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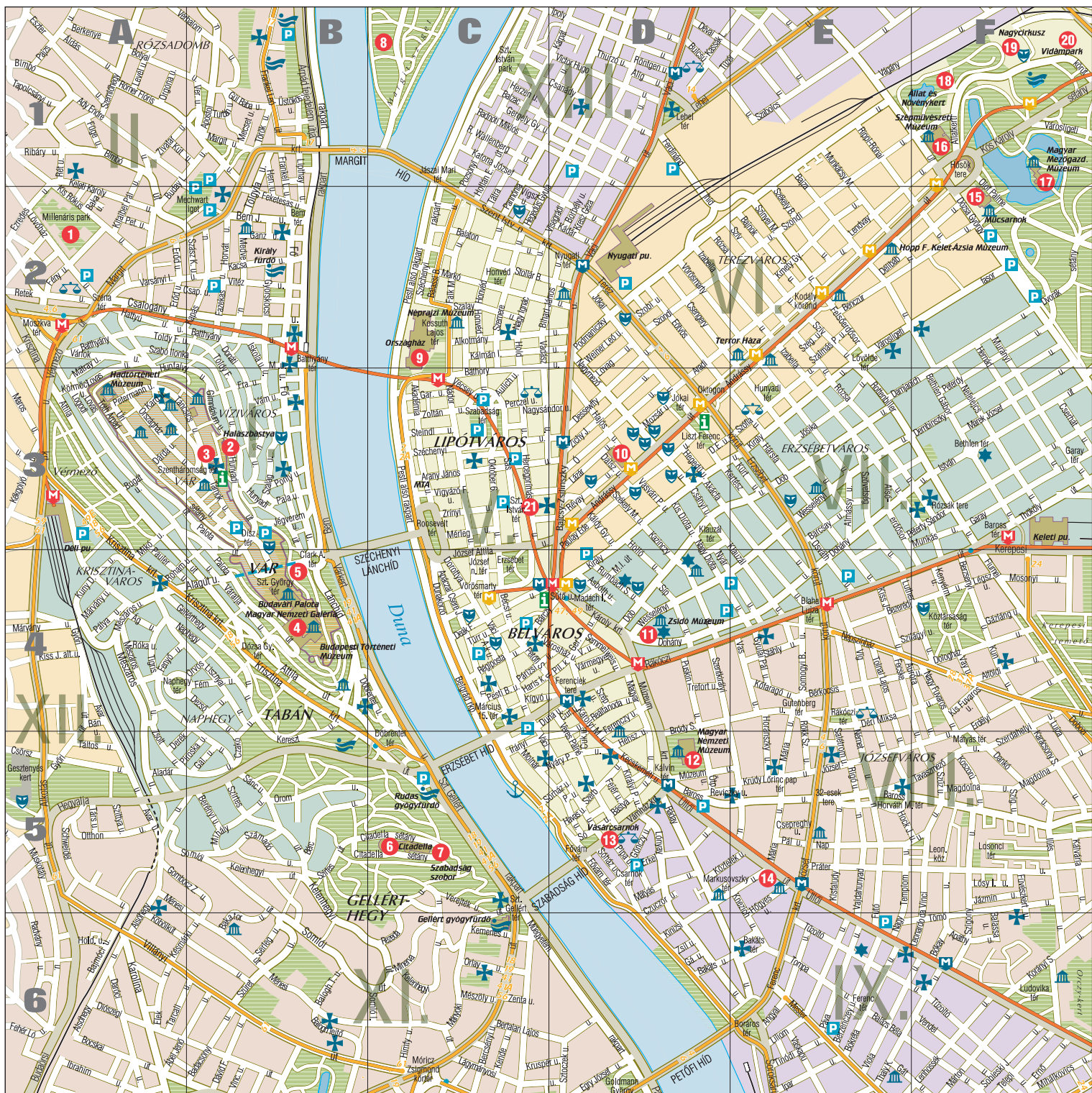
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





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with the modern structures – splendid concert halls, sleek bridges and state-of-the-art wellness centres – of a forward-looking nation embracing the new millennium.

There are impressive natural treasures too. The River Danube not only transports visitors but defines the landscape, and its Budapest section was deservedly declared a World Heritage Site. The hills and the flatlands meet in the region spreading away either side of the river, their flora and fauna preserved and maintained in two



*The Buda Castle and the Chain Bridge*



*Maria Valeria Bridge in Esztergom*



*Budapest, Basilica*

You could say that Budapest is the ‘bull’s eye’ of European breaks! It’s certainly true that the capital sits in the middle of Hungary, and it plays a central role in the life of the country too.

This is the hub of political, artistic and social energy. Most importantly, however, Budapest offers a plethora of attractions to rival those found anywhere in the Carpathian Basin – and, as such, it promises to be a real ‘hit’ with any holidaymaker!

Hungary’s position at the heart of Europe has made its capital one of the region’s most important cities. Such elevated status is reflected in the grandeur of its buildings, bridges and boulevards.

Of course, the city has experienced a turbulent history and some castles, palaces and fabulous baths have been destroyed. Nevertheless, many still remain, and these have been supplemented

national parks and numerous natural protection areas. And there are plenty of outdoor activities for those with energy to burn – from cave climbing to parachuting, from a gentle riverside stroll to a testing jog through the hills.

History, nature, great food and wine, rejuvenating thermal baths, enthralling museums and galleries, top-quality music events, a vibrant nightlife – the city has so much to be experienced, visited and lived. Whether you’re here for a couple of days or – as we would decidedly recommend – for four or five, you’ll have lots to keep you occupied. There’s something happening 365 days a year – and 366 if you happen to visit during a leap year!

So aim for the bull’s eye, enjoy a hit holiday and create memories you’ll cherish forever.

*Hungarian National Tourist Office*



# World Heritage and Beyond–Budapest



*Façade on the Andrassy Boulevard*

*Castle district*

*Above: Heroes' Square*

When you arrive in the centre of Budapest, you'll be met by a stunning panorama. The River Danube flows through the city's heart, spanned by elegant bridges connecting the Buda and Pest banks. The views will etch themselves on your memory, whether you enjoy them from the arcades of the Fishermen's Bastion, the dome of the Basilica or leaning against the rails of Margaret Bridge.

And once you've surveyed the landscape, you can dive in and lose yourself among the buildings, town squares, streets and parks, enjoying the pulsating energy of the city's past and present.



The area's early history saw occupation by Romans, Huns and nomad Hungarians, and periods of royal construction followed by Mongolian destruction, before the formation of the three-part city – divided between Buda on Castle Hill, Pest on the flat east side, and Óbuda, the ancient Roman outpost.

The Hungarian capital is abundant in superlatives; its greatest treasure, however, is undoubtedly its **unrivalled and world-renowned location**.

This section of the Danube was the first in the country to be awarded **UNESCO World Heritage** status, and you'll never tire of the views or of the pleasing riverside strolls. There are romantic walks to take along **Andrassy Boulevard** too, which was also added to the UNESCO list in 2002. The boulevard boasts architectural gems including the Opera House, the Old Music Conservatory, the University of Applied Arts and Kodaly Circus (surrounded by statues), and culminates in the broad and imposing Heroes' Square, with the towering Millennium Monument at its centre.



# Serious palaces

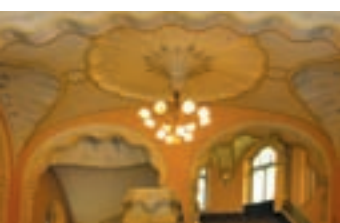
## and ornate buildings

“Hungarian language of architecture is not of the past but of the future,” said Ödön Lechner (1845—1914), the most influential architect of the Hungarian Art Nouveau movement. The originality of Hungarian Art Nouveau came through its attempt to mould modern functionality into a distinct, decorative form incorporating the motifs and colours of folk art and design. You’ll find many examples of the style throughout the city, typically featuring colourful majolica inlays and arches. Look out in particular for the **Museum of Applied Arts** (on Üllői Road) and the **Postal Savings Bank** (in Hold Street).

One of many great ways to explore Budapest is by tram. Tram line #2 affords the best view of the **World Heritage panorama** along the Danube; nevertheless, you can also travel along the Inner Ring Road encircling the downtown area between Margaret and Petőfi bridges, while gazing through the large windows of the modern tram cars.

Parliament

Another prime attraction is **Váci Street**, lined with designer shops and high-end retail stores, and leading to the **Market Hall** – an extraordinary building stuffed with stalls selling food, drink and handmade gifts. The oldest metro line in Continental Europe runs beneath the entire length of **Andrássy Boulevard**, carrying passengers to stations at the neo-renaissance **Opera House**,



Geological Institute

Pest’s most conspicuous landmark is unarguably the neo-Gothic-style **Parliament Building** situated on the bank of the Danube. Some 1,000 workers took 17 years to construct this impressive edifice, which measures 268 metres (879.27ft) in length, 118 metres (387.14ft) in width and 96 metres (314.96ft) in height. Parliamentary business still takes place in this building, which also houses the Congressional Library and the **Hungarian Crown Jewels**.

The city’s largest church, the neo-Classical **St Stephen’s Basilica**, welcomes visitors with arching halls, a treasury and relic chapel, and a dramatic dome promising yet more breathtaking views.

the **Octagon** (an eight-sided city “square”), the **“House of Terror” Museum** and Heroes’ Square. Adjacent to the latter is the capital’s biggest green area, **City Park**, where you’ll find the curious **Vajdahunyad Castle**, built to commemorate the 1896 Millennial Celebration and Exhibition. City Park holds the protected site of the Széchenyi Baths, as well as the **Budapest Zoological and Botanical Garden**, the **Great Circus**, and the **Amusement Park**, with its 100-year-old carousel.





# The Castle where the city was born

Gellért Hill, inhabited in the 1st century BC by the Celtic Eraviscus tribe, was the meeting place for witches during the Middle Ages. In 1854 the Habsburgs built a citadel on top; the fort still looms over the city and is a popular tourist attraction. Visitors head for the Look-out Terrace to soak in the mesmerizing sight lying below. If you can, be sure to make a nocturnal visit for a glimpse of the city's night-time illuminations.

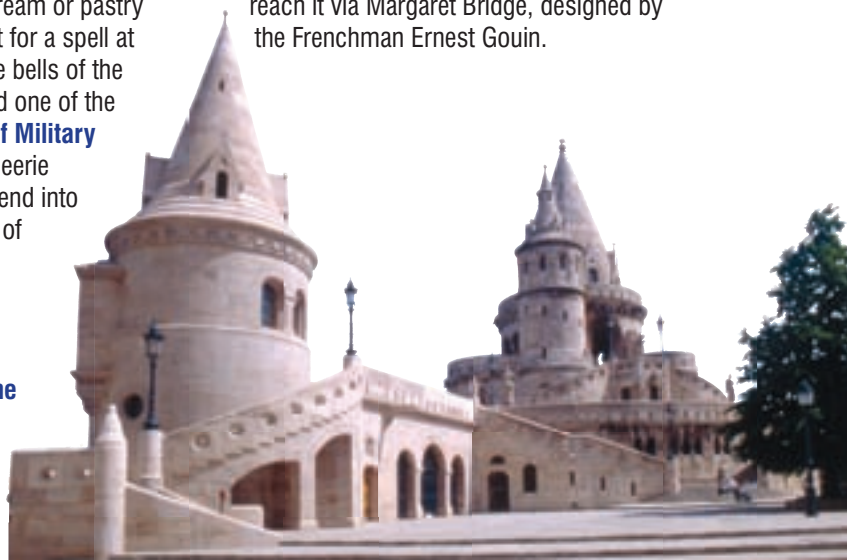


Castle garden

"There are three city pearls of Europe – Venice on water, Florence on the plain and Buda on the hill," wrote some medieval travellers whose opinion is supported today by countless visitors. It is worth spending a full day on the UNESCO-listed **Castle Hill**, which is divided between a royal section and the area traditionally inhabited by the city's civilians. The architectural highlights of the civilian portion (to the north of Dísz Square) are **Matthias Church** and the adjoining **Fishermen's Bastion**. The Bastion reflected in the glass façade of the Hotel Hilton offers an unusual photo opportunity for those with an artistic eye. The side streets running away from **Trinity Square** (in front of the church) are dotted with Baroque-style buildings and mansions hiding Gothic ruins. You may want to take a rest in one of the many restaurants or cafés, or treat yourself to an ice cream or pastry at the opulent **Ruszwurm Café**. Sit for a spell at Kapisztrán Square and listen to the bells of the **Magdalena Tower** or climb aboard one of the cannons in front of the **Museum of Military History**. Those with a taste for an eerie underground experience can descend into the **Labyrinth** – a snaking system of caves and cellars stretching deep into the belly of the hill.

Walking from Dísz Square and passing in front of the **Palace of the**

**President of the Republic**, you will arrive at the entrance to the former **Royal Palace complex**. This is also the upper station of the century-old **Buda Castle Funicular** (worth taking the ride!), which operates between here and the Chain Bridge in carrying passengers up and down the steep hill. The complex was once the home of royals and lords, but it now houses some rich museums (described later) and the nation's largest library. Its courtyards are strewn with statues and fountains, and from the eastern terrace (in front of a realistic **equestrian statue of Prince Eugene of Savoy**, conqueror of the Turks) we can steal another magnificent view over the entire city. **Margaret Island** – lying in the middle of the Danube and forming one of the city's most beautiful parks – is visible from here. You can reach it via Margaret Bridge, designed by the Frenchman Ernest Gouin.



Fishermen's Bastion



# MEMENTO P★RK



BUDAPEST

- **STATUE PARK** – Gigantic monuments of the communist regime. Statues, removed from public domain, that represent socialist cultural politics.
- **STALIN'S TRIBUNE** – A balcony for communist leaders to greet crowds from in the shadow of the Boots. A proportional architectural and sculptural replica of the original grandstand and the statue that was pulled down in 1956.
- **SHOWROOM IN THE BARRACKS** – "Stalin's Boots" Exhibition. The myth of people's longing for freedom in 1956, 1989-90 and 2006.
- **MOVIE IN THE BARRACKS** – The Life of an Agent. Methods to hide bugs, house-searches, recruitment and networking.

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 mementoes 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 newly built "Stalin's Tribune", recalling the mythical longing for freedom.

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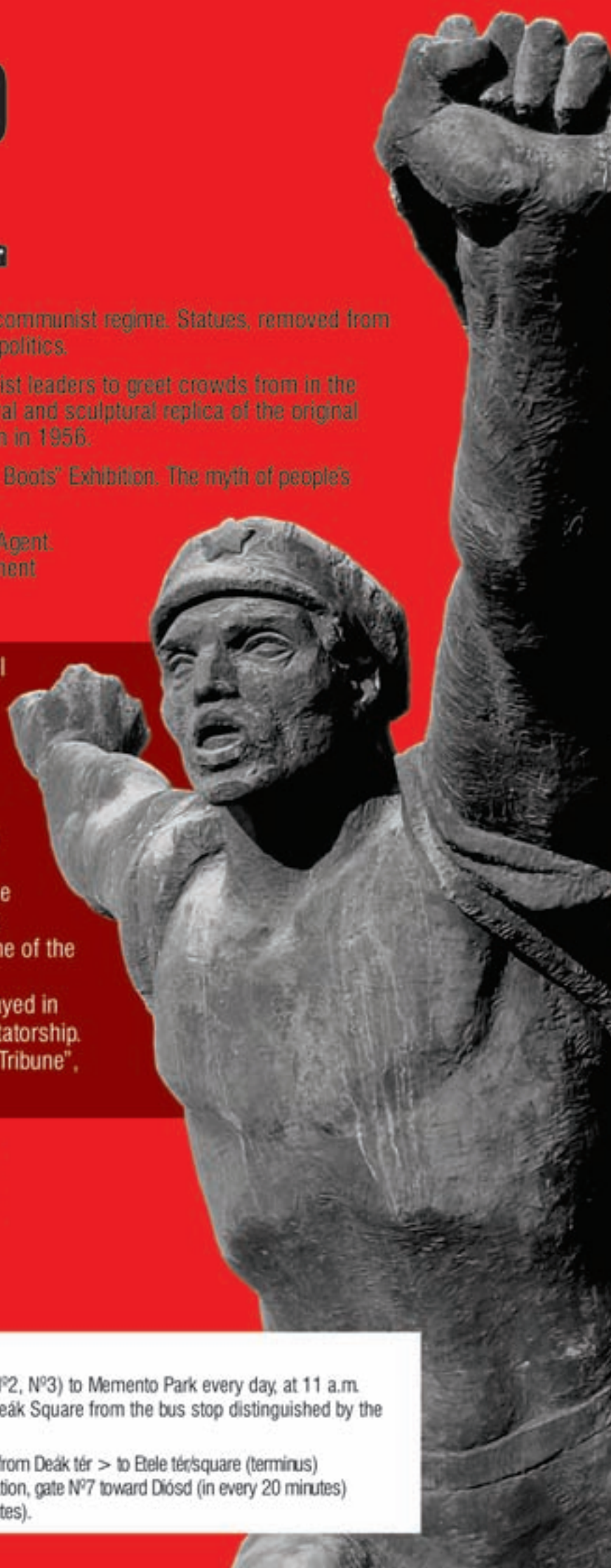
Budapest, 22<sup>nd</sup> district, corner of Balatoni út and Szabadkai utca.

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## TRAVELLING INFORMATION

Direct transfer from downtown (Deák tér, METRO N°1, N°2, N°3) to Memento Park every day, at 11 a.m. (in July and August also at 3 p.m.). The bus leaves from Deák Square from the bus stop distinguished by the Memento Park-timetable.

Alternative ways via public transport: > Bus N°47-49v from Deák tér > to Etele tér/square (terminus)  
> from Etele tér take the Volán bus, leaving from Volánbusz Station, gate N°7 toward Díósd (in every 20 minutes)  
> get off at the Memento Park - Szoborpark bus stop (15 minutes).

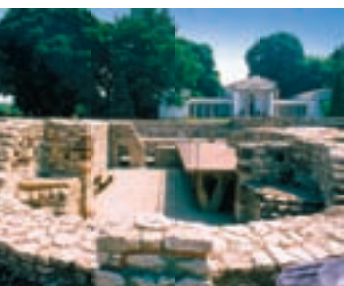






## Hidden treasures of the outer districts

As you enter the Hercules Villa, you can imagine the past chatter of Romans reclining in their togas, the rustle of tunic-clad servants carrying refreshments, the trickling of wine being poured into goblets. This Roman building – erected in the 2nd century and resurrected in 1960 – is named after the impressive mosaic laid on its floor. Pictures of Heracles fighting the Nessos centaur, Dionysian images and a depiction of a tiger evoke the spirit of the time 2,000 years ago.



*Aquincum*

While the centre of Budapest receives most attention, the outer districts also offer countless treasures worth seeing. The remains of the ancient city of **Aquincum** unearthed in **Óbuda** are visible in the archaeological park and

museum. The ruins of the military baths (at **Flórián Square**) and those of the civilian and military amphitheatres testify to the rich history of this Roman colonial seat. To the south of the downtown, contemporary buildings line each side of the Danube near the city's youngest bridge, reflecting the development of a new area. The newly built **National Theatre** stands on the Pest side, together with the award-winning **Palace of Arts**, which is a must for lovers of culture. Further out, along the highway leading to Lake Balaton, **Statue Park** preserves the monuments and statues that adorned the city's streets and squares during the Communist era (1950–1990).



*Statue Park*

*Above: Palace of Arts*



# Collectors and their collections

Perhaps the only stamps you won't find at the Budapest Stamp Museum are the "Blue and Red Mauritius" – unsurprising given that these are the world's oldest and most-expensive. However, there are plenty of others to excite philatelists among the collection of 13 million. Around 500,000 beautifully crafted stamps are on display in 3,200 frames at the museum's "World History—Stamp History" permanent exhibition. In addition to the stamps themselves, stamp-design plans, printing machines and special editions are also kept here.

It is difficult to choose which of Budapest's museums to visit – there are over 200 in total. If you have little time at your disposal, you should obviously head for the major ones. The **Hungarian National Museum** will acquaint you with the country's history, while the **Ethnographic Museum** focuses upon folk art and country life. If you want to learn more about Budapest itself, try the **Budapest History Museum**, which protects and displays the medieval ruins of the royal palace. Lovers of fine art are welcome at the **Hungarian National Gallery**, which shows the works of domestic artists, whereas the works

Art Hall

interest in warfare, whereas pacifists might prefer to visit the **Hungarian Museum of Catering**. If you are led by the Muses even while sightseeing, visit the Memorial Exhibitions of **Franz Liszt**, **Zoltán Kodály**, and **Béla Bartók**, or the **Museum of Music History**. Connoisseurs of culture may wish to explore the **Molnár C Pál Studio** and Museum run by the artist's descendants. Others could lose themselves among the 3,000 flags displayed at the **Flag Museum**. Something for the kids? Take them by the hand and head to the interactive world on offer at the **House of the Future** and the **Palace of Wonders**.



