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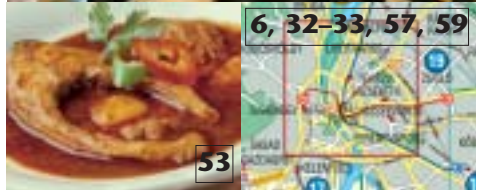
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Dear Readers!



László Fekete

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Managing Director
Tourism
Office of Budapest

It is my greatest pleasure to welcome you to Budapest, a city endowed with a rich history and unique cultural heritage. I am certain that you, too, will be captivated by its alluring atmosphere, unrivalled panoramas and the vitality of its everyday life!

Tourism has grown to the point where today it is one of the most dynamically developing branches of the economy in the capital; annually close on 6 million visitors come for the wonderful and unforgettable experience that is Budapest.

Virtually every international hotel chain has a presence here, and indeed new hotels are being built every year to match the explosive rise in the number of leisure and entertainment centres, fashionable and classical restaurants, shopping malls, new museums, cultural institutions... wherever one goes, wherever one looks, the scene is one of dynamism and energetic development.

Take a stroll around our city and you'll come across the remains of fortresses and buildings from Roman times, still functioning Turkish baths, the heritages of the Gothic and Baroque ages, and superb Art Nouveau (Secession) architecture.

A walk around the streets and squares of Budapest is sufficient proof that despite spectacular development the city has preserved its old charm and magic. The pleasing harmony of different architectural styles and superb structures, the cafés, spas, baths, the gastronomy and culture combined with the legendary hospitality of the locals blend together to provide a very special travel experience, one which keeps bringing visitors back year after year.

Did you know, for instance, that Budapest has Europe's largest parliament, the largest functioning synagogue, and the continent's first underground railway? Budapest, which can boast not one but two UNESCO World Heritage sites, is the only capital city in the world with close on 100 thermal springs and 12 medicinal baths within its boundary, where 19 million gallons of thermal water rise to the surface each day!

Besides the hugely diverse cultural life of the city, and the events and festivals attracting people from all corners of the world, tourists of all ages will find a wealth of great music and cultural programmes in the entertainment and restaurant districts, too, because the music performed in pubs and cafés represents an alternative to the repertoires of the Opera House, Operetta Theatre, Academy of Music, Palace of Arts and the many beautifully restored local theatres.

As I have said, it is my great pleasure to personally welcome you to our city, and I warmly commend this publication to you, which after careful preparation we put together to allow you to discover the very best in Budapest!



Information offices

Tourinform Main office – Police info office

1052 Budapest, Sütő utca 2
(at Deák tér) ☎ (+36-1)438-8080
suto@budapestinfo.hu
⌚ 8 am–8 pm

Liszt Ferenc tér

1061 Budapest, Liszt Ferenc tér 11.
☎ (+36-1)322-4098
☎ (+36-1)342-9390
liszt@budapestinfo.hu
⌚ Mon–Fri: 10 am–6 pm

Buda Castle

1014 Budapest, Szentháromság tér
☎ (+36-1)488-0475

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budavar@budapestinfo.hu
⌚ 9 am–6 pm

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⌚ 9 am–10 pm

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ferihegy/2A@budapestinfo.hu
⌚ 9 am–10 pm

Ferihegy – terminal 2B

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Terminal 2B, arrivals
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ferihegy/2B@budapestinfo.hu
⌚ 9 am–10 pm

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☎ (+36-30)30-30-600 from abroad,
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Handy

information



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, Luxembourg, 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.

Time zone

Budapest is on Central European time (CET).

GMT +1 hour

Summer time (March to the middle of October):

GMT +2 hours

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 and Boxing Day (25-26 December).

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



Hungary's Foreign representations

Great Britain

Hungarian National Tourist Office
 46 Eaton Place London SW1X 8AL
 ☎ (44-20)7823-0411, (44-20) 7823-0412
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 E-mail: info@gotohungary.co.uk; www.gotohungary.co.uk

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 www.visithungary.ie

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 ☎ (1-212)695-1221
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 E-mail: info@gotohungary.com;
 www.gotohungary.com

Arrival in Budapest

By air

The Airport minibus service is popular and relatively cheap: for HUF 2300 it will drop passengers anywhere within the city limits. A return ticket (HUF 3900) is valid for six months.

Ferihegy 1 – terminal for low-cost airlines

The "Budapest in Europe" map shows low-cost airline connections between cities in Europe and Budapest. Updates and the 2008 schedule are available at www.bud.hu.

Ferihegy 2A – terminal for all MALÉV Hungarian Airlines flights

Ferihegy 2B – arrival and departure terminal for foreign airlines

Airport information:

- Central number: (+36-1)296-9696
- Flight information: (+36-1)296-7000
- Luggage search service:
 - Ferihegy 1: (+36-1)296-5449
 - Ferihegy 2A: (+36-1)296-8108,
 - Ferihegy 2B: (+36-1)296-7948, (+36-1)296-5965,

Low-cost airlines flying to Budapest (as at November 2007)

Budapest in Europe





(+36-1)296-5966

Telephone reservations for MALÉV flights:

(+36-1)296-5959

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

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



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.

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 (MÁVDIRÉKT):

(06-40)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)219-8000

Stadionok ☎ (+36-1)220-6227

Árpád Bridge ☎ (+36-1)412-2597

Etele Square ☎ (+36-1)382-4900

Széna Square ☎ (+36-1)201-3688

Online tickets: www.volanbusz.hu

Information on domestic and

international routes: ☎ (+36-1)382-0888, (+36-1)219-8086

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).

Drivers are obliged to purchase a motorway sticker for the motorways M1, M3, M5, M6 and M7 (obtainable at border crossing points and major 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 (despite which, unfortunately, Hungarian drivers frequently use their horns without proper reason).

Hungarian Automobile Club (Magyar Autóklub) 24 hour helpline: (+36-1)345-1755. Roadside breakdown service: 188

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

General information

Telephone

Hungary code: 36, Budapest: 1, dialling code for inland calls: 06. 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 20, 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 06; 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 4).

Postal services

Post offices are generally open from 8 am–6 pm Mon–Fri, 8 am–noon on Sat. There are two post offices close to the rail stations in Pest with longer opening hours: VI., Teréz körút 51. (open: Mon–Sat: 7 am–9 pm, Sun: 8 am–8 pm), VIII., Baross tér 11/C (open: Mon–Sat: 7 am–9 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.

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

Staying street-wise

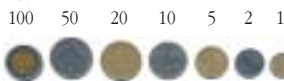
Security in Budapest

The general public security situation in the capital can be said to be good on an international average, and still it is better if



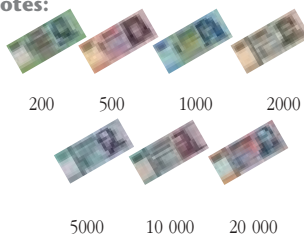
Currency Forint (Ft or HUF)

Coins:



(HUF 1 and HUF 2 coins are withdrawn from circulation as legal tender from 1 March 2008.)

Banknotes:



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.

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. 11.)

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. 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!

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

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Auto club help number:	188
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Internet

Internet cafés are highly fashionable in Budapest. The following list details just some of the most popular locations offering Internet access:

Alexandra Bookstore

V., Nyugati tér 7 ☎ 428-7070
⌚ Mon–Sun: 10 am–midnight

AMI

V., Váci utca 40 ☎ 267-1644 ⌚ 9 am–midnight

ChatMan Internet Cafe

VII., Dohány utca 30/A ☎ 266-0856
⌚ Mon–Fri: 8 am–midnight, Sat–Sun: 10 am–midnight

Kávészünet

XIII., Tátra utca 12/B ☎ 236-0853
⌚ Mon–Fri: 8 am–10 pm, Sat–Sun: 10 am–8 pm

Libri Bookstore

VII., Rákóczi út 12 ☎ 267-4844
⌚ Mon–Fri: 10 am–7.30 pm, Sat: 10 am–3 pm

Soho Coffee

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

Plastic.net

V., Szép utca 5 ☎ 317-4638
⌚ Mon–Sat: 9 am–midnight, Sun: 10 am–10 pm

Private Link

VIII., József körút 52 ☎ 334-2057 ⌚ nonstop

Tandem Cafe

IX., Pipa utca 6 ☎ 218-9317
⌚ Mon–Thur: 9 am–1 am, Fri: 9 am–2 am, Sat: 4 pm–2 am

Web Quality InterNet

VI., Aradi utca 1–3 ☎ 302-6502 ⌚ nonstop

Yellow Zebra

V., Sütő utca 2 ☎ 266-8777 ⌚ 9 am–8 pm

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
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.

Pharmacies operating around the clock (see map on page 59):

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:

Főnix SOS ☎ 200-0100

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

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City transport

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: 2010) there may be intermittent changes to bus and tram services (information: www.metro4.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.

Taxi

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 arrivals hall who offer fares at a considerably higher rate than the maximum permissible tariff. If you want go into town by taxi, order one by phone (naturally you can do this from abroad, too), or take one of the Zóna taxis (365-5555) waiting outside the airport, which operate on a fixed fare system for four zones between the airport and the city centre. Tariffs vary between HUF 3000–4300 (€14–20).



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 (2007: HUF 230): 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: 06-80/406-611

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 115 and 430 per hour). There is a charge for parking between the hours of 8 am-6 pm Monday to Friday. 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 (I., VI., VII., VIII. and XIII. districts). For longer periods, it is


recommended that you leave your car in a P+R car park. P+Rs are generally found at metro stations and bus termini (Pest side of Árpád Bridge, Nagyvárad Square, Őrs vezér Square, Népliget etc.), from where travellers can then easily access public transport for the onward journey.

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), Kastrum (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 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. Car parks are marked  on the map on pages 34-35.

Rent-a-car

A selection of the larger car rental companies: Americana, Avis, **Budget** , Hertz.

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.

Budapest Card

Launched in 1997, this city card is the tourist's "best friend" for 2- or 3-day (48 or 72 hours) city sightseeing tours. Children under 14 travelling with the card holder are also entitled to the benefits the card offers. The card includes a colour prospectus (over 100 pages) in four languages with details of how to use the card and all the services and benefits that are available. Cards may be purchased in around 250 locations across the capital (airport, hotels, travel agencies, tourist information offices, main metro stations), and in travel agencies abroad.

The Budapest Card provides the following services:

- free travel on Budapest Transport Company (BKV Rt.) public transport
- free admission to 60 museums and other important sites (Zoo, caves in Buda, Matthias Church)
- discounted city sightseeing tours by bus and boat
- discounted tickets for folklore and other cultural programmes
- discounts offered in spa baths, restaurants, shops, car rental and numerous other places

Price: HUF 6500 (48 hours)


HUF 8000 (72 hours)



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 2007; admission charges are likely to increase in 2008.

 Budapest Card holders can visit over 60 museums free of charge or at a discounted rate.

TICKETS

Aquincum Museum and Ruins 1

III., Szentendrei út 139 ☎ 454-0438 www.btm.hu

☉ April 15–30, October 1–31: archeological park 9 am–5 pm; exhibits 10 am–6 pm; May 1–September 30: archeological park 9 am–6 pm; exhibits 10 am–6 pm; (November 1–April 14: Closed for the winter season) Closed Mon.!

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. New permanent exhibition: Rome in Aquincum

 from Batthyány Square towards Szentendre

 34, 42, 106  HUF 250–850



E1

Budapest History Museum Castle Museum 2

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.

 10  HUF 350–1100



B3

Museum and Institute of Military History 3

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.

 10  5, 78,  18  free







A3

Ferenc Hopp Museum of Eastern Asiatic Art 4

VI., Andrassy 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.

 Bajza utca  4  70, 78  HUF 200–400



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Ludwig Museum of Contemporary Art [6] 8



C4

IX., Komor Marcell utca 1 ☎ 555-3444 www.ludwigmuseum.hu
 ☉ Tue–Sun: 10 am–8 pm (last Saturday in the month: 10 am–10 pm)
 The Hungarian contemporary art collection of Cologne art collector couple Irene and Peter Ludwig. A visit provides an overview of the past 50 years of universal art, and contemporary Hungarian art from the last 10 years.

📍 1, 2, 24 🚶 23, 54, 103 🌿 Csepel, Ráckeve 📄 free 📅 Permanent exhibition: free, temporary exhibition: HUF 400–1200

Transport Museum 9



D2

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 October to May)

One of Europe's oldest transport history collections. Its model railway material is world famous. Permanent exhibitions over 8,000 square metres include: 100 years and today, 100 years of Hungarian motoring; A century of Hungarian state shipping; History of Motoring; History of steam locomotion; History of urban transport.

📍 1 🚶 70, 72, 74 🚶 free 📄 free 📅 temporary exhibition: HUF 250–350

Museum of Applied Art [3] 5



C4

IX., Üllői út 33-37 ☎ 456-5100 www.imm.hu

☉ Tue–Sun: 10 am–6 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.

Temporary exhibitions in 2008: Ottoman Turkish Rugs, until 10 March

Collectors and Treasures, until 31 December

Exhibition by art collectors, 20 January–20 April

Italian Renaissance Majolica and the Court of King Matthias, 24 March–30 July

Medici Rugs, 24 March–31 December

Craft and Design exhibition, 28 July–28 September

📄 Ferenc körút 📍 4, 6 📄 free 📅 Permanent exhibition: free, temporary exhibition: HUF 800–2000

Kassák Lajos Memorial Museum 6



B1

III., Fő tér 1 ☎ 368-7021 ☉ Tue–Sun: 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.

📍 6, 86 📍 1 🌿 Árpád híd 📄 free 📅 HUF 150–200

Kiscell Museum 7



A1

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 📍 60, 165 📄 free 📄 HUF 250–7000

Hungarian National Gallery [1] [7] 10



B3

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 (Gyula Benczúr, Mihály Munkácsy, Viktor Madarász, Pál Szinyei Merse) and sculpture (István Ferenczy, Miklós Izsó); 20th century painting (József Rippl-Rónai, Tivadar Csontváry Kosztka, Béla Czöbel) and sculpture (Béni Ferenczy, Ferenc Medgyessy).



📍 5, 10, 78, 📍 18 📄 free 📄 Permanent exhibition: free, temporary exhibition: HUF 900–1800

Hungarian National Museum 11



C3

VIII., Múzeum körút 14–16 ☎ 338-2122 www.mnm.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 Széchenyi, 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 from the foundation of the state to 1990; Lapidarium-Roman stone finds.

📄 Kálvin tér 📍 15, 9 📄 free 📄 Permanent exhibition: free, temporary exhibition: HUF 400–800

Hungarian Natural History Museum 12 D4

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.

🎫 Klinikák 🎫 Permanent exhibition: free, temporary exhibition: HUF 300–1500

Memento Park – Statue Park 13 E2

XXII., Balatoni út (main road No. 7) – corner of Szabadkai 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 Statue 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 Engels, gigantic memorials and allegorical works depicting 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.

