#### **BUDAPEST GUIDE**

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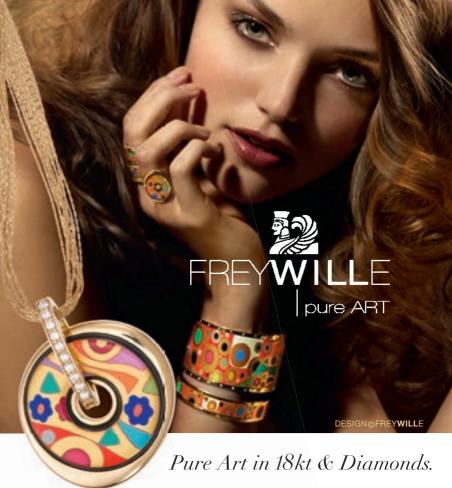




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#### THE MESSAGE OF BUDAPEST

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#### DANUBE

The River Danube is the "most international" river of the world, as it flows across 10 countries, including 4 capital cities (Vienna, Bratislava, Budapest, Belgrade), and its water comes from further 9 countries, thus connecting 19 countries and some 81 million people altogether. You must also taste the Hungarian specialty called "Duna kavics" (i.e. "Danube Pebbles") named after the river!

#### THE KODÁLY METHOD

"Let music belong to everyone" - Zoltán Kodály created a music education method, which teaches children from as early as kindergarten age to learn, maintain and develop their musical skills. Based on his concept, which is used in several countries of the world, children should first meet with music through the treasures of their own national folk music. Later on they should get familiar with the folk songs of

#### **Budapest raises**

#### **WORLD HERITAGE**



A huge part of Budapest are under the protection of UNESCO's World Cultural Heritage: the Banks of the River Danube, the

Buda Castle Quarter, some buildings of the Budapest University of Technology and Economics, the Gellért Bath, the Statue of Liberty and the Citadel on Gellért Hill, the Parliament, the Hungarian Academy of Sciences and the Gresham Palace, as well as the buildings along Andrássy Avenue, the millennial underground railway, and Heroes' Square.

#### **Budapest in Europe**



#### **Budapest revitalizes**

#### THERMAL BATHS

In Hungary, there are some 1300 registered thermal water springs and 150 thermal spas. Europe's one and only cave bath is located in Tapolca, while the best-known thermal water lake (33 °C) of the Continent is the Hévíz Lake. There are two dozens of baths and 13 spas in the capital city. Hungary's mineral water output was 385 million litres in 2000.

#### DRINKABLE TAP WATER

As compared with other European cities, the quality of tap water in Budapest is among the best. According to a UNESCO survey, Hungary's tap water ranks 14th out of 122 countries. For example, in 2009, the tap water coming from the water well of Tatabánya was offi cially registered as mineral water, so the region's inhabitants drink mineral water from the tap for half a forint per litre.

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The light and fresh logo is a blue ribbon, which symbolises the Danube with the bridges across the river. Various associations can be indirectly discovered in the symbol, for example a heart, which refers to the loveable nature of the city, or the first letter of the city, the letter "B".

The Danube, which is shaped by the ribbon stripe, refers to the values which are represented by water and river: continuous revival, rebirth, dynamics, transformation and refreshment. It gains its power from the rich and colourful past, and it runs towards a future full of hope, connecting the worlds of east and west.







With parks brimming with attractions, museum filled with treasures, pleasure boats sailing up and down the scenic Danube Bend, Turkish-era thermal baths belching steam and a nightlife throbbing until dawn most nights, the Hungarian capital is one of the Continent's most delightful and fun cities.

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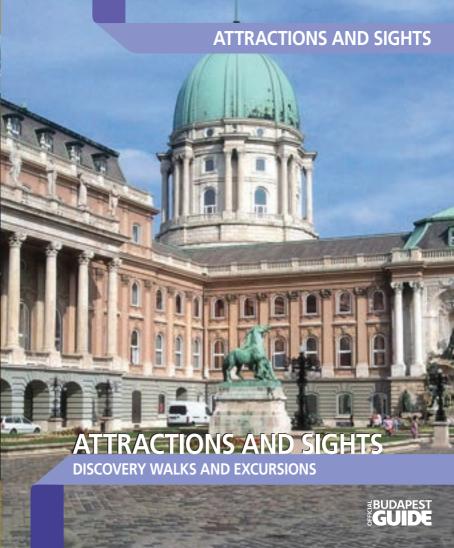


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## **BUDAPEST TOP 10**

#### 1. Buda Castle

From the Pest side, the beautifully lit Buda Castle shows its magnificent facade, and the most amazing view to the city is from the castle, too. But that's not the only reason why the Buda Castle is the top sight to see in Budapest. Every corner, nook and cranny holds a secret here, as there are over 800 years of history packed into its stones. From 13th century ruins to the neo-baroque dome all the ages left their marks on the palace. Visiting Mathias Church, the Fishermen's Bastion and Holy Trinity Square (Szentháromság tér) is an essential part of walks in the Castle District, and the reward of your endurance awaits in one of the oldest confectioneries of the city, at Ruszwurm.

# The Chain Bridge and the Buda Castle

#### 2. Parliament

The most grandiose building on the Pest embankment reminds some of a huge wedding cake, some of a stunning cathedral. The 17,745 sqm neo-gothic Parliament is the largest administrative building in the country and the second largest parliament in Europe. This visionary synthesis of Hungarian eclectic architecture boasts 29 interior staircases, 242 statues, 40 kilos of gold on the walls, a number of frescoes and paintings; and is home to the National Assembly of Hungary and the Holy Crown of Hungary.

#### 3. Dohány Street Synagogue

The second largest synagogue in the world is relatively young, it was consecrated in 1859. The synagogue's construction served two purposes: the community needed a temple in keeping with raditions and also encouraging liberal ideas. Designed by Ludwig Förster, the synagogue was built in Moorish style and thanks to its twin towers adorned with onion-shaped domes, it has a magical oriental flavor. The neighboring Jewish Museum tells the story of the holocaust in Hungary and also showcases objects used in Jewish festivals

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The Chain Bridge and the Parliament

#### 4. Margaret Island

Margaret Island is one of the most multifunctional parts of Budapest; it is the perfect spot for picnics, badminton matches, running, and chestnut collecting. The island shows a different face every season, in the fall the hundred-year-old trees seen ablaze in a million burning colors, mystical fog lingers above the channels of the Japanese garden and the flamboyant colors of the rose garden fade into subtlety. Life on the island takes on a softer rhythm, it's the time of long walks, but if fall doesn't equal idling your time away in your books, hop on a Bringóhintó (multi-person bike) for a ride along the island, then sit on a bench on the riverbank, as the sun is always shining on one side of the island

#### 5. Saint Stephen's Basilica

The tallest building in Budapest (shared with the Parliament, both being 96 m high) is

home to not only works of major 19th century artists, but also the mummified right hand of the founding king of Hungary, Saint Stephen, which has been miraculously preserved since the 11th century. Being the tallest in a flat city equals great views – take the 302 steps (or the elevator) leading to the 65-meter-high terrace of the dome and enjoy Budapest at your feet.