Museum of Fine Arts  
and the Millennial Monument

National Museum

of international painters (including the leading collection of El Greco works outside the Prado) have found their home in the **Museum of Fine Arts**. Contemporary works of art are displayed at the **Ludwig Museum** in the Palace of Arts. Industrial masterpieces are held in the Museum of Applied Arts, and treasures of religious art are kept at the **Basilica**, at **Matthias Church** and in museums run by the various denominations. The document of Martin Luther's will is kept in Budapest, and the world's richest collection of Jewish art outside Israel can be found here too. We recommend the **Museum of Military History** to those with an







# Natural treasures in an urban jungle

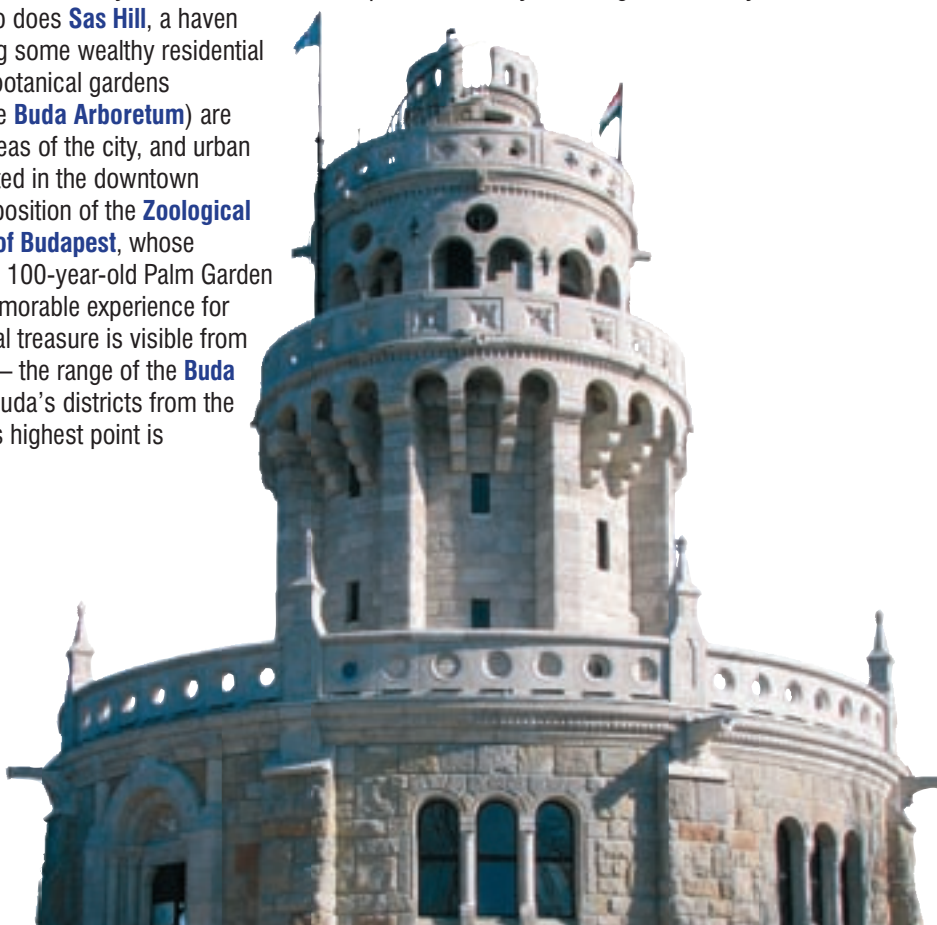
Incredible as it might seem, this city of two million inhabitants actually has an environmental protection area at its very heart. As such, peace, fresh air and curious wildlife are but a short walk from even the busiest of the city's traffic hubs.



Buda hills

Few of the world's capital cities can boast the natural treasures to be found in Budapest. **Gellért Hill**, towering above the city centre, has protected status; so too does **Sas Hill**, a haven of dolomite flora among some wealthy residential neighbourhoods. Two botanical gardens (the **Füvészkert** and the **Buda Arboretum**) are located in populated areas of the city, and urban development has resulted in the downtown encroaching upon the position of the **Zoological and Botanical Garden of Budapest**, whose magnificently renovated 100-year-old Palm Garden is sure to provide a memorable experience for plant lovers. One natural treasure is visible from most points of the city – the range of the **Buda Hills**, which embrace Buda's districts from the north-east. The range's highest point is at **János Hill**

(525 metres or 1,722ft); a chairlift carries visitors to the **Erzsébet** look-out tower at its peak. The hills represent not only the "lungs" of the city



On the right: Erzsébet look-out tower



## Pálvölgy Cave

but, with their designated hiking paths, one of the cornerstones of the healthy lifestyle of its inhabitants.

The most valuable natural assets of the city are its caves. Of all European capitals, Monaco is the only other that can boast a dripstone cave; Budapest has not just one but several open to visitors. The **Pálvölgy Cave** leads into a world of stalagmites and stalactites, while the **Szemlő Hill Cave** reveals a chamber of aragonite formations. If you'd prefer to look beyond the established paths, you might consider a trip to **Matthias Hill Cave**, which can only be visited with a qualified and experienced climber.



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# Budapest must-sees!

## The underground hospital in Buda Castle

It feels slightly spooky to descend 20 metres underground and encounter rows of bed-bound patients. However, fortunately these are not real patients – rather they are waxwork exhibits in a reconstruction of the former secret military hospital that once occupied this place deep within Castle Hill. The bomb-proof hospital was established in the cave in 1939, and continued to operate (under strict secrecy) during the party-state era.

## The top-ten must-see sights

### 1. The interior of the Opera House

The auditorium of the Opera House seats 1,200 people. It was designed in the Italian Renaissance style by Miklós Ybl. The three levels of the auditorium were decorated with 24-carat-gold leaves, and the murals of the greatest Hungarian painters adorn the halls and foyers of the building.



### 2. Downtown Diocese Church

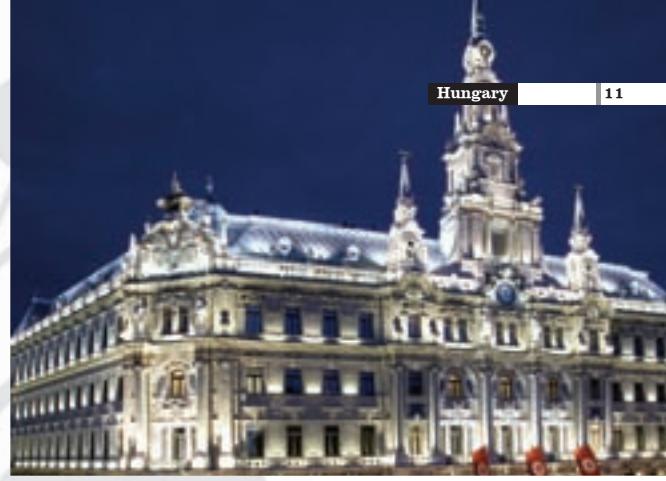
The Baroque church on the Pest side of Elizabeth Bridge is a melting pot of artistic features contributed over its 1,000-year life. Romanesque and Gothic elements, Renaissance altars, a Turkish mihrab (prayer niche), and Classical, Art-Nouveau and contemporary artefacts can all be seen.





### 3. New York Café

This was the most ornate of the 320 cafés that operated in the years preceding World War I, and it has remained so ever since. Gilded columns, reliefs and shining mirrors evoke the aesthetic of the early 1900s.



### 4. The Great Synagogue of Dohány Street

The largest synagogue in Europe built in the eastern, Moorish style seats 3,000 worshippers in its three wings. Musicians like Franz Liszt and Saint-Saëns have played its organ, which performs a leading role during the annual Jewish Festival.



### 5. The view from the Basilica

Built as the biggest church in the city, St Stephen's Basilica affords a great view for visitors who choose to ascend its dome (either via the 302 stairs or by taking the lift). Circling the dome, on one side you can see Buda, while stretched before you on the other is a sea of Pest rooftops.



### 6. "Steamy" – the Railway History Park

Who didn't dream of growing up to be a train driver when they were a child? You can live your dreams here. Take a peek inside the restaurant car of Agatha Christie's Orient Express, sit on a hand-propelled flatcar, or play with an enormous electric train set that fills an entire room.



### 7. Rigó Jancsi and Dobos cakes

Regardless of which café you choose, the square-shaped chocolate cake named after Jancsi Rigó – a gypsy musician renowned for his epic love affair – and the caramel-covered creation bearing the name of its original creator, József C Dobos, are bound to be on the menu.





#### 8. The Turkish steam room of the Rudas Bath

The domed Turkish Rudas Baths stand on the Buda side of Elizabeth Bridge; the baths were first constructed by Pasha Sokoli Mustapha in 1560, but almost 450 years later guests are still relaxing in its steam-filled halls. While until recently only men were admitted, the baths are now open to women as well.



#### 9. The Great Market Hall

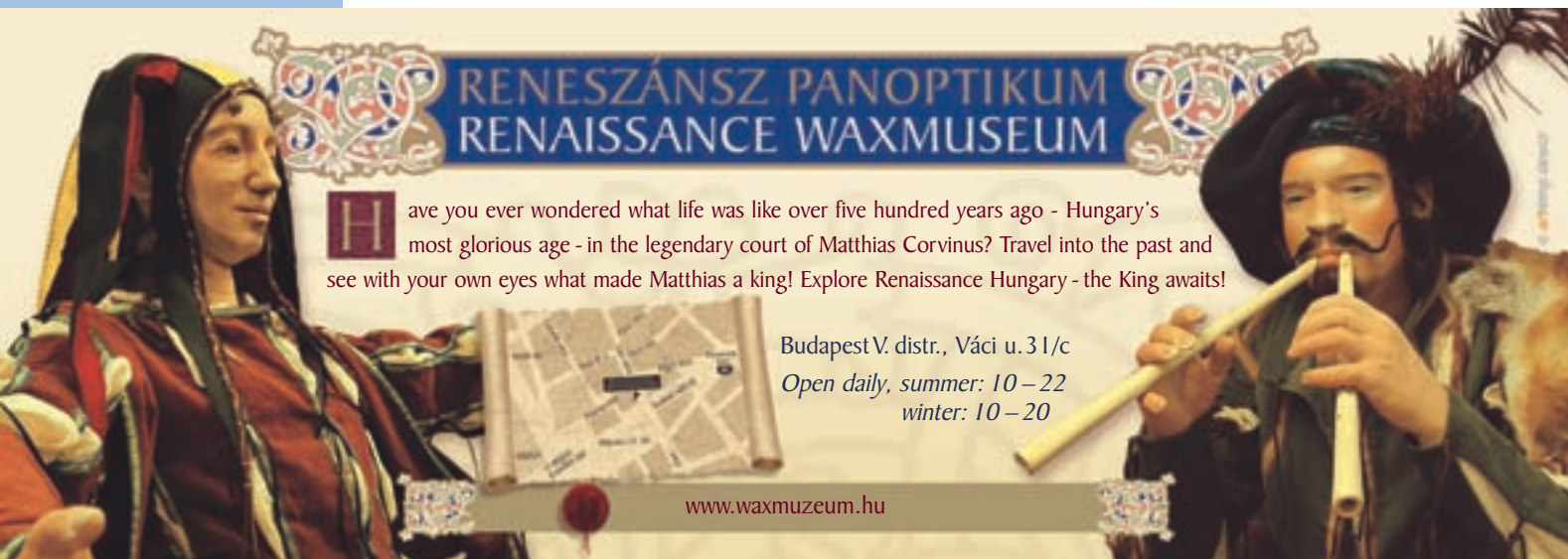
Market halls have largely disappeared from the majority of Europe's main cities. Fortunately, the market-hall tradition is alive and well in Budapest. The Great Market Hall is the biggest and most impressive of several that survive from the beginning of the 20th century.



#### 10. The Holy Crown and the Coronation Jewels

The Parliament Building is worth visiting not only for the spectacular architecture, but for the Crown Jewels on display in its sizeable and opulent Dome Room. The Holy Crown, the sceptre, the orb and the sword are admired by thousands of visitors each year.





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## Parliament (C/2)

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Phone: +36-1-441-4415  
www.parlament.hu  
Guided tours: Every day, min.  
5-person groups leaving every half  
an hour (Mon–Fri 8:00am–6:00pm,  
Sat 8:00am–4:00pm, Sun  
8:00am–2:00pm)

www.zsido.hu  
Sun–Thu 10:00am–6:00pm,  
Fri 10:00am–3:00pm (November  
1–March 1 Sun–Thu 10:00am–  
3:00pm, Fri 10:00am–2:00pm)  
Closed on Sat

## Great Circus of Budapest (F/1)

XIV. Állatkerti körút 12/a  
Phone: +36-1-344-6008  
www.maciva.hu  
E-mail: circus2@mail.datanet.hu

## Amusement Park (F/1)

XIV. Állatkerti körút 14–16  
Phone: +36-1-363-7091  
April–September: 10:00am–  
8:00pm, October–March only  
Sat–Sun 10:00am–7:00pm

## Matthias Church (B/3)

I. Szentháromság tér  
Phone: +36-1-355-5657  
www.matyas-templom.hu  
Mon–Fri 9:00am–5:00pm,  
Sat 9:00am–12:00pm,  
Sun 1:00pm–5:00pm

## Fishermen's Bastion (B/3)

I. Castle District (next to  
Matthias Church)

## Museum of Military History (A/3)

I. Kapisztrán tér 2–4  
Phone: +36-1-325-1600  
Tue–Sun 10:00am–6:00pm  
(October 1–March 31  
10:00am–4:00pm)

## Buda Castle Labyrinth (A/3)

I. Úri utca 9  
Phone: +36-1-212-0207  
www.labirintus.com  
Mon–Sun 9:30am–7:30pm

## Buda Castle Funicular (B/4)

I. Clark Ádám tér–Buda Castle  
Mon–Sun 7:30am–10:00pm  
Closed on the Mon of every even  
week of the month

## Aquincum Museum and Ruins

III. Szentendrei út 135

Phone: +36-1-250-1650  
www.aquincum.hu  
April 15–30 and October 1–31  
Ruins 9:00am–5:00pm,  
Exhibitions 10:00am–5:00pm  
May 1–September 30  
Ruins 9:00am–6:00pm,  
Exhibitions 10:00am–6:00pm,  
Closed on Mon

## Palace of Arts

IX. Komor Marcell utca 1  
Phone: +36-1-555-3001  
www.mupa.hu  
National Concert Hall, Ludwig  
Museum and the National  
Dance Theatre

## Statue Park

XXII. Corner of Balatoni út  
(Highway 70) – Szabadkai út  
Phone: +36-1-424-7500  
www.szoborpark.hu  
From 10:00am till sundown

## Hungarian National Museum (D/5)

VIII. Múzeum körút 14–16  
Phone: +36-1-338-2122  
www.mnm.hu  
Tue–Sun 10:00am–6:00pm

## Hungarian Agricultural Museum (F/1)

XIV. Városliget, Vajdahunyadvár  
(City Park, Vajdahunyad Castle)  
Phone: +36-1-422-0765  
www.mezogazdasagimuzeum.hu  
Tue–Sun 10:00am–5:00pm

## Ethnographic Museum (C/2)

V. Kossuth tér 12  
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www.neprajz.hu  
Tue–Sun 10:00am–6:00pm



Museum of Fine Arts

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## Hungarian State Opera House (D/3)

VI. Andrásy út 22  
Phone: +36-1-331-2550  
www.opera.hu; www.operavisit.hu  
Guided tours: Mon–Sun 3:00pm  
and 4:00pm  
Information: +36-1-332-8197

## St Stephen's Basilica (C/3)

V. Szent István tér  
Phone: +36-1-317-2859  
www.basilica.hu  
Mon–Sun 9:00am–5:00pm  
(during winter 10:00am–4:00pm)  
(Closed to visitors due to weddings  
on Sat from noon, and due to mass  
on Sun till 1:00pm)  
English tours: Mon–Sun 9:30am–  
11:00am and 2:00pm–3:30pm

## Downtown Diocese Church (C/4)

V. Március 15. tér 2  
Phone: +36-1-318-3108  
Open every day during service

## Dohány Street Synagogue and the Jewish Museum (D/4)

VII. Dohány utca 2  
Phone: +36-1-342-8949

National Gallery







Millennial Park

On the right: Ludwig Museum

### **Budapest History Museum – Castle Museum (B/4)**

I. Szent György tér 2  
Phone: +36-1-487-8800  
www.btm.hu  
10:00am–6:00pm (November 1–February 28: 10:00am–4:00pm)  
Closed on Tue

### **Hungarian National Gallery (B/4)**

I. Szent György tér 2  
Phone: +36-1-201-9082  
www.mng.hu  
Tue–Sun 10:00am–6:00pm

### **Museum of Fine Arts (F/1)**

XIV. Dózsa György út 41 (Heroes' Square)  
Phone: +36-1-469-7100  
www.szepmuveszeti.hu  
Tue–Sun 10:00am–5:30pm

### **Ludwig Museum – Museum of Contemporary Art**

IX. Komor Marcell utca 1 (Palace of Arts)  
Phone: +36-1-555-3444  
www.ludwigmuseum.hu  
Tue–Sun 10:00am–8:00pm (last Sat of each month 10:00am–10:00pm)

### **Museum of Applied Arts (E/5)**

IX. Üllői út 33–37  
Phone: +36-1-456-5100  
www.imm.hu  
Tue–Sun 10:00am–6:00pm

### **House of Terror Museum (E/2)**

VI. Andrassy út 60  
Phone: +36-1-374-2600  
www.terrorhaza.hu  
Tue–Fri 10:00am–6:00pm, Sat–Sun 10:00am–7:30pm

### **Museum of Transportation**

XIV. Városligeti körút 11  
Phone: +36-1-273-3840  
Tue–Fri 10:00am–5:00pm, Sat–Sun 10:00am–6:00pm (from October till May the museum closes 1 hour earlier)

National Museum



### **Franz Liszt Memorial Museum (D/3)**

VI. Vörösmarty utca 35  
Phone: +36-1-322-9804  
www.lisztmuseum.hu  
Mon–Fri 10:00am–6:00pm, Sat 9:00am–5:00pm

### **Zoltán Kodály Memorial Museum and Archives (E/2)**

VI. Andrassy út 89  
Phone: +36-1-352-7106  
Wed 10:00am–4:00pm, Thu–Sat 10:00am–6:00pm, Sun 10:00am–2:00pm

### **Béla Bartók Memorial House**

II. Csálán út 29  
Phone: +36-1-394-2100  
www.bartokmuseum.hu  
Tue–Sun 10:00am–5:00pm

### **Renaissance Waxworks Museum (C/4)**

V. Váci utca 31/c  
Phone: +36-1-266-8396  
www.waxmuzeum.hu  
October 1–February 28, Mon–Sun 10:00am–8:00pm; March 1–September 30, Mon–Sun 10:00am–10:00pm

### **House of Future Centre (A/2)**

II. Fény utca 20–22  
Phone: +36-1-336-4000  
www.jovohaza.hu

### **House of Wonders (A/2)**

II. Kis Rókus utca 16–20  
Phone: +36-1-350-6131  
Mon–Fri 9:00am–5:00pm, Sat–Sun 10:00am–6:00pm

### **History of Railroad Transportation**

XIV. Tatai út 95  
Phone: +36-1-450-1497  
www.mavnosztalgia.hu  
March 15–30 10:00am–3:00pm; March 31–November 4 10:00am–6:00pm; November 6–December 16 10:00am–3:00pm Closed on Mon

### **Cave Hospital (A/3)**

I. Lovas utca 4/c  
Phone: +36-30/397-8303  
www.sziklakorhaz.hu  
Guided visits only (by prior arrangement), every day-except Monday - from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm

### **Budapest Zoological and Botanical Gardens (F/1)**

XIV. Állatkerti krt 6–12



Phone: +36-1-273-4901  
January, February, November and December 9:00am–4:00pm; March, April, September, October 9:00am–5:00pm; May–August Mon–Thu 9:00am–6:00pm, Fri–Sun 9:00am–7:00pm

### **Erzsébet look-out tower on János Hill**

XII. János-hegy  
The 23.5-metre tall, circular, terraced tower built in the Neo-Roman style offers a spectacular view. Take bus #158 from Moszkva tér (Metro 2) to the last stop, then take the chairlift. Chairlift operating hours: May 16–September 14 9:00am–5:00pm; September 15–May 15 9:30am–4:00pm. Closed on the Mon of every odd week.

### **Pálvölgy Cave**

II. Szépvölgyi út 162  
Phone: +36-1-325-9505  
www.dinpi.hu  
Tue–Sun 10:15am–4:00pm  
The extent of the cave explored so far is 19 kilometres (11.8 miles), 500 metres of which is paved, lit and walkable. Tour length: 60 minutes. The temperature in the cave is 10 °C (50 °F) all year around. Only guided tours are allowed. Tours leave 15 minutes past the hour.