🎫 50 🎫 HUF 1500

Art Gallery [9] 14 C2

XIV., Dózsa Gy. út 37 (Heroes' Square) ☎ 460-7000 www.mucsamok.hu
 ☉ Tue, Wed, Fri–Sun: 10 am–6 pm, Thur: midday–8 pm

The largest exhibition gallery in the country, a defining 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 🎫 4 🎫 75, 79 🎫 HUF 400–1200

Nagytétény Mansion Museum [8] 15 E2

XXII., Kastélypark utca 9–11 ☎ 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.



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

🎫 3 🎫 Permanent exhibition: free, temporary exhibition: HUF 450–900

Museum of Ethnography 16 B2

V., Kossuth tér 12 ☎ 473-2400 www.neprajz.hu
 ☉ Tue–Sun: 10 am–6 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 Renaissance, Baroque and neo-Classical elements. Permanent exhibitions: Traditional culture of the Hungarian people; From primitive societies to civilization. Temporary exhibitions: World Press Photo, October–November

🎫 2 🎫 Kossuth Lajos tér 🎫 70, 78 🎫 Permanent exhibition: free 🎫 temporary exhibition: HUF: 500–1300

Óbuda Museum 17 B1

III., Fő tér 1 ☎ 250-1020

☉ Tue–Sun: 10 am–6 pm (1 Nov–31 March: 10 am–5 pm)

The collection in the Zichy Mansion includes historical documents and relics of the industrial history of Óbuda 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 🎫 6, 86, 106 🎫 HUF 200–300

Museum of Fine Arts [10] 18 C2

XIV., Dózsa György út 41 (Heroes' Square) ☎ 469-7100
 www.szepmuveszeti.hu ☉ Tue–Sun: 10 am–5:30 pm

The core of the museum material derived from the superb collection of paintings formed by the Esterházy 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 museum 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.



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Temporary exhibitions: The Splendour of the Medicis (Life and art in Renaissance Florence), 24 January–18 May
 From Poussin to David: French master drawings from the Louvre collection, 21 February–12 May
 Body and Soul (Kertész–Moholy-Nagy–Brassai–Capa), 6 June–24 August
 Renaissance in Egypt of the Pharaohs, 8 August–9 November
 Ferdinand Hodler: The Symbolist Vision, 9 September–14 December
 Klimt and the Beginnings of Viennese Art Nouveau, 30 September 2008–4 January 2009
 🎫 Hősök tere 🚶 4 🚶 75, 79 🎫 free Permanent exhibition: free, temporary exhibition: HUF 600–2200

Vasarely Museum 19



B1

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 Vásárhelyi 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 🎫 free

Jewish Museum 20



C3

VII., Dohány utca 2 📞 342-8949 ☉ Mon–Thur: 10 am–4.30 pm, Fri: 10 am–2.30 pm, Sun: 10 am–5.30 pm (1 Nov–1 March: Sun–Thur: 10 am–3.30 pm, Fri: 10 am–1.30 pm)
 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.
 🚶 Astoria 🚶 74 🚶 47, 49 🎫 free HUF 1200–2900 (The price of admission includes entry to the museum and synagogue)

Other museums, exhibition halls, galleries

Arany Sas (Golden Eagle) Pharmacy Museum



A3

I., Táмок utca 18 📞 375-9772 www.semmelweis.museum.hu
 ☉ Tue–Sun: 10.30 am–5.30 pm (10 am–3.30 pm between 1 November and 28 February)
 🚶 10, 16 🎫 free

Gizi Bajor Museum of Actors and Actresses

E1

XII., Stromfeld Aurél utca 16 📞 356-4294
 ☉ Thur–Fri: 2–6 pm, Sat–Sun: 10 am–6 pm
 🚶 102 🚶 59 🎫 free Groups welcome: HUF 1000–2000

Béla Bartók Memorial House



E1

II., Casalán út 29 📞 394-4472 ☉ Tue–Sun: 10 am–5 pm
 🚶 5 (to the Pasaréti Square terminus) 🎫 free HUF 300–600

Stamp Museum



C3

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 🎫 free HUF 100–400

Bible Museum



C4

IX., Ráday utca 28 📞 217-6321 ☉ Tue–Sun: 10 am–5 pm
 🚶 Kálvin tér 🚶 15 🎫 free

Budapest Gallery



B3

V., Szabadsajtó utca 5 📞 318-8097 ☉ Tue–Sun: 10 am–6 pm
 🚶 2 🚶 5, 8, 7 🚶 Ferenciek tere 🎫 free HUF 300–600

Citadel

B4

XI., Gellérthegy, Citadella sétány 📞 466-5794
 www.citadella.hu ☉ 9 am–6 pm
 Interior courtyard: Past and Present of Gellért Hill; St. Gellért Memorial Park; Waxworks 1944, bunker and exhibition
 🚶 27 🚶 18, 19, 41, 47, 49, 118 🎫 free HUF 1200

Dorottya Gallery



B3

V., Dorottya utca 8 📞 266-0877 ☉ 1 Sept–30 April: Mon–Thur: 1–7 pm, Fri–Sat: 11 am–7 pm
 🚶 Vörösmarty tér 🚶 Deák tér 🚶 2 🎫 free

Ernst Museum [11]



B3

VI., Nagymező utca 8 📞 341-4355 www.ernstmuzeum.hu
 ☉ Tue–Sun: 11 am–7 pm
 🚶 4, 6 (Oktogon) 🚶 Opera 🚶 70, 78 🎫 free HUF 250–500



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EXHIBITIONS 2008



HUNGARIAN NATIONAL MUSEUM

Hungarian Press Photo 2007

March-April

Renaissance Display

September-December



HUNGARIAN NATIONAL GALLERY

The Heritage of King Matthias (1458-1490) from Gothic to Baroque.

Late Renaissance Art in the 15-17th Centuries

March-August

The Munich Academy and the Hungarians (1860-1900)

October 2008-February 2009



BUDAPEST HISTORY MUSEUM

Matthias Hunyadi, the King –

**Tradition and Renewal in the Hungarian Royal Court
1458-1490**

19 March - 30 June



MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS

The Splendour of the Medicis.

Life and Art in Renaissance Florence 24 January - 18 May

**From Poussin to David: French Master Drawings
from the Louvre Collection**

21 February - 12 May



JEWISH MUSEUM

The Art of Hebrew Letters 31 January - 30 March

**The Freedom of Uprising. In Memory of the Warsaw
Uprising** 17 April - 25 May

**Fraternity. Contemporary Fine Arts Display Against
Racism** 4 June - 13 July



ETHNOGRAPHICAL MUSEUM

**Legendary Beings, Magical Flowers –
the Popular Renaissance**

14 November 2008 - 27 September 2009

Underground Railway Museum

V., Deák Square-pedestrian underpass ☎ 461-6500
 ☉ Tue–Sun: 10 am–5 pm
 🚶🚶🚶 Deák tér 🚏 47, 49 🚏 9, 16, 105
 🎫 cost of a tram ticket (HUF 230)



B2

Medieval Jewish Prayer House

I., Táncsics Mihály utca 26 ☎ 487-8801 www.btm.hu
 ☉ 1 May–31 October: Tue–Sun: 10 am–6 pm
 🚶🚶🚶 10, 16 🎫 HUF 150–400



A3

Military Baths Museum

III., Flórián tér 3–7 (in the pedestrian subway) www.btm.hu
 ☎ 454-0438 ☉ 30 15 Apr–1 May: Tue–Sun: 10 am–5 pm (by prior arrangement); 1 May–30 Sept.: Tue–Sun: 10 am–6 pm; 1–31 Oct: Tue–Sun: 10 am–5 pm, 1 Nov–14 Apr: closed
 🚶🚶🚶 6, 34, 42, 106, 86 🚏 1



E1

Tomb of Gül Baba

II., Mecset utca 14 ☉ 1 January–30 April: 10 am–6 pm; 1 May–30 September: Tue–Sun: 10 am–6 pm; 1–31 October: Tue–Sun: 10 am–5 pm; 1 Nov–31 Dec: 10 am–4 pm 🚶🚶🚶 91 🎫 HUF 200–500



Holocaust Memorial Centre

IX., Páva utca 39 ☎ 455-3320, 455-3333 www.hdke.hu
 ☉ Tue–Sun: 10 am–6 pm
 🚶🚶🚶 4, 6, 30, 30A 🚶🚶 Ferenc körút 🎫 HUF 1000



C4

Zoltán Kodály Memorial Museum and Archives

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 120–230, free on Sunday



C2

Ferenc Liszt Memorial Museum and Research Centre

VI., Vörösmarty utca 35 ☎ 322-9804 www.lisztmuseum.hu
 ☉ Mon–Fri: 10 am–6 pm, Sat: 9 am–5 pm
 🚶🚶🚶 Vörösmarty utca 🚶🚶 4 🎫 HUF 250–500



C3



[12]

Hungarian Electrical Engineering Museum

VII., Kazinczy utca 21 ☎ 322-0472 ☉ Tue–Sat: 11 am–5 pm
 🚶🚶 Blaha Lujza tér 🚶🚶 74 🎫 free



B3

Hungarian House of Photographers (Mai Manó Ház) [12]

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



B3

Museum of Hungarian Commerce and Catering

V., Szent István tér 15 ☎ 375-6249
 ☉ 11 am–7 pm, closed Tuesday
 🚶🚶 Bajcsy-Zsilinszky út, 🚶🚶 Deák tér
 🎫 free 🎫 temporary exhibition: HUF: 300–600



B3

Hungarian National Television

Museum of the Technical and Programming TV
 V., Október 6. utca 9 ☎ 269-2265 ☉ Tuesday: 10 am–2 pm, Thursday: 2–6 pm, Saturday: 10 am–2 pm
 🚶🚶🚶 Deák tér 🚶🚶 15, 16, 105 🎫 free

B3

Marzipan Museum

Budapest, Hess András tér 1–3
 ☎ 889-6861 www.szabomarcipan.hu
 An international permanent confectionery exhibition in the Hilton next to Fisherman's Bastion and Matthias Church.
 🚶🚶 10 🎫 400 Ft

A3

Ambulance Service Museum

V., Markó utca 22 ☎ 312-3430/4179 ☉ Mon–Sun.: 9 am–1 pm
 🚶🚶 Nyugati tér 🚶🚶 4, 6 🎫 HUF 200–300



B2

Agricultural Museum

XVI., City Park, Vajdahunyad Castle ☎ 422-0765
 www.mezogazdasagimuseum.hu ☉ Tue–Sun.: 10 am–5 pm
 🚶🚶 Széchenyi fürdő 🚶🚶 4 🚶🚶 70, 72, 79 🎫 free
 🎫 Temporary exhibition: HUF 250–500



C2

Pál Molnár-C. Studio Museum

XI., Ménesi út 65 ☎ 385-3637 May be visited by prior arrangement
 🚶🚶 27 🚶🚶 61 🎫 HUF 500–1000



A4

National Geological Museum

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



D3

Gallery of the Óbuda Society Circle

III., Kiskorona utca 7 www.obudaitarsaskor.hu ☎ 250-0288
 ☉ Tue–Sun.: 2–6 pm 🚶🚶 Arpád híd 🎫 HUF 50

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II., Bem József utca 20 ☎ 201-4370

☉ 1 March–31 October: Tue–Sun: 10 am–5 pm

📍 Batthyány tér 🚶 11, 60, 86 🚗 4, 6, 19, 41 🎫 free



E1 Postal Museum

VI., Andrásy út 3 ☎ 269-6838

www.postamuzeum.hu ☉ Tue–Sun: 10 am–6 pm

📍 4 🚶 Bajcsy-Zs. út 🚗 68 Deák tér 🎫 HUF 100–200



B3

Petőfi Literary Museum

V., Károlyi Mihály utca 16 ☎ 317-3611

☉ Tue–Sun: 10 am–6 pm www.pim.hu

📍 Ferenciek tere 🚶 15 🎫 HUF 350–650



B3 Ráth György Museum

VI., Városligeti fasor 12 ☎ 342-3916

☉ Tue–Sun: 10 am–6 pm

📍 Bajza utca 🚶 4 🚗 70, 78, 79 🎫 free



C2

Contemporary arts centers

KOGArt House (Kovács Gábor Art Foundation) C2

VI., Andrásy út 112 ☎ 354-3820

www.kogart.hu ☉ 10 am–6 pm

📍 HUF 200–800



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Trafó Gallery House of Contemporary Arts [2] C4

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

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

📍 4, 6 🚶 Ferenc körút 🎫 free

Ateliers Pro Arts/A.P.A! [13] C3

VIII., Horánszky utca 5 ☎ 486-2378

www.ateliers.hu

Körzögyár B3

V., Molnár utca 35 ☎ 201-6959

www.korzogyar.hu

☉ Mon–Fri: midday–6 pm

📍 Ferenciek tere 🚶 2, 2/A 🚗 7, 7, 73, 78, 173 🎫 free

OCTOGONart Gallery A3

I., Várkok utca 7–9 ☎ 201-6959

www.octogonart.hu ☉ Tue–Sat: 10 am–6 pm

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IV., József Attila utca 4–6 ☎ 786-6041

www.waxbudapest.com ☉ Tue–Thur,

Sat–Sun: midday–6 pm, Fri: midday–8 pm

📍 Újpest–Városkapu 🚶 30, 14 🎫 free

KÉK (Contemporary Architecture Centre) C3

VII., Nefejejs utca 26

☎ 225-3530 www.kek.org.hu

📍 Keleti pu. 🚶 7, 7, 73, 78, 173 🎫 free



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Rátkay-Átlók Gallery [14]

E1

XX., Klapka utca 48 ☎ 283-1779, 284-7324

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🎫 23, 59 free



Museum of Crime

C3

VIII., Mosonyi utca 7 ☎ 477-2183 ⌚ Tue–Sun: 9 am–5 pm

🚗 Keleti pályaudvar 🎫 7, 7, 173, 78 🚗 24 🎫 80 free

Renaissance Waxworks

B3

V., Piarista köz – Váci utca 31/C ⌚ 10 am–10 pm

www.waxmuzeum.hu

🚗 Ferenciek tere 🎫 2 HUF 500–1800

Miksa Róth Memorial House

C3

VII., Nefelejcs utca 26 ☎ 341-6789 www.rothmuzeum.hu

⌚ Tue–Sun: 2–6 pm

🎫 7, 7, 78 🚗 Keleti pályaudvar HUF 250–500

Semmelweis Museum of Medical History

A3

I., Apród utca 1–3 ☎ 201-1577 www.semmelweis.museum.hu

⌚ 1 November–28 February: Tue–Sun: 10.30 am–4 pm

🎫 5, 78, 86 🚗 18, 19 free

temporary exhibition: HUF: 300–500

Sport Museum

C2

XIV., Ifjúság útja 1–3 ☎ 252-1696 ⌚ Mon–Thur, Sat–Sun: 10 am–4 pm

Temporary exhibitions are staged in the gallery (agora) next to the Sport Arena 🚗 Stadionok 🎫 1 🎫 75 HUF 200–400

Telephone Museum

A3

I., Úri utca 49 ☎ 201-8188 ⌚ Tue–Sun: 10 am–4 pm

🎫 10 HUF 100–200

House of Terror Museum [4] [15]

C3

VI., Andrásy út 60 ☎ 374-2600 www.terrorhaza.hu ⌚ Tue–Fri: 10 am–6 pm, Sat–Sun: 10 am–7.30 pm

🚗 Oktogon 🎫 4, 6 🎫 4 HUF 750–1500 (International student card required)

Textile Museum

B1

III., Lajos utca 136-138 ☎ 367-5910

⌚ Tue–Sun: 10 am–4 pm

🚗 Tímár utca 🎫 6, 86 HUF 250–300

Fire Service Museum

F1

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

D1

XIV., Tatai út 95. ☎ 450-1497, 238-0558

www.vasuttorntenetipark.hu ⌚ 15–28 Mar: 10 am–3 pm, 29 Mar

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🎫 30 🚗 14 HUF 300–2400

Flag Museum

C3

VIII., József körút 68 ☎ 334-0159 ⌚ Tue–Sun.: 11 am–6 pm

🚗 4, 6 free

Varga Imre Collection

E1

III., Laktanya utca 7 ☎ 250-0274 ⌚ Tue–Sun: 10 am–6 pm

🚗 Árpád hid 🎫 106, 86 🚗 1

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Sights, *sightseeing*

Sightseeing programmes

Leaflets published by travel agencies specializing in city sightseeing tours around Budapest are available from hotel reception desks and information offices. Visitors have a choice of sightseeing by bus, boat or on foot. In addition to the traditional 12-16-language bus sightseeing tours the following special programmes can also be recommended: trips around Parliament, the Opera House and Ethnographical Museum, a walk in the Buda Castle, historical Pest, Jewish memories in Budapest, Hungarian Art Nouveau, Budapest by night, and the Red Star tour (features from communist times).