#### 6. Andrássy Avenue

Strolling along the 19th century palaces, the pomp and romantic atmosphere of the past are almost tangible; no wonder that Budapest's most beautiful boulevard is a World Heritage site. Between Bajcsy-Zsilinszky Street and Oktogon you'll walk past elegant coffee houses, luxury stores and the stunning State Opera House. Towards Heroes' Square, the boulevards opens up and you can take a peep into stately villas from under the trees. But be careful to leave enough room for the cyclists, too!

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#### 7. Heroes' Square

Construction of the most monumental square started at the 1000th anniversary of the Hungarian Conguest. Learn about Hungarian history just by marvelling at the statues of the square: Archangel Gabriel (who, according to the legend, told St Stephen in a dream that he would be the first king of Christian Hungary) protects the country from atop a 36-meter column. At the base, you'll find the seven chieftains of the conquering Magyar tribes, led by Árpád. The 14 statues of the colonnades are of kings and representative figures of the country, and the allegorical bronze figures of War, Peace, Wealth and Labor top the outer edges. Heroes' Square is not only a memento of the past however, tourists, skateboarders and bike acrobats alike come here to pay tribrite to the heroes

#### 8. City Park

The world's first public park (aye, that's Budapest's Városliget) begins right behind Heroes' Square. This is where Hungarians go to feed the ducks and sit by the lake soaking up the first and last rays of the sun, where we go to kick about the yellowing leaves in the fall, and where we skate and soak in the steamy hot water in the winter. This is where haltered giraffes were walked to the Zoo, where good comrades marched, waved ther lags and ate sausages every May 1st, and where the Hungaroring nearly got built in the '80s.

#### 9. Danube Promenade

Walk along this riverside oasis created around 100 years ago, boasting chic cafés, restaurants, comfy benches and lots of quirky little statues which make for a perfect photo opportunity; like the statue of Little Princess sitting by the tram stop at Vigadó Square (so charming

that even Prince Charles had to get a copy of it for home). This World Heritage site has always been the center of cosmopolitan Budapest, and the graceful bridges, the view to the Buda Castle, the 19th century lampposts and the romantic building of Vigadó may give you an idea why.



#### 10. Citadel

The massive white-stoned fortress sitting on top of Gellért Hill and the Statue of Liberty are both worth a short hike (or ride on bus no. 27). Built by the Habsburg dynasty after the revolution of 1848-1849, the Citadel's original function was to keep an eye on the rebellious Hungarians. But by the 20th century, this symbol of oppression became one of the most popular touristy place, which comes as no surprise if look at this beautiful city at your feet...

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Oct			13:30	14:30	15:30	16:30*		
Nov-Dec				14:30*				

<sup>&</sup>quot;No Margaret Island Tour • 20 August: due to national holiday events timetable might change

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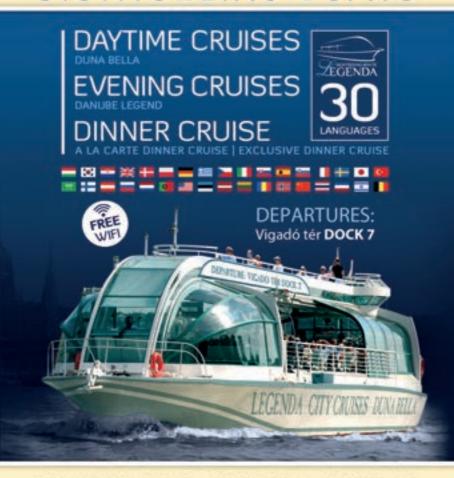




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## **GETTING AROUND**

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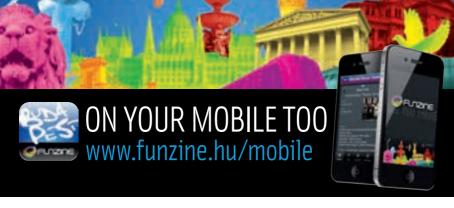
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of the FIshermen's Bastion) made it into not only one of the most important Roman Catholic pDlace of worship but also the memorial of a thousand years of history and religious architecture. From Béla IV to Charles IV every king of Hungary had some kind of connection to the church; some built extensions to it, some sold its treasures on bargain prices, and some were crowned to be king here.

1st district, Szentháromság tér

#### **Lutheran Church**

The oldest Lutheran church of Budapest was built in 1808 in line with Protestant Puritanism. The cleancut neo-classicist design placed the cross not onto a spire but on a tympanum resting on four Doric columns. The only striking ornament of the interior is its marble altar and altarpiece above it, a paraphrase on Raffaello's 'Transfiguratio'. The church together with a nearby nursery, secondary school and library is known as the Lutheran island of Budapest. 5th district, Deák tér



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The oldest and probably most visited Calvinist church of the city was built in the early 19th century in neo-gothic style. In the original plans it was to be a church with two spires, and the single spire visible today is based on their foundations. Its gorgeous four-column portico at the main entrance and the organ loft inside were designed by József Hild (the architect of the basilica in Esztergom) and were financed by an English countess. The dazzling stained glass windows portray some of the key figures of Calvinism, and in a side niche, quite peculiarly for a Calvinist church, the countess' memorial is hidden.

9th district, Kálvin tér

# The Hungarian Orthodox Church of Our Lady

An essential sight of the downtown panorama is the half-spired church, the Hungarian Orthodox Church of Our Lady. The spires, designed by Miklós Ybl (of the State Opera House fame) were seriously damaged during WWII and are still under reconstruction. But do walk around inside the church for the ornamnets make up for the ruins. The baroque pomp of the iconoclast on the eastern wall is breathtaking, but there's sparkling golden decoration wherever you turn.

5th district. Petőfi tér 2.

#### **Aquincum**

In the old Roman province ruins prove that beside the multitude of ancient gods early Christianity appeared in Aquincum. An altar stone in the military town tells about Silvanus (the God of Woods) worship, in the civic town a sanctuary was dedicated to one of the most popular Roman gods, Mithras. The ruins suggest that in the entire Roman Empire the orientation, construction and interior design of places of worship were regulated and standardized. In the 4th century, due to Constantine's law of religious tolerance and conversion to Christianity, early Christian chapels and crypts also appeared in the military town.

3rd district, Szentendrei út 135



#### St. Stephen's Basilica - Treasury

St. Stephen's Basilica is a representative church of our nation. You can find the works of the most famous Hungarian artists of the time. The "Holy Right", i.e. the mummified right hand of King Stephen, the founder of the Hungarian State. The reconstructed Treasury was opened on the 2nd floor with an extended exhibition in March 2011.