### **Szemlő Hill Cave**

II. Pusztaszeri út 35  
Phone: +36-1-325-6001  
10:00am–4:00pm Closed on Tue  
Tour length is 250 metres (273 yards), walkable on paved walkways and stairs. You can admire the rich pisolith deposits and calcium crystals covering the walls of the cave. The clean, dust-free air of the cave makes it conducive to the treatment of patients suffering from asthmatic and respiratory disorders. The estimated length of the tour is 40 minutes.

For further information visit:  
www.hungary.com,  
www.budapestinfo.hu, www.museum.hu





## Pleasant for the body Pleasant for the soul

In 1541 the Turks invaded Buda and occupied it for a period of 150 years. While they raided and destroyed, they also constructed – primarily *djams* and bath houses, some of which survive today. The Rác Baths, now a therapeutic and wellness centre, were called *kutchuk ilidjesi* (“small baths”) in Turkish, whereas the Rudas Baths, found on the Buda side of Elizabeth Bridge, was called *jesil direcli ilidja* (“green-columned baths”). Guests of the Rudas Baths still bathe under the baths’ original dome erected in 1560 by Pasha of Buda, Sokoli Mustapha.



Széchenyi Baths

Above: Gellért Baths

Steam room in Gellért Baths



Budapest is unique as a world capital in boasting 123 medicinal springs under its territory, supplying 70 million litres of warm and hot therapeutic water rich in minerals and other elements. The water is used primarily in **health spas and thermal baths**, or as mineral drinking water sold in bottles or consumed straight from **drinking fountains**. The bathing traditions are as old as the city itself, and there were 14 operating during the Roman period in the area known as Aquincum. Of the baths that are open all year round, the **Széchenyi Baths and Swimming Pools** in City Park –

Europe’s largest and perhaps most beautiful baths complex – has 15 pools and countless services.

Many baths use the water of the springs on the Buda side of the Danube, the best-known of which are the **Gellért Baths**. The central bubble pool in its Art-Nouveau

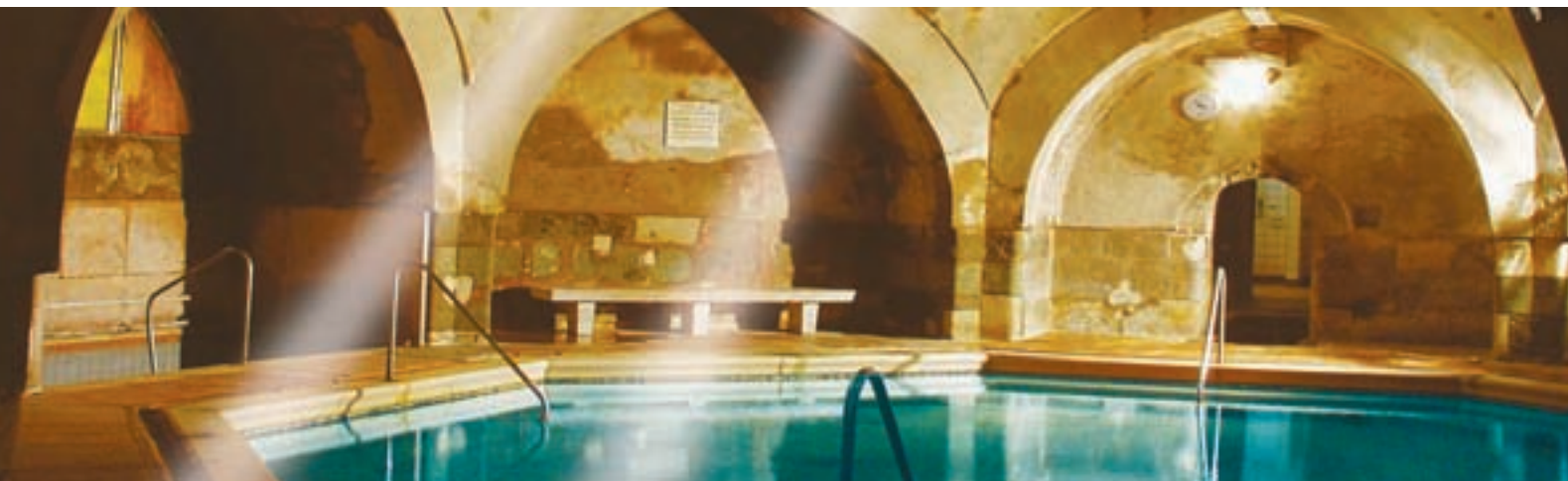
complex is surrounded by columned arcades, making for an unforgettable experience for bathers and visitors alike. North of the Gellért, a series of baths can be found in a row, some of which were established during the Turkish occupation and others during the early Middle Ages: **the Rudas, the Rác, the Király and the Lukács baths**. Budapesters patrons of the baths fall into two camps when it comes to these baths: some vouch for the Rudas, whereas others swear by the Lukács. Another favourite on the Pest side is the **Dagály Health Spa** sprawling in a sizeable park along the Danube.

During the summer season, the palette of baths is completed by the outdoor-only public-pool parks, the most popular of which is the **Palatinus** (or “the Pala” as it is fondly referred to in Budapest slang). Many also attend the **Roman Baths** (which, despite their misleading name, are outdoor pools), which are situated in a large park strewn with ancient trees.



# Therapeutic waters

Medicinal water can be used in various ways. One can bathe in it or enjoy its benefits by drinking it. The water of the Lukács Baths was already being used for medicinal purposes during the medieval period (as well as for other purposes such as powering mills). In the baths' marble drinking hall, you can drink the water from small glasses. If you sip it warm in the morning it is believed to relieve and prevent various stomach, kidney and gall-bladder problems.



Lukács Baths

Above: Király Baths

Gellért Baths



## Monument Baths in Budapest

### St Gellért Health Spa and Pools (C/6)

XI. Kelenhegyi út 4

Phone: +36-1-466-6166, [www.gellertfurdo.hu](http://www.gellertfurdo.hu)

Open: Mon–Sun 6:00am–7:00pm

#### Water content:

Calcium-magnesium-hydrogen carbonate and sulphate-chloride thermal water also containing sodium and a significant amount of fluoride ions.

#### Recommended for:

Degenerative diseases of the joints, vertebral disorders, intervertebral disc problems, neural disorders, high blood pressure, circulatory problems. In the inhalatorium: treatments for asthmatic and acute bronchial complaints.

#### Services:

Thermal pools, weight pools, carbonated tub baths, therapeutic massages, underwater jet massage, rejuvenating massage, hot-air and steam rooms, Finnish sauna, mud treatments, physical therapy.

### St Lukács Health Spa and Pools (B/1)

II. Frankel Leo utca 25–29

Phone: +36-1-326-1695

[www.lukacsfurdo.hu](http://www.lukacsfurdo.hu)

Open: Mon–Sun 6:00am–7:00pm

#### Water content:

Calcium-magnesium-hydrogen carbonate and sulphate-chloride thermal water also containing sodium and a significant number of fluoride ions.

#### Recommended for:

Degenerative diseases of the joints, vertebral conditions, intervertebral disc cartilage conditions, neurological diseases and osteomalacia.

As drinking treatment for: Acute gastritis, ulcers, enterocolitis, excess gastric acidity, kidney and urinary tract infections, certain types of kidney stones, acute inflammations of the respiratory tract, gall-bladder problems.

#### Services:

Thermal pools, weight pools, carbonated tub baths, therapeutic massages, underwater jet massage, rejuvenating massage, Finnish sauna, mud therapy.

### Rudas Health Spa and Pools (C/5)

I. Döbrentei tér 9

Phone: +36-1-356-1322,

[www.rudasfurdo.hu](http://www.rudasfurdo.hu)

Open: Mon–Fri 6:00am–6:00pm

Sat–Sun 6:00am–2:00pm

#### Water content:

Radioactive thermal water containing calcium-magnesium-hydrogen carbonate and sulphate with a significant number of fluoride ions.



## Rudas Baths

**Recommended for:**

Degenerative diseases of the joints, vertebral disorders, intervertebral disc cartilage problems, neurological diseases and osteomalacia.

**Drinking treatments:**

1. The water of the Hungária Spring: gastritis, excess gastric acidity, kidney problems, treatment of gastro-neurological complaints.
2. The water of the Attila Spring: inflammations of the respiratory and digestive tracts, bladder, gall-bladder and liver problems.
3. The water of the Attila Spring: high blood pressure, rheumatic and arthritic diseases.

**Services:**

Thermal baths, tub baths, underwater jet massages, swimming pool, therapeutic massages, rejuvenating massages, hot-air and steam chambers.

**Széchenyi Health Spa and Pools (F/1)**

XIV. Állatkerti körút 11

Phone: +36-1-363-3210, [www.szechenyifurdo.hu](http://www.szechenyifurdo.hu)

Open: Mon–Sun 6:00am–10:00pm

**Water content:**

Calcium-magnesium-hydrogen carbonate and sulphate-chloride thermal water, also containing



## Széchenyi Baths



sodium and a significant amount of fluoride and metabolic acid.

**Recommended for:**

Degenerative diseases of the joints, acute and semi-acute inflammation of the joints, orthopaedic and post-surgical treatments. As drinking treatment for: Acute gastritis, stomach ulcers, enterocolitis,

acute inflammation of the kidneys and the urinary tract, certain types of kidney stones, acute respiratory-tract inflammations, amelioration of arthritic and metabolic problems, gall-bladder diseases.

**Services:**

Weight pools, carbonated tub baths, therapeutic massages, underwater jet massage, rejuvenating massage, Finnish sauna with a cold-water pool, mud therapy, physical therapy.

**Király Health Spa (B/2)**

II. Fő utca 84

Phone: +36-1-202-3688, [www.kiralyfurdo.hu](http://www.kiralyfurdo.hu)

Open: Women only on Mon, Wed, Fri 7:00am–6:00pm; men only on Tue, Thu, Sat 9:00am–8:00pm

**Water content:**

Calcium-magnesium-hydrogen carbonate and sulphate-chloride thermal water, also containing sodium and a significant number of fluoride ions.

**Recommended for:**

Degenerative diseases of the joints, vertebral diseases, acute and semi-acute inflammations of the joints, intervertebral cartilage problems, neurological disorders, osteomalacia.

**Services:**

Therapeutic massages, underwater jet massages, rejuvenating massages, foot massages, hot-air and steam rooms, pedicure, a 2-person Finnish sauna with tub baths.





# Wellness

St Margaret, the daughter of King Bela IV, could never have imagined that some day people would jog, cycle and play sports on the island in the Danube that bears her name; Palatine Joseph, who converted the island into a park at the beginning of the 19th century, would be flabbergasted by the sight of the track suits and colourful helmets. The traffic-free island is now a veritable hive of wellness, with a sports centre, a 5km (3-mile) race track and swimming pools.



“Wellness is basically a learning process whereby we can acquire the ability to make decisions leading to a higher quality of living. Thus, it is not comprised of one treatment but rather of a long process.”

There is a rich range of wellness activities available in Budapest. There are various kinds of massage on offer, such as **acupuncture massage, cellulite massage, Shiatsu-, Thai-, and Yumeiho massages**; there are complex therapies, such as **Feldankrais-, Kneipp-, Mayr-, Thalasso therapies**; and there are treatments including **acupressure, seaweed treatment, body wrapping, Cleopatra bath, aromatherapy and exfoliation**.

In addition to the **therapeutic hotels**, each of the **major hotels in Budapest** (four- and five-star) has wellness facilities, fitness rooms, pools and sometimes courts for playing sports. Some smaller, family-run **bed-and-breakfasts** in the city also offer special wellness services.

You can feel fit and well through swimming or relaxing in a hot tub. In addition to these, some

other wellness services are offered at most **swimming pools and baths**. At the majority of health spas, there are pools too with a controlled water temperature suitable for swimming. During the summer you might swim, bathe, relax and soak up the sun at open-air pool parks. The most popular public pool parks are the **Palatinus** on Margaret Island and the **Roman Baths** in Óbuda, both of which are situated in scenic, wooded areas.

The more athletic should head for one of two swimming-pool complexes – the **Császár-Komjádi Swimming Pools** or the **Hajós Alfréd Sports Pools** – where members of the Hungarian water-polo and swimming teams train.

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# Public Swimming Pools in Budapest



Palatinus Pool Park

Right: Római Pool Park

## Dagály Pool Park

XIII. Népfürdő utca 36

Phone: +36-1-452-4500, [www.dagalyfurdo.hu](http://www.dagalyfurdo.hu)

**Open:** Swimming pools and therapeutic thermal pool Mon–Sun 6:00am–8:30pm; therapeutic medicinal massages and underwater jet massages Mon–Sun 6:00am –7:00pm

**Water content:** Calcium-magnesium-hydrogen carbonate and sulfate-chloride thermal water, which also contains sodium and a significant number of fluoride ions.

**Recommended for:** Degenerative diseases of the joints, acute and semi-acute inflammations of the joints, treatment of orthopaedic disorders and problems resulting from injuries.

**Services:** Children's splash pool, sports pool, outdoor swimming pool, thermal and pleasure pool, sauna, football field, therapeutic massages, pleasure spa, wave pool.

## Palatinus Pool Park

XIII. Margaret Island

Phone: +36-1-340-4505,

[www.palatinusstrand.hu](http://www.palatinusstrand.hu)

**Open:** Mon–Sun 9:00am–7:00pm

**Water content:** Low saline content, calcium-magnesium-hydrogen carbonate chloride thermal water

**Services:** Pleasure pools, children's splash pool, outdoor swimming pools, wave pool, thermal pool, sports fields, playground.

## Római Pool Park

III. Rozgonyi Piroska utca 2

Phone: +36-1-388-9740,

[www.romaistrand.hu](http://www.romaistrand.hu)

**Open:** Mon–Sun 9:00am–7:00pm

**Water content:** Consistently low concentration of solvents, calcium-magnesium-hydrogen carbonate warm spring water.

**Services:** Family and individual slides, "Black Hole" slide, jet stream, fountains, geysers, rock garden with waterfall, bubble falls, miniature slides, climbing nets, Finnish sauna.

## Therapeutic Hotels in Budapest:

[www.danubiushotels.com](http://www.danubiushotels.com):

**Danubius Grand Hotel Margitsziget**

**Danubius Health Spa Resort Margitsziget**

**Danubius Health Spa Resort Helia**

**Danubius Hotel Gellért**

[www.aqua-world.hu](http://www.aqua-world.hu)

**For further information please visit:**

[www.spasbudapest.com](http://www.spasbudapest.com)







## Recreation high and low

“Your feet are always at hand,” goes the saying. In Budapest, that means you can get up into the Buda Hills in 30 minutes. If you have no time for a longer trip, take the chairlift at Zugliget and take it to the top of János Hill (527 metres, 1,729ft). The Erzsébet Look-out Tower, erected in 1910, is only a few minutes’ walk from the last stop, the terraces of which offer a magnificent view of the hills and the city.

You can hike your way down or take the Children’s Railway.

If you fancy a **jog**, consider the specially built shore-side track on Margaret Island, or one of the larger or the less-steep areas of the Buda Hills. If you’d prefer a plain old **walk**, you can choose from countless paths ranging from easy to difficult in the Buda Hills. Hiking trails and walking paths are marked with clear signs posted on trees and streets. For those who’d like to take a look beneath the surface, there are **caves** that are open and readily accessible to the public (and for which you don’t need special clothing). Alternatively, the more adventurous might arrange for a wild cave tour within the city.

The Budapest section of the Danube has served lovers of **watersports**, such as rowers, canoeists and kayakers, since the second half of the 19th century. Many an Olympic medallist or world champion has trained upon these waters. The largest watersports camp has been established at Római part (the “Roman Shore”) on the Buda side; those who seek a quieter section free from big boats would do better to choose the Soroksár side-stream which starts at Csepel Island.

**Cyclists** will be pleased to learn that a 160km (100-mile) cycle-lane system runs throughout the city, in addition to the numerous roads with

lighter or reduced traffic that are also available to them. Moreover, a section of the EuroVelo international bike route established along the Danube also crosses Budapest. Don’t dismay if you didn’t bring a bicycle because there are numerous places to rent one; you can even book on a bicycle sightseeing tour.

**Mountain bikers** are well served by the routes in the Buda Hills (marked with bike signs). The nicest tracks can be found in the areas of the Hűvösvölgy-Glider Airport and the Hármashatár Hill-Csúcs Hill.

Many open-air and indoor skate parks are available for **skateboarders** in Budapest.



Jogging on the Margaret Island



# From golf balls to skating

City Park, situated at the eastern end of Andrásy Boulevard, has always been a special place for people indulging in recreation and sports. The people of Pest used to ride their horses here in the 19th century and enjoyed a picnic lunch and a spot of boating on the lake in front of Vajdahunyad Castle. When the weather was cold enough and the surface froze, skaters took to the lake. These days the lake is frozen artificially in winter and is a popular outdoor rink, with music playing and people watching from the nearby bridge.



Golf

Hungarians are referred to as a horse-riding people, their nomadic ancestors having arrived in the Carpathian Basin 1,100 years ago on horse back. Budapest offers opportunities for riders of all abilities; for cross-country riding, however, you'll need to visit horse farms and traditional terrain just beyond the city.

There are many other sports to enjoy too. You have a choice of some 50 **tennis** clubs, featuring indoor and outdoor courts in virtually every district of the city.

There is a nine-hole golf course in Budapest with a training center and a practice course. You can also find driving ranges in Adyliget, the 10th district, and on Hajógyári ("Shipyard") Island. Indoor golfing (obviously more popular in the winter) is available to devotees of the sport at two places in the capital.

While motor racing is a popular spectator sport, you can also have a go yourself – on a smaller scale. Take to the track at one of several **go-cart centres**, and race against yourself or a group of friends.



The **paintball** craze has reached great heights in the past few years, and you'll find facilities in Budapest.

Alternatively, you might speed down the summer bobsledding tracks. This is available for children and adults alike, and there are tracks on the edge of the city.

Indoor facilities allow you to indulge in sport whatever the weather. There are countless places to play **squash**, go **bowling** or take part in "coffee-house sports" such as **pool** or **darts**.