Boat sightseeing trips titled **“Danube Bella”** and **“Danube Legend”** are organized by Legenda Kft. (☎ 266-4190).



“Dinner & Cruise” and **“Lunch & Cruise”** 90-minute cruise programmes with buffet catering are organized by Hungária Koncert Kft. (☎ 317-1377, 317-2754)

Further information on city sightseeing programmes is available on the web page of the Tourism Office of Budapest (www.budapestinfo.hu).

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

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; cherished historical memorials are steadily regaining their original forms (in line with available resources). 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 **Andrássy 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, awarded 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** [2], 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 [3], 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, 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



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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.

Our World Heritage

In 2002 the UNESCO World Heritage committee enhanced the capital's standing among the already existing eight World Heritage locations in Hungary (Hollókő, Budapest, Pannonhalma, Hortobágy, Pécs, Tokaj, Aggtelek, Lake Fertő). This means that now **Andrássy Avenue** and its historical environs join the **Castle district** and **Danube embankment** as holders of the prestigious World Heritage award, although it is true to say that local residents and visitors consider the award fully deserved, Budapest being – in their eyes – one of the most beautiful capitals in the world.

The Castle quarter [4, 5, 6] 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 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.

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. Among the latter, the oldest is **Chain Bridge** built in 1849, the most graceful is **Elizabeth Bridge**, one of the earliest suspension bridges, and the newest bridge on the scene is **Lágymányos**, which diverts a considerable amount of traffic away from the inner city. 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** [1] 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 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



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

One of the special features of Andrassy 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. After Oktagon the museum visitor comes across a vast grey edifice, the **House of Terror Museum** set up in the former headquarters of the dreaded state police. Inside is a permanent exhibition dedicated to the many victims of fascism and communism in Hungary.

Villas along the Avenue are named after their one-time owners or designers. This is where you'll find the **Museum of Eastern Asiatic Arts**, established in the former home of Ferenc Hopp who collected most of the works on display, and then bequeathed them to the nation. The embassies have residences in equally imposing villas. A fine Bauhaus building stands at the corner of Munkácsy Mihály Street; this is the recently renovated **Hotel Andrassy**, designed by Alfréd Hajós, Hungarian

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swimming champion at the 1896 Athens Olympic Games. The neo-Renaissance **Hungarian College of Fine Art** also stands on Andrásy Avenue; a memorial museum established in the former flat of **Zoltán Kodály**, one of the greatest Hungarian composers of the 20th century, can be accessed from Kodály Circus.

Andrásy Avenue terminates at the **Millennium Monument** erected to mark the thousandth anniversary of the Magyar Conquest. Archangel Gabriel stands atop the huge column, at the foot of which are sculptures of the seven tribal chieftains. The semi-circular pantheon surrounding this ensemble has depictions of famous kings, generals and great historical figures. In the foreground is the memorial to the Unknown Soldier. Most visiting heads of state and government pay their respects at this monument. 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 built on a mini island, the museums of agriculture and transport as well as Petöfi Hall) are the capital's favourite tourist destinations.

Sightseeing over 3 days, or where you should go in Budapest

We hope that Budapest will captivate you, and you have the chance of staying in our capital for at least three days. But if you've already seen the Castle district, Danube embankment and Andrásy Avenue, don't despair: there are plenty of other things to see and do!

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 1004-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** [7], 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.

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 **Nagy-tétény 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 Nagy-tétény. 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 the **Százéves (100-year-old) Restaurant**, which actually is well past the magical century. In fact the **Alabárdos, Aranyszarvas (Golden Hind)** and **Kárpátia** are also getting on in age. 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 once renowned **Hauer** has reopened on Rákóczi Road, and

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Sights

Castle quarter and Castle Hill [4, 5, 6] A-B3

I. district (Buda)  10, 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.

Royal Palace [6]

B3

I. district Castle quarter  10, 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 Széchényi Library.

Fishermen's Bastion [8]



A3

I., Szentháromság tér  10

A relatively youthful structure next to Matthias Church. Building started in 1895 on the designs of Frigyes Schulek. It was sited

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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.

Parliament [2]

B2

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

Tours: daily every 15 minutes, groups of min. 5 persons (weekdays 8 am–6 pm, Saturday 8 am–4 pm, Sunday 8 am–2 pm; 1 Oct.–30 Apr.: weekdays 8 am–4 pm); assemble at Gate No. 10.

Admission: adults HUF 2400, students: HUF 1150, International Student Card accepted, free for citizens of the European Union (certification of citizenship required)

Information: 441-4415

🚗 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 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

[9]



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.

Heroes' Square [9]

C2

XIV, City Park 🚗 Hősök tere 🚏 4 🚲 79

The most spectacular square in the capital, sited at the entrance to City Park. Anyone coming up Andrásy 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.



[10]

Liberty Statue [10]

B4

XI., Gellérthegy 🚏 27, 86 🚶 18, 19, 41, 47, 49, 118

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 [11]

B4

XI., Gellérthegy 🚏 7 🚶 18, 19, 41, 47, 49, 118

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.



[11]

Hungarian Academy of Sciences [2] B3

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.

Hungarian State Opera House [12] B3

VI., Andrásy út 22 ☎ 331-2550 www.opera.hu

📍 4 🕒 Opera 🕒 daily 3 and 4 pm



Daily guided tours in English, German, Italian, Spanish and French.

Prices: adults HUF 2500 (from March 2008: HUF 2600), students HUF 1300 (from March 2008: HUF 1400), (International Student Card accepted).

Information: 332-8197 www.operavisit.hu



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.

Hungarian State Geological Institute B2

XIV., Stefánia út 14

📍 Stadionok 🕒 7

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.

Central Market B4

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.

Gresham Palace [13] B3

V., Roosevelt tér 5-6

📍 2 📍 4, 16, 105



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 façade) 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.

Duna Palace B3

V, Zrínyi utca 5

☎ 317-1377, 317-2754 📍 2 📍 4, 16, 105

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 soirees 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.

Szabadság (Liberty) Square B3

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. Leaving the square through Aulich Street we come to the Batthyány eternal flame: this was the site of the execution in 1849 (after the War of Independence had been put down) of the prime minister of the first independent Hungarian government, Lajos Batthyány. Walking down Vécsey Street towards Kossuth Lajos Square the way crosses through Martyrs' Square. The statue on the bridge here is of Imre Nagy, the prime minister of Hungary during the 1956 Revolution, who was also executed.



[14]

Palace of Arts [14]

C4

IX., Komor Marcell utca 1

☎ 23, 54, 103 📍 1, 2, 24 🚶 Csepel, Ráckevo

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.

House of Hungarian Art Nouveau

B2

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.

Elizabeth Bridge

B3

☎ 5, 7, 7, 8, 78, 86, 173 📍 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.

Liberty Bridge

B4

☎ 2, 18, 19, 41, 47, 49, 118 🚶 7, 7/A, 15, 86

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.

Chain Bridge

B3

☎ 4, 16, 86, 105 📍 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.

Pál Street Boys [15]

C4

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.



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Memento Park - *Statue Park*

Open daily from 10 a.m. until dusk.

www.mementopark.hu

Budapest, 22nd district (Southern Buda), corner of Balatoni út
and Szabadkai utca

INFO



A short bus ride from downtown Budapest will take the visitor to a unique museum – or, if you like – to a whole different world. By displaying remnants of the communist era, this unparalleled theme park is a powerful reminder of the fall of tyranny. This stunning historical sight presents a collection of public statues and memorials that were removed from the streets of Budapest after the collapse of socialism in 1989/90. Providing a glimpse behind the iron curtain, the Park is one of the most spectacular sights of Budapest.

The gigantic and symbolic pieces of art displayed in the Statue Park are powerful reminders of dictatorship. Facing the Statue Park is nearly built "Stalin's Tribune", recalling the mythical longing for freedom.

Statue Park

Among the statues displayed are allegorical monuments of "Hungarian-Soviet Friendship" and "Liberation", as well as statues of famous personalities from the labour movement, soldiers of the Red Army and other gigantic pieces: Lenin, Marx, Engels, Dimitrov, Otapenko, Béla Kun and other "heroes" of the communist world.

A favourite with visitors is the Liberation Army Soldier. This 6-meter tall statue of the evil-eyed Soviet soldier once stood on the top of Gellért Hill in central Budapest, well-seen from every direction. A hammer-and-sickle flag in its hand and a cartridge-disc machine pistol hanging in its neck make the statue complete.



Main Entrance

When facing it, the main entrance bears the image of a monumental classicist building. Looking behind it, though, it resembles a 12-meter high, under-propped communist scenery – a perfect introduction into the nature of dictatorship.

As architect Akos Előd, the conceptual designer of Memento Park has put it: "This Park is about dictatorship. And at the same time, because it can be talked about, described and built up, this Park is about democracy. After all, only democracy can provide an opportunity to think freely about dictatorship. Or about democracy, come to that! Or about anything!"



Grandstand and Stalin's Boots

The Grandstand is a 1:1 replica of the tribune once located on "Felsőmási tér" in central Budapest. Communist leaders would stand here, waving at marching crowds that were forced to happily celebrate on state holidays. The tribune also served as the pedestal for the 8-meter-tall bronze statue of Soviet party secretary, head of state and general, Stalin. The crowd revolting against communist oppression pulled down the statue on the 23rd of October, 1956. The General's boots, however, remained on the pedestal until the revolution was put down. The pair of boots displayed on the grandstand at Memento Park is an authentic replica of the original.





Red Star Store

A ware find for unique paraphernalia relating to the communist era. Soviet souvenirs, wristwatches, flasks, cigarette-lighters and other personal items. Fun t-shirts and mugs, postcards, posters depicting the "wise men" of communism or their slogans. Trabant model-cars, Lenin-candles, authentic articles, retro-souvenirs from the 1950s, 60's and 70's. Best of Communism – music CD's with communist movement marches. Red Army medals, posters, books, popular movies and documentaries from the era and other old items are also available.

Trabant

The car Trabant, its body made of pressed plastic units, was a unique product of the Eastern part of torn Germany (or German Democratic Republic – GDR). Visitors at Memento Park are welcome to get in and look around in this famous "people's car" to get a first-hand experience of the "Trabant-feding". Although the one displayed at the Park is out of order, the design is the original!



Northern Barrack

The periodical exhibition in this authentically rebuilt barrack displays a photo-collection on the 1956 Hungarian revolution, as well as on the 1980-90 political changes and the design concept of Memento Park. These historical documents from the second half of the 20th century serve as a vivid illustration of Eastern-European nations' longing for freedom.

In the cinema "The Life of an Agent" is playing non-stop with English subtitles. This documentary, explaining communist secret service operation, its methods for collecting information and its network of informants, is also available in the gift shop in a DVD version.

Public transport connection to Memento Park

Metro No.1, 2, 3 > Deák tér > bus No.47v or 49v > Etele tér >>>

Metro No.2 > Bányász tér > tram No.19 > Etele tér >>>

Metro No.3 > Ferenciek tere > bus No.7 or 173-red (express bus) > Etele tér >>>

>>> Etele tér, Völgybussz Station (actual construction area); bus leaves every 15 minutes from gate No.7 toward Eml. Get off at the "Sárospatak-Memento Park" bus stop, after an approximately 15-minute ride. For the "Völgy" bus please purchase tickets at the "Völgybussz" station; day passes and Budapest Cards are not valid on these buses.

Due to the construction of new Metro line No.4 and its above-ground stations, there will be changes in traffic in the centre of Budapest up to 2010. These changes will affect bus and tram schedules. Please take note of information boards at the stops.

Direct transfer

from downtown Budapest to Memento Park: the bus leaves daily at 11 a.m. (in July and August also at 3 p.m.) from Deák tér (Metro No.1, 2, 3), from the bus stop distinguished by the Memento Park-timetable. Fare includes ticket for Memento Park. Tickets are available on the bus or upon arrival at the Memento Park desk.





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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 four Turkish baths in the capital (Rudas, Rác, Király, Császár), each one a masterpiece of Ottoman architecture.

Admission charges show the lowest and highest rates. There may be several variations between these two extremes. Prices valid to the end of 2007; admission charges are likely to increase in 2008. Detailed information on the composition and indications/contraindications of medicinal waters is available in Hungarian, English and German at www.budapestspas.hu.