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#### St. Stephen's Basilica - Look-out tower

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#### **Synagogue**

The Synagogue in Dohány utca is the largest in Europe and the second largest in the world. Lively religious and cultural life is organised around it all through the year, with an active Jewish community using the 150-year-old building.



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#### WITH CHILDREN

There are plenty of places to be discovered by young explorers from the adventure parks to the odd creatures living on the bottom of the sea, from the wonderful world of physics to a railway run by children.

## **BUDAPEST FOR KIDS**

#### **Budapest Zoo**

From polar bears to alligators, butterflies to baboons – the Budapest Zoo houses an impressive array of animals and plants. The little tigers born last May are still too cute to be true, and you can get pretty close them, too. Head to the animal petting area then feed the elephants, and if the weather turns nasty, get to the Palm House. The smell of earth and the hot and humid air will bring back pleasant memories of the summer in an instant.

14th district, Állatkerti krt. 6-12.

#### **Amusement Park**

Wooden horses in bright colors and gold spinning around, mirror-enclosed, tricky labyrinths leading nowhere, a Ferris wheel climbing above the city, a boat floating into the cave of fairy tales, electric cars tempting you not to stop crashing into others, a tower evoking the feel of free fall, and the gyrating and dancing Break Dance are just a couple of the toys and attractions awaiting kids of all sizes and ages. Yes, some of them have been around when today's grandparents were only little whippersnappers.





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#### Pál-Völgy Cave

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The world of natural sciences is open to everyone, at least it is available at the Palace of Wonders. The laws of physics are presented in action, not in a dry, academic way but through games and installations. Don't miss out on the Öveges room (named after Professor József Öveges who made generations of Hungarian school kids fascinated by physics), where extraordinary experiments prove you that breaking up a walnut with your head can be painless...

2nd district, Fény utca 20-22.



#### **Tropicarium**

In the largest marine aquarium in Central Europe you can reach out and touch sharks (well, almost – there's glass keeping you safe) pet sting rays, lounge in the heat and enjoy a real tropical rainstorm next to huge lazy alligators. This is not just a water wonderland, though. There are mini-monkeys, iguanas of all shapes and sizes, huge pythons, exotic birds and humongous hairy spiders! 22nd district, Nagytétényi út 37-43.



#### **Children's Railway**

Although child labour is illegal in Hungary, on this line it's only kids who inspect and punch the tickets, program the semaphore, tell you about accidental delays and what the next stop is and they control the traffic. Children's Railway travels through a breathtakingly beautiful part of Budapest, between Hűvösvölgy and Széchenyi Hill. It's worth getting on or off at any stop, as the Chairlift, Normafa and the Elisabeth Lookout are all within easy reach.

#### **Orczy Adventure Park**

If you feel like leaving the urban jungle behind for a day spent with climbing trees and sky-high poles, hanging on ropes and balancing on planks, just take the metro to the latest adventure park in Budapest, in Orczy Garden (get off at Nagyvárad tér). The little ones can find their through obstacles on the ground, and the older the kids are the higher they can climb on the ropes and ladders. And if you're only after some extra adrenaline rush, whoosh down for it from the 10-meter-high canopy.

8th district. Orczy út 1.

#### Szemlő-Hegy Cave

Visitors may admire pisolite fallouts and gypsum crystals, both considered a rarity in Europe, along the close to 300-meter long route. The air is suitable for the treatment of people who suffer from asthma or other respiratory diseases.



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8th district, Múzeum krt. 14-16.



#### **Budapest History Museum – Castle Museum**

The museum introduces the history of the royal palace from the earliest times to the present in its most extravagant halls. (See page 50)



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1014 Budapest, Szt. György tér 2. Buda Castle building "E"

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#### **Hungarian National Gallery**

The Hungarian National Gallery is the largest public collection documenting and presenting the rise and development of the fine arts in Hungary. It has operated as an independent institution since 1957. The Hungarian National Gallery moved to its present location, the former Royal Palace of Buda, in 1975. (See page 50)



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#### **Museum of Ethnography**

One of the biggest ethnographical museums in Europe with almost 250,000 Hungarian and international artefacts. The building, which is located next to the Parliament, hosts several temporary exhibitions and events. (See page 51)



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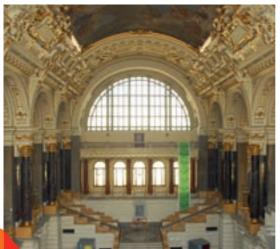
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1st district, Buda Castle building E





## Museum of Ethnography

Sitting opposite the Parliament, the Museum of Ethnography was built by Alaios Hauszmann. Its grand, stone-clad facade is richly ornamented and above. there's a three-horse chariot holding the figure of the guiding spirit of enlightenment. In the interior of the monumental museum, playful elements replace the strictness of the outside: splendid staircases and marble columns, frescoes and golden ornaments adorn the home of 200,000 works of folk art, historical photographs, folk song recordings, films and videos of ethnography.

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#### **Aquincum Museum**

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#### **Museum of Applied Arts**

Designed by Ödön Lechner, the master of the Hungarian art nouveau style (called secession). the green-domed Museum of Applied Arts adorned with Zsolnav ceramics and decorated with motifs from Hungarian, Islamic and Hindu folklore is one of the most magically beautiful buildings in Budapest. The museum opened in 1896, as an additional attraction of the country's millennial festivities. Although the building is currently under construction, it is open to the public. and its rich collection of furniture. eastern carpets, tapestries, ceramics, iewelry, dresses and glassware is not to be missed.

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#### Hungarian Natural History Museum

In the former home of Ludovika Military Academy, discipline and stringency have been replaced by a two-ton whale skeleton to greet visitors. The geological and natural collection of the Hungarian Natural History Museum is one of the most comprehensive in the world. Find minerals of all colors and sizes from the childhood of Planet Earth, bones and footprints of extinct animals, the natural habitat of stuffed mammoths and exotic species. The interactive exhibitions teach you a lot about the animal kingdom, the world of minerals, paleonthology and anthropology without you even noticing it.

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#### **Budapest Gallery**

The Budapest Gallery is an art institution of the Municipal Government of Budapest. It organises contemporary art exhibitions on the Pest side of Elisabeth Bridge, at Szabad Sajtó út 5, in the building of the Klotild Palace. The Budapest Gallery's scope of activities include the creation, maintenance and renovation-restoration of works of art for public places in Budapest, as well as the execution of tender procedures, criticism and registration.



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#### **Budapest Gallery Imre Varga Collection**

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Budapest History Museum

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6th district, Vörösmarty u. 35.

#### Museum of Hungarian Electrotechnics

The best venue for a museum presenting the history of electricity must be and old, abandoned transformer station. In the Kazinczy Street building, the switch rooms became exhibition halls, the old concrete cells of high-voltage switches now house glass-paneled cabinets. By the staircase, old, funny posters advertise electricity, in the rooms and corridors decades-old household appliances show you how electricity conquered the world. You can also experiment with the magic that's called AC/DC.