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# Leisure



Tennis

## Fitness, wellness clubs, day spas

### A1 Wellness – Material Center

XIII. Róbert Károly körút 54–58

Phone: +36-1-238-0764

### A1 Óbuda

II. Árpád fejedelem útja 26–28

Phone: +36-1-346-3030

### A1 Eurocenter

III. Bécsi út 154, Phone: +36-1-437-4636

[www.a1wellness.hu](http://www.a1wellness.hu)

### Mandala day spa (D/1)

XIII. Budapest, Ipoly utca 8 (Kleopátra ház)

Phone: +36-1-801-2566

[www.mandaladayspa.hu](http://www.mandaladayspa.hu)

### Biovital Wellness Centre (A/2)

II. Lövház utca 1–5

Phone: +36-1-315-2069

[www.biovital.hu](http://www.biovital.hu)

## Bike rental and city cycling tours

### Komjádi Uszoda (B/1)

II. Árpád fejedelem útja 8

Phone: +36-1-212-0330, [www.sulisi.hu](http://www.sulisi.hu)

### Budapest Bike (E/3)

VII. Wesselényi utca 18

Phone: +36-30-944-5533

[www.budapestbike.hu](http://www.budapestbike.hu)

### Bike Base (D/2)

VI. Podmaniczky utca 19

Phone: +36-1-269-5983 [www.bikebase.hu](http://www.bikebase.hu)

### Bringóhintó (C/1)

1138 Budapest, Hajós Alfréd sétány 1

Phone: +36-1-329-2073

[www.bringohinto.hu](http://www.bringohinto.hu)

### Yellow Zebra (C/4)

V. Budapest, Sütő utca 2

(near Deák Ferenc tér)

Phone: +36-1-269-3843

[www.yellowzebrabikes.com](http://www.yellowzebrabikes.com)

### WestEnd City Bike (D/2)

VI. Budapest, Váci út 1–3

Phone: +36-1-374-6573

[www.westend.hu](http://www.westend.hu)

## Tennis

### Roman Tennis Academy

III. Királyok útja 105

Phone: +36-1-240-8616

Mon–Fri 7:00am–10:00pm,

Sat–Sun 7:00am–9:00pm

### Szépvölgyi Tennis Centre

II. Virág B. utca 39–41

Phone: +36-1-388-1591

Open: 7:00am–10:00pm

### Városmajor Tennis Academy

XII. Városmajor utca 63–69

Phone: +36-1-202-5337

Mon–Fri 7:00am–10:00pm, Sat:

7:00am–7:00pm, Sun 8:00am–7:00pm

## Squash

### City Squash & Fitness (A/1)

II. Marczibányi tér 13

Phone: +36-1-336-0408

Mon–Fri 7:00am–midnight,

Sat–Sun 8:00am–10:00pm

### Top Squash (A/2)

II. Lövház utca 2–4 (Mammut I)

Phone: +36-1-345-8193

Mon–Fri 7:00am–11:00pm

Sat–Sun 9:00am–8:00pm

## Horse riding

### Petneházy Horse-Riding Centre

II. Feketefej utca 2

Phone: +36-1-397-1208

### Favorit Stables

XVI. Mókus utca 23

Phone: +36-30-966-9992

## Go-carting

### Budaring Go-cart

XI. Budaörsi út (at Floracoop flower market)

Phone: +36-1-247-4747

[www.budaring.hu](http://www.budaring.hu)

Mon–Fri 11:00am–10:00pm,

Sat–Sun 10:00am–10:00pm

### Eurocenter Go-cart

III. Bécsi út 154

Phone: +36-1-437-4680

Mon–Thu 2:00pm–10:00pm, Sat 11:00

am–11:00pm, Sun: 11:00am–9:00pm

## Skateboarding and rollerskating

### Görzenál

III. Árpád fejedelem útja 46

Phone: +36-1-250-4800

Mon–Fri 1:00pm–7:00pm,

Sat–Sun 9:00am–7:00pm

## Bowling

### WestEnd Bowling Club (D/2)

VI. Váci út 1–3 (WestEnd City Center)

Phone: +36-1-238-7040

Sun–Thu 10:00am–1:00am

Fri–Sat 10:00am–3:00am

### Mammut Bowling Club (A/2)

II. Lövház utca 2–6 (2nd floor)

Phone: +36-1-345-8300

Sun–Thu 10:00am–1:00am,

Fri–Sat 10:00am–3:00am

### Strike Bowling Club

XI. Budafoki út 111–113

Tel. +36-1-206-2754

Mon–Thu 2:00pm–1:00am Fri–Sat

2:00pm–3:00am, Sun noon–1:00am

## Bobsledding

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November 1–January 31 only weekends

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April 1–November 1 every day

10:00am–sunset

## Ice Skating

### Ice Skating Centre

IV. Homoktövis utca 1

Phone: +36-1-435-2060

[www.korikozpont.hu](http://www.korikozpont.hu)

### Artificial Ice Skating Rink (F/1)

XIV. Olof Palme sétány 5

Phone: +36-1-364-0013

[www.mujezpalya.hu](http://www.mujezpalya.hu)

### Westend Ice Terrace (D/2)

VI. Váci út 1–3, Phone: +36-30-549-9294

## Golf

### Highland Golf Club

XXII. Dózsa György út 99–103

Phone: +36-1-362-8020

[www.highlandgolf.hu](http://www.highlandgolf.hu), [www.hungolf.hu](http://www.hungolf.hu)

### Petneházy Golf Club

1029 Adyliget, Feketefej utca 6

Phone: +36-1-354-1720

[www.golfcentrum.hu](http://www.golfcentrum.hu)

## Paintball

[www.paintballpark.hu](http://www.paintballpark.hu)

[www.extremepaintball.hu](http://www.extremepaintball.hu)



Margaret Island





# Czardas Queen or Cho-Cho-San

Gustav Mahler, Otto Klemperer, Ferenc Erkel, Giacomo Puccini, Béla Bartók, Lamberto Gardelli, János Ferencsik, Beniamino Gigli, Éva Marton are names from the history of the Budapest Opera House. They are a few among many who, at different periods, were directors at the venue, staged many productions, conducted the orchestra or performed on its stage. This Neo-Renaissance palace dating to 1884 has hosted all the musical greats, whether through performance of their music or by receiving them in person (from Monteverdi to Péter Eötvös).



*Music Conservatory*

You will need a very large ladle indeed to scoop from Budapest's cultural soup. Among its highlights are the temporary and permanent exhibitions of the Museum of Fine Arts and the Hungarian National Gallery, the annual programmes of cultural events (such as the Spring Festival, the Budapest Fair, the Sziget Festival and the Festival of Arts and Crafts), and the concerts and other performances held at the Opera House and the Palace of Arts. And when you've partaken of food for the soul, you can fill your stomach with hearty helpings of the real stuff too. Don't miss, for instance, the Buda Castle Sausage and Palinka Festival or the International Festival of Wine.

The cornerstones of classical music in Budapest are the Opera House, the Music Conservatory and the Palace of Arts. On the repertoire of the Opera House, you will find elite national and international productions of ballet and opera. The building housing the Music Conservatory (particularly the interior) is considered to be one of the leading

examples of Hungarian Art Nouveau. The Béla Bartók National Concert Hall (which seats 1,700) has found a home in the Palace of Arts and ranks among the best concert halls in the world. The concert hall's organ – whose quality is superb – boasts 6,712 pipes. The Palace of Arts also holds the National Dance Theatre and the Ludwig Museum. In the first half of the 20th century, Budapest was referred to as the capital of the operetta – a separate theatre was even built to cater purely for plays in this genre. By the end of the century, Budapest's stages were regularly featuring international musical productions. You can spend a very pleasant evening taking in a musical at the Madách, Víg-, Thália or Magyar theatres.



# A Festival in Fever

Spring ushers in more than nice weather and blossoming trees. In the last two weeks of March, flags adorn the Hungarian capital. However, these are not raised in honour of a diplomat or a national holiday. Rather they indicate the opening of the Spring Festival, when the most celebrated Hungarian and foreign artists perform in Budapest to audiences who come from all over the world. This internationally renowned festival – which, since its inception in 1981, has spread to many other towns too – has something for everyone, including classical and contemporary concerts, stage productions, movie shows, outdoor programmes and other festival events.



*Above: Fireworks  
on the 20th of August  
Budapest Spring Festival*

*Right: Wine festival*

There is always something cultural going on in Budapest – not only in the concert halls, theatres and sports halls, but on the streets themselves.

The summer months from June to August feature a plethora of events. Summer on the Chain Bridge (with a series of performances) takes place during this time, as well as the programmes of the Summer Festival on Margaret Island and at the Városmajor Open-Air Theatre, and the productions of the BudaFest Summer Opera and Ballet Festival.

The internationally renowned Sziget Festival takes place at the beginning of August on Shipyard Island, and includes over 1,000 pop and rock-music events. Around August 20th, you can participate in the Festival of Arts and Crafts, which showcases the various skills and trades of folk artists.

The national holiday is made memorable by the Air Show over the river and concludes with a half-hour-long fireworks display in the evening. At the end of the month, you can join in with the programmes of the Summer Jewish Festival and try Hungarian wines during the Wine Festival held

in Buda Castle. If you wish not only to taste wine but to see how it is made, you are recommended to take a trip to Budafok. Within the framework of the Budapest Autumn Festival, the autumn belongs to the contemporary arts.

The year concludes with the Christmas Market at Vörösmarty Square and New Year's Eve celebrations (which open with a concert and feature a series of balls and galas, among them the elegant Opera Ball).







## Parties for the city's residents and guests

Count István Széchenyi imagined it, William Tierny Clark designed it, Adam Clark built it and on summer weekends the people and foreign guests of Budapest “invade” Budapest’s most beautiful Danube crossing, the Chain Bridge. The series of events known as Summer on the Chain Bridge opens with the Bridge Celebration at the end of June and lasts until the end of August, offering classical, jazz and pop-music concerts, theatre performances and market stalls selling craft works and folk art. The bridge is closed to traffic during the events.

In addition to the main cultural events, which attract tens of thousands of people to watch, there are programmes throughout the year. Among these are smaller, local festivals in the districts of Ferencváros, Óbuda and Erzsébetváros. Fans of music and the performing arts can select from the usual season’s offerings at concert venues all over the city.

Budapest’s churches (of several denominations) also offer quality concerts, especially during the season of church celebrations.

Hungarian choral music is popular, and choirs perform in both churches and concert halls.

Other venues for music are clubs and pubs, which frequently advertise live jazz, blues, rock, pop and other music performed by renowned or lesser-known artists. And on leaving any of the places playing music on New Year’s Eve, you’ll be treated to the noise and “music” of night in the streets as well.



*Festival of Arts and Crafts  
Air parade over the Danube*

*Right: National Theatre*





# The most important theatres and concert halls in Budapest:



*Operetta Theatre*

## **Hungarian State Opera House (D/3)**

VI. Andrásy út 22  
Phone: +36-1-353-0170, [www.opera.hu](http://www.opera.hu)  
Box office: Mon–Sat 11:00am–beginning of show time (or 5:00pm if there is no performance);  
Sun and national holidays 4:00pm–show time.  
Before matinee performances, the box offices open at 10:00am.

## **Budapest Operetta Theatre (D/3)**

VI. Nagymező utca 19  
Phone: +36-1-312-4866, [www.operettszinhaz.hu](http://www.operettszinhaz.hu)  
Box office: Mon–Fri 10:00am–7:00pm,  
Sat–Sun 13.00–19.00  
If there are no performances on holidays, the box office is closed!



*Redoute*

## **Music Conservatory (D/3)**

VI. Liszt Ferenc tér 8  
Phone: +36-1-462-4679, [www.zeneakademia.hu](http://www.zeneakademia.hu)

## **National Theater**

IX. Bajor Gizi park 1  
Phone: +36-1-476-6800, [www.nemzetiszhaz.hu](http://www.nemzetiszhaz.hu)  
Box office: weekdays 10:00am–6:00pm  
weekends and national holidays 2:00pm–6:00pm  
or the beginning of the performance.

## **Palace of Arts**

IX. Komor Marcell utca 1  
Phone: +36-1-555-3000, [www.mupa.hu](http://www.mupa.hu)  
Box office: Mon–Fri 1:00pm–6:00pm Sat–Sun 10:00am–6:00pm or until the end of the show on performance days.

## **Folklore programme:**

[www.hungariakonzert.hu](http://www.hungariakonzert.hu)

## **Duna Palace (C/3)**

V. Zrínyi utca 5, Phone: +36-1-235-5500

## **Thália Theatre (D/3)**

VI. Nagymező utca 22–24  
Phone: +36-1-312-4230

## **Madách Theatre (E/3)**

VII. Erzsébet körút 29–33  
Phone: +36-1-478-2041, [www.madachszinhaz.hu](http://www.madachszinhaz.hu)

## **Comedy Theatre (C/3)**

XIII. Szent István körút 14  
Phone: +36-1-329-2340, [www.vigszhaz.hu](http://www.vigszhaz.hu)

## **Merlin International Theatre (D/4)**

V. Gerlőczy utca 4  
Phone: +36-1-317-9338, [www.szhaz.hu/merlin](http://www.szhaz.hu/merlin)

## **Redoute (C/4)**

V. Vigadó tér 2.  
Phone: +36-1-354-3755, [www.tabulas.hu/vigado](http://www.tabulas.hu/vigado)

*Large picture: Palace of Arts*



# Main Events in Budapest

## March – Utazás (Travel Expo)

Hungexpo Zrt.

X. Albertirsai út 10

Phone: +36-1-263-6523

[www.utazas.hungexpo.hu](http://www.utazas.hungexpo.hu)

## March – Budapest Spring Festival

Budapest Festival Centre

V. Szervita tér 5

Phone: +36-1-486-3300

[www.btf.hu](http://www.btf.hu)

For 27 years now the Budapest Spring Festival has been Hungary's biggest cultural festival. In the last two weeks of March, around 200 events await Hungarian and foreign tourists in 50–60 venues in Budapest.

## June – Pannon Wine Congress

Pannon Wine Guild

XIV. Állatkerti út 2

Phone: +36-1-468-4045

[www.pannonbor.hu](http://www.pannonbor.hu)

This festival of top wines and top winemakers in City Park offers some marvels of Hungarian gastronomy and a real market atmosphere.

## 2nd part of June – Danube Carnival

BM Duna Artists Ensemble

XII. Németvölgyi út 41

Phone: +36-1-201-6613

[www.dunaart.hu](http://www.dunaart.hu)

This gathering organised around the city attracts top European and overseas artists from the worlds of classical and world music, as well as brass bands, contemporary dancers and the best performers of Hungarian folk dancing.

## 2nd part of June – Budapest Horse-Riding June-Fest

National Equestrian Marketing Association

Phone: +36-30-685-7812

[www.nlm.hu](http://www.nlm.hu)

Visitors are offered programmes on Shipyard Island over four days: the Celebration of Fire on the 22nd, the Open Historical Day on the 23rd, and an equestrian show on the 24th and 25th.

## July –August – Space, Film and Music Festival

Visualpower Kft.

XI. Kelenföldi út 2

Phone: +36-1-204-1402

[www.terfilmzene.hu](http://www.terfilmzene.hu)

The Space, Film and Music Festival will be organised for the fourth time in Budapest. Visitors can watch films catering to all age groups free of charge; films are screened every day on a daylight giant LED wall from 4.30pm till 11.00pm.

## Beginning of August – Formula 1 Hungarian Grand Prix

Hungaroring Sport Rt.

2146 Mogyoród, Pf 10

Phone: +36-28-444-444

[www.hungaroring.hu](http://www.hungaroring.hu)

## Beginning of August – Sziget Festival

Sziget Office, XIV. Orly utca

5–7, Phone: +36-1-372-0650

[www.sziget.hu](http://www.sziget.hu)

Shipyard Island on the Danube becomes a town within the city during this multicultural festival. Around 400,000 come to the Sziget (Island) Festival each year for concerts featuring global names, the cream of Hungarian bands and rising stars, as well as for theatre performances, films, exhibitions, classical music and sports programmes.



## Around August 20 – Wine Village

VI. Városligeti fasor 44

Phone: +36-1-321-1602

[www.borfalu.hu](http://www.borfalu.hu)

Guests are welcomed with wine tasting, concerts, children's programmes and a grape-harvest procession.

## Around August 20 – Festival of Arts and Crafts

Association of Folk Art Unions

I. Szilágyi Dezső tér 6

Phone: +36-1-214-3147

[www.nesz.hu](http://www.nesz.hu)

Many of the most prominent craftsmen and women in Hungary showcase their skills in workshops set up throughout Buda Castle, while visitors can also take in performances of folk music and dance.

## End of August–beginning of September –

## Jewish Summer Festival

Jewish Touristic and Cultural Centre

VII. Síp utca 12

Phone: +36-1-343-0420

[www.jewishfestival.hu](http://www.jewishfestival.hu)

A wide-ranging festival that focuses on Jewish culture. It features a week of books and films, exhibitions and gastronomy events, as well as those international "languages" of culture – music and dance.

## Beginning of September – September-Fest

Hotelinfo Kft

1056 Budapest, Váci út 78–80



*Budapest Spring Festival*

*Right: Budapest Marathon*





Budapest Christmas Fair

Above: Budapest Autumn Festival

Phone: +36-1-266-3741  
[www.szeptemberfeszt.hu](http://www.szeptemberfeszt.hu)  
 The "September-Fest"  
 is one of the capital's main  
 gastronomic festivals.

**September – NIKE Budapest  
 International Half Marathon**  
 Budapest Sport Office  
 XIV. Dózsa György út 1–3  
 Phone: +36-1-273-0939  
[www.budapestmarathon.com](http://www.budapestmarathon.com)

**September – Budapest  
 International Wine Festival**  
 Hungarian Viniculture Public  
 Benefit Company  
 XI. Bartók Béla út 152  
 Phone: +36-1-203-8507  
[www.winefestival.hu](http://www.winefestival.hu)  
 The best wine makers introduce  
 themselves at exhibitions and  
 a fair organised in the grounds  
 of Buda Castle, and once again  
 there is the essential wine auction  
 and grape-harvest procession.  
 The festival also includes cultural  
 programmes, and classical and  
 jazz concerts.

**Budafok Sparkling Wine  
 and Wine Festival**  
 Budafok–Tétény, Budapest XXII.  
 district Municipality  
 1221 Budapest, Városház tér 11  
 Phone: +36-1-229-2687  
[www.budafokiborfesztival.hu](http://www.budafokiborfesztival.hu)  
 We have arranged the  
 programmes of the festival so  
 that everybody, from children to  
 the elderly, can enjoy suitable  
 programmes. In addition to the  
 romantic cellar tours (Budafok  
 has a unique, 40km-long cellar  
 system) and gastronomic  
 delights, we offer the visitors  
 cultural programmes including  
 foreign and Hungarian dance  
 ensembles, brass bands, jazz  
 bands and many popular artists.

**Third weekend of September –  
 Cultural Heritage Days**  
 Cultural Heritage Protection  
 Bureau  
 Phone: +36-1-224-5586  
[www.oroksegnapok.hu](http://www.oroksegnapok.hu)  
 The third Saturday and  
 Sunday of September each  
 year are heritage red-letter

days. Hundreds of prominent  
 buildings open their gates for  
 guided tours of locations not  
 normally open to the public.

**October – Budapest  
 Autumn Festival**  
 Budapest Festival Centre  
 V. Szervita tér 5  
 Phone: +36-1-486-3300  
[www.bof.hu](http://www.bof.hu)  
 One of the major aims of  
 the festival is to showcase  
 Budapest's cultural standing  
 in Europe, promoting the  
 capital as a festival city and  
 strengthening its image as  
 an important European  
 cultural centre.

**End of October – Vienna–  
 Budapest Supermarathon**  
 Pest County Athletic  
 Association  
 V. Steindl Imre utca 12  
 Phone: +36-1-312-8892  
[www.szupermarathon.hu](http://www.szupermarathon.hu)

**November – Budapest Art Fair**  
 Partner's 2000 Kft  
 I. Várfoke utca 16  
 Phone: +36-1-370-3369  
[www.budapestartfair.hu](http://www.budapestartfair.hu)  
 The Budapest Art Fair is the  
 most prestigious parade of  
 art dealers. Hungary's first  
 and only forum for presenting  
 classical and contemporary  
 art will be staged again  
 in November at Art Hall  
 (Műcsarnok) in Budapest.

**End of November–Christmas –  
 Budapest Christmas**  
 Tourism Office of Budapest  
 V. Március 15 tér 7  
 Phone: +36-1-266-0479  
[www.budapestinfo.hu](http://www.budapestinfo.hu)  
 The Budapest Christmas Fair  
 in the heart of the city offers  
 a special holiday atmosphere,  
 including a fair with hand-made  
 products and gifts, a giant  
 Advent Calendar, exhibitions  
 and other cultural and music  
 programmes.

**December 31 – New Year's  
 Eve Gala at the Opera House**  
 VIP Arts Management Kft

VI. Hajós utca 13–15  
 Phone: +36-1-302-4290  
[www.viparts.hu](http://www.viparts.hu)  
 Prominent artists of the  
 Hungarian State Opera House  
 and foreign star guests perform  
 in this gala concert staged in  
 one of Europe's most attractive  
 buildings. The festive supper  
 is prepared by chefs from the  
 internationally renowned Gundel  
 Restaurant, and is followed by  
 a New Year Ball that lasts until  
 dawn.

For further information please  
 visit: [www.hungary.com](http://www.hungary.com);  
[www.budapestinfo.hu](http://www.budapestinfo.hu)





# Where every guest is Royal



Café Spoon



Meat plate

The name “Gundel” not only refers to one of the city’s most opulent restaurants, but is also the moniker of its signature dessert, the Gundel Pancake. To make the pancake yourself, mix raisins soaked in rum, sliced candy orange peels, finely ground nuts, sugar and some cinnamon into warm cream and cook for a couple of minutes until it all turns into a spreadable puree. Allow it to cool slightly, add some more rum. Make 12 crêpes, add a line of filling to each, roll them up and keep them in a warm place. Serve flambéed.

Guests arriving in Budapest can choose from a vast choice of **accommodation** to suit any pocket, from **five-star** state-of-the-art hotels through **family-owned bed-and-breakfasts** to campsites. The most popular luxury hotels are situated in a row on either side of the Danube. The family-run bed-and-breakfasts, mostly found at the foot of the Buda Hills in a tranquil environment with clean air, are very popular. You’ll also find some in central areas more convenient for those tourists only visiting for a few days.

You can’t talk about Hungary without mentioning its masterful cuisine. **Goulash, paprika chicken, pike-perch** and the sweet **Somlói Delight** – not to mention countless other well-known dishes – are all there to tempt you during your stay. In many of the elegant restaurants offering traditional dishes, you will also be serenaded with live **gypsy music**. You can dine on delicious, freshly cooked Hungarian dishes (at very cheap prices) in smaller restaurants, eateries and diners.

As in any big world city, in Budapest you can find international cuisine alongside domestic fare. Choose from a broad selection of tastes, from Japanese sushi to Jewish falafel, from hot-and-sour soup to paella.

In the first half of the 20th century, Budapest was a city of **cafés**. The capital’s citizens – and in particular its writers, poets and Bohemians – spent much of their time in the cafés. Although this world has passed, many of the cafés fortunately remain, and there are even new additions built in the traditional style where you can experience the atmosphere of bygone times. If you’d like some pastries with your coffee, look out for one of the many classy **patisseries**.

