home for the confectionery and café of world renown in the 19th century. The lustrous interior of rich stucco decoration, glittering chandeliers, marble-topped tables, wood and brocade furnishings as well as the superb delicacies only serve to enhance the sense of occasion felt by all guests.



From June 2009 Gerbeaud has been making cakes specially for the Japanese when it opened its first confectionery abroad, in one of the most elegant quarters of Tokyo.

The interior faithfully reflects down to the last detail the milieu of the Budapest original.

Művész C2

VI., Andrassy út 29

☎ 343-3544

☉ 9 am–midnight

Művész (Artist) Café, which opened in 1898 diagonally opposite the Opera House, is reminiscent of a 19th century salon with its gilded stucco, wall-to-ceiling mirrors, wrought candelabras and gilded picture frames. Since there are several theatres in the area, it always attracts considerable numbers of people either before or after performances.



New York Café D2

VII., Erzsébet körút 9–11

☎ 886-6167

☉ 10 am–midnight

Another big legend in the history of Budapest cafés. For more than 100 years it has operated from the ground floor of one of the most characteristic and imposing buildings on the Grand Boulevard, in the legendary New York Palace (today a luxury hotel). It won fame for the literary and artistic table societies and coffee house editorial groups that met here from the early 1900s.



More musts

Alkoholos Filc Café A1

I., Várkok u. 15/B

☉ Mon–Sat: 9 am–10 pm

Ba Bar D2

VII., Huszár utca 7 ☎ 06-20-919-7979 ☉ 11.30 am–1 am

Beckett's C2

V., Bajcsy-Zs. út 72 ☎ 311-1035 ☉ Sun–Thur: midday–1 am, Fri–Sat: midday–2 am

Belvárosi Auguszt (Inner City Auguszt) C2

V., Kossuth L. u. 14–16 ☉ Mon–Fri: 9 am–7 pm, Sat: 10 am–5 pm



Of the several specialties of the confectionery founded in 1870 it is well worth trying the XC cake (cognac chocolate mousse created for the 90th birthday of Elemér Auguszt).

Café Ponyvaregény C4

XI., Bercsényi utca 5. ☎ 209-5255 ☉ midday–2 am

Cha-cha-cha Underground Cafe C2

V., Bajcsy-Zsilinszky út 63.

☎ 36-70/554 0670

www.chachacha.hu

Clock Café A2

XII., Nagyenyed út 3 ☎ 225-0845 ☉ midday–1 am

- Démon Tanya** **C1**
XIII., Pannónia u. 13. ☎ 1pm–midnight
- Dunapark Café** **C1**
XIII., Pozsonyi út 38 ☎ 786-1009
☎ Mon–Sat: 8 am–midnight, Sun: 10 am–midnight
- Európa Café** **C1**
V., Szent István körút 7–9 ☎ 312-2362 ☎ 9 am–11 pm (summer), 9 am–10 pm (winter)
- Farger** **C1**
V., Zoltán u. 18 www.farger.hu
☎ Mon–Fri: 7 am–10 pm, Sat–Sun: 9 am–5 pm (summer), Mon–Fri: 7 am–9 pm, Sat–Sun: 9 am–4 pm (winter)
- Gerlőczy Café** **C2**
V., Gerlőczy u. 1 ☎ 235-0953 ☎ 7 am–11 pm
- Gusto Café** **A3**
II., Frankel Leó u. 12. ☎ 316-3970
☎ Mon–Fri: 10 am–10 pm, Sat: 10 am–4 pm
- KINO Café** **C1**
XIII., Szent István körút 16. ☎ 950-6846 ☎ 8 am–midnight
- Lukács** **D1**
VI., Andrassy út 70 ☎ 373-0407
☎ Mon–Fri: 8.30 am–8 pm, Sat: 9 am–8 pm, Sun: 9.30 am–8 pm
- Mai Manó Café** **C2**
VI., Nagymező u. 20. ☎ 269-5642
☎ 10–1 am
- Menta Terrace** **B1**
XII., Margit körút 14 ☎ 336-1250
☎ Sun–Wed.: 11–2am, Thur–Sat: 11–4 am
- Minyon Bár Café** **C2**
VI., Király u. 8. ☎ 878-2016 ☎ Mon–Tue: 12 am–midnight, Wed: 12–2 am, Thur–Sat: 12–4 am, Sun: 12–1 am
- Miró Café** **B2**
I., Üri u. 30 ☎ 201-5573 ☎ 9 am–midnight
- Ruszwurm** **B2**
I., Szentháromság u. 7
☎ 375-5284 ☎ 10 am–9 pm



If we happen to end up here looking for a cup of great coffee, it should also be noted that the building was once the studio of Manó Mai, imperial and royal court photographer (today it runs fascinating Hungarian House of Photography exhibitions), although at one time the famed Arizona nightclub also operated in the courtyard.



If you would like to learn more about the illustrious and modern cafés of Budapest, look for information on the following websites: www.centraalkavehaz.hu; www.gerbeaud.hu; www.augusztckraszda.hu.

- Soho Café** **B1**
I., Fő utca 25 ☎ 201-3807
☎ Mon–Fri: 8 am–9 pm, Sat–Sun: 9 am–9 pm

Shopping



Just as in any metropolis anywhere in the world so too in Budapest there are thousands of temptations to get out and shop, although it's not a bad idea to know beforehand what is especially worth taking home as a souvenir and which are the best quality Hungarian products. Take one of our suggested shopping routes and discover those quality souvenirs which will always remind you of the Hungarian capital!



Which way to choose?

Along Váci Street

Váci Street linking Vörösmarty Square with Fővám Square represents the main artery of the inner city. A stroll down “Váci utca” takes one past jewellers, perfumeries, brand name clothes shops, boutiques and bijouteries. Take time to wander the smaller streets that run off Váci Street; there are many interesting and off-beat things to find here. One such shop in Párizsi Street sells delicious Szamos marzipán, another, a tiny place in Haris Close, has a true hungaricum, Vass

shoes. These stylish, bespoke, mainly men's shoes are sought after the world over.

Király Street

Take a stroll down the finely restored Király Street (between Deák Square and Nagymező Street) complete with new paving and Art Nouveau lampposts! In keeping with the spirit of tradition, it has been repopulated with furniture and interior design shops. The street, which runs parallel to Andrassy Road and at one time

TOP tips

Andrássy Avenue – luxury shops

Let's start our shopping tour at the Herend porcelain shop at Andrássy út 16: a visit is almost like stepping into an exhibition of exclusive applied arts. Herend porcelain is, quite rightly, one of the industries Hungary is most proud of. Over the years Herend hand-painted vases, plates and dinner services have won several gold medals at world expos. One pattern is named after Queen Victoria because the now-famous butterfly design was first made for her.

**Fashion Street**

Shop displays with a total floor area of 12,000 sqm are on the ground and first floors of the restored blocks along Fashion Street, runs along Deák Ferenc Street joining Deák Square with Vörösmarty Square. Most international brands can be found here including Tommy Hilfiger, Boss, Mexx, byblos, roccobarocco, Lacoste, Sisley, Benetton, S. Oliver, Puma, Karl Lagerfeld, Polo Ralph Lauren, Just Cavalli and Giancarlo Ferre men's and women's fashionwear, Zengarini and Lloyd footwear.

**Central Market Hall**

Strolling through Váci Street, we finally reach the ever-buzzing Budapest Central Market Hall with its incredible variety of quality foods. Encompassed within a building more than 100 years old,



the market with its paprika garlands, strings of garlic, the fruits and vegetables. Typical Hungarian merchandise, for instance the world famous Tokaj Aszú, is to be found in the market. Unicum is one of the top bitters spirits in the world. Its absolutely unique flavour derives from a secret blend of aromatic herbs. Apricot and plum brandies faithfully preserve the scent and flavour of the fruits they are distilled from. Whether marketed tinned or in an earthenware pot, Hungarian goose liver is excellent, and Herz and Pick salamis are similarly "Hungaricum" products! Daily from 10 am in the "Fakanál" restaurant: cooking class under the guidance of a master chef. Learn how to cook some of the most popular Hungarian dishes. An expert sommelier holds a wine tasting session and at the same time speaks about the most famous wines from the Hungarian wine regions.

was a hub for business and cultural life in Budapest, has begun to reawaken and buzz with life around its attractive coffeeshops, restaurants and galleries. The rehabilitated Gozdsu Court (see page 29) can be accessed from Király utca 13.

Paris Department Store

The former Hall of Fashion has regained its old name of a century ago and is once again a landmark on Andrássy Boulevard (Andrássy út 39). Don't go looking for the "plaza buzz" here; besides great shops the emphasis is on customers having a pleasant time. This remarkable building, which was the first modern department store in Budapest at the beginning of last

century, today hosts among others Alexandra Bookshop, a fine wine store and BookCafe in the glorious Lotz Hall.



Book browsing on Múzeum Avenue – the section of the inner ring road between Astoria and Kálvin Square – is the most promising venue for bookworms. Several second-hand bookshops are located almost next door to each other (the oldest is Központi Antikvárium), offering the curious a wealth of Hungarian and foreign rarities in books, engravings, maps and all sorts of early printed items (post-cards, dance-cards etc.).



For more on Hungaricums go to the following websites: www.herend.com; www.zsolnay.hu; www.zwack.hu; www.pickmuzeum.hu; www.vass-cipo.hu.

Page 17 lists Budapest outlets for Magyar design.



The next few pages provide an outline of the most important events and programme venues in Budapest during 2010. And since the city is also alive with festivals, cultural happenings and sports all year round, we've highlighted the most exciting and famous for you!