7th district, Kazinczy u. 21.

#### **Hospital in the Rock**

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Hospital in the Rock



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#### Kiscelli Museum

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#### Ferenc Liszt Memorial Museum

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#### **House of Hungarian Secession**

Behind one of the most exciting facades in Budapest, there's a great exhibition of Hungarian secession. Spreading on three floors, the exhibition gives an insight into the life of well-to-do merchants and intellectuals before World War I. Secession is the word used in Hungary for art nouveau reflecting the fact that secession was somewhat different from European art at the turn of the century. Here, the uniquely subtle, romantic, ornamental and nostalgic features were combined with typical Hungarian folk motifs, as seen on every single item int he museum.

5th district, Honvéd u. 3.





#### Hungarian Museum of Trade and Tourism

Signs, scales, posters, serving utensils, silverware and display and serving furniture from restaurants and patisseries of years gone by — these are the colorful items on display at the Hungarian Museum of Trade and Tourism. Celebrating Hungarian hospitality, the museum pays tribute to tradesmen and hoteliers of past centuries. Having moved to the 3rd distirct, the museum can host events and parties for children and adults. Here, trade and tourism isn't just a museum piece — they put hospitality into action!

3rd district, Dugovics Titusz tér 13-17.

#### The House of Hungarian Art Nouveau

A hidden gem of Art Nouveau architecture, the House offers a unique insight into the ambiance of Budapest bourgeois life in the "happy pre-war years". Furniture, Interiors, Porcelains, Arts Events, Café.



1054 Budapest, Honvéd u. 3.

www.magyarszecessziohaza.hu

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#### **Hungarian Natural History Museum**

In addition to presenting the nature of Hungary and the Carpathian Basin, the museum also offers glimpses into the fascinating worlds of African papyrus swamps and coral reefs, among others.



Tel: (+36-1) 210-1085 mtminfo@mttm.hu

www.mttm.hu

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#### **Museum of Music History**

1083 Budapest, Ludovika tér 2-6.

The Opera and the Nation - exhibition on the bicentenary of Ferenc Erkel's birth. The composer and his 19th century environment are presented through some 1000 documents, as well as instruments, music books, paintings, graphics, objects of applied art and clothes. The guided tours are often accompanied by concerts.



Tel.: (+36-1) 214-6770/272 museum@zti.hu

1014 Budapest Táncsics Mihály u. 7. (in the Buda Castle)

www.zti.hu/museum



#### **House of Hungarian Wines - Buda Castle**

We kindly invite you to the House of Hungarian Wines in the cellar of the Buda Castle, where you can taste the best wines from the 22 wine regions of Hungary. Besides the well-known wineries you can familiarise yourself with wines produced by Hungarian craftsmanships and family wineries. You cannot only taste wines, but also "pálinka", which is recognised as a Hungarian speciality. See page 90.



Tel.: (+36-1) 201-4062, (+36-30) 873-4406 info@magyarborokhaza.com

1014 Budapest Szentháromság tér 6.

www.magyarborokhaza.com

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#### **Hungarian National Museum**

In the country's first museum, you can see the following exhibitions: The Coronation Mantle; The History of Hungary from the Foundation of the State to 1990; the Roman Lapidary and an archaeological display.



1088 Budapest Múzeum krt. 14-16.

www.mnm.hu

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#### Memento Park - Statue Park

A park of gigantic statues from the era of the fallen communist dictatorship. A last glimpse behind the Iron Curtain. Hundreds of tons of communism! Lenin, Captain Ostapenko, Stalin's boots, soldiers of the Red Army etc. A film about the communist secret service. 1956, 1989-90 photo exhibition. Trabant, retro shop. Open every day from 10.00 a.m. until dusk. (See pages 56)

Tel.: (+36-1) 424 7500 office@mementopark.hu

1223 Budapest, Balatoni út – Szabadkai út corner

www.mementopark.hu

### **GALLERIES**

#### **Museum of Fine Arts**

It's no accident that the Museum of Fine Arts on Heroes' Square and the Kunsthalle in opposite look alike Mücsarnok (Kunsthalle), as they were both designed by the same pair of architects, Albert Schikedanz and Fülöp Herzog. The museum has been open to art fans since 1906 with its massive collection from ancient Egypt, of old masters form the 13th-18th century, and works of artist from after 1800. Don't miss out on the next temporary exhibition, Mummies Uncovered, presenting the age of the paraohs' before October 22nd. 14th district, Dózsa György út 41.

(Heroes' Square)



Kunsthalle

#### Kunsthalle

Meaning 'hall of art', the museum was founded in 1877. After the eclectic-neoclassical building's full renovation in 1995, the forward-looking gallery has become a most important European venue, which aims to introduce the works of prominent Hungarian and foreign contemporary artists and to represent the freshest artistic movements through 5-6 major exhibitions a year, without having its own permanent collection. The latest exhibition (until September 25th), the European Film Gateway — The Age of Hungarian Silent Film showcases the stars and rare examples of the golden age of film.

14th district, Dózsa György út 37.



Ludwig Museum

#### **Sterling Jewellery Gallery**

The Sterling Jewellery Gallery shows the works of contemporary Hungarian jewellery designers, and offers the widest selection of one-of-a-kind and smallseries handcrafted jewelleries. While being beautifully elaborated, the jewelleries are often characterised by a generous use of material, always ending up in a perfectly uniform appearance. Those who are in for real curiosities can choose from the unique jewellery designs of young artists produced in a limited number.

Tel.: (+36-1) 323-0037 info@sterling-galerta.hu, sterlingcallery@mail.com

1092 Budapest, Ráday u. 31.

www.sterling-galeria.hu







T(el.: (36-1) 213-5155 | galeria@varfok-galeria.hu | www.varfok-galeria.hu) Tue–Sat: 11am–6pm

Várfok Gallery is one of the first privately founded galleries showing contemporary art in Hungary that has been able to function and develop continuously to this day. Almost 300 sqms are to welcome the recent and tuture lovers of contemporary art to immerse themselves into the monthly organised exhibitions of Hungarian and foreign leading figures of contemporary art.

#### GALLERY 19.

I., Várfok St., even-numbered side of the street

This open-air exhibition space of Várfok Gallery leading to the direction of Bécsi Kapu, providing an additional area for Várfok Gallery Group's exhibitions as fresh initiative and as a novel cultural cityscape "attraction". Besides giving an aesthetic glance to a public place with its annually once or twice renewed exhibitions it enriches and helps the integration of contemporary art into our day-to-day life.

#### SPIRITUSZ GALLERY.

I., Várfok St. 14.

(Tel.: (36-1) 202-1420 | galeria@spiritusz-galeria.hu | www.spiritusz-galeria.hu) Tue-Sat: 11am-6pm

In contrast with Várfok Gallery that exhibits already prominent artists, its filial gallery, Spiritusz Gallery is dedicated to young, newly graduated talents of different genres offering them a space to exhibit and sell. Supporting the exciting tendences of painting, sculpture, photography and media art it inspires the art-lovers to discover new emerging talents.