Hungarian wines are at least as good as the Hungarian food, and you do not need to travel the country to taste the various products of the different wine regions — you can do so at the **House of Hungarian Wines** or the **House of Historic Wines**.

When the evening falls, the traffic in the Budapest streets also increases, as the **pubs, bars, wineries and nightclubs** come to life. The strains of jazz or blues will mingle with the noise of conversation. Budapest has developed its own areas with trendy “hang-outs”: **Liszt Ferenc tér** or **Ráday utca**. People looking to enjoy themselves or meet new people can head for the many **dance clubs**, but it is also worth visiting the **dance houses** playing Hungarian folk music.



# Restaurants

*Liszt Ferenc Square*

## **A38 Ship (D/6)**

Petőfi Bridge, Buda side  
Phone: +36-1-464-3946  
www.a38.hu  
Mon–Sun 11:00am–midnight

## **Alabárdos (A/3)**

V. Országház utca 2  
Phone: +36-1-356-0851  
www.alabardos.hu  
Mon–Fri 7:00pm–midnight,  
Sat noon–midnight  
Hungarian

## **Anonymus (F/1)**

XIV.Kós Károly sétány 1  
Phone: +36-1-363-5905  
www.anonymuscatering.hu  
Mon–Sun 11:00am–midnight  
Hungarian, international

## **Arany Bárány (C/4)**

V. Harmincad utca 4  
Phone: +36-1-317-2703  
www.aranybaranyetterem.hu  
Mon–Sun noon–midnight  
Hungarian

*Filled cabbage*



## **Aranyszarvas (C/5)**

I. Szarvas tér 1  
Phone: +36-1-375-6451  
www.aranzsarvas.hu  
Mon–Sun noon–11:00pm  
Hungarian, game dishes

## **Articsóka (D/3)**

VI. Zichy J. utca 17  
Phone: +36-1-302-7757  
www.articsoka.hu  
Mon–Sun noon–midnight  
International

## **Bagolyvár (F/1)**

XIV. Állatkerti út 2  
Phone: +36-1-468-3110  
www.bagolyvar.com  
Mon–Sun noon–11:00pm  
Hungarian

## **Belcanto (D/3)**

VI. Dalszínház utca 8  
Phone: +36-1-269-2786  
www.belcanto.hu  
Mon–Sun noon–3:00pm,  
6:00pm–2:00am  
Hungarian, international

## **Biarritz (C/2)**

V. Kossuth tér 18  
Phone: +36-1-311-4413  
www.biarritz.hu  
Mon–Fri 9:00am –midnight,  
Sat–Sun 10:00am–midnight  
International, Mediterranean

## **Budavári Fortuna (A/3)**

I. Hess András tér 4  
Phone: +36-1-375-6857  
www.fortuna-restaurant.hu  
Mon–Sun noon–4:00pm,  
7:00pm–midnight  
Hungarian

## **Búsuló Juhász (B/5)**

XI. Kelenhegyi út 58  
Phone: +36-1-209-1649  
www.busulojuhasz.hu  
Mon–Sun noon–midnight  
Hungarian, international

## **Cyrano (C/4)**

V. Kristóf tér 7



Phone: +36-1-266-3096  
www.cyrano-restaurant.com  
Mon–Sun 11:00am–midnight  
Hungarian, international

## **Dionysos Taverna (C/5)**

V. Belgrád rakpart 16  
Phone: +36-1-318-1222  
Mon–Sun noon–midnight  
Greek

## **Fausto's Ristorante (D/3)**

VII. Székely Mihály utca 2  
Phone: +36-1-877-6210  
www.fausto.hu  
Mon–Sun noon–3:00pm,  
19.00–11:00pm  
International, Italian

## **Fülemüle (E/4)**

VIII. Kőfaragó utca 5  
Phone: +36-1-266-7947  
www.fulemule.hu  
Sun–Thu noon–10:00pm,  
Fri–Sat noon–11:00pm  
Hungarian, Jewish

## **Gundel (F/1)**

XIV. Állatkerti út 2  
Phone: +36-1-468-4040  
www.gundel.hu  
Mon–Sun noon–4:00pm,  
18.30–midnight  
Hungarian, international

## **Kaltenberg (E/5)**

IX. Kinizsi utca 30–36  
Phone: +36-1-215-9792  
www.kaltenberg.hu  
Mon–Sun noon–midnight  
Hungarian, international



Ragout soup

**Kárpátia (D/4)**

V. Ferenciek tere 7–8  
Phone: +36-1-317-3596  
www.karpattia.hu  
Mon–Sun 11:00am–11:00pm  
Hungarian

Wine cellar

Right: Café Pierrot

**Kéhli**

III. Mókus utca 22  
Phone: +36-1-250-4241  
www.kehli.hu  
Mon–Sun noon–midnight  
Hungarian

**Képiró (D/5)**

V. Képiró utca 3  
Phone: +36-1-266-0430  
www.kepirorestaurant.com  
Hungarian, international

**Kiszipa (E/4)**

VII. Akácfa utca 38  
Phone: +36-1-342-2587  
www.kiszipa.hu  
Mon–Sun noon–1:00am  
Hungarian, international

**Márványmenyasszony (A/4)**

I. Márvány utca 6  
Phone: +36-1-487-3090  
www.marvanymenyasszony.hu  
Mon–Sun noon–midnight  
Hungarian, international

**Mátyás Pince (C/4)**

V. March 15 tér 7–8  
Phone: +36-1-266-8008  
www.matyaspince.hu  
Mon–Sun 11:00am–1:00am  
Hungarian, international

**Múzeum Café and Restaurant (D/4)**

VIII. Múzeum körút 12  
Phone: +36-1-338-4221  
www.muzeumkavehaz.hu  
Mon–Sat noon–midnight  
Hungarian, Mediterranean

**Náncsi Néni Vendéglője**

II. Ördögárok utca 80  
Phone: +36-1-397-2742  
www.nancsineni.hu

Mon–Sun noon–11:00pm  
Hungarian

**Oroszlános Kút (C/4)**

V. Vörösmarty tér 7–8  
Phone: +36-1-429-9000  
www.gerbeaud.hu  
Mon–Sun noon–3:00pm,  
18.00–10:00pm  
Hungarian, international

**Premier (E/2)**

V. Andrásy út 101  
Phone: +36-1-342-1768  
www.premier-restaurant.hu  
Mon–Sun 11:00am–11:00pm  
International

**Régi Sipos Halászkert**

III. Lajos utca 46  
Phone: +36-1-368-6480  
+36-1-250-8082  
Mon–Sun noon–midnight  
Hungarian, fish

**Remiz**

XII. Budakeszi út 5.  
Phone: +36-1-275-1396  
www.remiz.hu  
Mon–Sun 9:00am–midnight  
International

**Robinson (F/1)**

XIV. Városligeti tó  
Phone: +36-1-422-0222  
www.robinsonrestaurant.hu  
Mon–Sun noon–4:00pm,  
18.00–midnight  
International

**Rosenstein (F/4)**

VIII. Mosonyi utca 3  
Phone: +36-1-333-3492  
www.rosenstein.hu  
Mon–Sun noon–11:00pm  
Hungarian, international

**Spoon Cafe & Lounge (C/4)**

V. Vigadó tér 3  
Phone: +36-1-411-0933  
www.spooncafe.hu  
Mon–Sun 12:00 noon–midnight  
International

**Százéves (Hundred-year-old Restaurant)(C/4)**

V. Pesti Barnabás utca 2  
Phone: +36-1-318-3608  
www.taverna.hu/szazeves  
Mon–Sun noon–midnight  
Hungarian, international

In Budapest, you can select from a plethora of trendy restaurants and eateries at Liszt Ferenc square (D/3), Ráday street (D/5) and Hajós street (D/3).

**House of Royal Wines and Cellar Museum (B/4)**

I. Szent György tér, West side  
Phone: +36-1-267-1100  
www.kiralyiborok.com  
Open: 10:00 am–6.00 pm  
You can find quality wines from 22 Hungarian historical wine regions in the 1400 sqm renaissance cellar system. Exhibitions presenting Hungarian vines and viticulture and the production of sparkling wine and brandy can be visited in the cellars.







Gerbeaud Café

### House of Historic Wines (F/1)

XIV. Hungarian Museum of Agriculture, Vajdahunyad vára  
Phone: +36-1-422-0765  
[www.mezogazdasagimuzeum.hu](http://www.mezogazdasagimuzeum.hu)  
Open: Wed, Fri, Sat, Sun  
10:00am–5:00pm

This exhibition introducing the past and present of grape and wine production has received a home in the Gothic wing of the incredible Neo-Baroque-style building. The inside of an original winepress cellar moved here from Balaton is on display, as well as the interior of a pleasant wine cellar and a press from 1825.

### Cafés, patisseries

#### Lukács (E/2)

VI. Andrásy út 70  
Phone: +36-1-373-0407  
[www.lukacsukraszda.hu](http://www.lukacsukraszda.hu)  
Mon–Sun 9:00am–8:00pm  
Lukács opened its doors to the public in Budapest in 1912.

#### Ruszwurm (B/3)

I. Szentháromság utca 7  
Phone: +36-1-375-5284  
[www.ruszwurm.hu](http://www.ruszwurm.hu)  
Mon–Sun 10:00am–7:00pm  
Pastry chef Ferenc Schwabl started operating from this address in the Castle District in 1827, and an opulent shop has served customers continuously ever since.

### Szamos Confectioners (C/4)

V. Párisi utca 3  
Phone: +36-1-317-3643  
Mon–Sun 10:00am–7:00pm,  
[www.szamosmarcipan.hu](http://www.szamosmarcipan.hu)  
In downtown Pest, the first Szamos Marzipan shop opened in 1987 and has remained one of the most attractive little cafés of the area every since.

### Gerbeaud Café and Confectioners (C/4)

V. Vörösmarty tér 7  
Phone: +36-1-429-9000  
[www.gerbeaud.hu](http://www.gerbeaud.hu)  
Mon–Sun 9:00am–9:00pm  
The legendary “Gerbeaud” in the heart of Budapest, at Vörösmarty tér, can boast of ranking among the richest and most renowned traditional cafés in Europe.

### Hauer Confectioners (E/4)

VIII. Rákóczi út 47–49  
Phone: +36-1-323-1476  
[www.hauercukraszda.hu](http://www.hauercukraszda.hu)  
Mon–Sun 10:00am–9:00pm  
The café was rebuilt through reference to old documents and photographs, with an interior evoking the elegant atmosphere of yesteryear.

### New York Café (E/4)

VII. Erzsébet körút 9–11  
Phone: +36-1-886-6167  
[www.newyorkpalace.hu](http://www.newyorkpalace.hu)  
Mon–Sun 10:00am–midnight  
The “most beautiful café in the

world” was opened on October 23, 1894, by Sándor Steuer, a member of a famous “coffee” dynasty. The most magnificent part of this impressive building (which also contains a hotel) is the café on the ground floor, next to the windows of which 16 devil-like fauns (“El Ashmodai”, the ancient character of coffee and thinking) have been placed to hold the lamps.

### Augustz Cukrászda (D/4)

V. Kossuth Lajos utca 14-16  
Phone: +36 - 1-337-6379  
Mon–Sun 10:00am – 9:00pm  
Augustz is the place if you want the best cakes in town! Augustz is a cosy place, a traditional family owned café, founded in 1870, known for its friendly atmosphere, the personal touch. The delicious cake they have is hand made, with care, exclusively for you. Taste the E-80 cake, which was created for the 80th birthday of the grandfather: Elemér Augustz.

For further information please visit:  
[www.hungary.com](http://www.hungary.com),  
[www.budapestinfo.hu](http://www.budapestinfo.hu)

Szamos cake

Ruszwurm confectionery





# Let me grab my credit card!

In recent decades, a “book district” has developed in the heart of Budapest, in the area of the National Museum. Half a dozen antique and used book shops stand in a row here, among them the Central Antique Bookshop. An enormous owl over the entrance of the building indicates that you are entering the halls of erudition and literature, where you can browse a selection that ranges from centuries-old rarities to the most recent bestsellers. And the books are not only in Hungarian!



A city's shops reflect the culture of the country as a whole. In Budapest's stores you'll find well-known Hungarian products, or “hungarica,” such as Tokaji wine, the porcelain of Herend, Zsolnay majolica and salami from Szeged.

Numerous shopping malls can be found in Budapest; nevertheless if you are seeking a more intimate setting for your shopping, head for the popular shopping areas and districts – the city centre of Pest (Váci, Petőfi Sándor, Kossuth Lajos streets and others around them). Hungarian products can be purchased here, such as high-quality folk-art items and embroidery, as well as renowned world brands from Nike to Estée Lauder. For “antique hunters” we recommend Falk Miksa utca and the section of

the Szent István körút close to the Danube; the salon of the most renowned Hungarian fashion designer, Katti Zoób, can also be found here. If you wish to browse a flea market, take a trip to the outskirts of Pest where you'll find the market referred to as the “Ecseri” by Budapesters, or visit the market at Petőfi Csarnok in City Park at the weekend. Hungarian paprika and hot peppers (and their green versions), salami or cherry- and rum-filled chocolate bon-bons can be bought at any of the supermarkets, market halls or food markets. A visit to the latter is particularly atmospheric; note, however, that while it is acceptable (and expected) to bargain at flea markets, it is useless to try at the food markets or halls.







Zsolnay porcelain

## Shopping malls

### Westend City Center (D/2)

VI. Váci út 1–3  
Phone: +36-1-238-7777  
www.westend.hu  
Mon–Sat 10:00am–9:00pm  
Sun 10:00am–6:00pm  
Located at the Nyugati tér station of the M3 metro line.

### Mammut (A/2)

II. Lövház utca 2–6  
Phone: +36-1-345-8020  
www.mammut.hu  
Mon–Sat 10:00am–9:00pm  
Sun 10:00am–6:00pm  
Located at the Moszkva tér station of the M2 metro line.

### Aréna Plaza

VIII. Kerepesi út 9  
Phone: +36 80 204-868  
www.arenaplaza.hu  
Mon–Sat 10:00am–9:00pm  
Sun 10:00am–7:00pm  
Located at the Keleti pályaudvar station of the M2 metro line. Aréna Plaza is the largest shopping mall in Central Europe.

## Market Halls

### Great Market Hall (D/5)

At the Great Market Hall you'll find a selection of goods

produced in the Carpathian Basin. The ground-floor holds stalls selling food stuffs, while on the first floor there are shops offering Hungarian folk items, great food and excellent wines.  
IX. Vámház körút 1–3  
Phone: +36-1-217-6067  
Mon 6:00am–5:00pm  
Tues–Fri 6:00am–6:00pm  
Sat 6:00am–2:00pm  
Accessible from Kálvin tér by trams #47 and #49 (Fővám tér stop)

### Used Articles – Ecséri Flea Market

From tiny porcelain figurines to Art-Nouveau furniture, from old greeting cards to silver pocket watches, from communist memorabilia to violins – there's little that can't be purchased here.  
Phone: +36-1-348-3200  
Mon–Fri 8:00am–4:00pm,  
Sat 8:00am–3:00pm,  
Sun 8:00am–1:00pm  
Accessible from Boráros tér by bus # 54 (car dealership stop)

## Shopping Streets

### Váci Utca (C/4)

Váci utca, which connects Vörösmarty tér with Fővám tér, is the heart of the city centre ("Belváros"). Walking along this strip, you will find jewellery stores, perfume shops, clothing stores and boutiques of various brands. It is worth looking into the side streets off

the main strip to find further boutiques and shops selling the finest wines. Located at the Vörösmarty tér stop of the M1 metro line.

### Folk Art Handicrafts (C/4)

V. Régi posta utca 12 (corner of Váci utca and Régi posta utca)  
Phone: +36-1-318-5143  
www.folkartkezmuveshaz.hu  
Mon–Fri 10:00am–7:00pm,  
Sat 10:00am–4:00pm  
Original hand-made folk articles from all regions of Hungary.



Right: Folkart Centrum



Vass shoe shop

### **Folkart Centrum (D/5)**

V. Váci utca 58  
(at Sörház Street)  
Phone: +36-1-318-5840  
[www.folkartcentrum.hu](http://www.folkartcentrum.hu)  
Mon–Sun 10:00am–7:00pm

### **Millennium Antiques (D/5)**

V. Váci utca 67  
Phone: +36-1-318-1478  
[www.millennium-antik.hu](http://www.millennium-antik.hu)  
Zsolnay and Herend porcelain,  
chandeliers, table lamps,  
fireplaces, clocks.

Antique store  
in the Falk Miksa street

Numerous antique stores  
welcome those interested,  
in **Falk Miksa Street (C/2)**.



Mon–Fri 10:00am–6:00pm,  
Sat 10:00am–2:00pm

### **Antiquarium Hungaricum (D/5)**

V. Múzeum körút 29  
Phone: +36-1-318-5857

### **Hungaricums**

#### **Herendi Brand Store ("Apponyi") (C/4)**

V. József nádor tér 11  
Phone: +36-1-317-2622  
[www.herend.com](http://www.herend.com)  
Located at the Deák Ferenc tér  
metro station (junction of three  
metro lines)

#### **Hollóházi Brand Store (E/4)**

VII. Rákóczi út 32 (at Nyár utca)  
Phone: +36-1-413-1463  
[www.hollohazi.hu](http://www.hollohazi.hu)  
Accessible via the M2 metro,  
buses #7, #73, #4,  
and tram #6  
(Blaha Lujza tér stop)

#### **Pick Brand Store (food store) (D/4)**

V. Városház utca 14  
Phone: +36-1-337-8139  
Mon–Fri 7:00am–7:00pm  
Accessible via the M3 metro  
(Ferenciek tere stop)

#### **Zsolnay Brand Store ("Bulvár Zsolnay") (C/1)**

XIII. Pozsonyi út 11  
Phone: +36-1-340-5568  
[www.bulvar-zsolnay.hu](http://www.bulvar-zsolnay.hu)

Mon–Fri 10:00am–6:00pm,  
Sat 10:00am–1:00pm  
Accessible via trams #2, #4,  
and #6 (Jászai Mari tér stop)

### **Zwack Unicum – Budapest Museum and Visitors' Centre**

IX. Soroksári út 26  
(entrance from Dandár utca)  
Phone: +36-1-476-2383  
[www.zwack.hu](http://www.zwack.hu)  
Accessible via tram #2  
(Haller utca stop)

### **Vass Shoes**

V. Haris köz 2.  
Phone: +36-1-318-2375  
[www.vass-shoes.com](http://www.vass-shoes.com),  
[www.vass-cipo.hu](http://www.vass-cipo.hu)

### **Antique and Used Book Stores**

#### **Központi Antikvárium (Central Antique Bookstore, D/5)**

V. Múzeum körút 13–15  
Phone: +36-1-317-3514  
Mon–Fri 10:00am–6:30pm,  
Sat 10:00am–2:00pm  
Accessible by the M2 (Astoria  
station) and M3 (Kálvin tér  
station) metro lines.

#### **Múzeum Antikvárium (D/5)**

V. Múzeum körút 35  
Phone: +36-1-317-5023

Right: Unicum Museum





# Trendy tips from morning till evening



The Danube and Budapest go together like a horse and carriage. You can cross the river in a small boat (operated by the public transportation company), but it is more pleasant to take a sightseeing cruise. From nowhere else is the city as beautiful as it is when seen from the river – particularly at night, when the lights of the illuminated buildings are reflected on the surface of the water.



Ship A38

Lou-Lou Restaurant

## From dawn till dusk – almost 24 hours in Budapest

● **6.30 am** No lazing around! Get up early to give yourself a long day enjoying the city. Lucky that you went to bed early last night...

● **7.00 am** Head to the Gellért. Swim 20 lengths in the bubble pool or, if the weather is conducive, in the pool outside. Finish with a sweat in the sauna, a soak in the hot tub and a pampering massage. In your relaxed state, be careful not to fall asleep!

● **9.00 am** Seat yourself at a window table in the Central Café and prepare to watch the city pass outside. Enjoy an abundant breakfast while indulging in a spot of eavesdropping on the table next to you (if you can understand what's being discussed).

● **10.00 am** Since the shops are already opening, walk southwards along Váci utca. Resist the tempting shop windows along the way and concentrate on reaching the Great Market Hall with its colourful stalls.

● **11.00 am** Take tram #2 (as a way of sightseeing) to Jászai Mari tér, and then a guided tour of the Kieselbach Gallery and the Auction House. Look around the antique shops of Falk Miksa utca near by – they're at least as interesting as a museum visit.

● **12.30 pm** Take bus #15 over to Sas utca to have lunch at Mokka Café and Restaurant, followed by a nice cup of coffee.

● **14.00 pm** Time for a stroll on Andrásy út. Check out some global fashion and design brands in the shop windows of the section between Oktogon and Deák tér.