TICKETS



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[2]

Gellért Spa Baths [4] 1



B4

XI., Kelenhegyi út 4-6 ☎ 466-6166 ☉ Mon-Sat: 6 am-7 pm, Sat-Sun: 6 am-5 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, 47, 49 [icon] HUF 2200-3100

Király Medicinal Baths [3] 2

B2

II., Fő utca 82-84 ☎ 201-4392 ☉ Women: Mon, Wed, Fri: 7 am-6 pm, Men: Tue, Thur, Sat: 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 [icon] HUF 1300



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[4]

Lukács Medicinal Baths and Swimming Pool 3

A-B2

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 bathing 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.
☎ 17 [icon] HUF 1500-1900

Rác Medicinal Baths 4

B3-4

I., Hadnagy utca 8-10 Under reconstruction.

Rudas Medicinal Baths and swimming pool 5



B4

I., Döbrentei tér 9 ☉ men: Mon, Wed, Thur, Fri: 6 am-8 pm; women: Tue: 6 am-8 pm, mixed: Fri, Sat: 10 pm-4 am, Sat-Sun: 6 am-5 pm
After several years of restoration work the Turkish baths section reopened in December 2005. 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, 68 ☑ 18, 19 [icon] HUF 1400-2200





Széchenyi Spa Baths [1] 6



C2

XIV., Állatkerti út 11 ☎ 363-3210 ☉ Men's and women's thermal baths, swimming pool: daily 6 am-7 pm (October-April: 6 am-5 pm) swimming pool: Mon-Fri: 6 am-6 pm, Sat-Sun: 6 am-2 pm

One of the largest bathing complexes in Europe, the premier medicinal bath of Pest. Its thermal springs were discovered in 1879; they are the deepest and hottest (74–75° C) thermal wells in the capital. The neo-Baroque baths were built in 1913, the swimming pool in 1927. The open-air sections with their pleasantly warm waters are equally popular in winter.

 Széchenyi fürdő  72  thermal baths: HUF 2000–2400; swimming pool: HUF 1200

Ramada Plaza Budapest B1

Budapest, III., Árpád Fejedelem útja 94 ☎ 436-4130

⊙ all year round: 6.30 am–10 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 2600–5500

Danubius Thermal Hotel Helia B1-2

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 3900–5400

Danubius Thermal Hotel Margitsziget, Danubius Margitsziget B1

XIII., Margaret Island ☎ 889-4700 ⊙ 6.30 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  HUF 5700–7000

Other baths, swimming pools

Császár-Komjádi Swimming Pool A2

II., Árpád fejedelem útja 8 ☎ 326-1478 ⊙ Mon–Sat: 6 am–1.30 pm, Sat–Sun: 6 am–7 pm

 6, 60, 86  HUF 1200

Csillaghegy Strand-Swimming Pool E1

III., Pusztakúti út 3 ☎ 250-1533 ⊙ Mon, Wed, Fri: 7 am–7 pm, Tue, Thur: 2–9 pm, Sat–Sun: 7 am–5 pm

 Csillaghegy  HUF 1200

Dagály Medicinal Baths, Swimming Pool, Strand Baths B1

XIII., Népfürdő utca 36 ☎ 452-4500 ⊙ May–September: 6 am–7 pm October–April: Mon–Fri: 6 am–7 pm, Sat, Sun: 6 am–5 pm

 1 Árpád híd  133  HUF 1300–1700

Hajós Alfréd Sport Swimming Pool B2

XIII., Margaret Island ☎ 450-4200 ⊙ open-air pool: 6 am–4 pm, indoor pool: 6 am–1.45 pm

 26  HUF 720–1200

Nyéki Imre Swimming Pool E1

XI., Kondorosi út 14 ☎ 208-4025, 208-4026

⊙ Mon–Fri: 6 am–7.30 pm, Sat: 6 am–6 pm, Sun: 6 am–5 pm

 7  18, 41, 47, 118 Albertfalva, Kitérő  HUF 520–940




Palatinus Strand Baths [2] B4

XIII., Margaret Island ☎ 340-4505 ⊙ May–Aug: 9 am–7 pm,

 26  HUF 1600–2200

Pünkösdfürdő Strand E1

III., Királyok útja 272 ☎ 388-6665 ⊙ June–Aug 31: 9 am–7 pm

 Pünkösdfürdő  34, 145, 146  HUF 1000–1500

Római Strand Baths E1

III., Rozgonyi P. utca 2 ☎ 388-9740 ⊙ June–Aug.: 8 am–7 pm

 Római fürdő  34 106  HUF 1300–1800

Caves

Pálvölgy Cave A1

II., Szépvölgyi út 162 ☎ 325-9505 ⊙ Tue–Sun: 10.15 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 750–1250

Szemlőhegy Cave A1

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 600–800

Castle Cave A3

I., Országház utca 16



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

 10 departing from Moszkva tér

Buda Castle Labyrinth A3

I., Úri utca 9 ☎ 489-3281 ⊙ 9.30 am–7.30 pm

A 1200-metre-long cave and cellar network running under Buda Castle, part of UNESCO's World Heritage. Amidst the naturally wrought passageways reckoned to be some half a million years old and walls built over the past many centuries, visitors are enticed into a secret, mysterious labyrinth during the day, in the evening and at night. Exhibition of the ages and cultures. Sunday morning: KID'S LABYRINTH – exciting exploration and games.

 10  HUF 1100–1500

Antiques *road show*

Antiques Street packed with treasures

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** [1] 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 has gone down in history books as the person who taught Queen Elizabeth, wife of Austrian Emperor Franz Joseph, to speak Hungarian.) The items on display (and the prices) are so tempting that not many have managed to walk from one end of the street to the other without at least seriously considering making an "investment". Lace-like delicate porcelain, silken carpets, carved or inlaid furniture, all are handcrafted masterworks. In fact, the choice can sometimes be a bit overwhelming. It is as though each piece has its own story to tell and is just waiting to be discovered. One may be able to conjure up in the mind images of the artists who created the old crochet-work curtains and filigree-lace tablecloths, or even the superbly worked wardrobes and tables. But who was the little girl who played with the delightfully costumed doll over a century ago? How many sat in this turn-of-the-century, squat swivel barber's chair upholstered in leather. Who was the beauty captured so vividly by this deft-handed painter? Where could this charming landscape be that calls to us so evocatively? What convoluted route did this silver candlestick take finally to end up in this shop? Then again, it's always pleasurable to mull over where such and such a piece would go in the house. A famous Hungarian writer once glimpsed a sugar bowl in one of the shops and bought it because it was the same as the one her family had when she was young. The association sparked memories of bygone days, which finally grew into a novel and then a popular stage play.

Among the 21 shops and galleries on Falk Miksa Street, some specialize in certain areas and some sell a kaleidoscope of antiques. Some are just 20 square metres of shop floor, others are three-storey emporiums. Most prop their doors open to entice in the curious, and many hold auctions of museum-quality pictures, sculptures and other outstanding art objects. Among the bigger companies there are a couple who specialize in the works of a chosen artist or stage temporary exhibitions of the finest paintings by a particular school, thereby spreading the word and bringing to the attention of the general public the oeuvre of artists who have sunken into obscurity. For example, the Kieselbach Gallery gives a comprehensive overview of modern Hungarian painting from 1919 to 1964.

The street is often busy (and all the more so before the major holidays) with shoppers looking for something really special for a loved one: perhaps an Art Nouveau brooch or a cast iron wall-mounted sink (which, by the way, today has a new function as a plant-holder). This is truly the place for a "made-to-measure" gift! However, even slow days in Falk Miksa Street are interesting. Collectors pop their heads around the doors to check out the ever changing displays, perhaps in the hope of finding that object that will complete a missing gap in the collection, before their eye is taken by something else... Then there are others who just enjoy trawling through the shops, learning about the styles and periods, getting simple pleasure from handling old peasant faience kitchenware, ancient colanders, the thick green glass of soda siphons, pharmacy jars, Murano chandeliers, Pakistani or Afghan hand-knotted wool or silk rugs, glorious Herend porcelain and old horological timepieces, all the creations of skilled hands from bygone days.

Treasure, trash and trinkets at Ecséri Flea Market

The largest second-hand market in Budapest, the flea market on Nagykörös Road, may be located some distance from the centre of town and yet most tourists find the journey out there well worth the time. Known by the locals simply as the "Ecséri" [2-7], the bustling market is an experience not only for those with a fixed aim but also



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for those who just want to do some “stall shopping”. After all, it is great fun to browse through so many bits and pieces in the hope of turning up the occasional gem: from trinkets to Art Nouveau furniture, from black and white greetings card to a silver fob watch, from an early camera to paintings of all schools and qualities, the Ecséri has it all. And more! Antiques, violins, gramophones, books, porcelain, old fashioned irons, rugs and carpets, old soda siphons, pens, dinner services, medals, militaria, lace...

This is a cavalcade of old and new, the superb and the showy, the glorious and the kitsch. Old bronze pestles and mortars, bottles with marble stoppers, lead soldiers and military honours speak of bygone ages. No wonder then that the visitor sometimes feels as though time has stood still for a few decades.

The ramshackle market with absolutely no “extras” is a world away from the modern, glitzy, air-conditioned shopping malls of today. The Ecséri takes shopping to a different level where passion is part of the story. Sellers are often eager to strike up a conversation with potential buyers, extolling – at length – the virtues of their wares and spicing up bargaining with raised voice and argument. The visitor can also claim that this is not merely a shopping expedition but culture too. After all, the variety of ancient wooden troughs, copper watering cans and 100-year-old furniture on display can be likened to a trip around an open-air ethnographical museum! Gramophones, porcelain dolls and teddy bears are jammed in between chests of drawers, armchairs and oil paintings. Stands packed cheek by jowl with each other and overflowing with knick-knacks of every conceivable kind give one the sense of wandering an oriental bazaar.

Every one of the items on sale has its own story. And perhaps this very fact gives the market its remarkable and sometimes mystical air. There is plenty of jewellery of the sort that grandmother probably wore for large family get-togethers, dinner services into which the Sunday soup was ladled year after year, and violins with strings worn thin by generations of youthful Menuhin wannabes.



Although most items won't set you back more than a few thousand forints at most, there are some valuable rarities out there too. However, sorting the 24-carat gold from fool's gold requires not only a good eye but some considerable luck too. A trip to the flea market will almost certainly mean you'll come across a painting, piece of porcelain or some other antique which would look really good at home and be a pleasurable souvenir of Budapest. But don't forget to bargain, because this is all part of the game! Tip: before getting down to negotiations, decide the maximum price you'll pay and stick to it. You should never forget that most dealers make their living selling to tourists...

The Ecséri is a treasure trove of objects for serious collectors and browsers alike because it is a gathering point for items from all over the Carpathian Basin including sub-Carpathia, Transylvania, Upper Hungary and the Vajdaság. Moving further afield, some traders travel all the way from Belgium and France, but mixed among the stalls are Africans too selling antique silver. But Ecséri is not only about antiques because there are also stallholders selling leather jackets and jeans at prices that put the downtown shops to shame. So whether you come to buy or to browse, you'll not be disappointed by what you find here. And if you find you really don't need anything today, don't leave empty handed! They do say the local lángos (fried dough smothered in sour cream, cheese and other toppings) is the best in town.

“Ecséri” Flea Market

XIX, Nagykörösi út 156 ☎ 348-3200

☉ Mon–Fri: 8 am–4 pm, Sat: 8 am–3 pm Sun: 8 am–1 pm

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



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Churches, *ecclesiastical collections*

Church of St. Elizabeth of the House of Árpád [4]

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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 Hölztl contributed to the interior decoration. The compact park with beautiful rose garden surrounding the church is open from 7 am to 9 pm.

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Inner City Franciscan Church [1]

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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

B3

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

Inner City Calvinist Church

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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.

47, 49 Kálvin tér 9, 15, 112 83

Dohány Street Synagogue [6]

B3

VII., Dohány utca 2 ☎ 342-8949


☉ Mon–Thur: 10 am–4.30 pm, Fri: 10 am–2.30 pm, Sun: 10 am–5.30 pm (1 Nov–1 March: 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.

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 HUF 1200–2900 (The price of admission includes entry to the museum and synagogue)

Lutheran Church [5]

B3

V., Deák tér, ☎ 483-2150

🕒 daily 8 am–6 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.

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Matthias Church [2]

I., Szentháromság tér ☎ 355-5657

🕒 daily 9 am–5 pm

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



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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.

 10  HUF 450–650

Church of St. Anne B3

I., Baththyány tér 7. ☎ 201-6364

Open daily during services.

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 Máttyás Nepauer. In the course 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,



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named. Among the church's famous works of art are sculptures by Alajos Stróbl, and a painting by Gyula Benczúr: St. Stephen dedicating the country to the Virgin Mary.

📍 Bajcsy-Zsilinszky út 🚗 🚗 Deák tér

Church of St. Michael [7]

B3

V., Váci utca 47/B ☎ 337-8116

🕒 daily

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.

📍 Ferenciek tere 🚗 7, 7, 8, 73, 78, 102, 173

Serbian Church [8]

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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 🚗 9, 15

and the church was restored between 1970–84.

📍 Batthyány tér, 🚗 19, 41

St. Stephen's Basilica [3]

B3

V., Szent István tér

☎ 317-2859

🕒 daily 9 am–5 pm (no visitors from noon on Saturdays due to weddings, and until 1 pm on Sundays due to mass). No charge. Weekday guided tours in English: 11 am, 2 pm, 3.30 pm (registration: 06-20/527-5329 mobile telephone).

Guided tours including visit to the tower: adults HUF 1600, students/pensioners: HUF 800.

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

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 Kausser. 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



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Cultural Avenue

Welcome to Europe's most diverse Cultural Avenue!
You are invited to take a remarkable walking tour in Budapest. No fewer than 18 museums, a host of theatres running different shows, the State Opera House, Basilica, Synagogue, Funfair and Zoo are located along Budapest's Cultural Avenue. Select from whatever interests you most!

The Cultural Avenue runs right through the centre of Budapest between the World Heritage Buda Castle district and

City Park. Concentrated along this axis are most of the capital's prominent sights, cultural institutions, cafés, theatres and confectioneries, not to speak of the entertainment quarter in City Park.

People of all ages will find something to enjoy on the Cultural Avenue.

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Beyond *Budapest*

Just outside Budapest

Whatever point of the compass we choose to follow, there is always something of interest to discover beyond the border of Budapest. For instance, travel north and the nearest places of note are Szentendre (see separate article), Visegrád and Esztergom.

Visegrád [2, 5] 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 Hill. The view from here is superb, encompassing the incomparable Danube Bend. Not far away is the imposing citadel and the huge keep which takes its name, Solomon's Tower, from the myth that once King Solomon was held captive here. It is a fact however that during the Middle Ages the royal crown was kept under lock and key here. Today the tower is a museum with a display of archaeological treasures. The towering Royal Palace originally raised in Gothic style and later, during the reign of King Matthias, rebuilt in Renaissance style has a fountain which ran not with water but with wine during VIP meetings. This too is a museum, one of the main features of which is a reconstruction (supported by the British) of the masterpiece red marble Hercules fountain. Exhibitions have been set up in some of the halls of the restored palace; period replica furniture can be seen in the one-time prince's suite. The palace gardens have been replanted with flora identified from excavated fountains. Each summer a knight's tournament, strong man competition and medieval crafts fair are organized in Visegrád.