#### Ludwig Museum – Museum of Contemporary Art

Ludwig Museum — Museum of Contemporary Art is the only museum in Hungary collecting contemporary artworks exclusively. The collection, whose core was donated to the museum by Peter and Irene Ludwig and today the number of emblematic works of Western, Central and Eastern European art from the past fifty years exceeds 500 pieces. Since 2005, the Palace of Arts has been the home of Ludwig Museum, where beside the permanent exhibition exciting temporary exhibitions, related art and pedagogical art events galore await. Site Inspection - The Museum on the Museum, an exhibition on the varying roles of museums is on show till October 23rd.

9th district, Komor Marcell u. 1. (Palace of Arts)

#### **Hungarian National Gallery**

Since its foundation in 1957, the Hungarian National Gallery has grown into one of the country's largest museums, with the largest and widest collection of Hungarian art. It owns more than 6,000 paintings, 2,100 sculptures, 3,100 medallions, 11,000 drawings and 5,000 prints illustrating the development of Hungarian art from the nation's founding to today. A visit to the museum is a journey through time, walk through the Middle Ages and Gothic to mystical Renaissance, then pass Baroque and the 19th century and marvel at the works of Munkácsy. At the end of the road, you can compare the art of before and after 1945.

1st district, Szent György tér 2. Buda Castle buildings A-B-C-D





Take sensible precaution when inviting "friendy ladies or gentlemen": they can cost more than you expected!

#### **Hospital In The Rock**

Secret Hospital and Nuclear Bunker beneath the Buda Castle. Mostly known from urban legends, the Hospital in the Rock, the former top-secret military hospital and bunker is an international sensation. The institution used in 1944-45, as well as in 1956 has preserved its past, portraying the everyday heroes who served the cause of medical care rather than destruction even in the hardest moments. During the Cold War, the institution kept top secret up to 2002, was to function as a nuclear bunker in case of a nuclear attack.



1012 Budapest, Lovas út 4/C.

www.hospitalintherock.com

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#### **Ernst Museum**

Flexibly reacting to changes, the museum offers thematic contemporary art exhibitions by national and international individuals and groups.



1165 Budapest, Nagymező utca 8.

www.mucsarnok.hu

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#### Palace of Art - Műcsarnok - Kunsthalle

Műcsarnok is Hungary's definitive contemporary exhibition space: Its mission is to introduce trends in international and national contemporary visual arts.

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1146 Budapest, Dózsa György út 37.



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**Guest of Honour: Belgium** 







#### **House of Terror Museum**

The House pays tribute to the victims of two tragic periods of Hungarian history, i.e. Nazi and communist terror. Breaktrough – Iron Curtain, Pan European Picnic, Regime Change, Katyn.



1062 Budapest, Andrássy út 60.

www.terrorhaza.hu

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#### István Zelnik Souteast Asian Gold Museum

This private museum is unique in the world, as it presents the richness and diversity of Southeast Asian art, almost unknown in Europe, through masterpieces of several thousand years of goldsmithery. (See page 42)



reservation@thegoldmuseum.eu

1062 Budapest, Andrássy út 110.

www.thegoldmuseum.eu

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#### **Hungarian Jewish Museum**

There is a permanent exhibition of Jewish artefacts and the history of Holocaust in Hungary, supplemented by temporary exhibitions. Guiding in 5 languages: English, Hebrew, French, German and Hungarian.



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1075 Budapest, Dohány u. 2.

www.zsidomuzeum.hu



Budapest Spring Festival

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March 18, 11.00 am-11.00 pm Palace of Arts

#### **Percussion Day**

Featuring, among others: Gary Burton, Chick Corea Organised jointly with Palace of Arts

March 22, 7.30 pm Palace of Arts

Béla Bartók National Concert Hall

#### **Russian National Orchestra**

Conductor: Mikhail Pletnev

Featuring: Nikolai Lugansky – piano

March 24, 7.30 pm Palace of Arts Bartók Béla National Concert Hall

#### Vivaldi Evening by I Musici di Roma

Featuring: Magali Mosnier – flute

March 26, 7.30 pm Palace of Arts Béla Bartók National Concert Hall

#### Royal Philharmonic Orchestra

Conductor: Charles Dutoit





You might notice music from early music to progressive electronica and everything in between filtering through windows, being played in the street and filling up arenas. Borders between genres and styles are vanishing, pop music is played in classical concert halls, jazz meets folk and everyday sees a new musical experience...

## THE MUSIC OF BUDAPEST

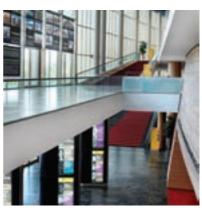
#### **Palace of Arts**

The objective of the Palace of Arts is to showcase not only the finest representatives of the Hungarian cultural scene but also artists and ensembles from all over world. The programs range from classical to pop music, from folk dance to ballet. Its modern concert hall named after Béla Bartók has the dimensions of a Gothic cathedral and boasts top-notch acoustics (even the sculptures are positioned in a way that enhance the sound quality). It has a capacity of 1,525 people as well as one of the largest organs in Europe. The other performance space at of the Place of Arts is the Festival Theatre hosts classical and world music concerts, dance performances and plays performed by artists form all around the world.

9th district, Komor Marcell u. 1.

#### **Hungarian State Opera House**

When strolling on Andrássy Avenue, make sure you stop by this impressive neo-Renaissance building and have a glimpse at its glamorous grand staircase, which is easily one of the main attractions of the building. This year's create the perfect balance of tradition and innovation, of classic and contemporary, and of Hungarian and interna-



Palace of Arts

tional artists The Hungarian National Ballet has two premieres this season: La fille mal gardée whose choreography was created by Sir Frederick Ashton, the founder of the Royal Ballet in London; and A Streetcar Named Desire with László Dés's music and Marianna Venekei's choreography .

6th district, Andrássy út 22.

#### Fonó Music House of Buda

A cultural agora of Budapest with a distinctive image. For some 16 years it has represented and introduced all segments of Hungarian and Central European folk music. Representatives of national and international world music are also frequently welcome on the stages of the Fonó, and the contemporary improvisative ethno jazz ensembles also feel at ease here. The Fonó is also the publisher of the Csík Band's records, Új Pátria's albums, as well as several works of Mihály Dresch or the Cimbaliband, and those of Besh o droM.



1116 Budapest, Sztregova u 3.

www.fono.hu

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#### **MERLIN Thearte**

The theatre hosts festivals, dance nights, international guest performances, contemporary music events, but, is above all, famous for modern English-language theatre productions.