● **17.00 pm** Back to the hotel for a breather, some rejuvenation and a change of clothes.

● **19.00 pm** Dinner at Lou-Lou Restaurant.

● **20.30 pm** Head for Ship A38 on the Danube (best to take a taxi there). You'll probably miss some of the 8:00pm programme, but you'll definitely be in time to catch that starting at 9:00pm. Have a cocktail in the meantime.

● **22.00 pm** Delve into the thick of the nightlife of the city. Cross over to the Pest side to Liszt Ferenc tér, and enjoy a beer or two in one of the many café-bars.

● **23.30 pm** Still hanging in there? Trade the evening laze for some exercise. Look into the Holdudvar Dance Club and, if you are still with it, the Cha-cha-cha.

● **02.00 pm** Aaaaa-ah! It is definitely way past your usual bedtime. Take a cab and jump into your hotel bed.



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## Around Budapest



*Panorama in Visegrád*

*Szentendre, Main square*

The landscape north of Budapest along the Danube was born of the marriage between the hills and the river. The attractions of the area are most easily accessible by following the winding but comfortable highway along what was formerly the Roman Limes, or on the railroad wedged between the river shore on the left and the rocky hillside, or perhaps along the partially built bike path. Nevertheless, if you wish to enjoy the best views of the landscape, the river and the small towns along the shore, hop aboard a cruise ship running from Budapest on the Szentendre or the Vác side stream of the Danube all the way to Esztergom. Leaving the highlands behind, you will see the plains embrace the 250—350m-tall (900–1,150ft) sand dunes of the Gödöllő Hills with their variegated terrain dotted with limestone heaps.

In the south-southeast corner of the region (about 100km from the capital), the traveller will stumble upon a landscape characterised by plains rich in fauna and flora. Besides the fields, pastures, farmlands, meadows, hills and valleys and saline-sediment lakes, all under environmental protection, one can explore the ever-shrinking world of farms and manors, and the history, life and culture of the typical country towns of the plains.

The 247-square-kilometre Csepel Island is ensconced in the Danube at the point where the river splits between two side streams, creating

what once was called “Magna Insula” (the Great Island). At the time of the arrival of the Magyar tribes in the 10th century AD, this area was a royal residence, and subsequently the estate of the queen for centuries.

In the west-southwest parts of the region, German villages were built in the 18th century in place of the ones destroyed by the Turks. Descendants cherishing their heritage still preserve the values of the past, including the cultural heritage of the Germans here. The ranges of the Buda Hills situated outside the capital can be found here, as well as the Zsámbék and Nagykovácsi basins where once the Via Imperialis ran – the road connecting the royal seat of Esztergom with the coronation city of Székesfehérvár.

Medieval churches, ecclesiastical treasures, castles, museums and protected treasures of the natural environment can be seen here. After that, you might like to put on a helmet and overalls for a spot of cave exploring or take to the skies with some hang-gliding or to the water with some parasailing. You can try some motorcar racing here, or sit back as a spectator and watch the stars of Formula 1 at the Hungarian Grand Prix. Continue the speed theme by hurtling down water slides or the bobsledding track. You can cycle high and low through valleys and over mountains, or boat along the most picturesque portions of the Danube.



# The picturesque Danube Bend and its mountains

It is unlikely that when the castle was first erected at Visegrád in the early medieval period the builders did so to take advantage of a spectacular view. Instead it was the 19th-century Romantics who first properly admired the scene, making it the subject of their writings and paintings. The Danube found a way for itself across this area among the inactive volcanoes, creating the Strait of Visegrád – or, as it is better known, the Danube Bend. The river here carves a double “S” shape and, when looked at together with the 800m hills, forms a beautiful picture as viewed from the terrace underneath the castle.

Szentendre, street

Visegrád, Royal Palace

Right:

Visegrád, Salamon tower



The most picturesque section of River Danube as it runs through Hungary is at the **Danube Bend** between **Esztergom** and Visegrád. It is not by accident that the Hungarians occupying the homeland set up their first principal seat here. Esztergom was the first capital of the Hungarian State and remained so for 250 years. The city has been the seat of the Archbishop of the Hungarian Roman Catholic **Church** for a millennium, and the largest cathedral in Hungary is situated here with its Renaissance-style **Bakócz Chapel**. We come across an invaluable collection of church relics in the basilica's **treasury**. The reconstructed **medieval royal palace** stands on the top of the hill, and the **Christian Museum** is located in the archbishop's residence at the foot of the hill. In order to explore the Danube Bend properly, you may want to drive there on the **highway** that winds alongside the river, or take a cruise in a leisure boat or a hydrofoil. **Visegrád** – one of the prettiest historical cities on the Danube – lies at the point where the narrow river valley opens up, and was once also the capital. The **royal palace**, famed across Europe, was built by Karoly Robert in the 14th century and rebuilt by King Matthias in the Renaissance style in the 15th century. It has now been renovated. The top of this high hill is crowned by the Fellegvár (**Citadel**), which was built in the 13th century. If you can struggle up to the terrace of this castle, you'll be treated to a **splendid view over the Danube Bend**.

South of Visegrád, our way is led to the town of Szentendre by **Szentendre Island**, which is

31km long and 3–4km wide. Szentendre was fashioned into a little Mediterranean-style town by the Serbs fleeing here from the Turks; the Serbians have also built numerous **churches** in the three centuries since their settling here. Szentendre has been a religious and cultural centre for the Serbs in this country since the 17th century, and the most remarkable relics of the Serbian Orthodox Church in Hungary have been placed in the Serbian **museum** here. It is well worth spending at least a day strolling among the small Baroque and Copf houses, making your way through the narrow cobbled streets and along winding steps. You should also take a trip to the Open-air Ethnographic Museum (or village museum), situated on the city border, that introduces Hungarian folk architecture and culture.








# Alonside the Kings' Road

Who has never dreamed of sitting in a time machine and travelling back a few centuries? At the archaeological park in Százhalombatta, near Budapest, you'll almost believe you're sitting clad in an animal skin in front of your hut or grinding corn into flour on your millstone. You can see the worlds of the Bronze and Iron ages – not through the glass of a museum display but at the very place where our ancestors lived, died and were buried under the “Hundred Heaps” (after which the town was named).

Buda hills

The ancient Via Imperialis, the royal road connecting Esztergom with Székesfehérvár, leads across the **Zsámbék Basin** lying north-west of Budapest. The city with the same name is known nationally for the late Roman/early Gothic-style **church ruins** visible on its hilltop from miles around. The **Lamp Museum** also attracts many visitors with its unique collection illustrating the history of illumination from the very beginning to the period of gas lighting. The nearby hilltops are popular hiking destinations, and form part of the Pilis hill range in the **Buda Landscape Protection Area**. Their shallow sides contain the streets of small towns which were once occupied by mostly German inhabitants. **Budakeszi** is virtually joined with Budapest, and the former's **Game Park** is recommended to families with children. The Old Village of **Érd**, a town built near the Danube, is framed by the belts of the town centre and a rich residential neighbourhood. You can enjoy a great view from the top of the renovated tower of the old Turkish **minaret**. A 150-year-

old mansion in the town centre houses the **Hungarian Geological Museum**, where you can “meet” world-famous explorers such as Sándor Kőrösi Csoma, the Tibet traveller, Pál Teleki, after whom a volcano in Africa was named, or the man who was elected King of Madagascar, Móric Benyovszky. **Százhalombatta**, on the right-hand shore of the Danube, was built on top of burial heaps dating to the Hallstatt period. A 2,700-year-old Iron-Age burial heap and houses from the Palaeolithic Age can be seen in the **Archeological Park**, and visitors can enjoy handicraft demonstrations offering a taste of those times.



Százhalombatta,  
Archeological Park

Zsámbék, church ruins





# Inactive volcanoes and the hills of today

While her full name was Elizabeth Amalie Eugenie von Wittelsbach, during her life – and particularly following her tragic death – she came to be known as Sisi. The wife of Austrian Emperor and Hungarian King, Franz Joseph I, the beautiful Sisi spent six years in the castle of Gödöllő. The castle became one of her hide-outs. This part of her life is described in Romy Shneider's legendary Sisi films.



Royal Castle of Gödöllő

On the left shore of the Danube, during a trip to the Börzsöny Hills, we can see the tips of 15–20-million-year-old volcanoes. Among the cultural highlights of the area are the church in Nagyborzsöny (which dates to the early Árpád era), the Gothic church in Márianosztra (belonging to the St Paul order of monks), and one of the country's most beautiful Hungarian Art-Nouveau churches in Zebegény. Fans of romantic rides through the forest can choose from three different tourist railway lines in the Börzsöny. These "toy trains" travel from Kismaros to Kiralyret, from Kemence to Feketevölgy, and to Nagyborzsöny from the town of Szob.

What Esztergom is to the left shore, **Vác** is to the right. Although this town may be a few decades younger, and is a lower diocese, it is one of the most beautiful of the Baroque-Classical Hungarian towns. Murals in the dome of the bishopric's cathedral, which was built during the early Baroque-late Classical period, were painted by the greatest Baroque artist in Central Europe, F. A. Maulbertsch. It is worth visiting the **Museum of Church History** in the provostry. "**Memento Mori**" is an exhibition that is one-of-a-kind in Europe and displays 200–300-year-old burial relics and naturally mummified corpses. The most special of the secular attractions is the **Triumphal Arch** erected in honour of Maria Theresa's visit to the area. The queen herself lived in one of the country's most beautiful **Baroque castles in Gödöllő**, although the building, which has survived a tempestuous history, is more intrinsically connected with Franz Joseph I's wife Elizabeth ("Sisi"). The **two-steepled church** found in nearby Fót was designed in Romantic style by Miklós Ybl (architect of the Opera House), and a few kilometres from here the Botanical Gardens of **Vácrátót** welcomes visitors.



Vác, Main square

Right: Cathedral in Fót



# A big island – and a bigger plain

Saints, apostles, archangels with halos, goateed devils and cherubims with six wings welcome visitors to the Serbian Orthodox Church in Ráckeve. The 15th-century Gothic arches and walls enhance the effect of the candle-smoked, Byzantine-style 18th-century murals and are peculiarly contrasted by Mary's throne and the gold carvings of the wooden altar. One can smell the wax of the burning candles and virtually hear the resounding voice of a male choir in the Pravoslav liturgy.

Ráckeve,  
Serbian Orthodox Church



Cegléd, Christian Reformed  
Great Church

The 247-square-kilometre Csepel Island once belonged to the estate of the ambitious **Prince Eugene of Savoy**, who also commissioned famous Austrian architect, Johann Lucas von Hildebrandt, to build his **castle in Ráckeve**. The best-known tourist site in the town, however, is its **Gothic-style Pravoslav Church**. A memorial museum dedicated to one of the most remarkable figures of 20th-century photography, **André Kertész**, can also be found in a small village, Szigetbecse, on this island. The leading attractions of the area are the Ócsa Landscape Protection Area, which includes unique natural rarities and is part of the **Duna-Ipoly National Park**, and the plains of the Upper Kiskunság on the border of Apaj. **The Basilica of Ócsa** is one of the most significant monuments dating to Roman times. During **Ócsa Music Days**, many a remarkable concert is organised within the walls of the ancient ruins. The most important habitat of the endangered **great bustard** – the heaviest bird capable of flight – can be found near **Apaj**. The largest **herd of grey cattle** on the Plains graze here. The most famous Hungarian race horse, Kincsem, was raised in the Tápió

Valley. His memory is preserved in a museum at the **Tápiószele mansion** of Ernő Blaskovits, who owned the horse.

The furthest point of the southeastern area of the Central Danube Region is found approximately 100 kilometres from Budapest. **Cegléd**, a quintessential country town on the Plains, will give you a taste of the life and culture of a Hungarian small town. The place is also referred to as the city of Lajos Kossuth, remembering the emblematic figure of the 1848–1849 Revolution against the Austrian monarchy.

The statue of the statesman in New York City was modelled on that which stands in the town square, originally made by Horvay János. The richest collection of Kossuth memorabilia can be found in the city's **museum**. The **Christian Reformed Great Church**, built in Classicist style, is the largest of this denomination in Central Europe with its 60m-high dome. Another **church** of similar size originally built in the 15th century is situated in the other significant town of this region, **Nagykőrös**; you can hear the organ played during the frequent concerts that are hosted inside.



## Monuments

### CEGLÉD (E/8)

#### Christian Reformed Great Church

2700 Cegléd, Iskola utca 1  
Phone: +36 53/311-340

### FÓT (C/5)

#### Church of the Immaculate Conception

2151 Fót, Vörösmarty tér 2  
Phone: +36 27/358-083

Békési Panyik Andor utca 2  
Phone: +36 30/247-5465

### RÁCKEVE (B/8)

#### Serbian Orthodox Church

2300 Ráckeve, Viola utca 1

### Savoy Castle

2300 Ráckeve,  
Kossuth Lajos utca 95

### SZENTENDRE (C/5)

#### Blagovesztenszka Church

2000 Szentendre, Fő tér  
Phone: +36 26/312-399

#### Archdiocese Cathedral – Belgrade Church

2000 Szentendre, Alkotmány utca  
– Pátriárka utca  
Phone: +36 26/312-399

### Pozsare Vácska Church

2000 Szentendre,  
Kossuth Lajos utca 1  
Phone: +36 26/310-554



*Ráckeve,  
Savoy Castle*

### ÉRD (B/6)

#### Minaret

2030 Érd, Mecset utca

### ESZTERGOM (B/4)

#### Diocese Palace

2500 Esztergom,  
Berényi Zsigmond utca 2  
Phone: +36 33/313-878

#### Esztergom Basilica and Treasury

2500 Esztergom, Szent István tér 2  
Phone: +36 33/402-354

#### Castle

2500 Esztergom, Szent István tér 1

#### Szent Tamás Hill Chapel and Stations of the Cross

2500 Esztergom,  
Szent Tamás hegy

### GÖDÖLLŐ (D/5)

#### Gödöllő Royal Castle – Grassalkovich Castle

2100 Gödöllő, Királyi Kastély  
Phone: +36 28/410-124

### MÁRIANOSZTRA (B/4)

#### Church of the Lady of the Hungarians

2629 Márianosztra,  
Rákóczi tér 1  
Phone: +36 27/370-315

### NÓGRÁD (C/3)

#### Castle ruins

2642 Nógrád,  
Hunyadi János út

### ÓCSA (C/7)

#### 13th-century Monument Basilica

2364 Ócsa,



*Minaret in Érd*





*Esztergom, Basilica*

#### **Preobazsenszka Church**

2000 Szentendre,  
Bogdányi utca 42

#### **Dumtsa House**

2000 Szentendre,  
Péter Pál utca 6

#### **Mátyás Ráby House**

2000 Szentendre,  
Rab Ráby tér 1

#### **VÁC (C/4)**

#### **Church of the White Monks –**

Uptown Roman  
Catholic Church  
2600 Vác, Március 15 tér 22  
Phone: +36 27/311-275

#### **Seven Chapels**

2600 Váciiget,  
Highway #2 towards Budapest  
Derecske dűlő 2

#### **Stone Gate – Triumphal Arch**

2600 Vác, Köztársaság utca 69

#### **Bishop's Palace**

2600 Vác, Migazzi tér 1  
Phone: +36 27/315-124

*Vác, Cathedral*



#### **Roman Catholic Chapel – Former Convent of the Order of the Merciful**

2500 Vác, Március 15. tér 7–9

#### **Roman Catholic Church – Former Franciscan Church**

2600 Vác, Géza király tér

#### **Roman Catholic Church**

2600 Vác, Szentháromság tér

#### **ZSÁMBÉK (A/6)**

#### **Church and Monastery**

2072 Zsámbék,  
Corvin János utca

#### **Former Castle Fort**

2072 Zsámbék, Zichy Miklós tér

#### **Museums**

#### **Bánk (C/3)**

Slovakian Ethnic House



#### **Cathedral**

2600 Vác, Konstantin tér

2653 Bánk, Petőfi utca 98.

Phone: +36 35/342-314

#### **Monument Area of the City Centre**

2600 Vác, Március 15. tér–  
Géza király tér

#### **Cegléd (E/8)**

Kossuth Museum  
2700 Cegléd, Múzeum út 5.  
Phone: +36 53/310-637

#### **Synagogue**

2600 Vác, Eötvös utca

#### **Drum Museum**

2700 Cegléd, Szabadság tér 5.  
Phone: +36 53/321-068

#### **Visegrád (B/4)**

Lower Castle, Salamon Tower  
2025 Visegrád  
Phone: +36 26/398-233

#### **ÉRD (B/6)**

#### **Hungarian Geographical Museum**

2030 Érd, Budai út 4.  
Phone: +36 23/356-132

#### **Citadel**

2025 Visegrád, Várhegy  
Phone: +36 26/398-025

#### **ESZTERGOM (B/4)**

#### **Round Fortress**

2025 Visegrád, Fő utca 9–13

#### **Esztergom Castle Museum**

2500 Esztergom,  
Szent István tér 1  
Phone: +36 33/415-986

#### **Royal Palace ruins, King Matthias Museum**

Phone: +36 26/398-026  
2025 Visegrád, Fő út 29

#### **Treasury of the Archdiocese**

2500 Esztergom,



Ócsa, Open-air Folk Museum

Szent István tér 1  
Phone: +36 33/402-354

### Christian Museum

2500 Esztergom, Mindszenty  
Hercegprímás tér 2  
Phone: +36 33/413-880

### Waxworks Museum of the Kings

2500 Esztergom, Szent István tér 1  
Phone: +36 33/400-103

### GÖDÖLLŐ (D/5)

#### Gödöllő Royal Palace – Grassalkovich Castle

2100 Gödöllő, Királyi Kastély  
Phone: +36 28/410-124

#### Gödöllő Art Gallery

2100 Gödöllő, Szabadság tér 8  
Phone: +36 28/418-691

#### City Museum

2100 Gödöllő, Szabadság tér 5  
Phone: +36 28/422-003

### KEMENCE (B/3)

#### Kemence Forest Museum Train

Kemence, Csarnavölgyi út 45  
Phone: +36 20/388-5743

### NAGYBÖRZSÖNY (B/3)

#### Water mill

2634 Nagybörzsöny, Hunyadi tér 10  
Phone: +36 20/572-3771

### NÓGRÁD (C/3)

#### Folklore house

2642 Nógrád, Sallai utca 26  
Phone: +36 35/362-210

### ÓCSA (C/7)

#### Ethnographic Collection

2364 Ócsa,  
Békési Panyik Andor utca 4–6  
Phone: +36 30/948-9150

### SZÁZHALOMBATTA (B/7)

#### Matrica Museum

2440 Százhalombatta,  
Gesztenyés utca 1–3  
Phone: +36 23/354-591;  
+36 23/359-848



#### Archaeological Park

2440 Százhalombatta,  
István Király út  
Phone: +36 23/354-591

### SZENTENDRE (C/5)

#### Szabó-Szamos Marzipan Museum

2000 Szentendre,  
Dumtsa Jenő utca 12  
Phone: +36 26/310-545

#### Barcsay Collection

2000 Szentendre,  
Dumtsa Jenő utca 10

#### Czóbel Museum

2000 Szentendre, Templom tér 1  
Phone: +36 26/312-721

#### Dobos Confection Museum

2000 Szentendre,  
Bogdányi utca 2  
Phone: +36 26/311-660

#### Ferenczy Museum

2000 Szentendre, Fő tér 6  
Phone: +36 26/310-244

#### Margit Kovács Museum

2000 Szentendre,  
Vastagh György utca 1  
Phone: +36 26/310-244

#### Arts Mill

2000 Szentendre, Bogdányi út 32  
Phone: +36 26/301-701

#### House of Folk Arts

2000 Szentendre, Rákóczi utca 1  
Phone: +36 26/310-244

#### Open Air Ethnographic Museum

2000 Szentendre, Sztaravodai út  
Phone: +36 26/502-500

#### Serbian Orthodox Religious Art Collection

2000 Szentendre, Pátriárka utca 5  
Phone: +36 26/312-399

### SZOB (B/4)

#### Börzsöny Museum

2628 Szob, Szent László utca 14  
Phone: +36 27/372-037

### TÁPIÓSZELE (F/7)

#### Blaskovich Museum

2766 Tápiószele, Múzeum utca 13  
Phone: +36 53/380-061

### TURA (E/5)

#### Village Museum

2194 Tura, Rákóczi út 28  
Phone: +36 28/467-885

### VÁC (C/4)

#### Medieval Cellar

2600 Vác, Széchenyi utca 3–7  
Phone: +36 27/500-750

#### Memento Mori – Grave Relics from the Church of the White Monks

2600 Vác, March 15 tér 19  
Phone: +36 27/500-750

#### Hincz Collection

2600 Vác, Káptalan utca 16  
Phone: +36 27/313-463

### ZEBEGÉNY (B/4)

#### Istvan Szőnyi Memorial Museum

2627 Zebegény, Bartóky utca 7  
Phone: +36 27/370-104

### ZSÁMBÉK (A/6)

#### Lamp Museum

2072 Zsámbék, Magyar utca 18

#### Museum of Military History

2072 Zsámbék, Szomori út,  
Old Missile Base

Zsámbék, Lamp museum





# De-stressing in therapeutic water

The volcanic, forest-covered cones of the Börzsöny range lie before us, the houses of Nagymaros peek through the trees, and the Danube flows underneath. This is the view as we sit in thermal water, leaning against the stone sides of the pool's arranged terraces at the pool park of Visegrád-Lepence. The baths are the result of co-operation between man and nature.