TOP tips

Budapest Spring Festival

Hungary's largest multicultural festival is significant even in international terms. Tickets for the Budapest Spring Festival are frequently sold out months in advance both here in Hungary and abroad. During the nearly two weeks of programmes the approximately 200 events (concerts, plays, exhibitions, open-air programmes etc.) in 60 locations around the city almost universally enjoy full houses. (19 March – 5 April 2010, information: www.btf.hu)



Budapest Christmas Fair

This is rated as one of the top 10 Christmas fairs in Europe. Vörösmarty Square hosts the spectacular throng every year, traditionally from the middle of November to late December. A host of folk and applied artists market their original handmade wares in the seasonally decorated square. The fair is accompanied by cultural and music programmes and gastronomy events. (19 November – 29 December 2010, information: www.budapestinfo.hu)



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Sziget Festival

For one week in August the Óbuda Shipyard Island throbs to the beat of the world's best bands. Half of Europe (irrespective of age) awaits this event for the whole summer. If you want to experience the "Hungarian Woodstock" feeling, non-stop concerts, an atmosphere of tolerance and fun, then get the dates of the next Sziget Festival down in your diary! (11–16 August 2010, information: www.sziget.hu)



Theatres and concert halls

Budapest Congress & World Trade Center **A3**
 XII., Jagelló út 1–3 ☎ 372-5700
 🚗 8, 112, 212, 139 🗺 61 📄 Charges vary

Budapest Operetta Theatre **C2**
 VI., Nagymező utca 19 ☎ 472-2030
www.operettszinhaz.hu
 🚗 70, 78 🗺 HUF 950–15 000

Budapest events 2010 – provisional

1 January	New Year's Day concert in the Palace of Arts www.mupa.hu	Sept.–Oct.	Budapest Baroque Festival (Church of St. Michael) www.barokkfesztival.hu
11 January	Depeche Mode www.ticketpro.hu	2–21 Sept.	ARC Poster Exhibition (Ötvenhatosok Square) www.arcmagazin.hu
23 January	Pumpkin Day in the Museum of Hungarian Agriculture www.mezogazdasagimuzeum.hu	3–5 September	Szeptemberfeszt (Népliget) www.hotelinfo.hu
28 Jan.–25 April	From Degas to Picasso, exhibition in the Museum of Fine Arts www.szepmuveszeti.hu	5 September	Budapest Half Marathon in City Park www.futanet.hu
February–May	Earthly Paradieses. Modern masterpieces from the Kasser collection, in the National Gallery www.mng.hu	8–12 Sept.	Budapest International Wine Festival www.winefestival.hu
4 Feb.–11 April	Glenn Brown exhibition in the Ludvig Museum www.lumu.hu	8–12 Sept.	MOL Budapest Jazz Festival (Ferencváros) www.bmc.hu
13 February	Budapest Opera Ball in the Opera House www.operabal.com	19–20 Sept.	Locomotive Festival (Railway History Park) www.vasutortenetipark.hu
13 February	ABBA – The Show, in the Sport Arena www.ticketpro.hu	18–20 Sept.	Cultural Heritage Days www.koh.hu
21 February	Beethoven marathon in the Palace of Arts www.mupa.hu	22 Sept.–9 Jan.	2011 Klimt and the Roots of Viennese Art Nouveau (Museum of Fine Arts) www.szepmuveszeti.hu
March–April	Hungarian Press Photo exhibition in the National Museum www.hnm.hu	26 September	Budapest Marathon (Ötvenhatosok Square) www.budapestmarathon.com
March–May	Depero, Futurist exhibition, in the National Gallery www.mng.hu	8–10 October	Budapest Pálinka and Sausage Festival www.palinkaeskobasz.hu
March–August	"My Homeland" National romanticism themes in Hungarian fine art: National Gallery www.mng.hu	8–17 October	Budapest Autumn Festival www.bof.hu
12 March–5 April	Easter exhibition in the Museum of Hungarian Agriculture www.mezogazdasagimuzeum.hu	19–23 October	Vienna–Budapest Supermarathon www.szupermarathon.hu
19 March–5 April	Budapest Spring Festival www.btf.hu	Nov.–April 2011	Károly Markó exhibition in the National Gallery www.mng.hu
2–4 April	Walking with Dinosaurs, in the Sport Arena www.ticketpro.hu	13–14 Nov.	St. Martin's Day Festival (Museum of Hungarian Agriculture) www.mezogazdasagimuzeum.hu
3–5 April	Budapest Spring Wine and Jazz Festival www.boresjazzfesztival.hu	18–21 Nov.	Budapest Art Fair (Műcsarnok) www.budapestartfair.hu
17–29 April	Dance Forum on World Dance Day www.nemzetitancszinzhaz.hu	19 Nov.–29 Dec.	Budapest Christmas Fair (Vörösmarty Square) www.budapestinfo.hu
May	Urban Picnic www.urbitalis.hu	27–28 Nov.	Festival of New Wine and Cheese (Museum of Hungarian Agriculture) www.mezogazdasagimuzeum.hu
May–August	Early Syrian Treasures – Discovering the Quatna kingdom, in the National Museum www.hnm.hu	30 December	Budapest Gypsy Symphony Orchestra concert (Budapest Congress and World Trade Center) www.viparts.hu
May–Sept.	György Kovásznai lifework exhibition in the National Gallery www.mng.hu	31 December	New Year's Eve Opera Gala (Opera House) www.viparts.hu
2–13 May	May holiday with stars in the Opera House www.opera.hu	31 December	Budapest New Year's Eve – locations all around the city www.budapestinfo.hu
6–9 May	Budapest Pálinka Festival www.budapestipalinkafesztival.hu		
15–16 May	Museums Picnic in the garden of the National Museum www.hnm.hu		
17–22 May	Jazz Spring in the Palace of Arts www.mupa.hu		
21–24 May	Adventure Castle toy display in the Museum of Hungarian Agriculture www.mezogazdasagimuzeum.hu		
29 May–16 June	Budapest Wagner Days in the Palace of Arts www.mupa.hu		
June–August	Budapest Summer Festival on the Margaret Island and Városmajor Open-air Stages www.szabatter.hu		
First week in June	Book Week www.mkke.hu		
June–Sept.	Rescued Art Treasures 2010 in the National Museum www.hnm.hu		
Weekends through			
June and July	Children's Island on Shipyard Island www.gyereksziget.hu		
June–August	Budapest Tér–Film–Zene Festival www.terfilmzene.hu		
4–6 June	Sziget Sport Magic on Margaret Island www.szigetsportvarazs.hu		
2–6 June	National Gallop in Heroes' Square www.vagta.hu		
12–20 June	Danube Carnival www.dunaart.com		
26 June	Night of Museums www.muzeumokejszakaja.hu		
26 June	T-Mobil Contact Day – free mega-concert (Ötvenhatosok Square) www.showtimebudapest.hu		
July–August	Vajdahunyadvár Summer Music Festival www.vajdahunyadvar.hu		
July–August	Musical Zoo Evenings www.zoobudapest.com		
July–August	BudaFest Summer Music Festival (Hilton Dominican Court, Szent István Square, Opera House) www.budafest.hu		
27 July–13 Aug.	Dance evenings in the Carmelite Court (National Dance Theatre) www.nemzetitancszinzhaz.hu		
29 July–1 Aug.	Formula 1 (Hungaroring) www.hungaroring.hu		
11–16 August	Sziget Festival (Shipyard Island) www.sziget.hu		
19–20 August	20 August national holiday and Red Bull Air Race (along the Danube) www.meh.hu		
20–22 August	Craft Fair (terraces of Buda Castle) www.nesz.hu		
27–29 August	New Orleans Swing Festival in the Palace of Arts www.mupa.hu		
30 Aug.–6 Sept.	Jewish Summer Festival www.zsidonyarfesztival.hu		
Sept.–Dec.	Félicien Rops exhibition in the National Gallery www.mng.hu		
September	Budafok Wine Festival www.budafokborfesztival.hu		

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 ☎ 36-70/315-8666
www.kulturinfo.hu
 ☎ Mon-Fri: 9 am-6 pm

Tourinform Main Office

V., Sütő utca 2 ☎ 8 am-8 pm
Tourinform Office
 VI., Andrássy út 47 ☎ 1
 March-31 Oct: 12 am-8 pm;
 1 Nov.-25 Feb.: Mon-Fri: 10
 am-6 pm, Sat-Sun: closed

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V., Zrínyi utca 5.
 ☎ 317-1377,
 317-2754
www.ticket.info.hu
 ☎ 9 am-6 pm

Tourinform Offices see more on page 3

Duna Palace

V., Zrínyi utca 5 ☎ 235-5500
 🎫 15 🎫 2 🎫 HUF 3300-8900

C2

Hungarian Heritage House

I., Corvin tér 8. ☎ 201-5017
 🎫 Bathány tér 🎫 1, 41 🎫 Charges vary

B2

Katona József Theatre

V., Petőfi Sándor utca 6 ☎ 318-6599
 🎫 Ferenciek tere 🎫 HUF 1000-3900

C2

LaserTheatre in Planetarium

X., Népliget ☎ 263-0871 ☎ Tue-Thur: 7.30 pm
www.lezerszinhaz.hu (see more on page 46)
 🎫 Népliget 🎫 1, 1/A 🎫 HUF 600-2700

F4

Liszt Ferenc Academy of Music

VI., Liszt Ferenc tér 8 ☎ 462-4600 www.lfze.hu **D2**
The Art Nouveau building inaugurated in 1907 was closed for two years of reconstruction work from autumn 2009. However, during this time music life continues, with most Academy concerts being staged in the theatres on Nagymező Street.
 🎫 4, 6 🎫 70, 78 🎫 Charges vary

D2

Madách Theatre

VII., Erzsébet körút 29-33 ☎ 478-2041
 🎫 4, 6 🎫 HUF 800-8900

D2

Hungarian State Opera House

VI., Andrássy út 22 ☎ 353-0170
www.opera.hu (see more on p. 21)
 🎫 Opera 🎫 4, 6 🎫 HUF 300-15 200