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A further 20 km north and the traveller comes to **Esztergom** [1], former royal town. 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. Today the castle is a museum, and its reconstructed grand hall the location for scientific conferences and conventions. The most decorative part of the castle is the frescoed Royal Chapel. Hungary's largest church, the Basilica, stands atop Castle Hill. Its red marble chapel, built on the commission of Archbishop of Esztergom Tamás Bakócz, is ranked as one of the finest works of art to have survived in Hungary from the Renaissance. The Cathedral Treasury with its remarkable collection of ecclesiastical masterworks always attracts crowds. 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. The Christian Museum in the Primate's Palace has a valuable collection of medieval Italian paintings, gobelins, faience and porcelains.

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. More than 100 tumuli preserve the remains of Iron Age dwellers who lived hereabouts. 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 not only the burial ceremonies but the everyday life of Iron Age society too: house reconstructions, furnishings and clothing, and the very meals eaten in millennia past. The third Sunday in every month from May to September is given over to a Family Day when groups and individual visitors will

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find the archaeological park offering special family-oriented programmes.

Martonvásár [4] 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.

Finally, if we leave the capital heading northeast, after 30 km we arrive in the town of **Gödöllő**, [3] 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).

Szentendre, **town of artists and skanzen** [6]

This neat town with a decidedly Mediterranean feel to it lies barely 20 km from Budapest (suburban trains departing from Batthyány Square every 20 minutes reach it in 30-40 minutes), and it has gained a solid reputation as a popular tourist excursion spot. Szentendre 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. Indeed, the very air seems to stimulate the creative juices! The town warmly welcomes the visitor, indulging them with its multitude of spectacular sights and a fascinating artistic presence.

Longobard cemeteries and Avar memorials are to be found here, and 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, but the Greek Orthodox churches still function and visiting hours are fixed for times between masses which dazzle the onlooker in all their Baroque pomp, as does the Rococo iconostasis. All the listed

houses in the centre have found new functions: a restaurant famed throughout Hungary operates from the attic of one, and in another the visitor is served fine cakes and coffee specialities in a cosy café. There are gourmet delicacies for the body and enchanting exhibitions for the mind. In fact the galleries, workshops, exhibition centres and museums just come one after the other. Seven or eight galleries deal with the marketing of art. If anyone becomes particularly interested in any one of the artists, a studio visit can be arranged. An exhibition of works by Lajos Vajda, Dezső Korniss, Endre Bálint and Piroska Szántó is set up in the Hunyadi Street old merchant's house, No. 1 Vastagh György Street preserves ceramics by Margit Kovács whose works have enjoyed international acclaim for many decades, while the art of Jenő Barcsay is displayed in Dumtsa Jenő Street.

It would be easy to spend a whole day strolling about the town and along the Danube embankment, taking lunch and perhaps an afternoon coffee and cake, and yet there is still another important place to see. Szentendre is home to the first (and still the largest) skanzen or open-air museum in Hungary. This park displays the continual development of vernacular architecture from all the regions of Hungary in the form of original buildings typical of their area carefully dismantled and rebuilt in their new home, the Szentendre skanzen. The rooms come fully furnished with period furniture, linens and beautiful needlework characteristic of the region in question, the kitchens display fireplaces and pots and pans, the pantries have original containers for foods, sacks and wickerwork baskets, while the stables are full of all the essential equipment for animal husbandry. Museum experts revive the everyday life and holidays of the old peasant way of living.





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Music, theatres, *events*

Hungarian classical and folk music is world-renowned. The names and works of Béla Bartók, Zoltán Kodály and Ferenc Liszt have won Hungarian culture a considerable reputation. The concert halls of the capital attract not only the best Hungarian artists, but also the greatest performers from every corner of the world. Each year the Budapest Spring Festival and its counterpart the Budapest Autumn Festival host the very best of Hungarian and international music, theatre, film and fine arts.



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High standard opera and ballet performances of the Hungarian State Opera House and the Erkel Theatre consistently play to full houses, and the audience can experience classical works of music in their original tongue. The most famous Hungarian opera, Ferenc Erkel's *Bánk bán*, and Béla Bartók's beautiful ballet *The Miraculous Mandarin* feature on programmes virtually all year round. Aside from the bit operas of Imre Kálmán, Jenő Huszka and Albert Szirmai (*Countess Maritza*, *Baroness Lili*, *Miska the Magnate*) playing in the Budapest Operetta Theatre, the programme is also spiced with world-famous musicals (*Romeo and Juliet*, *Mozart!*, *Beauty and the Beast*). The world famous musical *Phantom of the Opera* can be seen in the Madách Theatre all year round. Several other theatres also feature Hungarian and foreign musicals on their repertoires. The Merlin Theatre and IBS International Buda Stage most frequently perform works in English or in other languages featuring Hungarian and foreign artists.



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Hungária Koncert regularly organizes the appearance of globetrotting Hungarian folklore ensembles (Hungarian State Folk Ensemble, Duna Artists Ensemble, Rajkó Orchestra etc.) at the Duna Palace and House of Traditions.



The five-language monthly programme guide *Budapest Panorama* with detailed information on all the capital's cultural events and leisure opportunities is well worth scanning if you have just arrived in Budapest. Complimentary copies of *Budapest Panorama* can be found in hotels and information offices.

Major Budapest theatres and concert halls



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Hungarian State Opera House

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VI., Andrásy út 22 ☎ 353-0170
 Opera 4 HUF 500-16 400

IX., Komor Marcell utca 1 ☎ 555-3000
 www.mupa.hu

1, 2, 24 23, 54, 103
 Csepel, Ráckeve Charges vary

Budapest Operetta Theatre

B3

VI., Nagymező utca 19 ☎ 353-2172
 70, 78 HUF 950-15 000

Millenary Event Centre

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(Halls: Fogadó, Exhibition Hall, Attic, Park, Open-air Stage, Teátrum, Music Pavilion)

Academy of Music

C3

VI., Liszt Ferenc tér 8 ☎ 462-4600
 4, 6 70, 78 Charges vary

II., Fény utca 20-22 ☎ 438-5335

www.millenaryis.hu
 4, 6 Charges vary

National Theatre

C4

IX., Bajor Gizi park 1 ☎ 476-6800
 1, 2, 24 23, 54 Csepel, Ráckeve HUF 500-3800

Pest Vigadó [4]

B3

V., Vigadó tér 2
 2 Vörösmarty tér
 Under reconstruction.

Palace of Arts [1]

C4

Bartók Béla National Concert Hall
 Festival Theatre

Erkel Theatre

C3

VIII., Köztársaság tér 30
 7 Under reconstruction.





Budapest Congress & World Trade Center A4

XII., Jagelló út 1-3 ☎ 372-5700
 🇪🇺 139 🇺🇸 61 📄 Charges vary

Thália Theatre

VI., Nagymező utca 22-24 ☎ 312-4230
 🇪🇺 70, 78 📄 HUF 850-3900

Madách Theatre

VII., Erzsébet körút 29-33 ☎ 478-2041

🇪🇺 4, 6
 📄 HUF 600-8900

Comedy Theatre [3]

XIII., Szent István körút 14
 ☎ 329-2340

🇪🇺 4, 6
 📄 6, 26, 91
 📄 HUF 600-8900

Merlin International Theatre

V., Gerlőczy utca 4
 ☎ 317-9338
 🇪🇺 47, 49 🇺🇸 📄 Deák tér
 📄 Charges vary



Budapest events – 2008

10 January-22 May	Hungarian Symphonic Panorama music festival	www.mupa.hu
20 January-20 April		www.imm.hu
2 February	Tchaikovsky marathon	www.mupa.hu
2 February	Budapest Opera Ball	www.operabal.com
28 February-2 March	Utazás (Travel) Exhibition	www.utazas.hungexpo.hu
3 March	Chris Rea in concert	www.showtimebudapest.hu
5 March	Nightwish in concert	www.tex.hu
14-30 March	Budapest Spring Festival	www.festivalcity.hu
23-25 March	Budapest Spring Wine Festival	www.tavaszborkifestival.hu
6 April	L' Orchestre de Contrebasses in concert	www.ticketpro.hu
13 April	T-Com Vivicitta Race	www.futanel.hu
May-September	Obuda Summer	www.obudaitarsaskor.hu
1-3 May	Jazz Spring	www.mupa.hu
8-11 May	Buda Castle Pálinka Festival	www.palinkamarketingkht.hu
14-18 May	Autószaalon - car show	www.autoszaalonok.hu
17 May	Flóra Women's Road Race	www.futanel.hu
31 May	Budapest 10 km run	www.futanel.hu
31 May-6 July (weekends)	Children's Island	www.sziget.hu
June	Contact Day Concert	www.showtimebudapest.hu
5-9 June	Book Week on Vörösmarty Square	www.mkke.hu
6-8 June	Pannon Wine Assembly	www.pannonbor.hu
8 June	K&H Marathon Relay	
10 June-30 August	Summer Open-air Festival	www.szabadter.hu
mid June	Danube Carnival	www.dunaart.hu
21 June-17 August	Summer on Chain Bridge	www.festivalcity.hu
22-24 June	"Homeward Bound" Hungarian Folk Music Festival	www.mupa.hu
23 June	Night of Museums	www.hnm.hu
27-29 June	Budapest Equestrian June Festival	www.nlm.hu
28-29 June	Budapest Fete	www.festivalcity.hu
beginning July-mid August	Budafest - Summer Music Festival	www.viparts.hu
4 July-3 August	Budapest Space-Film-Music Festival	www.terfilmzene.hu
28 July-28 September		www.imm.hu
beginning August	Formula-1 Hungarian Grand Prix	www.hungaroring.hu
12-18 August	Sziget Festival	www.sziget.hu
16-20 August	Wine Village	www.borfalu.hu
16-20 August	Crafts Festival	www.nesz.hu
20 August	St. Stephen's Day State Celebrations	
31 August-7 September	Jewish Summer Festival	www.jewishfestival.hu
5-7 September	Szeptember Fest	www.szeptemberfeszt.hu
5-7 September	Budaörs Wine Festival	www.budafokborkifestival.hu
7 September	Nike Half-marathon	www.budapestmarathon.com
13-14 September	Central Europe Locomotive Grand Prix and 4th Buffet Car Meeting	www.vasutortenetipark.hu
10-14 September	MOI Budapest Jazz Festival	www.bmc.hu
10-14 September	International Wine Festival	www.aborkifestival.hu
20-21 September	Cultural Heritage Days	www.orksegnapok.hu
25 September-18 October	Budapest Baroque Festival	www.barokkifestival.hu
3-5 October	Buda Castle Sausage Festival	www.palinkamarketingkht.hu
5 October	Plus International Marathon	www.budapestmarathon.com
10-19 October	Budapest Autumn Festival	www.festivalcity.hu
19 October	Coca-Cola Women's Race	www.futanel.hu
8-9 November	Spa and Wellness Exhibition + Hó Show	www.hungexpo.hu
29 Nov.-24 Dec.	Budapest Christmas Fair	www.budapestinfo.hu
30 December	Festive concert by the 100-member Gypsy Orchestra	www.viparts.hu
31 December	New Year's Eve Opera Gala	www.viparts.hu



Trafó – House

of Contemporary Arts [2]

C4

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

🎫 4, 6 🎫 Ferenc körút 🎫 HUF 1000–2200

The Trafó is the home of contemporary arts, now in its ninth year. But it is more than this: it is a medium, an intellectual

www.ticket.info.hu

adventure, risk, possibility. It is a space where life revolves around dance, the stage, fine arts, literature and music. It is a theatre without a resident company, where the audience is on an equal footing with the production, and it has to relate to the scene in a creative way. It is a place where emotion gives more space than the average to abstraction. The deciding factor when it comes to selecting works for presentation is whether the concept and/or execution is new, creative, surprising, entertaining or thought provoking. The Trafó is a partner with the visitor, the creator and the performer in the search for new ways of creating new values; however, its purpose is not solely entertainment, the discovery of aesthetic experiences, support for talent; it also engages with social questions in the languages of culture and art.

Trafó Gallery opening times: daily (except Monday) 4–7 pm, and 1 hour before and after programmes in the main hall.

House of Traditions

B3

I., Corvin tér 8 (Buda Vigadó)

☎ 225-6049

🎫 19, 41 🎫 Batthányi tér

🎫 Charges vary

Duna Palace

B3

V., Zrínyi utca 5 ☎ 235-5500

🎫 15 🎫 2 🎫 Charges vary

Ticket Agencies

Central Ticket Office

VI., Paulay Ede utca 31

☎ 322-0000, 322-0101

www.cultur-comfort.hu ☉ Mon–Fri: 9 am–6 pm

Box office of the National Theatre

VI., Andrásy út 28

☎ 373-0963, 373-0964, 373-0995, 373-0996

☉ Mon–Fri: 10 am–6 pm, Sat: 11 am–7 pm

Broadway Ticket Office

XIII., Hollán Ernő utca 10 (Jászai Mari Square)

☎ 340-4883, 320-4830

☉ Mon–Fri: 11 am–6 pm

Hungária Koncert Kft. /Duna Palota

V., Zrínyi utca 5.

☎ 317-13-77, 317-2754

☉ 9 am–6 pm www.ticket.info.hu

Internet booking:

www.tex.hu

<http://jegyelado.hu>

<http://www.atiket.hu>

www.musicmix.hu

www.kulturinfo.hu

www.interticket.hu

www.jegymester.hu

www.ticket.info.hu

Leisure

Parks, hills, nature protected areas

Margaret Island [5]

B1-2

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.

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Gellért Hill

B4

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. The Citadel, the most important lookout point in the city, 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.

🇪🇺 7, 86 🗺️ 18, 19, 41, 56

City Park [3]

C-D2

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.

🇪🇺 4 🇪🇺 70, 72, 75, 78 🗺️ Hősök tere, Széchenyi fürdő

Buda Hills

E1

(*Széchenyi Hill, Sváb Hill, János Hill, Hármashatár Hill*)

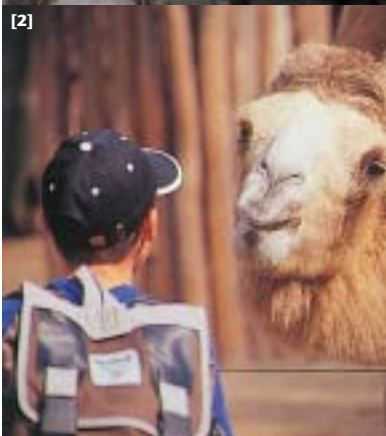
A mecca for nature lovers and excursionists, the Buda Hills (400-500 m) lie to the northwest of the city centre and offer visitors excellent air and endless forests with well marked tourist trails. In addition to walking and cycling, the most popular means of getting around for tourists include the cogwheel railway, the narrow-gauge railway which (apart from the locomotive) is operated by children, and the chair-lift running up and down János Hill, which when the weather is fine offers a breathtaking panorama of the city.