1052 Budapest, Gerlóczy utca 4.

www.merlinszinhaz.hu

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#### **Cellar Theatre**

The Cellar Theatre (Pinceszínház) represents a special colour on the cultural palette of Hungary: the audience can have a close view of the masters of Hungarian performing art in one-, two- or three-character plays and chamber theatre shows. We feature excellent actors and performances, which are missing from the repertoire of theatres with a permanent company. You can find all this in the downtown, in the axis of the "Ráday Kultucca". Every Wednesday since 1967, the Cellar Theatre hosts the club of Benkó Dixieland Band, one of the greatest dixieland bands of the world.



1093 Budapest, Török Pál u. 3.

www.pinceszinhaz.hu

#### Trafó

Abandoned industrial sites usually end up as contemporary art hubs. In Hungary, this happened first to the South Pest transformer station in 1998, and since then, we call it Trafó. The House of Contemporary Arts hosts dance and theater performances as well as concerts or even the Competition of the Silly Robots (October 30th). There are no boundaries, no limits to groundbreaking creativity, internationalism and quality above all.

9th district, Liliom u. 41.

#### **A38**

The Ukrainian stone carrier ship, Artemovsk 38 anchored on the Buda side of Petőfi Bridge in 2003. Since then, this daredevil socio-realist industrialism has become one of the most popular and probably the most exciting concert venue. Decades-old internation-

al punk legends, future pop divas and groundbreaking home-grown bands alike come to play here. There are no typical genres to listen to; whether you're into industrial techno or Balkan folk, A38 is the place to rock. Before and after the gig, get wined and dined and cultured the restaurant, the exhibition space and at one of the tree bars of the ship.

11th district, Petőfi Bridge Buda side

#### **Budapest Jazz Club**

In Budapest, music is born in extraordinary venues; the city's jazz center happens to be in an old palace. When walking by the Hungarian National Museum, follow the filtered sounds of music because they lead you to Budapest Jazz Club. The repertoire caters for all kinds of jazz fans' tastes, whether you like 'discovering' new talents or get enchanted by the biggest stars of jazz.

8th district. Muzeum utca 7.

#### **Budapest Spring Festival 2012**

March 16-April 1
"From the Black Forest till the Black Sea"

March 16, 7.30 pm

Budapest Spring Festival's Opening Concert

Palace of Arts – Béla Bartók National Concert Hall. Conductor: Balázs Kocsár. Featuring: MR Symphony Orchestra.

March 17, 7.00 pm R. Strauss: Arabella – première



Taxi drivers (without a sign) hailed on the streets usually use higher rates. Use official taxi companies only!

Hungarian State Opera House. Conductor: Stefan Soltész. Director: László Marton. Organised jointly with Hungarian State Opera House Budapest

March 17, 7.30 pm

Franz Liszt Chamber Orchestra

Palace of Arts – Béla Bartók National Concert Hall. Featuring: Maxim Vengerov, Özcan Ulucan – violin

March 18, 11.00 am-11.00 pm Percussion Day

Palace of Arts – Béla Bartók National Concert Hall, Festival Theatre Featuring among others: Gary Burton – percussion, Chick Corea – piano. Organised jointly with Palace of Arts

See page 114.

#### **National Dance Theatre**

Dance performances in various styles for every age group practically all around the year.

Tel.: (+36-1) 201-4407. info@tancszinhaz.hu

1014 Budapest, Színház u. 1-3.

www.tancszinhaz.hu

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#### Danube Koncert

Danube Concert with Duna Symphonic Orchestra in the neo-Baroque theatre of Duna Palota. The most beautiful classical melodies from Liszt, Mozart, Beethoven, Tchaikovsky, Schubert, J. Strauss, Albinoni. (See pages 6, 16, 70)



Tel.: (+36-1) 317-1377 info@ticket.info.hu

1051 Budapest, Zrínyi utca 5. (Duna Palota)

www.ticket.info.hu

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#### **Organ Concerts**

Miklós Teleki, László Attila Almásy, Anasztázia Bednarik organ artists and Kolos Kováts Kossuth prize awarded opera singer give recitals of works by Liszt, Bach, Pachelbel, Mozart and Verdi in the Church Saint Ann. Buda. (See pages 6, 16, 70)



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St. Stephen's Basillica

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## Duna Koncert presents







Symphony Concert with cimbalom show



Organ Concert

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#### Rajkó Orchestra And Folk Ensemble

The world-famous 56-year old Rajkó Orchestra and Folk Ensemble present the most special Hungarian dances, and works by famous composers that have been arranged for a Gipsy orchestra, which invariably includes a cimbalom. Discounted tickets are only available in the box office of the Duna Palace (Zrínvi u. 5.) (See pages 6. 16. 70)



1051 Budapest, Zrínvi utca 5, (Duna Palota)

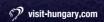
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#### **EXPLORE PACKAGES 1, 2, 3 DAYS**





















Kick off your day in Budapest by exploring the **market hall** on Fővám Square. Experience the unique atmosphere of this market, taste authentic Hungarian **delicacies** (2h) then hop on a **sightseeing tour bus** (2h). Hop off at the **parliament** and visit the most important building of the Hungarian Republic (1h), then have a light **lunch** in the city centre (1h).

After lunch, visit **Gellért Spa** and relax after this busy day in the hot thermal water.

In the evening, you do not have to choose between the greenery of Buda and the excitements of Pest. Finish your 24 h holiday in style: have a **dinner at a sightseeing boat** and admire the view of both sides (2h)!





















Start your second day in Budapest by **taking a stroll at the picturesque Városliget**, where among many other exciting sights, you can see the **Vajdahunyad Castle** (1h). Plan to spend more time in the **Zoo** of the city which is famous all around Europe (3h), then **stay in the Liget for lunch** as well (1h).

Travelling by the first metro line, the **Millenium metro** line is an experience itself, not to mention how easily you get back to the city centre. Visit the **Museum of Ethnography** (2h), **dine at Columbus Ship** Jazz Club on the Danube (2h) then finish the day by **taking a walk in the city centre** (2h).



















It is worth spending an entire day by exploring the Castle Hill and the Buda side. Start your day at **Millenáris Park** (2h) then go up to **Castle Hill**, and admire the **breathtaking view from the Fishermen's Bastion**(1h) then explore the **House of Hungarian Wine** (1h). Following the winetasting, lunch will be excellent in **Restaurant Király** (2 h). After lunch we recommend to have a coffee at **Ruszwurm Cukrászda**, a Budapest institution (1h). In the afternoon, explore Castle Hill by joining a **guided tour**.

Finish your holiday in Budapest in style: dine in Restaurant Halászbástya (2h).

### **CULTURE PACKAGES 1, 2, 3 DAYS**



















**CULTURE** 



Touring the city by taking a **sightseeing bus** is always the best way to get a general idea of the place. especially when you only have a single day (2h). Get off at the impressive **Heroes' Square**, visit the extensive art collection of the Museum of Fine Arts (2h), then have lunch at the picturesque Városliget (1h) after a short walk and picture breaks (1h) relax in the warm thermal water of Széchenyi **Bath** while admiring the architecture. Do not miss the gentlemen, playing chess in the water (2h)!