C2

Margaret Island and Városmajor Open-air Stages

www.szabadtter.hu ☎ 375-5922
 🎫 26 🎫 4, 6 🎫 Moszkva tér
 🎫 Charges vary

B1 / A1

Merlin International Theatre

V., Gerlóczy utca 4 ☎ 317-9338
 🎫 Deák tér 🎫 Charges vary

C2

The Millenáris

(Halls: Fogadó, Exhibition Hall, Attic, Park, Open-air Stage, Teátrum, Music Pavilion)
 II., Fény utca 20-22 ☎ 438-5335
www.millenary.hu (see more on p. 53)
 🎫 4, 6 🎫 Charges vary

A1

Palace of Arts

(Bartók Béla National Concert Hall, Festival Theatre, Ludwig Museum)
 IX., Komor Marcell utca 1
 ☎ 555-3000
www.mupa.hu (see more on p. 23)
 🎫 1, 2, 24 🎫 23, 54 🎫 Csepel, Ráckeve
 🎫 Charges vary

D4

National Theatre

IX., Bajor Gizi park 1 ☎ 476-6800
 🎫 1, 2, 24 🎫 23, 54 🎫 Csepel, Ráckeve
 🎫 HUF 1000-3900

D4

National Dance Theatre

I., Színház utca 1-3 ☎ 356-4085
www.tancszinhaz.hu
 Located in an imposing historical site in the Buda Castle district. Its performances span the complete spectrum of Hungarian dance from the classics to modern, from folk dance to flamenco. A large number of the performances can be seen in the Palace of Arts (Festival Theatre).
 🎫 16, 16/A 🎫 HUF 700-4500

B2

Thália Theatre

VI., Nagymező utca 22-24 ☎ 331-0500
 🎫 70, 78 🎫 HUF 1000-5500

C2

Trafó – House of Contemporary Arts

IX., Liliom utca 41
 ☎ 456-2040
www.trafo.hu (see more on pages 16 and 54)
 🎫 4, 6 🎫 Ferenc krt. 🎫 HUF 1200-3000

D3

Comedy Theatre

XIII., Szent István körút 14 ☎ 329-2340
 🎫 Nyugati pu. 🎫 2, 4, 6 🎫 206
 🎫 HUF 300-4200

C1



INTERNET BOOKING:

www.ticket.info.hu
www.tex.hu
www.jegyelado.hu
www.atiket.hu
www.musicmix.hu
www.kulturinfo.hu
www.interticket.hu
www.jegymester.hu

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V. Szent István tér 33. 1051, Budapest

1056 Váci utca 47/b., Budapest

Party & fun

Alternative pubs, retro venues



Clubs, concert venues



Restaurants



Over the past few years the capital has become a veritable mecca for partygoers, concert audiences and those wanting to enjoy themselves into the early hours of the morning. Night Budapest is now hallmarked by out-of-this-world venues and out-of-the-ordinary productions. Take off on your own journey of discovery, but first take a look through a few of our ideas! The restaurants at the end of the chapter will ensure that you discover and fall in love with the famed flavours of Hungarian cuisine.





Alternative pubs, retro venues

Alternative pubs started to take off 5-6 years ago, in buildings awaiting renovation or listed for demolition. The first such venues arose in the courtyards of derelict residential blocks, and they looked as though they had been furnished with the off-casts of the former residents: one couldn't find two matching seats, tables or sofas, but there was generally table football, popcorn and sometimes films and concerts. However, with time the number of properties in which alternative pubs could be staged has gradually dropped, and today the "dive" milieu – a crucial element of which is retro – is more associated with fixed venues.



TOP tips

1 Corvintető

VIII., Blaha Lujza tér 1–2 (on the roof of Corvin Store) ☉ 8 pm–5 am

www.corvinteto.com

The topmost floor and huge roof terrace of the old Centrum Corvin Department Store, part of the State Department Stores chain (opened in 1926) has today become one of the top Budapest underground club scenes. It attracts a succession of Hungarian and foreign performers with concerts, parties, exhibitions and stage performances most days.



2 Szimpla Kert

VII., Kazinczy utca 14 ☉ 12–3 am

www.szimpla.hu

There's virtually not a single night when the "grand old man of the genre" does not have a full house. The retro pub busy all week attracts many foreign visitors, most of whom – whether Italian, French or Irish, it doesn't matter – can be heard saying: "This sort of place is inconceivable where we come from!" Its popularity has even transcended the border; regulars can experience the "original Szimpla" milieu even in Berlin.



3 Szóda Café & Club

VII., Wesselényi utca 18 ☎ 461-0007

☉ Mon–Fri: 9–5 am, Sat–Sun: 2 pm–4 am

www.szoda.com

Everyone dropping in to Szóda finds it just the place to be, irrespective of whether they are here to take a coffee or soda water while lounging in one of the 70s red mock leather seats, to have an intense conversation with their partner, or if it is just to play a table football match or maybe dance a little!



Now, while on the subject of soda...! Did you know that soda water is a Hungarian invention? The drink with a history of nearly 200 years is easy to make at home with just a soda siphon and a gas cartridge. Fill the siphon with water, screw the top on and pressurize with a carbon-dioxide cartridge and there you have it: real soda water.



It's worth dropping in here

4 Bobek

VII., Kazinczy u. 53 ☎ 332-0729

☉ Mon–Thur: 10 am–midnight,

Fri.: 10–2 am, Sat: 11–2 am, Sun:

11 am–11 pm www.bobek.hu

5 Cha-cha-cha Terasz

XIII., Margitsziget, in the garden of the

Athletics Centre ☎ 36-70/ 554-0670

☉ April–May www.chachacha.hu

6 Dürer-kert

XIV., Ajtósi D. Sor 19–21. ☎ 789-

4444 www.durerkert.com

7 Ellátó

VII., Klauzál tér 2 ☉ Mon.–Thur.: 6

pm–1 am, Fri.–Sat.: 6 pm–4 am

8 Fecske Terasz

III., Árpád fejedelem útja 8 (on the

roof of Komjádi Swimming Pool)

☎ 326-0714 ☉ 10–4 am (from 1

May) www.fecsketerasz.hu

9 Fészek Klub

VII., Kertész utca 36 ☎ 342-6548

☉ 8 pm–6 am

10 Filter Club

VII., Dohány utca 84

☎ 36-30/ 921-4212

☉ Tue–Sat: from 7 pm

www.filterclub.hu

Alternative pubs, retro venues

11 Fogasház Cultural Arena
VII., Akácfa u. 51 ☎ 36-30/500-3749
⊙ during pub opening times
www.fogashaz.hu

12 Gozdsu Terasz
VII., Király u. 13 ☎ 10–2 am
www.gozsduterasz.com

13 Instant Art Bar Kert
VI., Nagymező u. 38
☎ 311-0740 ☎ 2 pm–3 am
www.instant.co.hu

14 Holdudvar
XIII., Margitsziget, in the garden of the Casino ☎ 236-0155
⊙ 11 am–5 pm, opening in April,
www.holdudvar.net

15 Jelen
VIII., Blaha Lujza tér 1–2 (Corvin Store) ☎ 36-20/344-3155
⊙ Mon–Tue: 11–2 am, Wed–Fri: 11–4 am, Sat: 4 pm–4 am, Sun: 4 pm–2 am
www.jelenbisztrro.blogspot.com

16 Kertem
XIV., Olof Palme sétány 3
☎ 36-30/225-1399 ☎ 11–4 am
www.kertemfesztival.hu

17 Kiadó
VI., Jókai tér 3 ☎ 331-1955

18 Könyvtár
VIII., Múzeum körút 4 ☎ 411-1738
www.konyvtarklub.hu

19 Kuplung
VI., Király u. 46 ☎ 36-30/755-3527
⊙ Mon–Sat: 2 pm–4 am, Sun: 6 pm–2 am
www.kuplung.net

20 Lámpás
VII., Dob utca 15 ☎ from 5 pm
www.alampas.hu

21 Most
VI., Zichy J. u. 17. ☎ 36-70/ 248-3322 ☎ Mon–Tue: 11–2 am, Wed–Fri: 11–4 am, Sat: 4 pm–4 am, Sun: 4 pm–2 am

22 Mumus Udvar
VII., Dob utca 18 ☎ 7 pm–2 am

23 Pántlika Bisztró
XIV., Városliget (opposite Hermina Street 47) ☎ 2222-949
www.pantlika.hu

24 Pótkulcs
VI., Csengery u. 65/B ☎ 269-1050
⊙ Thur–Sat: 5 pm–2 am, Sun–Wed: 5 pm–1 am
www.potkulcs.hu

25 Sirály
VI., Király u. 50 ☎ 36-20/992-7901
⊙ Mon–Fri: 9 am–midnight, Sat–Sun: 10 am–midnight
www.siraly.co.hu

26 Sixtus
VII., Nagydíófa utca 26 ☎ 413-6722 ☎ Mon–Fri.: 7 pm–2 am, Sat.: 8 pm–2 am
www.sixtus.hu


27 Szimpla
VII., Kertész u. 48 ☎ 342-1034 ☎ Mon–Fri: 10–2 am, Sat: midday–2 am, Sun: midday–midnight
www.szimpla.hu

28 Sziget Klub Terasz
XIII., Margaret Island at the Margaret Bridge end of the island
☎ 36-70/561-4200 ☎ April–May
www.szigetklubterasz.hu

29 Tandem Café
IX., Pipa u. 9 ☎ 218-9319 ☎ Mon–Wed: 9–1 am, Thur–Fri.: 9–2 am, Sat.: 4 pm–1 am
www.tandemcafe.hu

30 Terv Presszó
V., Nádor u. 19 ☎ 3 pm–midnight

31 Tűzraktér
VI., Hegedű utca 3 ☎ 6 pm–5 am
www.tuzraktar.hu

 This moody dive pub established in the courtyard of a school no less. Its strength is that even on the least partying of days – perhaps an ordinary Monday or Tuesday – it is capable of giving one a surprise with an amazing buzz and partying going on until dawn.