🇪🇺 Moszkva tér, and then Cogwheel railway or Chair-lift

Népliget

D4

The largest park on the Pest side, founded in the 1860s. Located to the southeast of the city centre, 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 'Centenarium' park - established to mark the 100th anniversary of the unification of Pest and Buda - forms a part of Népliget. 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





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Sport

Entertainment and health sports are becoming every more popular in Budapest. Dozens of joggers, young and old, are to be seen in the capital's parks (and primarily on Margaret Island) from morning to evening. Besides the Hajós Alfréd National Sports Swimming Pool, the most popular pool on Margaret Island, there are more than 25 other strands, swimming pools or medicinal baths in the capital. The city is networked by many cycle paths, and in winter (between December and March) the City Park lake is transformed into Central Europe's largest open-air skating rink (in summer it functions as a boating lake). The Buda Hills are generally suitable for skiing and sledging between December and February. The following is a list of just a few of the near countless fashionable sport offers around town.

Budapest Madness

www.budapestmadness.com ☎ (+36-30)563-8239

Active, fun-packed craziness for young tourists.

Programmes: pub crawling, party-bus, riverboat cruise, yacht tour, Trabant rally, pistol shooting, go-kart, paintball, clay pigeon shooting, helicopter tour, sailplane tour, aquarena, thermal spas, water-skiing.

BOWLING

Mammut Bowling Club

II., Lövöház utca 2-6 ☎ 345-8300 ☉ Sun–Thur: 10 am–1 am, Mon, Fri–Sat: 10 am–3 am HUF 510–850

Strike Bowling Club

XI., Budafoki út 111–113 ☎ 206-2754 ☉ Mon–Thur: 2 pm–1 am, Fri–Sat: 2 pm–3 am HUF 660

FITNESS CLUBS

Astoria Fitness Studio

V., Károly körút 4 ☎ 317-0452 ☉ Mon–Fri: 6.30 am–midnight, Sat: 8.30 am–6 pm, Sun: 1.30–9 pm HUF 1200–1400

Gold's Gym – Mammut 2 Shopping Center

II., Lövöház utca 2-6 ☎ 345-8544/45/46 ☉ Mon–Fri: 6.45 am–10.45 pm, Sat–Sun: 8 am–7.45 pm HUF 4500

Hotel Stadion (Danubius Premier)

XIV., Ifjúság útja 1-3 ☎ 889-5282 ☉ Mon–Fri: 6.30 am–10 pm, Sat–Sun: 7 am–9 pm HUF 2700

Park Hotel Flamenco

XI., Tas vezér utca 7 ☎ 889-5761 ☉ Mon–Thur: 7 am–midnight, Sat–Sun: 9 am–9 pm HUF 2900–3900

Római Fit-Forma Studio

III., Monostori út 31 ☎ 453-2901 ☉ Mon–Fri: 7 am–10 pm, Sat–Sun: 8 am–4 pm HUF 1350

GO-CART

Budaring Go-Cart

XI., Budaörsi út (at the Floracoop flower market) ☎ 247-4747 ☉ 11 am–10 pm HUF 2000–2500

SKATEBOARD, ROLLER SKATING

Görzenál

III., Árpád fejedelem útja 125 ☎ 250-4800 ☉ March–October: Mon–Fri: 1-7 pm, Sat–Sun: 9 am–7 pm HUF 400–600

SQUASH

A & TSH

I., Pálya utca 9 ☎ 356-9530 ☉ Mon–Fri: 7 am–11 pm, Sat–Sun: 9 am–9 pm HUF 1400–2000

City Squash & Fitness

II., Marcibányi tér 13 ☎ 336-0408 ☉ Mon–Fri: 7 am–midnight, Sat–Sun: 8 am–10 pm HUF 2200–4200

RIDING

Favorit Riding Club

XVI., Mókus utca 23 ☎ (06-30)966-9992 ☉ Tue–Fri: 2-6 pm, Sat–Sun: 9 am–4.30 pm, closed Mon HUF 1400–2200

Petneházy Riding Centre

II., Feketefej utca 2 ☎ 397-5048 ☉ Sat–Sun: 10 am–3 pm 2500–15 000 HUF

TENNIS

Római Tennis Academy

III., Királyok útja 105 ☎ 240-8616 ☉ 7 am–10 pm HUF 2400–4200

Városmajor Tennis Academy

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

Not only for children

Funfair

XIV., Állatkerti körút 14–16 ☎ 363-8310 www.vidampark.hu **C2**
 ☉ Apr–Sept: 10 am–8 pm Oct.–March: only Sat and Sun: 10 am–7 pm
 🎟 Széchenyi fürdő 📄 72 📄 4 📄 HUF 3100–3500

Municipal Zoo and Botanical Garden [2]

XIV., Állatkerti körút 6–12 ☎ 273-4901 **C2**
 ☉ 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 pm, Fri–Sun: 9 am–7 pm
 🎟 Széchenyi fürdő 📄 72 📄 4 📄 HUF 1200–1700

Buda Castle Labyrinth

I., Úri utca 9 ☎ 489-3281 (for details, see p. 35) **A3**

Railway History Park

XIV., Tatai út 95 ☎ 450-1497, 238-0558 **D1**
 ☉ 15–28 Mar: 10 am–3 pm, 29 Mar–3 Nov: 10 am–6 pm, 4 Nov–14 Dec: 10 am–3 pm, special opening: 24 Mar, 12 May
www.vasuttortenetipark.hu

One of Europe's largest open-air railway museums has nearly 100 rail curiosities, the majority still in good working order; Interactive games (drive a locomotive, locomotive simulator, rail-car, operate the turntable, model railway, car converted for rails, horse-drawn tram); Exhibitions (locomotives, carriages, railway equipment, objects, fittings);
 📄 30 📄 14 📄 HUF 300–2400

Ice Terrace

WestEnd City Center Roof Garden **B2**
 VI., Váci út 1–3 www.jegterasz.hu
 Ice rink on the roof; special events weekends late night ice disco.
 ☉ daily 8 am–midnight until the end of March 2008; mini hockey: Mon–Thur, Sun: 8 am–10 pm, Fri–Sat: 8 am–midnight
 📄 6 📄 2 📄 4, 6 📄 Nyugati pu. 📄 Tickets priced depending on the time of day between HUF 600–1000

Palace of Wonders (in Millenary)

II., Fény utca 20–22 ☎ 350-6131 **B2**
 ☉ Mon–Fri: 9 am–5 pm, Sat–Sun: 10 am–6 pm
 This unique interactive playhouse proves to young and old alike that the world is a fascinating place. Children are invited to watch “Palace of Wonders” experiments, and to gain an appreciation of the world around them through scientific games.
 📄 4, 6 📄 HUF 890–900

Budapest Puppet Theatre

VI., Andrásy út 69 ☎ 321-5200 **C3**
 🎟 Vörösmarty utca 📄 Charges vary

Kolibri Theatre

VI., Jókai tér 10 ☎ 312-0622 **B–C3**
 📄 4, 6 📄 Oktogon 📄 Charges vary

Municipal Grand Circus

XIV., Állatkerti körút 12 ☎ 343-8300 **C2**
 ☉ please make enquiries on the above number
 🎟 Széchenyi fürdő 📄 72 📄 4 📄 HUF 1500–2400

Aquaréna Mogyoród aquapark [4]

Mogyoród, Vízipark út 1 (next to Hungaroring racetrack) **F1**
 ☎ (06-28)541-100
 ☉ 23 May–31 Aug: 9 am–7 pm
 1.5-km over- and underground chute, 8 pools covering a total 3500 square metres, 26 slides, acrobat pool, slow river, cave, jacuzzi
 📄 HUF 3800–5200

Tropicarium Budapest

Campona Shopping Mall **E2**
 XXII., Nagytétényi út 37–43 ☎ 424-3053
 ☉ 10 am–7 pm
 Anyone interested in the world of water and rainforests will want to see Hungary's only fantastic indoor “fauna paradise” covering an area of 3000 square metres. Gaze in awe at the seven sharks each a metre-and-a-half-long as they glide around the giant aquarium. These are the kids' favourites!
 📄 3 (from Móricz Zsigmond Circus), 14, 114 (from Kosztolányi Dezső Square) 📄 HUF 900–1700

Transport Museum

XIV., Városligeti körút 11 (For details, see p. 14) **D2**

Planetarium

X., Népliget ☎ 263-1811 **D4**
 ☉ Tue–Thur: 9.30 am–5.30 pm, Fri–Sun: 9.30 am–4 pm 📄
 Népliget 📄 HUF 840–940

Chair-lift

Zugliget–János Hill ☎ 394-3764 **E1**
 ☉ Apr.–Sep.: daily 9 am–5 pm Oct.–March 10 am–4 pm Closed every odd Mon.
 📄 158 📄 HUF 200–1000

Buda Castle Funicular Railway [1]

Operating between Clark Ádám Square and Buda Castle. **B2**
 ☉ 7.30 am–10.30 pm. No service on even Monday
 📄 4, 16, 86 📄 19 📄 HUF 400–1300

Cogwheel Railway

II., Szilágyi Erzsébet fasor 14–16 **E1**
 ☎ 355-4167 ☉ Trains run from 5 am–11 pm
 📄 56, 18, 118 📄 HUF 230

Children's Railway

Széchenyi Hill and Hűvösvölgy ☎ 395-5420 **E1**
 ☉ all year round, closed on Mondays between Sept–Oct
 📄 56 📄 56 📄 HUF 250–600

Brigóhintó (family pedal 'bikes')

Japanese Garden ☎ 329-2746 **B1**
 ☉ 8 am–dusk 📄 26 📄 HUF 3880/h



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.

Let's start our shopping tour at the Herend porcelain shop at Andrásy 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. In a similarly fashion, a Persian motif is named after Sissy, empress of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, and a remarkable bird pattern is linked to the Rothschilds.

From **Andrásy Boulevard** [1] it is just a short walk to Vörösmarty Square, home of the city's most distinguished confectionery and café, Gerbeaud. It is well worth stopping off at Gerbeaud for a coffee and slice of cake served amidst an inimitable old-time milieu.

Fashion Street

Budapest's "**Fashion Street**" [4] – structured along the lines of London's Regent Street or Milan's Via Montenapoleone – runs along Deák Ferenc Street joining Deák Square with Vörösmarty Square. The goal of investors is to lift Budapest back onto the pedestal of fashion capital of Central Europe. 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: 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, plus a Vapiano restaurant and Long Bart, too.



As one might expect, Fashion Street is all about quality. The street's superb central position – next to several luxury hotels, nestling in a unique historical and cultural atmosphere, surrounded by tourist sights, banks, state institutions and the offices of top international commercial corporations – is the perfect environment for perfect fashions.

Along Váci Street

Váci Street [2, 3] 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 from Marks and Spencer to Cottonfield, a C&A store, boutiques and bijouteries. But leave time for the foreign language bookshop selling translated works by several Hungarian authors. Then again, don't forget to slide off down one or two of the side streets: you'll discover boutiques and wine shops marketing the very finest quality Hungarian reds and whites. Famous Szamos marzipan is available in Párizsi Street, and the confectionery's ice cream is outstanding too. And since the number of shops that can be squeezed onto the street level is finite, enterprising Hungarians have moved underground: three shopping centres have been created out of old cellars. One shop in Fehérhájó Street sells healing minerals, and in the middle of Váci Street others trade in antique furniture, porcelain and kid's clothing. In the meantime don't forget to direct your eyes upwards occasionally: most of the buildings in the heart of town were raised in the late 1800s, among them there are several outstanding examples. The Csók Gallery on the corner of Pesti Barnabás Street displays and retails works by modern Hungarian artists, but if you are interested in antiques, you'll find them here too.

At Elizabeth Bridge an underpass takes us on to the



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Budapest Kártya

continuation of Váci Street. Passing the Downtown Auction House (Belvárosi Aukciós ház), it's fascinating to scan the regularly changing collection of shopwindow "treasures" small and large. Visit the Folkart Centrum at Váci Street 58 for just the right gift to remind you of your stay in Hungary.

Central Market Hall

Continuing up Váci Street, we finally reach the ever-buzzing **Budapest Central Market Hall** [6] 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, vegetables, and on the first floor the flower-sellers and snack bars offering true tastes of Hungary create a kaleidoscope of colours, sounds, aromas, sights. 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.

Folkart Centrum [5]

V., Váci utca 58 ☎ 318-5840 ☉ 10 am-7 pm

www.folkartcentrum.hu

Hungary's largest folk handicrafts shop selling a huge range of authentic hand-made items, embroidery, hand-woven fabrics, costumes, pottery, porcelain, wood carvings, flasks, traditional painted Easter eggs and other gifts from every ethnographical region in Hungary.



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www.pick.hu

Restaurants, *cafés*

Cost of average two-course meal per person, including service but without drinks:

*=less than HUF 2500, **=HUF 2500-4500, ***=HUF 4500-6500, ****=over HUF 6500

THE BUDAPEST GUIDE RECOMMENDS:

Restaurants

1 A38 Hajó**

XI., Buda side of Petőfi Bridge

☎ 464-3946 www.a38.hu

⌚ 11 am–midnight

International cuisine, inspired desserts

Menu published on the website

2 Admirál**

V., Belgrád rakpart 30 ☎ 318-0723

⌚ midday–11 pm

Hungarian cuisine

Sited on the Duna embankment

3 Alabárdos****

I., Országház utca 2 ☎ 356-0851

⌚ Mon–Fri: 7–11 pm, Sat: midday–4 pm,

7–11 pm, closed Sunday

Hungarian cuisine

4 Arany Bányás**

V., Harmincad utca 4 ☎ 317-2703

⌚ midday–midnight

Hungarian and international dishes

Lamb dishes a speciality

5 Arany Kaviár****

I., Ostrom utca 19 ☎ 201-6737

⌚ midday–midnight

Russian cuisine

6 Aranyszarvas**

I., Szarvas tér 1 ☎ 375-6451

⌚ midday–11 pm

Game dishes a speciality

7 Articsóka**

VI., Zichy Jenő utca 17 ☎ 302-7757

⌚ 11 am–midnight

Fusion world cuisine, French and

Hungarian wines

8 Bagolyvár**

XIV., Állatkerti út 2

☎ 468-3110 ⌚ midday–11 pm

Home-made cooking, Hungarian dishes

9 Belcanto****

VI., Dalszínház utca 8 ☎ 269-3101

⌚ midday–3 pm, 6 pm–2 am

Famous singers, singing waiters

10 Biarritz***

V., Kossuth tér 19–23 ☎ 311-4413

⌚ Mon–Sat: 11 am–midnight, Sun: 10 am–11 pm

Close by Parliament: grilled dishes, special desserts

11 Café Pierrot***

I., Fortuna utca 14 ☎ 375-6971

⌚ 11 am–midnight

Intimate atmosphere, piano music in the evening

Choice of international dishes

12 Callas**** [1]

VI., Andrásy út 20. ☎ 354-0954

⌚ Mon–Fri: 8 am–midnight, Sat–Sun: 10 am–midnight

International flavours and Hungarian dishes

13 Carne di Hall***

I., Bem rakpart 20 ☎ 201-8137

⌚ midday–midnight

Mecca for meat eaters, huge steaks, superb wine selection

14 Champs Sport Pub*

VII., Dohány utca 20 ☎ 413-1655

⌚ Mon–Thur: midday–midnight, Fri–Sat: midday–2 am

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

15 Champs Sport Pub

Buda**

II., Erőd utca 22 ☎ 201-0569

⌚ midday–1 am

A favourite with sportsmen, sportswomen and fans

16 Cyrano****

V., Kristóf tér 7–8 ☎ 266-3096

⌚ 11.30 am–midnight

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

17 Dzungel Café and

Restaurant***

VI., Jókai utca 30 ☎ 302-4003

⌚ midday–1 am

Offering guests four redesigned rooms (savannah, jungle, pirates, ocean).