Finish your day spent by exploring Hungarian cultural life by having dinner and enjoying the tunes of Hungaria concert (3h).



























Start the day by exploring the biggest **synagogue** in Europe and the Jewish Quarter (2h). It is worth staying for lunch and taste the delicacies of kosher cuisine (1h).

After lunch, explore St. Stephen's Basilica (2h) then take the Millennium metro line and visit the House of Terror Museum, featuring an interactive exhibition about the darkest historical periods of the country. This museum might not be the most cheerful part of your holiday but it is definitely one of the most important (2h). Following the museum, you will appreciate coffee and cake under the fascinating frescos of Lotz **Hall** (1h). In the evening, pay a visit in the State Opera and dine at Liszt Ferenc Square.























Spend the day by exploring Castle Hill! Go up by funicular, and enjoy the unique view to the city you surely grew to love in two days! Visit the **Budapest History Museum** (2h) then have a light lunch (1h). In the afternoon learn more about Hungarian history and fine art visit the **National Gallery** (2h) then enjoy a dance performance in the National Dance Theatre (2h).

Finish your holiday in Budapest in the best possible way: have an unforgettable dinner in Restaurant Halászbástya, offering fine cuisine and amazing view (2h).



# BUDAPEST SPAS, THE PLACE TO RELAX

Those who expect recovery from healing waters, who seek ease in a heat wave and need to rest, or those who visit one of the baths in the capital city to do sports, will find their account here in Budapest.

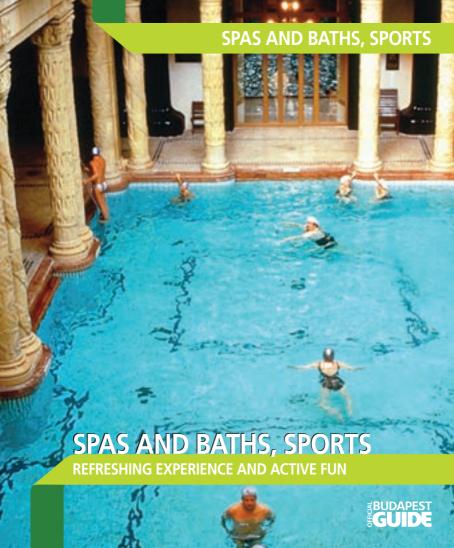
Visit our spas and recharge yourself!

**BUDA** Pest

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The thermal baths of Budapest take you on a journey through time. From the intimate half light of half-a-millennium-old Turkish baths to spectacular Art Nouveau spas – the city's healing waters cater for all your senses.

# **SOME LIKE IT HOT**

Chess-player regulars of the **Széchenyi Baths** (or Szecska for insiders), old and young soaking in the warm water, bent over chessboards in rain or shine, are a popular postcard theme. But you can enjoy the treatments and all the goodness of the 18 inside and outside pools, saunas and steam baths of all shapes and temperatures even if you can't play chess. Szecska is also home to the 2011 summer "sparty" season, the Cinetrip parties. Every Saturday music throbs and lights flash on gyrating, bikini-clad bodies, fire-throwers, acrobats and belly dancers strut their stuff in the steam, making you forget the cold outside.

XIV. ker. Állatkerti krt. 11.

Another thermal bath on the Pest side of town is Dagály. Opened in 1948, it's one of the latest additions to the Budapest spa scene. The building clearly shows the lack of interest in the decorating arts of the age, but the quality of the water (arriving from Széchenyi Baths) and the treatments do appeal to the highest standards. 10 pools of all sizes and temperatures, including a whirlpool, a whirling corridor, neck showers and geysers, and a unique wave-pool simulating the roar of the sea make your healing process a lot fun.

XIII. ker. Népfürdő u. 36.

The Király Baths are the most Turkish of the trove, but funnily enough, it doesn't have its own hot water — it borrows it from the neighboring Lukács. Why? The baths were built by Arslan, the Pasha of Buda in 1565, within the castle walls so that the Turks wouldn't have to forgo a bath, even if they were under siege! Formerly a men-only spa, women are now welcome every day of the week.

II. ker. Fő u. 84.

For a star-studded bathing experience, choose the Lukács Baths. Try to spot Hungarian celebrities chilling in the outdoor pools, prevent nasty colds in the chamomile steam bath, or have your body wrapped in mineral-rich mud for silky-smooth skin. You can also take the healing waters home and what could be a better souvenir than a bottle of pure health?

II. ker. Frankel Leó u. 25-29.

In the impressive Art Nouveau palace on the Danube of the same name, the Gellért Baths are amongst the prettiest — where else can you swim beneath a stained-glass atrium? Relax in the legendary curative waters, taking note of the Zsolnay ceramic tiles on the wall, and you'll be as healthy and beautiful as the elegant Greek-style sculptures you'll see on the way out.

XI. ker. Kelenhegyi út 4.

### Veli-bei Bath

The Veli-bej Bath, built in 1574, is located right between the Lukács Bath and the Komiádi Swimming Pool. There are fi ve Turkish pools of different temperatures, a jacuzzi, two steam cabins, Finnish and infra saunas, massage showers, a Kneipp bath, a swimming pool and a variety of wellness services awaiting to serve guests.

Open: every day from 6.00 a.m. to 9.00. p.m.

-30% Tel.: (+36-1) 438-8641 velibeifurdo@velibeifurdo.hu

1023 Budapest, Árpád fejedelem útja 7.

www.velibejfurdo.hu

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### Aquaworld

Aguaworld, one of the biggest indoor water theme parks in Central Europe offers unforgettable entertainment to visitors of every age throughout the year. Covered by a 72-meter diameter giant dome, there are fi fteen pools. including a surf pool which is rare in Europe, eleven slides and an outdoor pool in the summer. (See page 82)



Tel.: (+36-1) 231-3760 aquaworld@aqua-world.hu

1044 Budapest, Íves út 16.

www.agua-world.hu

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## Dagály Mineral Baths And Swimming Pool

In winter the complex has a tent-covered swimming pool and two large thermal sitting pools, while in summer there are ten pools of different sizes and water temperature. The surrounding spacious park also offers adventure pools, a wave pool, sauna, a street ball court, a fl avoured ice dispenser and a playground for kids.



Tel.: (+36-1) 452-4556

1138 Budapest, Népfürdő u. 36.

# **RULES IN THE BATHS**

### Useful advice concerning using the bath/ open air bath

- Everybody may use the services only at his/her own responsibility!
- Children below the age of 14 may use the spapools only with doctor's prescription.
- 3. The Proxy Watch (entry ticket) is not a means of payment!
- Please deposit your cash and valuables in the safe, because the bath/ open air bath undertakes liability for them only in this case.
- 5. Prohibitions:
- It is forbidden to smoke, litter, and consume alcohol in the dressing rooms, rest areas, pools
- It is forbidden to take animals into the territory of the bath.