Clubs, concert venues



Budapest is a musical "superpower" and this is equally true of the light music genres. Top-billing jazz musicians give concerts in the city's many jazz clubs, while the appearance of performers from all over the world at extravagantly designed clubs and entertainment venues is an everyday occurrence. The music aficionado can sample great music all round town every day of the week.



Where music takes centre stage

1 After Music Club 0–24
VII., Nyár utca 6
☎ 413-2558 ☎ non-stop
www.aftermusicclub.hu

2 Alcatraz
VII., Nyár u. 1 ☎ 478-6010
⊙ Sun, Tue, Wed: 4 pm–2 am, Thur–Sat: 4 pm–4 am

3 Café del Río
XI., Goldman György tér 1./Buda side of Petőfi Bridge ☎ 2 pm–5 am from April to the end of September
www.rio.hu

TOP tips

4 A38 Ship

XI., Buda side of Petőfi Bridge
 ☎ 464-3940 ☉ 11 am–4 am
www.a38.hu

One essential venue in the music life of the capital, the A38 attracts everyone from world stars to young titans playing everything from fusion jazz to folk-punk. Concerts are given a weird backdrop in the Artemovsk 38, a retired Ukrainian stone barge built in 1968, where high-tech and retro elements mix happily in the friendly and effective spaces of the hold

**5 Gödör Club and Terrace**

V., Erzsébet tér ☎ 36-20/ 943-5464
www.vilagveleje.hu,
www.godorklub.hu

In the heart of Budapest, Gödör Club and surroundings have turned themselves into a permanent festival venue all summer. Young people standing, sitting and lying on benches, on the grass and around the fountain in Erzsébet Square squeeze maximum enjoyment out of the good weather. Gödör does a great job of attracting a wide audience with the most varied of programmes: exhibitions, fashion shows, but mainly concerts by top Hungarian and foreign artists.

**6 Budapest Jazz Club**

VIII., Múzeum u. 7. ☎ 267-2610 ☉ on concert day 5 pm–midnight www.bjc.hu

The best place for jazz fans and those who are just getting to know the genre. Well-known artists of the domestic and global jazz scene regularly appear on stage along with world stars reckoned as curiosities on the club round. And just to vary the tone, classical chamber recitals are staged every Sunday.

**7 The Millenaris**

II., Fény utca 20–22
 ☎ 438-5335, 438-5312
 ☉ 6 am–11 pm (the park)
www.millenaris.hu

An inimitable multicultural centre given its unique atmosphere by the vast spaces transformed from works sites in the engineering factory built in 1911. This is how concerts are now staged in what was the assembly workshop, the Teátrum, and the Fogadó (formerly the galvanizing shop) for exhibitions, concerts and presentations. The entire complex, which has won the hearts of Budapesters, is located in an attractive park with grassed areas and large, fish-filled ponds.

**8 Columbus Pub & Jazz Club**

V., Vigadó tér Quay No. 4 (in front of the Hotel Inter-Continental on the embankment)

☎ 266-9013
 ☉ midday–midnight

9 Cotton Club Restaurant

VI., Jókai utca 26
 ☎ 354-0886

☉ midday–midnight

10 Fonó Buda Music House

XI., Sztregova utca 3
 ☎ 206-5300

☉ 10 am–midnight
www.fono.hu

11 Janis' Pub

V., Királyi Pál utca 8 ☎ 266-2619
 ☉ Mon–Thur: 4 pm–2 am, Fri–Sat: 4 pm–3 am, Sun: 6 pm–midnight

12 Jazz Garden

V., Veres Pálné utca 44/A
 ☎ 266-7364
 ☉ 6 pm–1 am
www.jazzgarden.hu

13 Macskafogó Music Pub

V., Nádor u. 29
 ☎ 36-30/921-4666
 ☉ Fri–Sat: 8 pm–4 am

14 Mono ElectroniClub

VI., Ó utca 51 www.monoklub.hu

15 Morrison's Music Pub Opera

VI., Révay u. 25. ☎ 269-4060
 ☉ Mon–Sat: 7 pm–4 am; free admission until 9 pm
www.morrisonshu

16 Morrison's Music Pub 2

V., Honvéd u. 40. ☎ 374-3329
 ☉ Mon–Sat: 5 pm–4 am; free admission until 9 pm, concerts start: 9.30 pm
www.morrisonshu

17 Old Man's

VII., Akáécfa utca 13.
 ☎ 322-7645 ☉ 3 pm–4 am
www.oldmansmusicpub.com



Use the numbering and colouring to find pubs, clubs and entertainment venues on maps on pages 18–19 and 57.

18 Picasso Point Music Club

VI., Hajós utca 31 ☎ 312-1727

☉ Mon–Thur: 5 pm–2 am,

Fri–Sat: 5 pm–4 am

www.picassopoint.hu

19 Soho London Pub and Club

VI., Nagymező u. 31.

☎ 354-1096



☉ Mon–Wed: 11 am–11 pm, Thur–

Sat: 11 am–5 am

☉ Mon–Wed: 11 am–11 pm, Thur

–Sat: 11–5 am

www.soholondon.hu

20 Szilvuplé

VI., Ó utca 33 ☎ 36-20/ 992-5115

☉ Thur–Sat: 6 pm–4 am, Sun–

Wed: 6 pm–2 am

Concerts start 8 pm, all pro-

grammes free www.szilvuple.hu

21 Trafó Bár Tangó

IX., Liliom utca 41. ☎ 456-2053

☉ 6 pm–4 am www.trafo.hu

22 Zöld Pardon

XI., Buda side of Petőfi Bridge

☉ all Summer www.zp.hu

Restaurants



The establishments listed in our restaurant guide are places where you should have no hesitation in trying out the finest of traditional and reform Hungarian cooking, thus launching yourself on a journey of discovery, whether at the more expensive end of the scale or at the opposite end.

Look out for restaurants welcoming Budapest Card!



Cost of average two-course meal per person, including service but without drinks: less than HUF 3000 (*), HUF 3000–5000 (**), HUF 5000–7000 (***), over HUF 7000 (****)

Taste it!

1 Admirál**

V., Belgrád rakpart, International boat station ☎ 318-0723

☉ 11.30 am–11 pm

Hungarian cuisine; Sited on the Duna embankment

2 Alabárdos****

I., Országház utca 2 ☎ 356-0851

☉ Mon–Fri: 7–11 pm,

Sat: midday–4 pm, 7–11 pm,

closed Sunday

Hungarian cuisine

3 Arany Bárány**

V., Harmincad utca 4 ☎ 317-2703

☉ midday–midnight

Hungarian and international cuisine; lamb dishes a speciality

4 Bagolyvár**

XIV., Állatkerti út 2 ☎ 468-3110

☉ midday–11 pm

Home-made cooking, Hungarian dishes

5 Belcanto****

VI., Dalszínház u. 8 ☎ 269-2786 ☉ Mon–

Sat: midday–3 pm, 6 pm–2 am

Famous singers, singing waiters; salon orchestra

6 Biarritz***

V., Kossuth tér 18 ☎ 311-4413 ☉ Mon–Fri:

9 am–10 pm, Sat–Sun: 10 am–10 pm

Close by Parliament; dishes cooked on lava; special desserts

7 Café Pierrot****

I., Fortuna utca 14 ☎ 375-6971

☉ 11 am–midnight

Intimate atmosphere, piano music in the evening; Choice of international dishes

8 Callas***

VI., Andrássy út 20.