18 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

19 Fausto's****

VI., Székely Mihály utca 2 ☎ 877-6210

⌚ Mon–Fri: midday–3 pm, 7–11 pm, Sat: 6–11 pm, closed Sunday and holidays

Italian cuisine



20 Firkász**

XIII., Tátra utca 18 ☎ 450-1118

⌚ midday-midnight

*The favourite restaurant for locals; retro milieu; homemade dishes, great drinks selection***21 Fortuna*****

I., Hess András tér 4 ☎ 375-6857

⌚ 12 am-4 pm, 7 pm-midnight

*Hungarian and international specialties***22 Fuji Japanese Restaurant*****

II., Csatárka utca 54/B (corner of Zöldlomb Street and Zöldkert Street) ☎ 325-7111 ⌚ midday-11 pm

*Sushi open kitchen***23 Fülemlé*** [2]**

VIII., Kőfaragó utca 5 ☎ 266-7947

⌚ Sun-Thur: midday-10 pm, Fri-Sat: midday-11 pm

*Hungarian, European, Jewish cuisine***24 Goa******

VI., Andrásy út 8 ☎ 302-2570

⌚ midday-midnight

*Cbic and trendy; international and fusion cuisine***25 Gundel**** [3]**

XIV., Állatkerti út 2 ☎ 468-4040

⌚ midday-4 pm, 6.30 pm-midnight

Cuisine famed throughout Europe served in historical surroundings

[3]

26 Kaltenberg Restaurant**

IX., Kinizsi utca 30-36 ☎ 215-9792 ⌚ midday-11 pm

*Locally brewed beers, Hungarian and international dishes***27 Kárpátia******

V., Ferenciek tere 7-8 ☎ 317-3596

⌚ 11 am-11 pm

Traditional and modern gastronomy in a Renaissance milieu**28 Kélli****

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***29 Kisbuda Gyöngye*****

III., Kenyeres utca 34 ☎ 368-6402

⌚ Monday-Saturday: midday-midnight

*Comfortable, homely surroundings***30 Kispipa*****

VII., Akácfa utca 38 ☎ 342-2587

⌚ midday-midnight

*Hungarian and international dishes***31 Kogart Restaurant & Café*****

VI., Andrásy út 112 ☎ 354-3830 ⌚ 10 am-midnight

*Elegant milieu, high-standard service. International and dietary dishes, excellent Hungarian wine cellar***32 Malomtó*****

II., Frankel Leó utca 48 ☎ 336-1830 ⌚ midday-midnight

*Close to Lukács Baths with an atmospheric lakeside terrace; rich choice of Oriental flavours, international cuisine***33 Mátyás Pince******

V., Március 15. tér 7 ☎ 318-1693

⌚ midday-midnight

*Hungarian cuisine***34 Mozsár***

VI., Mozsár utca 12. ☎ 331-8942

⌚ midday-11 pm

*Hungarian and international dishes***35 Nancsi Néni Vendéglője****

II., Ördögárok utca 80 ☎ 397-2742

⌚ midday-11 pm

*Family-style restaurant with a large garden**Table reservation recommended***36 Onyx*** [4]**

V., Vörösmarty tér 7 ☎ 429-9023

⌚ midday-3 pm, 6-11 pm

*Classically elegant, international cuisine***37 Pest-Buda*****

I., Fortuna utca 3 ☎ 212-5880 ⌚ midday-11 pm

*Hungarian and international cuisine***38 Pilvax****

V., Pilvax köz 1-3 ☎ 266-7660

⌚ midday-midnight

*Delicious Hungarian dishes, historical wines***39 Pomo D'Oro****

V., Arany János utca 9 ☎ 302-6473

⌚ Mon-Fri: 11 am-midnight, Sat-Sun: midday-midnight

*Popular spot in the business quarter; excellent Italian dishes***40 Premier Restaurant & Terrace****

VI., Andrásy út 101 ☎ 342-1768 ⌚ midday-11 pm

*International cuisine***41 Régi Sípós Halászkert****

III., Lajos utca 46 ☎ 368-6480 ⌚ midday-midnight

*Family-style inn, Hungarian fish dishes***42 Remíz*****

II., Budakeszi út 8 ☎ 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***43 Rivalda******

I., Szingház utca 5-9 ☎ 489-0236 ⌚ 11.30 am-11.30 pm

*Modern European, international cuisine***44 Robinson******

XIV., Városligeti-tó ☎ 422-0222

⌚ midday-4 pm, 6 pm-midnight

*International, Mediterranean cuisine***45 Rosenstein****

VIII., Mosonyi utca 3 ☎ 333-3492

⌚ Mon-Sat: midday-11 pm

Home-made cooking, traditional Jewish dishes

46 Shalimar**

VII., Dob utca 50 ☎ 352-0305 ☉ midday–4 pm, 6–11 pm
Indian flavours; eight kinds of bread, vegetarian dishes

47 Sinatra***

V., Képiró utca 3 ☎ 483-0887 ☉ midday–11 pm
Traditional Hungarian and international cuisine, live jazz every day

48 Sir Lancelot***

VI., Podmaniczky utca 14 ☎ 302-4456 ☉ midday–1 am
Pleasant medieval atmosphere, huge helpings, good wines; Renaissance music

49 Sörházpince – Gerbeaud-Ház [4]**

V., Vörösmarty tér 7 ☎ 429-9022 ☉ midday–11 pm
Rustic furnishings; Snacks

**50 Spoon Café & Lounge*****

V., Vigadó tér, quay No. 3 (in front of the Hotel Inter-Continental on the embankment) ☎ 411-0933 ☉ midday–midnight
A spoof of pleasure on the elegant “ship-restaurant”

51 Százéves***

V., Pesti Barnabás utca 2 ☎ 318-3608 ☉ midday–midnight
The oldest continually operating restaurant in town. Traditional Hungarian cuisine to the very highest standards

52 Tom-George***

V., Október 6. utca 8 ☎ 266-3525
 ☉ Mon–Thur: midday–midnight, Fri–Sat: midday–1 am
Hungarian and Oriental “fusion food”; trendy setting

53 Uj Sipos **

III., Fő tér 6 ☎ 388-8745 ☉ midday–11 pm
Hungarian, international flavours

54 Vadróza****

II., Pentelei Molnár utca 15 ☎ 326-5817
 ☉ midday–3 pm, 7 pm–midnight
Small Baroque villa offering a romantic dinner setting

55 Manna EÜthentic lounge***

I., Palota út 17
 ☎ 20/9999-188 ☉ 11 am–midnight (01.05.–01.11); 6 pm–midnight (01.11.–01.05.) www.mannalounge.com
Restaurant above tunnel; genuine Frenç, Italian and Hungarian cuisine

Cafés, Bars**1 Ba Bar**

VII., Huszár utca 7 ☎ 0620-919-7979 ☉ 11.30 am–1 am

2 Baobab Café

VIII., Krúdy utca 7. ☎ 06-20/967-0157 ☉ Mon–Fri: 7 am–midnight, Sat: midday–midnight, Sun: 4 am–midnight

3 Beckett's

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

4 Centrál Café [5]

V., Károlyi Mihály utca 9 ☎ 266-2110
 ☉ Mon–Fri: 7 am–midnight, Sat: 8 am–midnight

5 Dark Mokka

VI., Szófia utca 8. ☎ 322-9529 ☉ 11 am–1 am

6 Gerbeaud [4]

V., Vörösmarty tér 7 ☎ 429-9000 ☉ 9 am–9 pm

7 Gusto Café

II., Frankel Leó utca 12. ☎ 316-3970
 ☉ Mon–Fri: 10 am–10 pm, Sat: 10 am–4 pm

8 Lukács

VI., Andrássy út 70 ☎ 302-8747
 ☉ Mon–Fri: 9 am–8 pm, Sat–Sun: 10 am–8 pm

9 Miró Café

I., Űri utca 30 ☎ 201-5573 ☉ 9 am–midnight

10 Múzeum Café

VIII., Múzeum körút 12 ☎ 267-0375
 ☉ Mon–Sat: midday–midnight

11 Művész

VI., Andrássy út 29 ☎ 352-1337 ☉ 9 am–midnight

12 New York Café

VII., Erzsébet körút 9–11 ☎ 886-6167
 ☉ Mon–Fri: 10 am–midnight, Sat–Sun: 9 am–midnight

13 Ruszwurm

I., Szentháromság utca 7 ☎ 375-5284 ☉ 10 am–9 pm

14 Soho Café

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

Restaurants and cafés in Liszt Ferenc Square**1 Barokko**

VI., Liszt Ferenc tér 5
 ☉ Sun–Tue: midday–2 am, Wed–Sat: midday–3 am

2 Birdland

VI., Liszt Ferenc tér 7 ☎ 413-7983 ☉ 11 am–midnight

3 Buena Vista

VI., Liszt Ferenc tér 4–5 ☎ 344-6303 ☉ 11 am–midnight

4 Café Miro Grande

VI., Liszt Ferenc 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 ☉ midday–midnight

7 Incognito

VI., Liszt Ferenc tér 3 ☎ 342-1471 ☉ Mon–Thur, Sun: 2 pm–midnight, Fri: 2 pm–3 am, Sat: 2 pm–2 am

8 Karma

VI., Liszt Ferenc tér 11 ☎ 413-6764 ☉ 11 am–2 am

9 La Rosa

VI., Liszt Ferenc tér 3 ☎ 06-70-405-0601 ☉ 10 am–midnight

10 Mediterrán Café

VI., Liszt Ferenc tér 10 ☎ 344-4615 ☉ 11.30 am–midnight

11 Menza

VI., Liszt Ferenc tér 2 ☎ 413-1482 ☉ 10 am–midnight

12 Moro Café

VI., Liszt Ferenc tér 10. ☎ 342-4457 ☉ 10 am–midnight

13 Passion

VI., Liszt Ferenc tér 10 ☎ 268-0199 ☉ 11 am–midnight

14 Pompei

VI., Liszt Ferenc tér 3 ☎ 351-8738 ☉ 11 am–1 am

Restaurants and cafés in Ráday Street and Kálvin Square**1 Berliner**

IX., Ráday utca 5 ☎ 207-6757

☉ Mon–Sat: midday–1 am

2 Che Café-Restaurant

IX., Ráday utca 1–3

☉ Mon–Thur, Sun: 10 am–midnight, Fri–Sat: 10 am–3 am

3 Coramia

IX., Ráday utca 31 ☎ 219-5233 ☉ 11 am–midnight

4 Fotocella

IX., Ráday utca 17 ☎ 215-3248 ☉ Mon–Thur: 11 am–1 am, Fri–Sat: 11 am–2 am, Sun: midday–2 am