Mogyoród Aquaréna

Aquasziget Esztergom

Right: Thermal Hotel Visegrád



Wherever you drill in Hungary, it's likely you'll find medicinal water below the land surface. The therapeutic benefits of such water were already recognised by the medieval period. More recently, **Aquasziget** (Aqua Island) was established beside the Danube in **Esztergom**, the city that has earned its fame through its monuments. The pleasure spa – with pools measuring 1,500 square metres in total – also has a Wellness World and a Health Centre to guarantee guests total recreation and rejuvenation.

Staying in the Danube Bend, the city of **Visegrád** is next in line, boasting **thermal water** measuring **39°C** in temperature; the water emerges from the hillside and feeds the pools built in the Lepence city district. **Thermal Hotel Visegrád\*\*\*\*** has also been built next to the baths. Lovers of wellness and fitness can enjoy the benefits of wellness services and clean air not only on the Danube shore but also at the **Hotel Silvanus\*\*\*\*** built on the mountain top in Visegrád.

Still on the right shore of the Danube, about 30 kilometres from Budapest, the **Leányfalu** Thermal Baths offer recreation and rest. On the left shore between Vác and Budapest, a wellness paradise

has been established at the **Pólus Palace Thermal Golf Club Hotel \*\*\*\*\*** in Göd, where, as the name indicates, visitors can devote themselves to golfing.

Those who wish to explore the central region can enjoy an extended rest at a wellness hotel in the “capital” of Csepel Island, **Ráckeve**, or try the medicinal water and pleasure spa of Aqualand. Don't miss the newest attraction in the city of **Cegléd**, the Thermal Spa and Leisure Center. Its ten swimming pools, measuring 1,400 square metres (15,000ft²), provide the ideal location to spend some free time and enjoy therapeutic treatments and wellness programmes. The **Best Western Hotel Aquarell\*\*\*\*** guarantees that visitors arriving here will have a great time.







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E-mail: [info@ceglédthermal.hu](mailto:info@ceglédthermal.hu), Web: [www.ceglédthermal.hu](http://www.ceglédthermal.hu)



#### Aquasziget Esztergom (B/4)

2500 Esztergom, Táncsics Mihály utca 5

Phone: +36 33/511-100

Mon–Fri 10.00am–8.00pm, Sat: 9.00am–9.00pm,  
Sun 9.00am–8.00pm

Of the ten pools at the Aquasziget Esztergom, the huge pleasure pool is located indoors, with geyser, jet streams, bubbles and a cave. Two slides can also be found in the indoor area, which are enhanced with special illuminations. Among the entertainment elements of the outdoor pool park are two giant slides with their respective plunge pools, a children's pool with a castle and a slide, a pleasure pool with wave machine, a pool that can be used all year round and an outdoor relaxation pool.

#### Cegléd Thermal Spa and Leisure Center (E/8)

2700 Cegléd, Fürdő út 27–29

Phone: +36 53/505-000, [www.cegleditermal.hu](http://www.cegleditermal.hu)

Mon–Sun 9.00am–7.00pm

(the pleasure spa is open between May and September only)

Seventy kilometres from Budapest, on the border of Cegléd, an atmospheric bathing paradise has been established. Visitors can take advantage of the pools, the health treatments and the therapeutic and rehabilitation services at the indoor thermal facility of the Cegléd Health Spa. The open-air section of the baths is open during the summer, with its outdoor pools, sports courts, and aqua park (where guests of all ages can enjoy an adrenaline rush hurtling down the 17 slides, including the unique swing slide).

#### Aquaréna (C/5)

2146 Mogyoród, Vízipark út 1

Phone: +36 28/541-100, [www.aquarena.hu](http://www.aquarena.hu)

From the end of May till the end of August: 9.00am–7.00pm

Aquaréna is situated in Mogyoród near the Hungaroring, and is spread over an area of 11.5 ha. In the pleasure park, you'll find 21 slides (with a total length of 1.5km) that wind above and below ground. Among the nine pools are a pleasure pool, a hot tub, a three-level diving pool, and a slowly meandering river.

#### Aqualand Ráckeve (B/8)

2300 Ráckeve, Strand utca 1

Phone: +36 24/423-220, [www.aqua-land.hu](http://www.aqua-land.hu)

Mon–Fri 6:00am–9:00pm, Sat 8:00am–1:00am,

Sun 6:00am–9:00pm

Forty-five kilometres from Budapest, at the Ráckeve HÉV (Area Commuters' Train) terminal, a bath and slide park is situated which utilizes therapeutic waters emerging from a depth of 1,040 meters at a temperature of 52°C. The park has indoor and outdoor thermal and pleasure pools, sitting tubs, bubble pads, and slides, and offers various therapeutic treatments, restaurants and bars to its guests. Nighttime bathing is available on Saturdays.

The Lepence Poolpark is currently under renovation; for further information please contact the Szentendre Tourinform Office.

For further information, please visit: [www.hungary.com](http://www.hungary.com)



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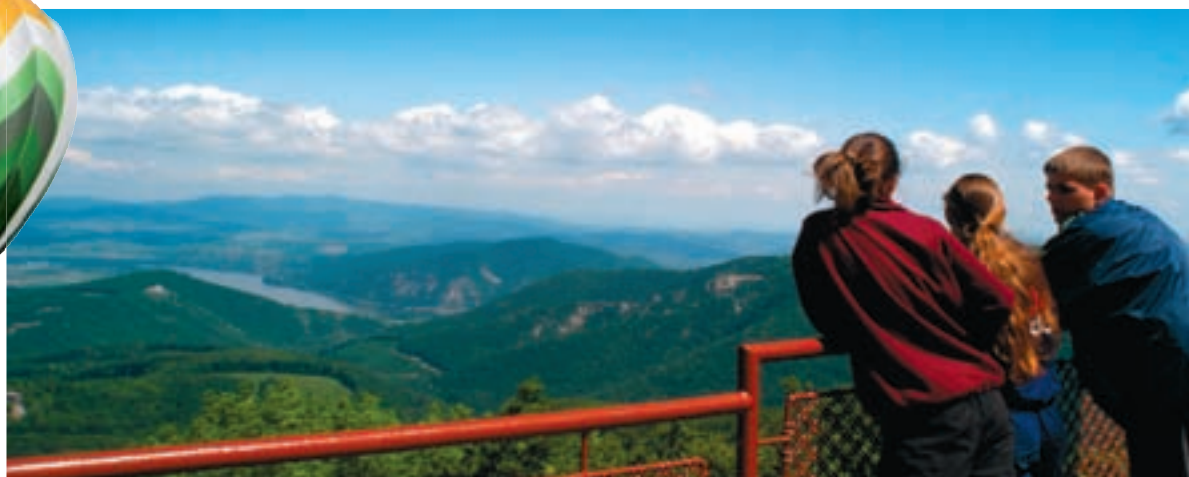


# Two wheels, four wheels no wheels

Have you brought your bike with you? Or did you rent one? Jump on and head to Szentendre Island. Cycling along the bank, you'll first approach the city of Szentendre (after which the island was named). If you would rather put off pedalling for a bit later, you can take your bike aboard the Area Commuters' Train (HÉV). You'll reach the island via a ferry, and then at Szigetmonostor you can bike over to the east side, to Horány, then on all the way to Surány. Your only option is the highway from here to Tahitótfalu (you will need permission to proceed further), and then you can ride to Kisoroszi at the northern end of the island, where you can take a ferry again.



Dobogókő



Visegrád, Fun Extreme Canopy

There's no excuse for being lazy in the area around Budapest. Although there are no enormous mountains or raging mountain rivers to conquer, there are countless other opportunities for recreation on water, in air or on ground.

The best opportunities are offered by the 800–900-metre (2,800ft) mountains and the 600-metre hills, which are crossed with clearly **marked hiking trails**. If you want something more adventurous still, you may want to consider **amateur cave-climbing** or **rock climbing** at the Oszoly szikla near Csobánka. For **mountain bikers**, specially marked routes are indicated on maps of the Pilis, the Visegrád hills and the Börzsöny. There is no shortage of opportunity for **cross-country biking** either, primarily along the Danube or on the two major islands. On the Danube and its two side streams, you can

test your **rowing** skills on the Soroksár and the Szentendre sections of the river. If you desire something faster, you can take a **motor boat or a jet ski**, or try **waterskiing**. The highlight for lovers of **cars, motorbikes, go-carts and quads** is the Formula 1 race track in Mogyoród, and the Hungarokart Centre and Xtreme Quad Park near the town.

Once you've tried water and land, take to the skies. There is the chance to soar in **gliders and/or engine-powered planes** at the airports of Budakeszi-Farkashegy, Budaörs, Dunakeszi, Gödöllő and Esztergom. The conditions in the region are very conducive to **gliding and hang-gliding**, or even for **hot-air ballooning**. If you wish to participate, contact the local clubs or the Hungarian Aviation Association.



Hungaroring Adventure Park



# Trophies from the water and the woods

It's not unusual to hear fishermen making exaggerated claims about the size of their catch. However, in Hungary they might be telling the truth for carp weighing 10kg and catfish of 60kg can be found in the waters. It is especially enjoyable to try your luck in the rivers near Budapest (mostly on the Danube and its side streams or near the Ipoly). Besides finding herbivorous fish, you will also encounter some of the more sporty predators as well.



Horse riding

The range of fishing spots in this area is vast. There are the rivers – the Danube's Szentendre and Ráckeve side streams and the Ipoly, which is one of the most romantic **fishing waters**. In addition to those, there are over 100 **fishing lakes** of differing sizes. Hunters will find deer, mouflon and wild boar in the **gaming areas** of the mountains, whereas the plains offer pheasant and rabbit, and there are wild duck and geese on the waters. If you are not looking for a kill but would rather just entertain yourself by watching nature, you're best to get in the saddle and ride out into the fields on one of the trips organized by the countless **horse farms and stables** in the area. Beginners and even children may take part, naturally under the supervision of a trainer and only within the fenced areas.

Golfing fans are recommended the 18-hole golf course maintained by the Polus Palace Golf Club Hotel in Göd. Six-hole courses can be found in Monor and Diósd. **Paintball** – increasingly popular among the indoor sports and games – can be tried in Szentendre, Százhalombatta and Cegléd. A unique and exciting entertainment is offered at the **winter-summer bobsleighing tracks** in Visegrád and the **Fun Extreme Canopy** steel-wire track in the same town. **Winter sport opportunities** are limited in Hungary, but if the weather happens to be conducive, you can do some skiing and sledding as well.



Rám-abyss

Fishing







## Golf

### Pólus Palace Golf Club (C/5)

2132 Göd, Kádár utca 49  
Phone: +36 27/530-500  
[www.poluspalace.hu](http://www.poluspalace.hu)

### Paplapos Golf & Academy (D/7)

2200, Monor Paplapos utca 6  
Phone: +36 29/411-699  
[www.paplaposgolf.hu](http://www.paplaposgolf.hu)

### Kincsem Golf Club (E/7)

2711 Tápiószentmárton, Sőregi út  
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[www.kincsemgolf.hu](http://www.kincsemgolf.hu)

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Visegrád,  
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For further information, please visit:  
[www.golfhungary.hu](http://www.golfhungary.hu)

## Bobsleighbing

### Bobsleighbing track (B/4)

2025 Visegrád, Nagyvilám  
Phone: +36 26/397-397  
[www.bobozas.hu](http://www.bobozas.hu), Open all year round.

## Canopy

### Fun Extreme Canopy (B/4)

2025 Visegrád, Fekete-hegy  
Phone: +36 30/ 246-3381  
[www.canopy.hu](http://www.canopy.hu)

Phone: +36 29/423-056  
[www.kincsemlovaspark.hu](http://www.kincsemlovaspark.hu)

### Sóskúti Equestrian Club (B/6)

2038 Sóskút, Bajcsy Zs utca 61  
Phone: +36 23/347-579  
[www.lovassport.hu](http://www.lovassport.hu)

### Hotel Hegyessy Nyerges (D/7)

2200 Monor, Hegyessy tanya 57  
Phone: +36 29/410-758  
[www.nyergeshotel.hu](http://www.nyergeshotel.hu)



Available by prior arrangement only.

## Paintballing

### Paintball Eldorado (D/5)

2181 Iklad,  
[www.paintball-eldorado.hu](http://www.paintball-eldorado.hu)

### Action Soviet Paintball (C/5)

2000 Szentendre,  
Dózsa György út 28—30  
[www.sovietpaintball.hu](http://www.sovietpaintball.hu)

### Paintball Hungary (C/5)

2000 Szentendre,  
[www.paintballhungary.hu](http://www.paintballhungary.hu)

### Pannon Recreation (B/7)

2316 Tököl, [www.prcr.hu](http://www.prcr.hu)

## Horse riding

### Kincsem Equestrian Park (E/7)

2711 Tápiószentmárton, Sőregi út

### Rózsakúti Hunting Lodge and Equestrian Farm (D/5)

2183 Galgamácsa, Megyerke farm  
Phone: +36 28/579-510  
[www.galga.hu](http://www.galga.hu)

### Bodor Manor (C/4)

2021 Tahitótfalu  
Phone: +36 26/585 020  
[www.bodormajor.hu](http://www.bodormajor.hu)

### Stampok Holiday Park (B/4)

2023 Dunabogdány  
Phone: +36 20/949 4348  
[www.stampokpark.hu](http://www.stampokpark.hu)

### Apajpuszta (C/8)

2345 Apaj, Hajós Major  
Phone: 06 26/311 411

### Sarlóspuszta Club Hotel (D/8)

H-2375 Sarlóspuszta-  
Tatárszentgyörgy  
Phone: +36 29/370 118  
[www.sarlospuszta.hu](http://www.sarlospuszta.hu)



Kemence

For further information,  
please visit: [www.equinfo.hu](http://www.equinfo.hu)

## Fishing

### National Federation of Hungarian Anglers

[www.mohosz.hu](http://www.mohosz.hu)

## Hunting

### Hungarian National Hunting Association

1027 Budapest,

Medve utca 34–40

Phone: +36-1-355-6180

[www.omvk.hu](http://www.omvk.hu)

Ócsa, Monument Basilica

Below: Formula 1



### Pilisi Park Forest Ltd (B/4)

2025 Visegrád, Mátyás király utca 4

Phone: +36 26/598-000

[www.parkerdo.hu](http://www.parkerdo.hu)

### Planes, parachuting, hot-air ballooning

### Hungarian Aeronautical Association

1138 Budapest, Dagály utca 11/a

Email: [aeroclub@aeroclub.hu](mailto:aeroclub@aeroclub.hu)

### Ballooning

Email: [phz@balloon.hu](mailto:phz@balloon.hu)

[www.balloon.hu](http://www.balloon.hu)

### Gokart Sport (D/8)

2600 Vác, Derecske dűlő 10

Phone: +36 30/360-1015

Mon–Fri 12.00–22.00,

Sat–Sun 12.00–22.00

### Adventure Park (C/5)

2146 Mogyoród, Hungaroring

Phone: +36 28/542-990,

[www.adventurepark.hu](http://www.adventurepark.hu)

### Hungarokart Centre (C/5)

2146 Mogyoród, Ipar utca 1

Phone: +36 28/540-140

[www.hungarokart.hu](http://www.hungarokart.hu)

### Xtreme Quad Park (C/5)

The Quad Park is situated  
in Mogyoród,

1 minute from Hungaroring

(exit after the 18km sign)

Track info/programmes:

+36 20/9999-746

### Motor boats, jet skiing, waterskiing

### Universum Camping (C/7)

2330 Dunaharaszti, Alsónémedi út

Phone: +36 24/491-000

[www.udulokozpont.hu](http://www.udulokozpont.hu)

### Flightseeing Tours

1117 Budapest, Baranyai utca 25

Phone: +36 20/578-3299

[www.flightseeingtours.hu](http://www.flightseeingtours.hu)

### Hang-gliding

Email: [sarkanyrepules@fw.hu](mailto:sarkanyrepules@fw.hu)

[www.hang-gliding.ini.hu](http://www.hang-gliding.ini.hu)

### Sirius Aviation Club (C/5)

2151 Fót, Bokor utca 68

Phone: +36 30/911-8275

[www.sirius-se.hu](http://www.sirius-se.hu)

### Go-carting, quad-biking

### Euroring

2377 Örkény

Phone: +36 29/310-320

[www.euroring.hu](http://www.euroring.hu)

### North Börzsöny Hunting Association (B/3)

2638 Kemence, Fő út 198

Phone: +36 30/924-2207

Email: [eszakborzsonyvt@freemail.hu](mailto:eszakborzsonyvt@freemail.hu)

### Ipoly Forest Ltd (C/3)

2660 Balassagyarmat,

Bajcsy utca 10

Phone: +36 35/300-769

Email: [titkarsag@ipolyerdo.hu](mailto:titkarsag@ipolyerdo.hu)

### Hunters Company, Börzsöny- Zrínyi (A/4)

2632 Letkés, Liliom Pusztá, Pf 16

Phone: +36 27/ 376-070

[www.vadasztarsasag-borzsony.internettudakozo.hu](http://www.vadasztarsasag-borzsony.internettudakozo.hu)





## Hiking

### Duna-Ipoly National Park

1021 Budapest, Hűvösvölgyi út 52  
Phone: +36-1-391-4610  
[www.dinpi.hu](http://www.dinpi.hu)

Most of the natural treasures of the region are overseen by the Duna-Ipoly National Park. For information regarding the protected areas, the study trails and the display areas, please visit their website.

### European Diploma Holding Szenas Hills (B/5)

2084 Pilisszentiván,  
Bányász utca 17  
Phone/fax: +36 26/366-129  
Email: [szenasok@gmail.com](mailto:szenasok@gmail.com)  
[www.szenas.hu](http://www.szenas.hu)



*Kismaros, forest train*

Rare plant species (including the linen of Pilis, which can only be found here within Europe). Its value has been recognized with the European Diploma, awarded by the European Council in 1995.

### Ócsa Country House (C/7)

2364 Ócsa, Andor utca 4–6  
Phone: +36 30/948-9150  
[www.ocsa-tajhaz.hu](http://www.ocsa-tajhaz.hu)  
The Old Village is rich in sights, and falls within the Landscape Protection Area. It has kept its original settlement structure, old-style houses and folk traditions. You can take trips to the row of cellars with thatched roofs and to the study trails introducing the local marshland.

*Rape field*

### Budakeszi Wildlife Park (B/6)

Budakeszi, Szanatóriumi utca  
Phone: +36 30/353-0901  
[www.vadaspark-budakeszi.hu](http://www.vadaspark-budakeszi.hu)

### Hungarian Hikers Association

1065 Budapest, Bajcsy-Zs út 31  
Phone: +36 1/311 2467  
Email: [mtszhir@enternet.hu](mailto:mtszhir@enternet.hu)  
[www.termeszettjaro.hu](http://www.termeszettjaro.hu)

### Arboretum in Vácátót (C/5)

2163 Vácátót,  
Alkotmány utca 2–4  
Phone: +36 28/360-122  
[www.botkert.hu](http://www.botkert.hu)  
The richest plant collection in Hungary.

### Amber Trail

Ökotárs Foundation,  
1117 Budapest, Móricz Zsigmond körtér 15 I / 1  
Phone: +36 1/209-5624  
[www.ambertrail.info](http://www.ambertrail.info)  
A path presenting the cultural heritage of three countries of Central Europe: Poland, Slovakia and Hungary.

## Railways

### Children's Railway

[www.gyermekvasut.hu](http://www.gyermekvasut.hu)  
Runs between the Széchenyi Hill and the Hűvösvölgy on a 12-kilometre stretch through the Buda Hills. It is unique in that, with the exception of the driver, the train is operated entirely by children.

### Kemence Forest Train (B/3)

[www.kisvasut.hu](http://www.kisvasut.hu)  
The Forest Museum Train in

Kemence can be found in the northern part of the Börzsöny. Operates: April 28–September 30, on weekends and public holidays

### Királyrét Forest Train (B/4)

[www.kisvasut-kiralyret.hu](http://www.kisvasut-kiralyret.hu)  
One of the oldest of Hungary's forest trains. It travels through the valley of Morgó Creek, which collects the waters from the largest basins of the Börzsöny, from the Danube Bend through the town of Szokolya to Királyrét. Operates: All year round

### Nagybörzsöny Forest Mini Train (B/3)

[www.kisvasut.hu](http://www.kisvasut.hu)  
The Nagybörzsöny Mini Train is a mountain train running on unique tracks. The only top-switch train line in Hungary, it winds over eight kilometres from Nagybörzsöny to Nagyirtás. Operates on weekends and holidays between March 15 and November 5, July 15–August 31 Fri also.