☎ 354-0954

☉ Tue–Fri: 8 am–midnight, Sat–

Sun: 10 am–midnight

International flavours and Hungarian dishes

9 Champs Sport Pub**

VII., Dohány utca 20

☎ 413-1655

☉ midday–2 am

Sports broadcasts on 2 giant screens and 33 TVs; fitness kitchen

10 Cyrano****

V., Kristóf tér 7–8

☎ 266-3096

☉ 8 am–11 pm

Healthy eating: poultry, fish, plenty of vegetables, steaks and Hungarian dishes

- 11 Molnár's "kürtőskalács" café and ice-cream parlour**
V., Váci utca 31 
www.kurtoskalacs.com
Delicious scents, sights and tastes all in one place!
- 12 Első Pesti Rétesház (First Strudel House of Pest)****
V., Október 6. utca 22.
☎ 428-0135 ☉ Mon–Fri: 9 am–11 pm, Sat–Sun: 11 am–11 pm Table reservations and orders for strudels: 428-0134 reteshaz@reteshaz.com • www.reteshaz.com
Turn-of-the-century milieu; traditional Hungarian dishes; home-made strudels; function room.
- 13 Fakanál***
IX., Fővám tér (Central Market Hall, upstairs) ☎ 217-7860 ☉ Mon–Fri: 10 am–7 pm, Sat: 10 am–2 pm
Homemade, cheap meals, rapid service
- 14 Fausto's******
VI., Székely Mihály u. 2 ☎ 877-6210 ☉ Mon–Fri: midday–3 pm, 7–11 pm, Sat: 6–11 pm, closed Sunday and holidays
Italian and international cuisine
- 15 Firkász****
XIII., Tátra utca 18 ☎ 450-1118
☉ midday–midnight
The favourite restaurant for locals; retro milieu; homemade dishes, great drinks selection
- 16 Fülemlé****
VIII., Kófaragó u. 5 ☎ 266-7947
☉ Sun–Thur: midday–10 pm, Fri–Sat: midday–11 pm
Hungarian, European, Jewish cuisine
- 17 Gundel****** 
XIV., Állatkerti út 2 ☎ 468-4040
☉ midday–4 pm, 6.30 pm–midnight
Cuisine famed throughout Europe served in historical surroundings
- 18 Kaltenberg Restaurant****
IX., Kinizsi u. 30–36 ☎ 215-9792
☉ midday–11 pm
Locally brewed beers, Hungarian and international dishes
- 19 Kárpátia****** 
V., Ferenciek tere 7–8
☎ 317-3596 ☉ 11 am–11 pm
Traditional and new cuisine in a historical milieu
- 20 Kéli****
III., Mókus utca 22 ☎ 250-4241
☉ midday–midnight
The favourite haunt of 19th century writer Gyula Krúdy; don't leave without sampling the bone marrow soup
- 21 Kisbuda Gyöngye*****
III., Kenyeres utca 34 ☎ 368-6402
☉ Mon–Thur: midday–11 pm, Fri–Sat: midday–midnight
Comfortable, homely surroundings
- 22 Kispipa*****
VII., Akácia utca 38 ☎ 342-2587
☉ midday–midnight
Hungarian and international dishes; live piano from 7 pm
- 23 Klassz Restaurant and Wine Bar****
VI., Andrásy út 41 ☉ Mon–Sat.: 11.30 am–11 pm, Sun: 11.30 am–6 pm
A really great place with excellent and reasonably priced food, although no reservations or telephone
- 24 Köleves (Stonesoup Restobar)***
VII., Kazinczy utca 35. ☎ 322-1011
☉ 11 am–10 pm
A favourite among locals; menu for HUF 900; fantastic "stone soup" and diabetic dessert for free
- 25 Manna Euthentic Lounge***** 
I., Palota út 17 ☎ 36-20/999-9188
www.mannalounge.com
☉ midday–midnight
Restaurant above tunnel; genuine French, Italian and Hungarian cuisine
- 26 Mátyás Pince****** 
V., Március 15. tér 7 ☎ 266-8008
☉ midday–midnight
Hungarian cuisine
- Múzeum Café & Restorant**
VIII., Múzeum körút 12 ☎ 267-0375
☉ Mon–Sat: midday–midnight
Hungarian cuisine
- 27 Náncsi Néni Vendéglője****
II., Ördögárok utca 80 ☎ 397-2742
☉ midday–11 pm
Family-style restaurant with a large garden; Table reservation recommended
- 28 Onyx*****
V., Vörösmarty tér 7 ☎ 429-9023
☉ Mon–Sat: midday–3 pm, 6–11 pm
Classically elegant, Hungarian and international cuisine
- 29 Pest-Buda*****
I., Fortuna utca 3 ☎ 212-5880
☉ midday–11 pm
Hungarian and international cuisine
- 30 Régi Sípós Halászkert****
III., Lajos utca 46 ☎ 368-6480
☉ midday–midnight
Family-style inn, Hungarian fish dishes
- 31 Remiz*****
II., Budakeszi út 5 ☎ 275-1396
☉ Mon–Fri: 9 am–11 pm, Sat–Sun: 11 am–11 pm
Close to the tram depot, family-style catering; Dishes cooked on lava
- 32 Rivalda*****
I., Színház utca 5–9 ☎ 489-0236
☉ 11.30 am–11.30 pm
Modern European, international cuisine
- 34 Robinson******
XIV., Városligeti-tó ☎ 422-0222
☉ midday–4 pm, 6 pm–midnight
International, Mediterranean cuisine
- 35 Rosenstein****
VIII., Mosonyi utca 3 ☎ 333-3492
☉ Mon–Sat: midday–11 pm
Home-made cooking, traditional Jewish dishes
- 36 Sörházipnce – Gerbeaud-Ház**** 
V., Vörösmarty tér 8 ☎ 429-9022
☉ midday–11 pm
Rustic furnishings; Hungarian and international cuisine; snacks
- 37 Spoon Café & Lounge*****
V., Vigadó tér, quay No. 3 (in front of the Hotel Inter-Continental on the embankment) ☎ 411-0933
☉ midday–midnight
A spoonful of pleasure on the elegant "ship-restaurant"
- 38 Új Sípós****
III., Fő tér 6 ☎ 388-8745
☉ midday–11 pm
Hungarian, international flavours
- 39 Vadrózsa******
II., Pentelei Molnár u. 15 ☎ 345-0426
☉ midday–3 pm, 7 pm–midnight
Small Baroque villa offering a romantic dinner setting
- 40 Vénhajó**** 
V., Pest side of Chain Bridge, pier No 2 ☎ 411-0943; ☉ midday–midnight www.europagroup.hu
Gourmet cuisine and specialities plus the finest panorama in Budapest in the paddle steamboat built in 1913

Restaurants and cafés in Liszt F. Square

1 Barokko

VI., Liszt Ferenc tér 5

☉ Sun–Wed: midday–1 am, Thur–Sat: midday–3 am

2 Birdland

VI., Liszt Ferenc tér 7 ☎ 413-7983

☉ 11 am–midnight

3 Buena Vista

VI., Liszt F. tér 4–5 ☎ 344-6303

☉ 11 am–midnight

4 Café Miro Grande

VI., Liszt F. tér 9 ☎ 321-8666

☉ 10 am–1 am

5 Café Vian

VI., Liszt Ferenc tér 9

☎ 268-1154 ☉ 9 am–1 am

6 Fresco

VI., Liszt Ferenc tér 10

☎ 411-0915

☉ 11 am–midnight

7 Incognito

VI., Liszt Ferenc tér 3

☎ 342-1471 ☉ 2 pm–1 am

8 Karma

VI., Liszt F. tér 11

☎ 413-6764 ☉ 11 am–2 am

9 Mediterrán Café

VI., Liszt F. tér 10

☎ 344-4615 ☉ 12 am–midnight

10 Menza

VI., Liszt Ferenc tér 2

☎ 413-1482 ☉ 10 am–midnight

11 Moyo Café

VI., Liszt Ferenc tér 10.

☎ 342-4457 ☉ 10 am–midnight

12 Passion

VI., Liszt Ferenc tér 10

☎ 268-0199 ☉ 11 am–midnight

13 Pompeii

VI., Liszt Ferenc tér 3

☎ 351-8738 ☉ 11 am–1 am

Restaurants and cafés in Ráday Street and Kálvin Square

1 Caramia

IX., Ráday utca 31

☎ 215-8079 ☉ 11 am–midnight

2 Fecske Presszó

IX., Ráday utca 34. ☎ 215-2738 ☉ Mon–Fri: 9–1 am,

Sat–Sun: 1 pm–1 am

3 Fotocella

IX., Ráday utca 17 ☎ 215-3248 ☉ Mon–Thur: 11 am–1

am, Fri–Sat: 11 am–2 am, Sun: midday–2 am

4 Gotti

IX., Ráday utca 29 ☎ 217-6625 ☉ Sun–Thur: midday–

midnight, Fri–Sat: midday–1 am

5 IF Music Café

IX., Ráday u. 19 ☎ 299-0694 www.ifcavezo.hu

☉ 11.30 am–1 am

6 Intenzo

IX., Kálvin tér 9 ☎ 219-5243 ☉ 11 am–midnight

7 Jaffa

IX., Ráday u. 39 ☎ 219-5285 ☉ Mon–Thur: 10 am–1 am,

Fri: 10 am–2 am, Sat: midday–2 am, Sun: 2 pm–midnight

8 Chinese Restaurant

IX., Ráday utca 18 ☎ 218-9546 ☉ 11 am–11 pm

9 Memoár Restaurant & Café

IX., Ráday utca 1–3 ☎ 218-8698 ☉ 10 am–11 pm

10 Pata Negra

IX., Kálvin tér 8 ☎ 215-5616 ☉ 11 am–midnight

11 Paris, Texas

IX., Ráday utca 22 ☎ 218-0570 ☉ midday–3 am

12 Pesti Ráday Vendéglő

IX., Ráday u. 11–13 ☎ 219-5451 ☉ 12 am–12 pm

13 Pink Cadillac

IX., Ráday utca 22 ☎ 216-1412 ☉ Mon–Fri: 11 am–

midnight, Sat–Sun: midday–midnight

14 Red Café

IX., Ráday utca 14 ☎ 216-5628 ☉ midday–midnight

15 Shiraz Persian Restaurant

IX., Ráday utca 21. ☎ 218-0881 ☉ midday–midnight

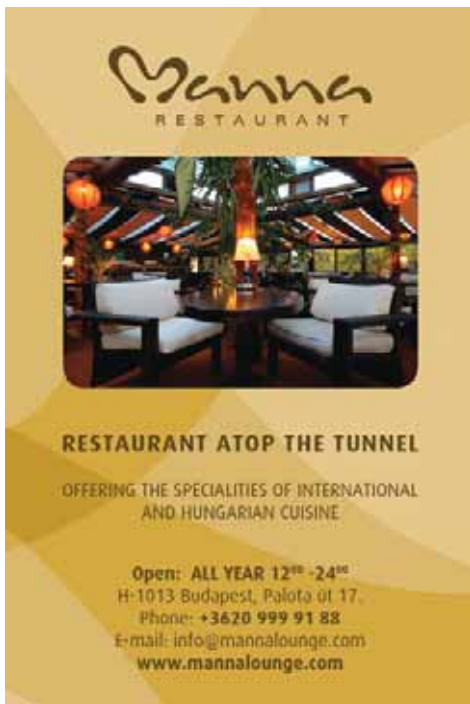
16 Sir Williams

IX., Ráday utca 9 ☎ 217-6093 ☉ Mon–Sat: midday–

midnight, Sun: midday–11 pm

17 Soul Café

IX., Ráday utca 11–13 ☎ 217-6986 ☉ midday–1 am



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Use the numbering and colouring to find restaurants on maps on pages 18–19 and 57.