5 Gotti

IX., Ráday utca 29 ☎ 217-6625

☉ Sun–Thur: midday–midnight, Fri–Sat: midday–1 am

6 IF Music Café

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

☉ Mon–Fri: 10 am–1 am, Sat–Sun: 9 am–1 am

7 Intenzo

IX., Kálvin tér 9 ☎ 219-5243

☉ 10 am–midnight

8 Jaffa

IX., Ráday utca 39 ☎ 219-5285

☉ Mon–Thur: 10 am–1 am,

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

9 Chinese Restaurant

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

10 Leroy Café

IX., Ráday utca 11-13 ☎ 219-5451 ☉ midday–midnight

11 Memoár Restaurant & Café

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

12 Mode

IX., Ráday utca 33/A ☎ 06-20/414-3582

☉ midday–midnight

13 Octopus

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

14 Pata Negra

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

15 Paris, Texas

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

16 Pink-Cadillac

IX., Ráday utca 22 ☎ 216-1412

☉ Mon–Fri: 11 am–midnight, Sat–Sun: midday–midnight

17 Point Pub

IX., Ráday utca 1–3 ☉ 1.30 pm–2 am

18 Red Café

IX., Ráday utca 14 ☎ 216-5628

☉ midday–midnight

19 Rítmus

IX., Ráday utca 34. ☎ 215-2738

☉ Mon–Fri: 11 am–midnight, Sat: 4 pm–2 am

20 Shiraz Persian Restaurant

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

21 Sir Williams

IX., Ráday utca 9 ☎ 217-6093

☉ Mon–Sat: midday–midnight, Sun: midday–11 pm

22 Soul Café

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

23 Tajtékös Napok (L'Écume des jours)

IX., Ráday utca 1–3 ☎ 215-1730

☉ 10 am–midnight

24 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

25 Trattoria Café

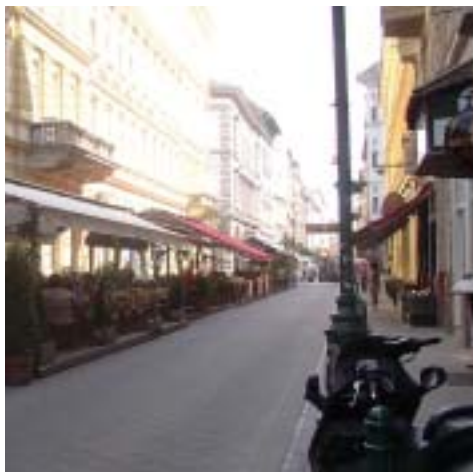
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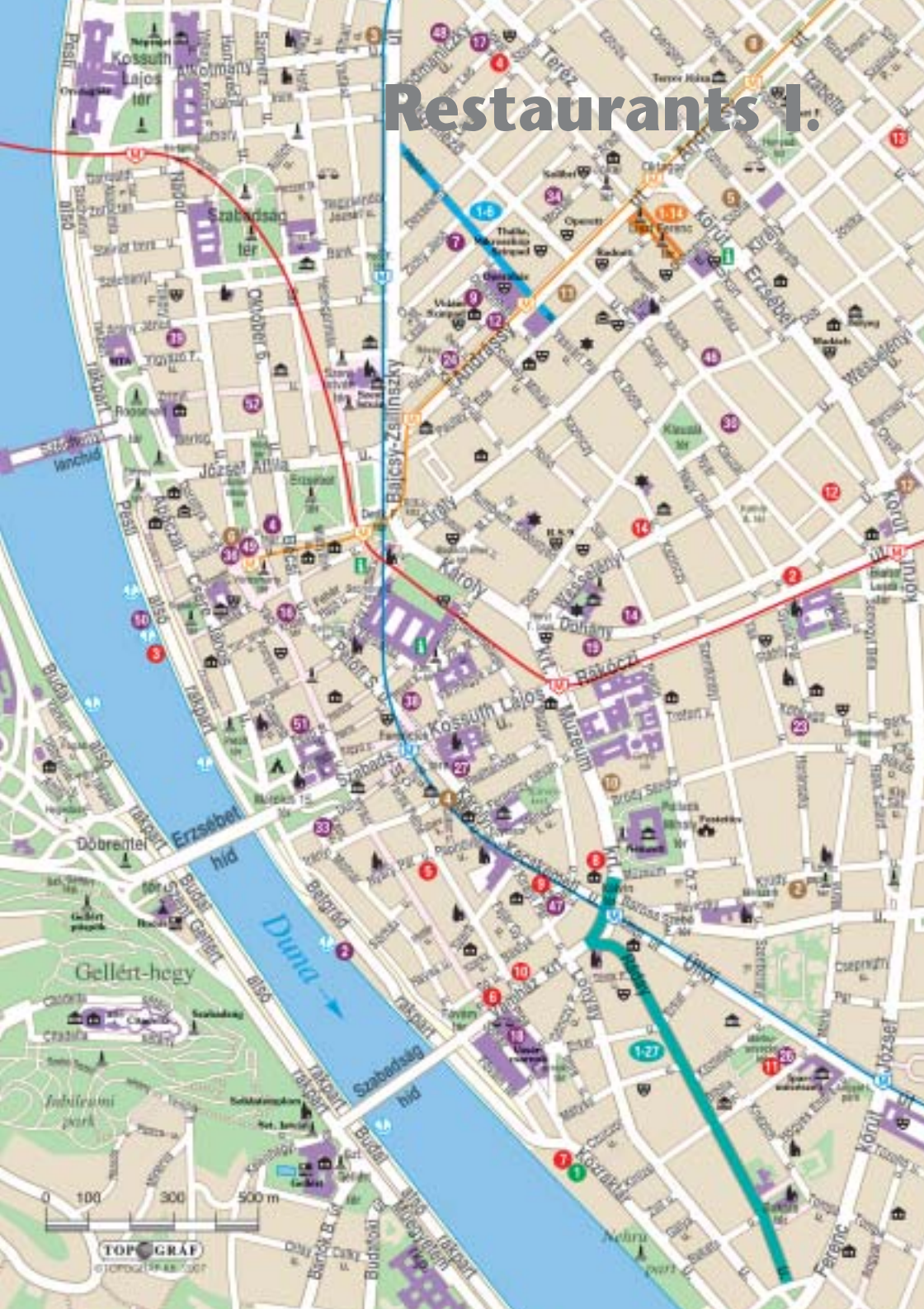
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27 Vörös Postakocsi

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



Restaurants 1.



Restaurants and cafés in Hajós street

1 Baletticipő

VI., Hajós utca 14 ☎ 269-3114

☉ Mon–Fri: 10 am–midnight, Sat: midday–midnight, Sun: midday–11 pm

2 Car Wash Bár

VI., Hajós utca 25 ☎ 06-202324548

☉ Mon–Sat: 10 am–1 am, Sun: midday–midnight

3 Chagall

VI., Hajós utca 2 ☎ 302-4614 ☉ 9 am–midnight

4 Marquis de Salade

VI., Hajós utca 43 ☎ 302-4086

☉ midday–midnight

5 Sandokan Lisboa Bár

VI., Hajós utca 23 ☎ 302-7002

☉ Mon–Fri: midday–2 am, Sat–Sun: 4 pm–2 am

5 Thália

VI., Hajós utca 9 ☎ 269-1221

☉ Mon–Fri: 10 am–10 pm, Sat: 4–10 pm

Jazz clubs, night clubs

Night Bus routes are shown on the “Restaurants II.” map on page 59. Night Buses generally run hourly or half-hourly from 11 pm–4.30 am.

1 A38 Hajó

XI., Buda side of Petőfi Bridge ☎ 464-3940

☉ 4 pm–4 am www.a38.hu

2 Alcatraz

VII., Nyár utca 1 ☎ 478-6010

☉ Sun–Wed: 4 pm–2 am, Thur–Sat: 4 pm–4 am

3 Columbus Pub & Jazz Club

V., Vigadó tér Quay No. 4 (in front of the Hotel Inter-Continental on the embankment) ☎ 205-3041 ☉ midday–midnight

4 Cotton Club Restaurant

VI., Jókai utca 26 ☎ 354-0886 ☉ midday–midnight

5 Fat Mo's

V., Nyári Pál utca 11 ☎ 267-3199

☉ Mon–Wed, Sun: 6 pm–2 am, Thur–Sat: 6 pm–4 am

6 For Sale Pub

V., Vámház körút 2 ☎ 267-0276 ☉ midday–3 am

7 Inside

IX., Közraktár utca 9 www.clubinside.hu

8 Irish Cat

V., Múzeum körút 41

☎ 266-4085 ☉ 11 pm–2 am

9 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

10 Jazz Garden

V., Veres Pálné utca 44/A

☎ 266-7364 ☉ 6 pm–1 am

11 Kultiplex

IX., Kinizsi utca 28

☎ 219-0706 ☉ midday–5 am

12 Old Man's

VII., Akácfa utca 13 ☎ 322-7645 ☉ 3 pm–4 am

13 Snapsz Café & Gallery

VII., Király utca 95 ☎ 321-5323

☉ Mon–Sat: midday–midnight

14 Szóda

VII., Wesselényi utca 18 ☎ 461-0007

☉ Mon–Fri: 9 am–dawn, Sat–Sun: 2 pm–dawn

Open-air clubs

1 Buddha Beach

IX., Közraktár utca 9–11

☎ 210-4872

☉ all Summer

www.buddha-beach.hu

2 Café del Río

XI., Goldman György tér 1./ Buda side of Petőfi Bridge

☎ 06-30/2972158 www.rio.hu

☉ Daily 2 pm–5 am from April to the end of September

3 Copacabana beach

The Árpád Bridge end of Margaret Island

www.copacabana.hu

☉ all Summer

4 Mokka Cuka

III., Hajógyári Sziget, “K” Bridge, Május 9. park

☎ 242-1707 www.mokkacuka.hu

☉ all Summer

5 Zöld Pardon

XI., Buda side of Petőfi Bridge www.zp.hu

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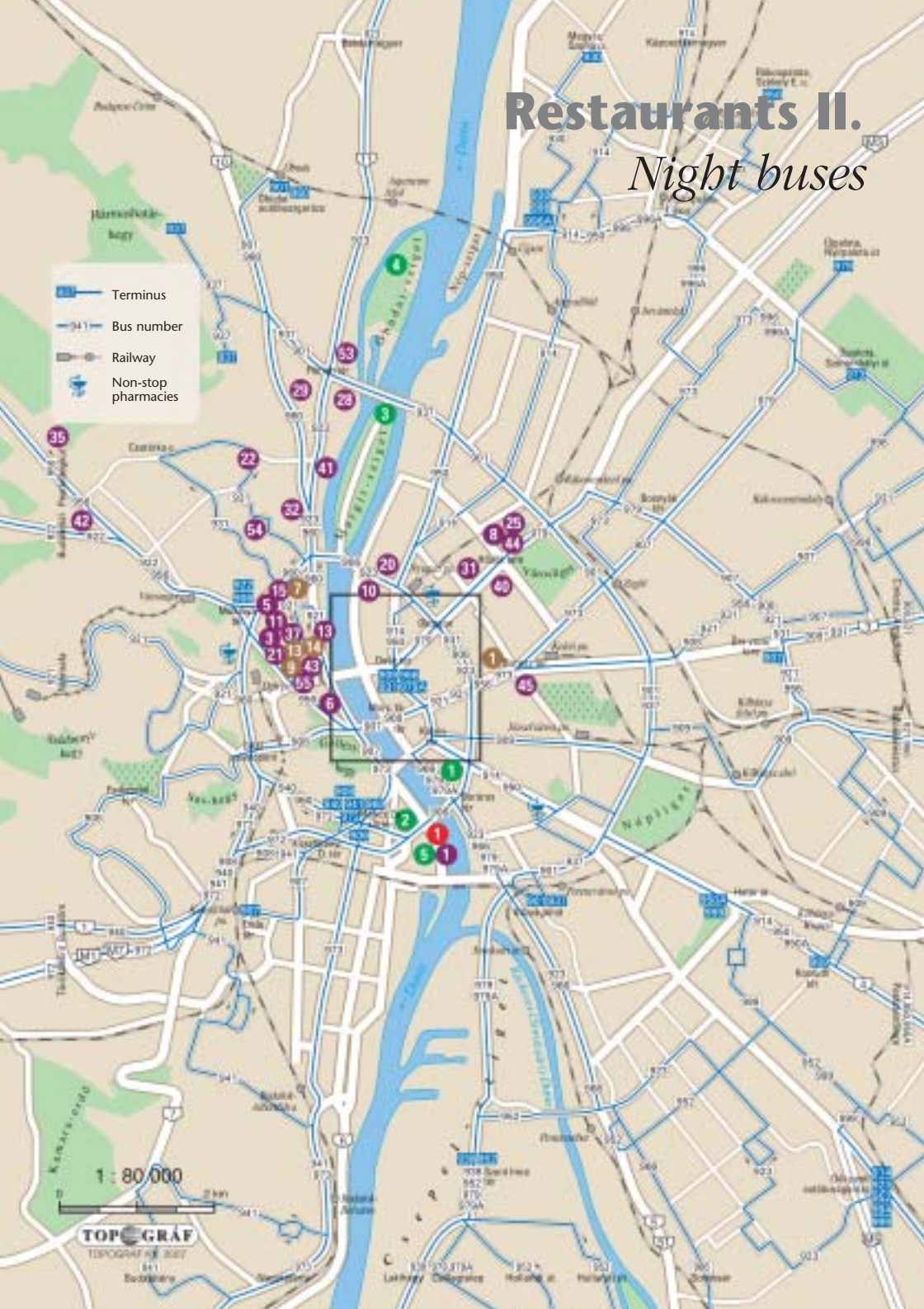
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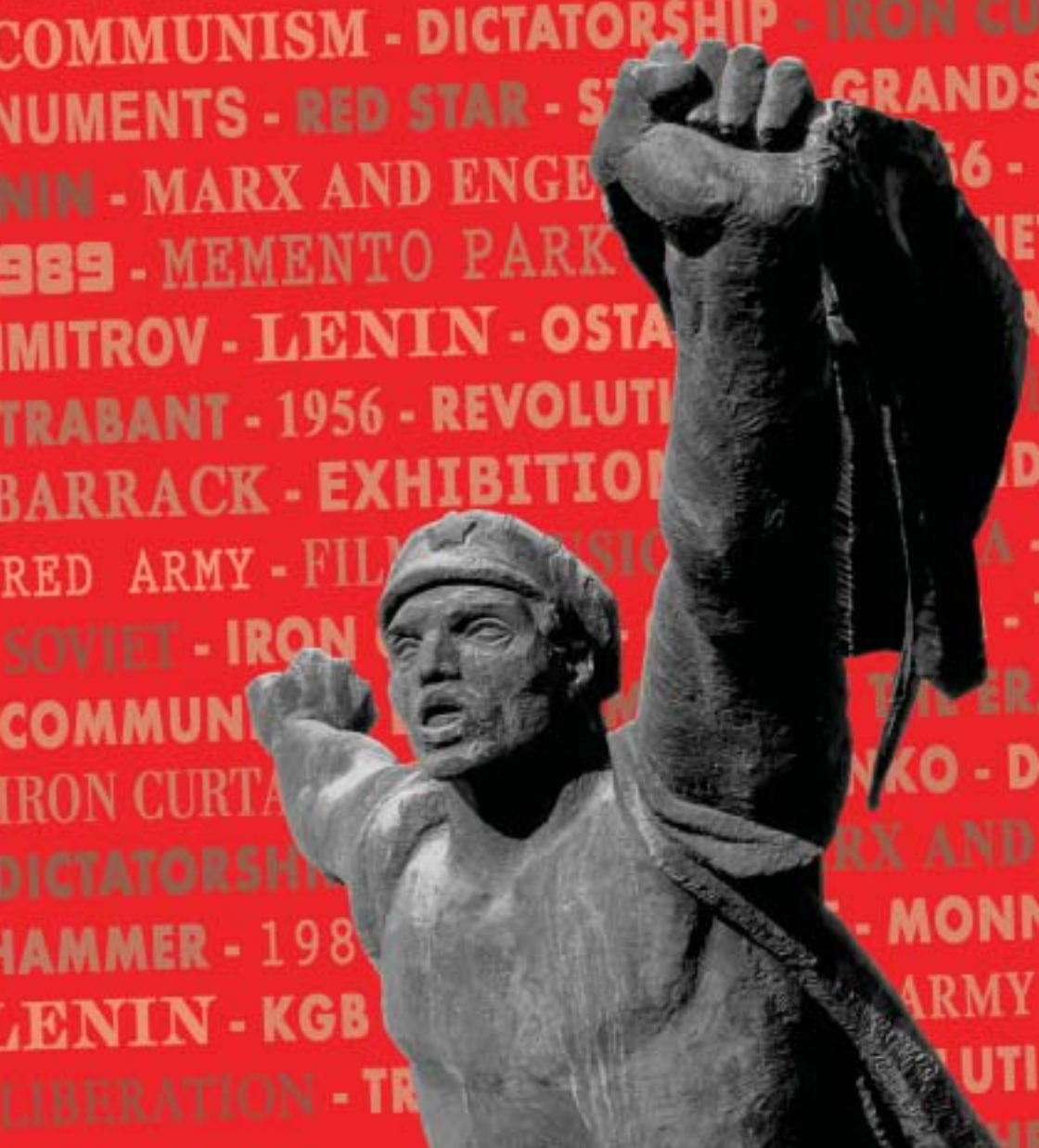
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Restaurants II.

Night buses

- Terminus
- Bus number
- Railway
- Non-stop pharmacies





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