### Cruises to the Danube Bend

[www.mahartpassnave.hu](http://www.mahartpassnave.hu)

### Useful links:

[www.turistautak.hu](http://www.turistautak.hu)  
[www.dobogokosi.hu](http://www.dobogokosi.hu)

### Tourist maps are available from:

Tourinform Offices, bookstores  
Or you can order them online at:  
[www.cartographiaonline.hu](http://www.cartographiaonline.hu)







# Music needs no interpretation

Through the open gates of the church, the sounds of the organ and people's voices are audible, as the procession leaves the building. We are on the border of Budapest, in Csömör – or, more accurately, we are standing around on the roadside, trying to avoid stepping on the bed of flowers covering the way. Flowers from gardens and meadows cover the main road of the small town, forming images of crowns, crosses and the Virgin Mary.



Visegrád,  
International Palace Games

Vác,  
Secular Celebrations

Right: Performance  
at the Royal Castle  
of Gödöllő

One festival follows another in the Danube Bend, particularly in the summer. Colourful programmes welcome fans of folk, classical, pop and jazz music. Wine connoisseurs are also welcome at the Regulus Wine Festival. The International Palace Games – medieval-themed tournaments, jousts and archery contests – are a favourite with families. Just a hop from

Budapest, Szentendre offers theatre performances, and musical and dance productions during its Szentendre Summer series of events. On the left shore of the Danube, in Vác, the Secular Celebrations take place, with concerts, fairs and children's programmes invigorating this Baroque city.

In the Royal Castle in Gödöllő, you can travel 250 years back in time during the Baroque Castle Days, in the renovated Baroque theatre. The organ concerts in the large Romantic-style church at nearby Fót are well worth catching, while you can see genuine folk art during the dynamic performances of the Galgahévízi Folk Ensemble in the Galga valley. The series of events called the Zsámbék Theatre and Art Base offers a unique experience because it uses an abandoned military base and early-medieval-church ruins as the locations for the performances.





# Programs

## All year round SZENTENDRE

### PROGRAMS IN THE OUTDOOR MUSEUM OF ETHNOGRAPHY

#### Open Air Folk Museum, Szentendre

2000 Szentendre,  
Sztaravodai utca Pf 63  
Phone: +36 26/502-500  
Fax: +36 26/502-502  
[www.skanzen.hu](http://www.skanzen.hu)

## June–September ZSÁMBÉK

### ZSÁMBÉK THEATRE AND ARTS BASE Community Centre

Phone: +36 23/342-318  
[www.zsambekinyarisinhaz.hu](http://www.zsambekinyarisinhaz.hu)  
Theatre performances,  
concerts, films and exhibitions  
at the church ruins and an  
abandoned military base.

## June CSÖMÖR

### CSÖMÖR CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

Catholic Church, streets  
Phone: +36 28/445-491  
[www.gkrte.hu](http://www.gkrte.hu)



Interactive handicraft  
programmes, traditional  
presentations, games.

## March–April VÁC

### VÁC SPRING FESTIVAL Madách Imre Community Centre

2600 Vác, Dr Csányi L körút 63  
Phone: +36 27/316-411  
[www.mimk.vac.hu](http://www.mimk.vac.hu)

## June–September VÁC

### VÁCI NYÁR Madách Imre Community Centre

2600 Vác, Dr Csányi L körút 63  
Phone: +36 27/316-411  
[www.mimk.vac.hu](http://www.mimk.vac.hu)

## July–August ESZTERGOM

### ESZTERGOM SUMMER FESTIVAL

Esztergomi Nyári Fesztivál Kht  
2500 Esztergom,  
Széchenyi tér 1  
Phone: +36 33/413-414  
Email: [info@arsregia.hu](mailto:info@arsregia.hu)  
[www.esztergomprogram.hu](http://www.esztergomprogram.hu)  
Colourful programmes  
all year round: Jazztergom



(jazz festival), Ister-Granum Folk Art Festival, Regulus wine festival, Viva la Musica (classical concerts), Blue Danube Party Time (popular music concert).

#### **July–August SZENTENDRE**

##### **SZENTENDRE OPEN-AIR THEATRE AND SUMMER FESTIVAL**

New Cultural Centre  
of Szentendre  
2000 Szentendre,  
Duna korzó 18  
Tel/fax: +36 26/312-657  
www.szentendre.hu  
Each weekend the town's  
streets, squares, courtyards,  
churches and cultural  
institutions host theatre  
performances, concerts,  
films, children's and  
traditionalist programmes.

#### **Beginning of July VISEGRÁD**

##### **VISEGRÁD INTERNATIONAL PALACE GAMES**

Pro Visegrád Kht  
2025 Visegrád,  
Fő utca 81  
Phone: +36 30/933-77-49  
Fax: +36 26/398-163  
www.palotajatekok.hu  
Medieval market, traditional  
handicraft demonstrations  
in front of the royal palace  
on Fő utca. Children's Medieval  
Playroom and handicraft  
programs in the park  
in front of the palace.

#### **Early July GÖDÖLLŐ**

##### **PALACE CONCERTS – CHAMBER-MUSIC FESTIVAL**

Gödöllő Royal Palace  
2100 Gödöllő,  
Grassalkovich Mansion  
Phone: +36 28/410-124,  
+36 28/420-588  
Fax: +36 28/422-077  
www.kiralyikastely.hu  
One of the summer's most  
important classical-music

events attracts Europe's best  
musicians to Hungary.

#### **End of July VÁC**

##### **VÁC SECULAR CELEBRATIONS**

Madách Imre  
Community Centre  
2600 Vác, Dr Csányi L körút 63  
Phone: +36 27/316-411  
www.mimk.vac.hu

#### **Early August GÖDÖLLŐ**

##### **BAROQUE PALACE DAYS**

Gödöllő Royal Palace  
2100 Gödöllő,  
Grassalkovich Palace  
Phone: +36 28/410-124,  
+36 28/420-588  
Fax: +36 28/422-077  
www.kiralyikastely.hu  
Visitors are whisked back  
to the Baroque epoch and  
the time of Antal Grassalkovich,  
founder of the Royal Palace.  
There is a lively fair, riding  
displays, concerts, dance  
performances and other  
attractions.

#### **Middle of August SZÁZHALOMBATTA, RÁCKEVE, TÖKÖL**

##### **SUMMERFEST INTERNATIONAL FOLKLORE FESTIVAL AND FOLK-ART FAIR**

Phone: +36 23/358-973,  
+36 20/9752-816  
Web: www.summerfest.hu  
Dancers from some 20  
countries perform at this  
festival, dazzling audiences  
with the richness and beauty  
of their respective cultures.  
Stage shows are followed  
by outdoor theatrical  
performances,  
and programmes of  
handicraft and folk art.

#### **October–November VÁC**

##### **AUTUMN ART WEEKS**

Madách Imre  
Community Centre

2600 Vác, Dr Csányi L körút 63  
Phone: +36 27/316-411  
www.mimk.vac.hu

#### **Early October GÖDÖLLŐ**

##### **GÖDÖLLŐ INTERNATIONAL HARP FESTIVAL**

Gödöllő Royal Palace  
2100 Gödöllő,  
Phone: +36 28/410-124,  
+36 28/420-588  
Fax: +36 28/422-077  
www.kiralyikastely.hu  
Europe's foremost harpists  
meet in the Royal Palace  
at Gödöllő.

#### **December SZENTENDRE**

##### **ADVENT AND NEW YEAR'S EVE IN SZENTENDRE**

2000 Szentendre,  
Dunakorzó 11/A  
Tel/fax: +36-26/312-657  
www.szentendreprogram.hu  
During the winter holidays,  
choirs, chamber music  
concerts and theatre  
performances are performed  
at various locations in the city.

#### **December GÖDÖLLŐ**

##### **ADVENT PALACE DAYS**

Royal Palace of Gödöllő  
2100 Gödöllő,  
Phone: +36 28/410-124,  
+36 28/420-588  
Fax: +36 28/422-077  
www.kiralyikastely.hu  
Visitors are welcomed with  
various programmes and an  
applied-arts and folk-arts  
market running over  
two weekends in the build-up  
to Christmas.

#### **December–January VÁC**

##### **WINTER HOLIDAYS**

Madách Imre  
Community Centre  
2600 Vác, Dr Csányi L körút 63  
Phone: +36 27/316-411  
www.mimk.vac.hu



# Practical Information

Budapest and its surrounding area is easily accessible from any part of Europe. As Hungary is part of the European Union – indeed, the Schengen Agreement means its borders have opened within the Union – EU citizens can arrive here as simply as if they were arriving home. Non-EU citizens are welcome visitors as well, although they may have to follow different entry requirements.

## ACCOMMODATIONS

It is safest to arrange accommodation in advance, particularly in Budapest, and during the Spring Festival, the Formula 1 and the autumn congressional season. Even the hotels in the area surrounding the city may be fully booked, and perhaps, with the exception of a few private homes outside the city, only lower category hotels, family-run bed-and-breakfasts and country hotels may be available.

[www.hungary.com](http://www.hungary.com)  
[www.budapestinfo.hu](http://www.budapestinfo.hu)  
[www.budapestwinterinvasion.com](http://www.budapestwinterinvasion.com)  
[www.budapesthotelbooking.com](http://www.budapesthotelbooking.com)  
[www.budapest-hotel-guide.hu](http://www.budapest-hotel-guide.hu)  
[www.budapesthotelreservation.hu](http://www.budapesthotelreservation.hu)  
[www.budapesthotels.com](http://www.budapesthotels.com)  
[www.budapesthotelstart.com](http://www.budapesthotelstart.com)  
[www.cometohungary.com](http://www.cometohungary.com)  
[www.hotelhungary.hu](http://www.hotelhungary.hu)  
[www.hotels.hu](http://www.hotels.hu)  
[www.hotels-hungary-bookings.com](http://www.hotels-hungary-bookings.com)  
[www.hungarianhotels.net](http://www.hungarianhotels.net)  
[www.hungarystartshere.com](http://www.hungarystartshere.com)  
[www.ohb.hu](http://www.ohb.hu)  
[www.szallasinfo.hu](http://www.szallasinfo.hu)  
[www.travelport.hu](http://www.travelport.hu)

## CURRENCY EXCHANGE

Currency exchange is only legal at locations licensed by law; do not risk changing money at street-side kiosks as you may end up with counterfeit currency.

## TRANSPORTATION

### By car

Established highways enter Budapest from different directions, making the capital easily and quickly accessible. The 24-hour emergency number of the Hungarian Automobile Association is: +36-1-345-1755.

Public road emergency services: 188

Traffic information, constructions, detours, road-toll information is available in 13 different languages at: [www.autopalya.hu](http://www.autopalya.hu)

Route planning for car journeys: [www.utvonalterv.hu](http://www.utvonalterv.hu)

Outside the capital – particularly in the suburbs – heavy traffic can be expected on weekdays during the morning and evening rush hours. (It is best to avoid these roads between the hours of 8:00am and 10:00am and 4:00pm and 8:00pm.)

### By air

Budapest's airports (terminals 1, 2A and B) are situated 30 minutes from the city centre and are easily accessed by train (terminal 1), public buses, airport shuttles or by taxi cabs.

[www.bud.hu](http://www.bud.hu)  
 +36-1-296-9696

Ferihegy 1 – discount airline flights

Ferihegy 2A

Ferihegy 2B

#### • Airport shuttle

The fixed fee to any location in the city is about EUR 10/person, or about EUR 17 round trip. The shuttle takes visitors from the airport to any specific address.

#### • Trains

A direct train line serves Ferihegy Terminal 1 to the downtown (Nyugati Railway Station). The travel time of the trains is usually half an hour to the city centre. Information: [www.bud.hu](http://www.bud.hu); schedule: [www.elvira.hu](http://www.elvira.hu)

#### • Taxis

Zone taxis transport passengers from the airport for EUR 14–19, depending on the location.

+36-1-365 55 55

[info@zonataxi.eu](mailto:info@zonataxi.eu)

[www.zonataxi.eu](http://www.zonataxi.eu)

#### • Buses

Bus #200 transports passengers from both terminals of the airport to the beginning of metro line #3. This is the least expensive solution as only a few bus tickets are needed (the bus line can be used with different passes also).

The ride to the centre usually takes approximately 70–80 minutes.



### By train

Non-stop phone line for ticket orders

(MÁVDIRÉKT):

+36-40-49-49-49

From abroad: +36-1-371-9449

Schedules: [www.elvira.hu](http://www.elvira.hu)

There are three major international train stations in Budapest, each located near a metro station.

Many tourist destinations are located along train lines running in most directions from the city (information: [www.elvira.hu](http://www.elvira.hu); train lines are also indicated on maps).

Local Area Commuters' Trains (HÉV) run from the downtown to Szentendre, Gödöllő and Ráckeve. information: [www.bkv.hu/hev](http://www.bkv.hu/hev), 06-80-406-611.

### Coach lines

Volán companies operate 48 lines between Budapest and destinations abroad.

International services arrive at Népliget bus station, which is located at metro line #3. Towns around Budapest can be reached aboard coaches departing from different bus terminals located in various parts of the city.

Schedule: [www.volan.hu](http://www.volan.hu)

Online ticker orders: [www.volanbusz.hu](http://www.volanbusz.hu)

Information about domestic and international lines:

(+36-1) 382-0888

Népliget (+36-1) 219-8000

Stadionok (+36-1) 220-6227

Árpád híd (+36-1) 412-2597

Etele tér (+36-1) 382-4900

Széna tér (+36-1) 201-3688

### By boat

During the shipping season, regularly scheduled hydrofoil services travel along the Danube between Budapest and Vienna and Budapest and Bratislava. It is worth taking a daytime or nighttime sightseeing cruise in Budapest. Alternatively, you may want to go on an excursion by boat outside the city.

Information:

- Mahart Passnave Kft  
[www.mahartpassnave.hu](http://www.mahartpassnave.hu)  
[ertekesites@mahartpassnave.hu](mailto:ertekesites@mahartpassnave.hu)

- Legenda Kft.  
[www.legenda.hu](http://www.legenda.hu)  
[info@legenda.hu](mailto:info@legenda.hu)  
+36 1-317-2203

### Transportation in Budapest

Budapest has a transportation system comprising over 180 bus lines, 14 trolley-bus lines, 29 tram lines, a cogwheel rail line, and three metro lines. Public transport services usually operate between 4:30am and 11:00pm. You can have an overview of the system on the board-maps located at the entrance of metro stations. Information regarding the travelling conditions and terms are also written in English and German. Tickets can be purchased at metro stations, at ticket vending machines, kiosks and news stands. Tickets must be purchased in advance and validated (stamped) at the machines located on the vehicles (or at the platform entrances, in the case of the metro) at the beginning of your ride. Controllers dressed in uniforms and wearing photo ID (badges) may ask to check your ticket, so please save your ticket until the end of your journey.

**Tickets are usually valid for one ride only; in the case of a transfer, a new ticket must be used.**

Ticket types:

- Standard ticket (1 ride without transfer)
- Daily pass
- Tourist ticket (3 days)
- Weekly pass (valid for 7 days, and not transferable)
- Budapest Card for 48 or 72 hours

For further information, please visit:

[www.bkv.hu](http://www.bkv.hu)

Route planning: [www.utvonalterv.hu](http://www.utvonalterv.hu)

Free information line of the Budapest Transportation Authority (BKV):  
(+36-80) 406-611

### Budapest Card

In addition to allowing the holder to travel on all types of public transport, the Budapest Card provides discounts or free entrance to numerous attractions, museums, sightseeing tours, and baths, on car rental, and at restaurants and bars. The card also covers a child under 14 years travelling with the holder. The Budapest Card can be purchased at 250 locations in the city, including airports, hotels, travel agencies, tourist-information offices and at major metro stations, as well as certain travel agencies abroad. For further information and to order online, please visit:  
[www.budapestinfo.hu](http://www.budapestinfo.hu)

### Tourinform

Call center: 00 800 36 000 000

E-mail: [info@hungarytourism.hu](mailto:info@hungarytourism.hu)



# Representations

## of the Hungarian National Tourist Office

### AUSTRIA

#### Ungarisches Tourismusamt

A-1010 Wien, Opernring 1/R/707

Tel.: (800) 36 00 00 00

Fax: (43 1) 585 20 1215

E-Mail: ungarninfo@ungarn-tourismus.at

www.ungarn-tourismus.at

### BELGIUM

#### Office du Tourisme de Hongrie

(Toeristische dienst van Hongarije)

B-1050 Bruxelles, Avenue Louise 365

(B-1050 Brussel, 365 Louizalaan)

Tel.: (32 2) 346 8630, 648 5282, Fax: (32 2) 344 6967

E-Mail: htbrussels@skynet.be

www.visithongrie.be; www.visithongarije.be

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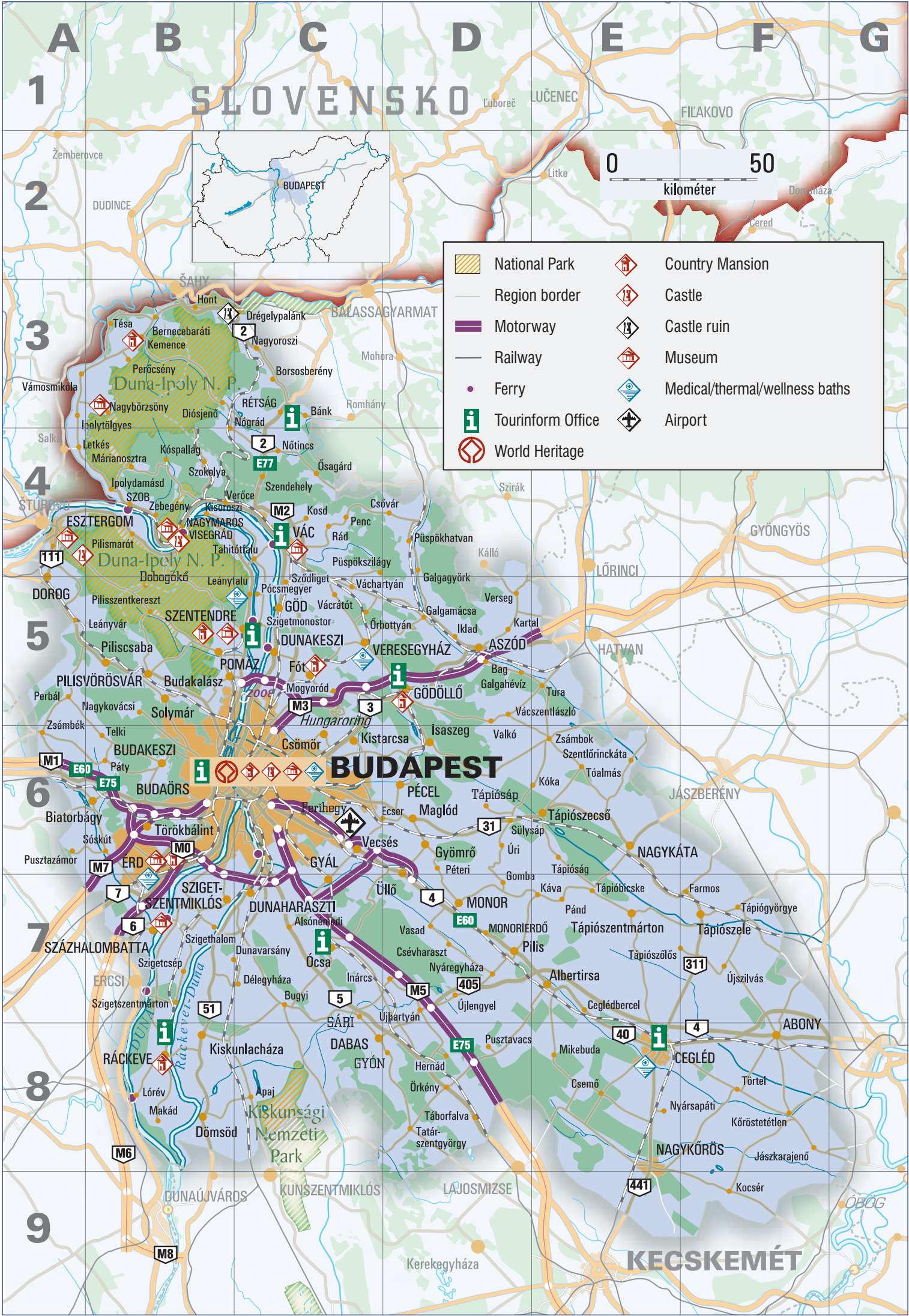
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