18 **Tajtékos Napok (L'Écume des jours)**

IX., Ráday utca 1–3 ☎ 215-1730
⌚ 10 am–midnight

19 **Time Café**

IX., Ráday utca 23 ☎ 476-0433
⌚ Mon–Wed: 11 am–1 am, Thur–Fri: 11 am–2 am, Sat: 3 pm–2 am, Sun: 4 pm–1 am

20 **Trattoria Café**

IX., Ráday utca 16. ☎ 215-2888
⌚ midday–midnight

21 **Vörös Oroszlán Teaház**

IX., Ráday utca 9 ☎ 215-2101
⌚ 11 am–11 pm

22 **Vörös Postakocsi**

IX., Ráday utca 15 ☎ 217-6756
⌚ 11.30–midnight

23 **Zoe Kávézó-Étterem**

IX., Ráday utca 20. ☎ 210-1786
⌚ 11.30 am–1 am

Restaurants and cafés in Hajós and Nagymező Streets

1 **Balettcipő**

VI., Hajós utca 14 ☎ 269-3114
⌚ Mon–Fri: 10 am–midnight, Sat–Sun: midday–midnight

2 **Car Wash Bár**

VI., Hajós utca 25.
☎ 36-20/232-4548 ⌚ Mon–Sat: 10 am–1 am, Sun: midday–midnight

3 **Chagall**

VI., Hajós u. 2 ☎ 302-4614
⌚ 9 am–midnight

4 **Két Szerecsen**

VI., Nagymező u. 14
☎ 343-1984 ⌚ 9–1 am Mon–Fri:



8 am–midnight, Sat–Sun: 9 am–midnight

5 **Komédiás Café**

VI., Nagymező u. 26 ☎ 302-0901
⌚ Mon–Fri: 8 am–midnight, Sat–Sun: 2 pm–midnight

6 **Mai Manó Café**

VI., Nagymező u. 20. ☎ 269-5642 ⌚ 8–1 am

7 **Marquis de Salade**

VI., Hajós utca 43
☎ 302-4086 ⌚ midday–midnight

8 **Sandokan Lisboa Bár**

VI., Hajós utca 23.
☎ 302-7002
⌚ Mon–Fri: midday–2 am, Sat–Sun: 4 pm–2 am

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Handy information

Before travelling



Arrival in Budapest



General information



Staying street-wise



City transport



Tourists visiting the capital can feel secure, it is easy to find one's way around and get information, and public transport is a convenient way of getting to any part of Budapest any time between 4.30 am and 11 pm. On the next few pages we'll set you on your way with a few handy tips.

And don't forget, with a Budapest Card all public transport in the capital is free!



Passport, visa

Entry with personal ID card

Citizens of the following countries may enter the territory of Hungary with a personal identification card for a stay of maximum 90 days, provided the purpose of their visit is not to take up work or to conduct business-related activities:

Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Holland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxemburg, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland.

Entry with passport, but no visa required

Citizens of European countries (with the exception of Albania, Russia, Serbia, Montenegro, Turkey and the Ukraine) do not require a visa to enter Hungary.

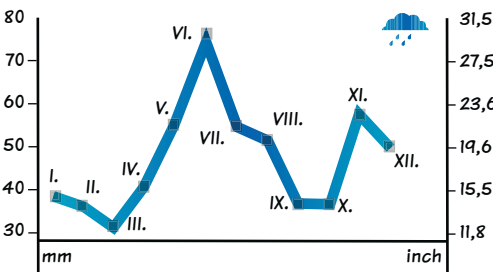
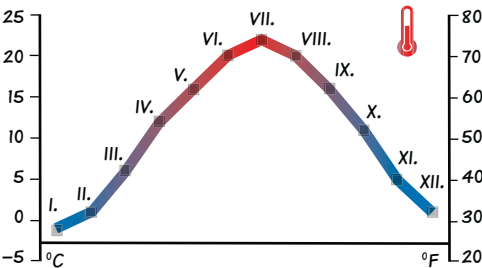
Citizens of the following countries outside Europe similarly do not require a visa: Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Hong Kong, Israel, Japan, Republic of Korea, Macao, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Salvador, Singapore, USA, Uruguay, Venezuela.

For detailed information in English please go to www.mfa.gov.hu

Budapest, basics

Climate

Temperate zone, continental climate, four seasons. Hottest months: July, August (temperatures can reach 28–35°C)



Coldest months: December, January (temperatures can fall as low as -15°C)

Budapest has a relatively high number of hours of sunshine per annum. It exceeds 8 hours per day between April and September. Budapest has a modest level of rainfall on an annual basis, with significant precipitation generally falling in the months of May, June and November only. Autumn is the driest season; snow can be expected in the winter months.

Holidays

Non-working days: national holidays (15 March, 20 August, 23 October) and 1 May (May Day) plus Christian holidays: 1 January, All Saint's Day (1 November), Easter Monday, Whit Monday, Christmas Day and Boxing Day (25–26 December).



Time zone

Budapest is on Central European time (CET). GMT +1 hour
 Summer time (March to the middle of October): GMT +2 hours

January	February	March
1 January New year's Day		15 March National holiday
April	May	June
5 April Easter Monday	1 May May Day 24 May Whit Monday	
July	August	September
	20 August St. Stephen's Day	
October	November	December
23 October National holiday	1 November All Saint's Day	25–26 December Christmas Day and Boxing Day



Budapest facts and figures

- Area: 525 square kilometres (in a north-south direction approx. 25 km, east-west approx. 29 km)
- Population: 1 815 000
- Population density: 3456 persons/ square kilometre
- Administrative structure: 23 districts
- Buda: comprising one-third of the area of the city on the hilly, right bank of the Danube
- Pest: comprising two-thirds of the area of the city on the flat, left bank of the Danube
- Islands (from north to south): Óbuda Island, Margaret Island, Csepel Island
- Bridges: nine bridges, of which two are rail bridges

Arrival in Budapest



By air

Buy a Budapest Card as soon as you land at the airport because it gives you discounts on the airport minibus and city railway shuttle services.

The Airport minibus service is popular and relatively cheap: for HUF 2900 it will drop passengers anywhere within the city limits. A return ticket (HUF 4900) is valid for six months.

City rail connection from Ferihegy 1: weekdays 60 services, weekend 45 services (HUF 300, travel time: approx. 30 mins).

Ferihegy 1 – terminal for low-cost airlines. Ferihegy 2A – terminal for Schengen traffic. Ferihegy 2B – terminal for non-Schengen traffic. Updates and the 2010 schedule are available at www.bud.hu.

By train

Budapest has direct rail links to 25 capitals. There are more than 50 international connections each day. Trains depart every three hours between Budapest–Vienna, with a travel time of less than two and a half hours. INTERCITY links running between the capital and the major towns around Hungary are extremely popular and comfortable.

Airport information:

Central number: (+36-1)296-9696

Flight information: (+36-1)296-7000

Ticket sales: (+36-1)296-5954, (+36-1)296-5960

Luggage search service: (+36-1)296-5449, (+36-1)296-9026, (+36-1)296-5138, (+36-1)296-5665

Airport minibus service: (+36-1)296-8555

Parking services: (+36-1)296-5232

Emergency services: (+36-1)296-8000



Railway Stations

There are three major international railway stations in Budapest: Eastern Railway Station (Keleti pályaudvar); Western Railway Station (Nyugati pályaudvar); Southern Railway Station (Déli pályaudvar). All rail stations can be accessed by the metro ('Keleti pu.', 'Déli pu.' stops on Metro line 2, 'Nyugati pu.' stop on Metro line 3.)

Nonstop telephone ticket bookings (MÁVDIRREKT): (36-40)49-49-49 From abroad: (+36-1)371-9449

Information: www.mav.hu, www.elvira.hu



By coach

Domestic coach services arrive at several points around the city. The international coach station is at Népliget. Volánbusz Company has scheduled passenger coach services to and from

the following countries: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Italy, Lithuania, Macedonia, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine.



Népliget ☎ (+36-1)219-0886

Stadionok ☎ (+36-1)220-6227

Árpád Bridge ☎ (+36-1)412-2597

Etele Square ☎ (+36-1)382-4405

Széna Square ☎ (+36-1)201-3688

Online tickets: www.volanbusz.hu

Information on domestic and international routes:

(+36-1) 382-0888 (Mon-Fri: 8 am-6 pm, Sat-Sun: 8 am-4 pm)



By boat

Hydrofoils run scheduled services from Vienna and Bratislava to the heart of Budapest between April and October. There are three large international quays on the Danube between Széchenyi Chain Bridge and Liberty (Szabadság) Bridge.

Information on Mahart Passnave sailings: (+36-1)484-4013



By passenger car

Of the five motorways and four main roads in Hungary, eight start from Budapest (exception: main road No. 8).

There is a flat-rate charge for use of motorways M1, M3, M5, M6 and M7 (payment can be made at border crossing points and most petrol stations).

The Hungarian Highway Code (KRESZ) is based on the Vienna and Geneva Convention, and as such traffic signs and road markings are similar to those found in other European countries. However, it is important to highlight a few key traffic regulations that tourists visiting Hungary must observe at all times: use of seatbelts in the front and rear seats is compulsory; only mobile phones fitted with loudspeaker and microphone may be used in cars, and it is recommended that drivers making or receiving a call pull over to the side of the road in a safe area; drivers may not consume any alcohol before driving, and drunk drivers can be fined upwards of HUF 100,000 (£ 380); the speed limit in built-up areas is 50 kph, outside built-up areas 90 kph, on main roads 110 kph and on motorways 130 kph; use of the horn in towns is only permitted in moments of danger.

Hungarian Automobile Club (Magyar Autóklub) 24 hour helpline: 188.

Roadside breakdown service: 188

Information on roadworks, diversions, motorway vignette prices etc. in 13 languages: www.motorway.hu

Information in foreign languages: (+36-1)345-1777



Telephone

Hungary code: 36, Budapest: 1, dialling code for inland calls: 36.

Budapest telephone numbers are 7 digits, countryside numbers (including the trunk code) 8 digits.

If you wish to phone abroad from Hungary, first dial 00, wait for the tone, and then dial the country code, town code and continue with the telephone number.

Public phones operate with 50 and 100 forint coins and telephone cards. The latter can be purchased in tobacconists, post offices, petrol stations and newsagents. It is cheaper to phone at the weekend, on public holidays and in the evening.

Mobile telephone numbers are 9-digit, after dialling 36; depending on the telephone company, the first two numbers are 20, 30 or 70.



Credit cards

The most commonly used credit cards – AMEX, Diners Club, Cirrus, EnRoute, Euro/Mastercard, JCB, VISA – can be used to obtain cash from ATMs in banks and on the streets as well as to pay bills in hotels, restaurants and shops. Emblems on the door of the establishment detail which credit cards are accepted.



Accommodation



The capital has every category of accommodation from luxury hotel to paying guest rooms.

Free copies of Accommodation in Budapest can be picked up from information offices and hotel receptions in town.



Other useful information on accommodation can be found on the homepage of the Tourism Office of Budapest: www.budapestinfo.hu, and in information offices (for addresses and telephone numbers see page 3).



Postal services

Post offices are generally open from 8 am–6 pm Mon–Fri, 8 am–noon on Sat.

Post offices with extended opening hours: II., Szilágyi Erzsébet fasor 121. (☉ Mon–Fri: 10 am–7 pm, Sat.: 8 am–1 pm), VI., Teréz körút 51. (☉ Mon–Fri: 7 am–8 pm, Sat: 7 am–6 pm), XVII., Pesti út 5–7 (☉ Mon–Fri: 8 am–7 pm, Sat: 8 am–4 pm).

Postal money services: credit cards (VISA, VISA Electron, EuroCard/Mastercard, Maestro) can be used to make cash withdrawals at all post offices in the capital. Post offices also exchange Eurocheques, American Express traveller's cheques and postal orders.



Why Budapest Card?

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- Free public transport!
- Free walking tours of the city!
- Free travel insurance!
- More than 100 additional discounts around the city!
- Discounts for children up to the age of 14 years travelling with the cardholder!

Electricity



Hungary's electricity network operates at 230 Volts. Plugs are the regulation continental type.



General opening times

Shops: food shops are open from 7 am–6 pm, clothes shops between 10 am–6 pm Mon. to Sat. Most shopping centres are also open on Sun. Tesco is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Office hours: generally from 8 am–4 pm Mon. to Fri.

Post offices: Mon–Fri: 8 am–6 pm, Sat: 8 am–1 pm (for details, see Postal services section)

Banks: Mon–Thur: 8 am–5 pm, Fri: 8 am–2 pm



! There is no need to carry your passport with you when travelling around the city, you can leave it in the hotel safe. All you need for identification is an ID card with photo, for instance a driving licence. Another handy tip: write down the name and address of your hotel in case it slips your mind after a long day of sightseeing!



Security in Budapest

The general public security situation in the capital can be said to be good on an international average, and still it is better if tourists are prepared for certain situations so that they do not end up feeling cheated.

In general the tourist's wallet is in greatest danger, and so it is advisable when using public transport, at shopping centres, markets or any other busy area where people are jostling around to pay extra attention to wallets, purses and bags.

Taxis are best pre-booked by phone; they are cheaper and there is no chance that you will pick up the one or two 'private taxis' who charge exorbitant fares. (For phone numbers of reputable companies, see the *Taxi* section p. 65.)

Always ask for a menu showing all the prices before choosing which restaurant to eat at. This way you can

rule out any unpleasantness caused by overcharging. Beware of attractive young ladies inviting you to have a drink or meal in a bar or restaurant! These places often charge outrageous prices and will present you with a bill you won't forget!

Never get mixed up in changing money or gambling on the street. Carry documents, money and credit cards in a closed, inner pocket, and don't carry a lot of cash around town. Never leave valuables in your car.

If you encounter any problem requiring the presence of the police:

call the international emergency number 112, or the emergency number used in Hungary, 107. Operators on these numbers can also give information on where you can make a report or statement in a foreign language. If you become involved in a police case either as the injured party, as a witness or for any other reason, ask for consular assistance through the acting authority.

If you are the victim of a crime, the Victim Assistance Service of the Office for Justice will inform you of your rights. Where justified, you may be offered immediate financial assistance, and as the victim of a violent criminal act you may be eligible for compensation or support.

For further information:

06-80-244-444 (toll-free within Hungary) or www.kih.gov.hu

Tourinform telephone service – Police-info: 438-8080 (0–24 h)

The following police stations have 0–24 hour tourist assistance:

I district Police Station:

1013 Budapest, Pauler út 13

V district Police Station:

1055 Budapest, Szalay utca 11–13

XI district Police Station:

1113 Budapest, Bocskay út 90

XIII. district Police Station:

! Important phone numbers

Ambulance:	104
Police:	107
Central emergency number:	112
Fire brigade:	105
Domestic enquiries:	198
Enquiries plus:	197
International enquiries:	199
Car breakdown service:	188
Speaking clock:	180
Central airport information:	296-9696
Airport minibus service:	296-8555
MÁVDIREKT:	(06-40)49-49-49
Volánbusz information:	382-0888
Mahart Passnave information:	484-4013
Highway information in English:	345-1777
Tourinform – Police-info:	438-8080
Pharmacies on night duty:	311-4439; 355-4691
Nonstop medical assistance:	200-0100
Nonstop dental assistance:	267-9602
BKV public transport information service:	258-4636

1135 Budapest, Szabolcs utca 36
 XIV district Police Station:
 1144 Budapest, Stefánia út 83
 Budapest Police Command:
 1136 Budapest, Teve utca 4–6

Left luggage

In Budapest left luggage counters and coin-operated lockers are to be found at the rail stations. There are two non-stop left luggage counters at both the Eastern (Keleti) and the Southern (Déli) Railway Stations, while the Western (Nyugati) Railway Station has a left luggage counter open from 5 am-midnight, and lockers available 24 hours a day.

Health matters, medical assistance

Pharmacies in the capital are well stocked, and pharmacists may be able to suggest a medication for certain complaints. A notice on the door of pharmacies indicates the address of the closest 24-hour pharmacy.



Exchanging money

Exchanging money is only permitted in licensed, designated places. Do not take the risk of changing money on the street. You are likely to find yourself with counterfeit money, besides which such transactions are illegal.

The Hungarian National Bank gives official daily foreign exchange and currency rates on 23 currencies. Most banks have 24-hour banknote exchange ATMs. Besides this there are many credit card and cash card ATMs in operation day and night. Banks and travel agencies can set (and modify) their own exchange rates, taking the bank of issue's rate as the basis. Any bureau de change has to have the current exchange rates clearly displayed. Please keep your exchange receipt in a safe place until you depart the country. Broadly speaking, the best exchange rates are to be found close to the rail stations and in the city centre (Petőfi Sándor Street). Banks generally give a middle rate, and the airport and hotel exchange rates are not so competitive.

Take care! Illegal moneychangers hunting tourists on the streets and around railway stations will promise a better exchange rate, but the bundle of notes you receive will contain cut up newspaper or other worthless paper, and you'll never get your money back.



Pharmacies operating around the clock

(see map on page 67):

Teréz Patika

VI., Teréz körút 41 ☎ 311-4439

Déli Gyógyszertár

XII., Alkotás utca 1/B ☎ 355-4691

Elefánt Gyógyszertár

X., Pongrácz út 12. ☎ 431-9940

Non-stop medical assistance:

Falck SOS Hungary ☎ 200-0100

Non-stop dental service: SOS Dent ☎ 267-9602

MINI DICTIONARY

- Good day = Jó napot! (*yoh nah-pot!*)
- Good evening = Jó estét! (*yoh esh-teht*)
- Goodnight = Jó éjszakát! (*yoh eh-y-sah-kaat*)
- Goodbye = Szial! (*si-ah!*)
- How are you? = Hogy vagy? (*hodj vahdj?*)
- What is the time? = Hány óra? (*haany oh-rah*)
- Yes = Igen (*i-ghen*)
- No = Nem (*nem*)
- Thank you = Köszönöm (*ker-ser-nerm*)
- Pub = Söröző (*sher-rer-zoer*)
- Restaurant = Étterem (*eh-t-te-rem*)
- Café = Kávéház (*kaa-veh-haaz*)
- Cheers! = Egészségedre! (*e-ghehs-shehgh-ed-re*)
- I'm sorry! = Sajnálom! (*shah-y-naa-lom*)
- Excuse me! = Elnézést! (*el-neh-zeh-sht*)
- I'm lost! Can you please show me where my hotel is on the map? = Eltévédtem! Meg tudná mutatni a térképen a szállodámat? (*el-the-ved-tem meg tud-naa mu-tat-ni ah tehr-keh-p-en ah saal-lo-daa-maht*)
- Goodbye = Viszontlátásra! (*vi-sont-laa-taash-rah*)
- hospital = kórház (*kohr-haaz*)
- ambulance = mentő (*men-toer*)
- pharmacy = gyógyszer-tár (*djohdj-ser-taar*)
- policeman = rendőr (*ren-doer*)
- street = utca (*ut-tsa*)
- square = tér (*tehr*)
- Correct pronunciation of streets/squares/institutions:**
- Nyár utca (*nyaar ut-tsa*); Baththyány tér (*baty-tyaa-nyee tehr*); Dózsa György út (*doh-zha djoerdj oot*); Rákóczi út (*raa-koh-tsi oot*); Hősök tere (*hoer-shoerk tere*); Széchenyi gyógyfürdő (*seh-keh-nyei djohdj-für-doer*); Múcsarnok (*müü-chahr-nok*); Gödör (*gohr-doer*); Művészetek Palotája (Múpa) (*müü-veh-se-tek pah-lo-taa-yah /müü-pah*)



Public transport



Budapest has an efficient public transport network made up of more than 180 bus, 14 trolleybus, 29 tram, and three metro lines. In general the buses, trams and trolleybuses operate between 4.30 am and 11 pm. The three metro lines intersect at Deák Square in the centre of town. Metros run at 2-15 minute intervals from 4.30 am to 11.10 pm. Due to the construction of metro line No. 4 (scheduled completion date: 2012) there may be intermittent changes to bus and tram services (information: www.metro04.hu). Metro construction work affects the following squares, streets and stations: Kelenföld Railway Station, Tétényi Road, Bocskai Road, Móricz Zsigmond Circus, Szent Gellért Square, Fővám Square, Kálvin Square, Rákóczi Square, Népszínház Street, Eastern (Keleti) Railway Station. The local suburban train (HÉV) can be used to travel out to Csepel Island in the south of the city, and to nearby Szentendre, Gödöllő and Ráckeve. Maps sited at the entrances to metro stations give a comprehensive overview of the entire public transport network in Budapest. Conditions of travel are also included, in German and English. Hungarian citizens (including those who have repatriated to Hungary and persons holding dual nationality) as well as citizens of other Member States of the European Union over the age of 65 years can travel free of charge on BKV Budapest public transport services (except for the funicular, the chair-lift and boat trips) when they present to inspectors a personal identity card or document certifying their citizenship.

Tickets



May be purchased at metro stations, ticket machines, tobacconists and newsagents. It is perhaps best to buy your tickets at a metro station because there you have a choice of several types of ticket and various passes.

Single ticket (2009: HUF 300): valid for bus, tram, trolleybus, metro, cogwheel railway for the entire length of the journey, as well as the suburban railway within the administrative limits of Budapest. The ticket has to be purchased beforehand, and validated in the

ticket stampers found on the public transport (on the metro, either before you enter the metro or on the platforms) before the trip starts.

Information can also be found on the following Internet site: www.bkv.hu

Information on public transport: 258-4636.

Ticket controls: you may be requested to show your ticket on all public transport or at exit points of the metro by ticket inspectors who wear armbands and have a badge with photograph (they generally operate in pairs, but there may be 4-5 inspectors on the metro). For this reason, please keep your ticket until the very end of your journey or until you have left the metro station.

If you travel without a valid ticket or pass or if you contravene the conditions of travel, you have to pay a fine.

Parking

The capital is sectioned into several parking zones, and different parking fees are charged according to the zone (between HUF 150 and 600 per hour). There is a charge for parking between the hours of 8 am-6 pm Monday to Friday (8 am-20 pm within Grand Boulevard zone). Parking is free on Saturday, Sunday and public holidays. On parking, a ticket must be purchased from the nearest ticket machine for the entire period the car is to be left. This ticket should be displayed behind the windscreen. Minimum parking time: 15 minutes, beyond which the ticket machine gives a ticket for the amount of time equivalent to the sum of money inserted. Maximum waiting time: 3-4 hours, although there are some areas that do not impose waiting time restrictions.

Cars parked illegally will be clamped by the Municipal Public Roads Department. Any car fitted with a wheel clamp will also have an information sheet in several languages stuck to the windscreen to inform the driver how to go about having the clamp removed. For more information on parking charges and other conditions please go to www.parking.hu or www.budapest.hu.

Car parks and garages

Multi-storey car parks are generally open 24 hours a day; most larger hotels also have an underground garage. Some of the larger car parks: Bazilika Garage (V., Sas utca), Krisztina Garage behind the Hotel Mercure Buda (I., Kosciuszko Tádé utca 15), Kastrom (V., Aranykéz utca 4-6), Centrum Parkoló (V., Szervita tér 8), Pollack Garage (VIII., Pollack Mihály tér), Corvin Multi-storey Car Park (VIII., Futó utca 52), Páva Multi-storey Car Park (IX., Mester utca 30-32), Lipót Garage (V., Széchenyi Street under Szabadság Square), Erzsébet



If you don't want to bother spending time buying and validating tickets, choose Budapest Card, which allows you to travel around Budapest for free. Ask for Budapest Card at the main metro ticket offices or Tourinform offices.



Square underground garage (V., Erzsébet Square), MOM Park Office Building (XII., Csörsz utca 45), Millennium Office Towers (IX., Lechner Ödön fasor 6). www.parking.hu gives detailed information in English and German on the capital's street parking, P+R, multi-storey car parks and underground garages.

Rent-a-car

A selection of the larger car rental companies: Americana, Avis, Budget, Hertz, Regina, Sixt. In general, all companies require that the person renting a vehicle is at least 21 years old, has had at least one year's driving experience, has a valid driving licence and passport.

All the major rent-a-car companies have an office at the airport, and brochures on rent-a-car options are available from hotel reception desks and Tourinform offices.

Taxis

Budapest taxis have yellow number plates and a taxi sign in yellow. (Any vehicle without these features is operating illegally.) The total charge that has to be paid by the passenger is made up of three separate parts: the basic charge which is irrespective of how far the journey is (maximum HUF 300 during the day, maximum HUF 420 at night), a per kilometre charge which depends on how many kilometres are covered during the journey (maximum HUF 240 per kilometre during the day, maximum HUF 336 at night), and the waiting charge. Tariffs are clearly displayed on the rear right door and on the dashboard. The larger taxi companies work with rates far lower than the maximum charges listed above. Ask for assistance from your hotel reception when ordering a taxi, and think twice before taking the "impartial advice" of taxi drivers if you are looking for a bar or nightclub. It is generally best to check with your hotel first in this instance, too.

6x6 Taxi: 2-666-666, Buda Taxi: 2-333-333, Budapest Taxi: 4-333-333, City Taxi: 2-111-111, Főtaxi: 2-222-222, Mobil Taxi: 333-1757, Rádió Taxi: 3-777-777, Taxi 2000: 2-000-000, Taxi4: 4-444-444, Tele5Taxi: 5-555-555, Volán Taxi: 4-33-33-22

No call-out charge is levied on taxis ordered by phone within the boundaries of Budapest, except for exceptional orders (e.g. estate car, type demand etc.). All cars must have a taximeter installed, and these also print out a receipt. Taxi drivers are required to give an invoice on request. Tipping: in general 10% of the fare.

Passengers arriving at the airport should take care not to engage the services of taxi drivers waiting in the



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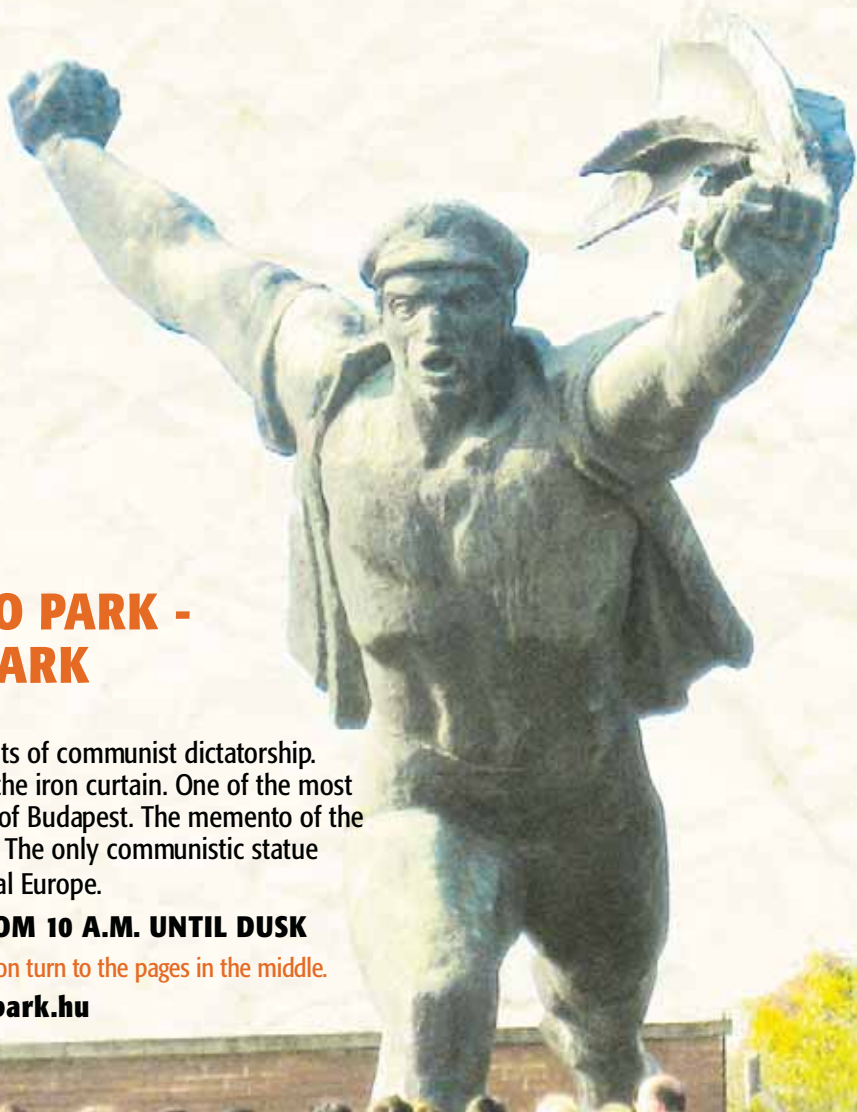
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