- It is forbidden to use the bath/open air bath for guests who have fever, an infectious disease or skin disease and for guests under the effect of drugs or narcotic pharmaceutical and for guests, who are drunk
- 6. Mandatory:
- The use of swimming cap in mandatory
- It is mandatory to wear swimming dresses in saunas
- It is mandatory to wear the entry-exit Proxy Watch during the complete duration of bathing within the complete territory of the bath.



Do not leave your luggage unattended! Please deposit your cash and valuables in the safe, do not take them to the bath!



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### St. Gellért Thermal Bath and **Swimming Pool**

Budapest's most elegant bath is awaiting visitors with its world-famous sparkling bath, open-air pool with artificial waves, as well as with women's and men's thermal pools and full medical services.



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### Király Bath

Turkish bath in the city centre. The construction of the bath was started in 1565 by Arslan, the Pasha Buda and completed by Pasha Mustapha Sokoli. There are separate days for women and men during the week, while Sundays there is nonnaked for everyone.



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### Lukács Bath

The bath of artists in the heart of Budapest. In the middle there is a fancy pool with a number of quality services. In addition, there are two swimming pools, a wellness island, a salt wall, infra sauna, pedicure salon and solarium in the area of the bath



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As an old Hungarian saying goes, everyone needs a little bit of workout. If you agree, there are plenty of sports and activities to choose from, whatever element you fancy; water, ice, underground or high up in the hills.

# **ACTIVE BUDAPEST**

### Running

Margaret Island is perfect for almost any sports from swimming to Frisbee, from cycling to football all year long. But the most popular among all is still running, as thousands accomplish the 5350 meter 'island round' every day. Should you want to avoid the crowds of runners on the outside track, try the inner paths for less hardcore joggers.

Lágymányos Bay or Kopaszi Dam is also a very popular active spot (they are more than suitable for lounging on the terraces in the sunshine or taking long walks, too). Cheer on the dragon boats and kayaks floating on the river while running or cycling around the peninsula.

Should the river banks be not challenging enough for you, go for a run at Normafa. Its varying terrain is suitable for ambitious runners, too. The soft ground in the forests is gentler with the joints than running on a flat surface.

### **Swimming**

If you're still craving for a swim after all that splashing around in the summer, take a plunge in the most beautiful pools in the country, at Hajós Alfréd National Swimming Pool on Margaret Island and swim a couple of laps. Olympic-size, 33 and 25 meter pools await both inside and out, but make sure you check opening times in advance, for the best Hungarian swimmers also train here.

Just opposite Margaret Island there's an unpromising building with a half circle roof, Császár-Komjádi Swimming Pool. The retractable roof was added in the 1970s, but the outside pools are surrounded by the original classicist wing built in 1860. You'll find your way in the pools whether you're a pro swimmer or a first-timer.

2nd district. Árpád feiedelem útia 8.

If water is for splashing around in your books, the 15 pools, slides, springing boards and towers, and the whole magical water world of **Aquaworld** Budapest at the Pest side of Megyeri Bridge will leave a big impression on you.

4th district, Íves út 16.

### **Skating**

As of late November, Europe's largest and probably most beautiful outdoor ice rink is reopened in the City Park. After a couple of rounds of swishing and sliding, don't forget to stop for a hot tea and take a look around the lovely old and new buildings.

Further ice rinks (indoor and out) in the city: Ice Palace (4th dist. Homoktövis u. 1.), BHG Ice (11th dist. Sopron út 19.), Marczibányi Sport Center (2nd dist. Marczibányi tér 16.), Ice Terrace (VI. ker. Váci út 1-3., on the roof terrace of WestEnd City Center), Buda Ice Rink (1st dist. Széna tér).

### **Palatinus Strand**

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### **Rudas Medicinal Bath and Pool**

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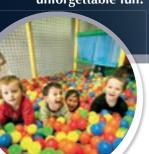
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Hungarian cuisine isn't just about goulash or lángos, although they really hit the spot any day of the week. Budapest is a city of culinary charms (including two Michelin-starred restaurants: Costes and Onyx) ready to be tasted.

# **BUDAPEST FOR GOURMETS**

The gem called <code>Onyx</code> pairs ultra-modern interior design with the latest culinary techniques, and more than just a nod to Hungarian culinary traditions. Enjoy Onyx's Hungarian Evolution menu, for Hungarian specialties prepared with a 21st century twist. How about goose liver torte with raspberry gelée and brioche? The Onyx Prestige Menu, mean-

while, includes tuna tartare, crayfish risotto, saddle of rabbit and filet de veau, for the true gourmet in you.

V. ker. Vörösmarty tér 7-8

Hungarian cuisine doesn't have that much to offer vegetarians, other than fried cheese and vegetable stews called főzelék. In Budapest, vegetarians prefer to turn to Govinda, a cozy downtown eatery where the Indian-inspired dishes are made with fresh vegetables, fruits, grains, beans and dairy products and thoughtfully provide sufficient protein content as well as spicy flavor, aroma and texture. Many of the ingredients come from organic farms in Hungary's own Krishna Valley.

V. ker. Vigyázó Ferenc utca 4

The origin of the name of M. restaurant is subject to urban legend, and the place itself is part of the Budapest folklore. The daily changing menus, the the matic nights, the fresh and seasonal ingredients, the décor drawn on paper by felt tip pens, the unpretentious service, the massive portions and the harmonic combination of new and familiar flavors are the main reasons why M. is always full. Book a table in advance and watch out when walking in Kertész utca, as the delights awaiting you inside are virtually invisible from the outside.

VII. ker. Kertész utca 48



### **Avocado Restaurant and Music Café**

With a taste of the atmosphere of the early 20th century on the ground level and the gallery, we tried to evoke the memory of the late Katalin Karádi, the outstanding actress of the last century, who used to live in this building. In commemoration of the primadonna, we would like to share a little piece of the atmosphere that characterised her age with you, combined with some eastern effects.



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### **Cafe Dorottya**

In the lively heart of the city we can find the Cafe Dorottya. During the day it's an excellent place for a fine breakfast, lunch or a businness meeting. At nights it also serves as a lounge buffet and provides a special place for meetings or dates. At Cafe Dorottya we can get a taste of the Hungarian wine selections. Mediterranian and traditional delicacies both in their sight and taste gives a first class culinary adventure for everyone.



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### **Corso Restaurant**

One of the oldest restaurants in the Inner city, serving traditional Hungarian cuisine, offers Gipsy music in the evenings, a cool interior terrace in the summer, set meals for tourists, a six-language menu, and reasonable prices.



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At Gerlóczy Café, sip a classic coffee, or hot cocoa made from real Valhrona chocolate, beside a home-baked croissant. Gerlóczy has not only one of the best breakfasts on their menu, but one of the loveliest locations in the whole city. The tiny square the restaurant occupies is like a little piece of Provence, and the subtly French air is only accentuated by the large gilded mirrors, boudoir-like table lights and the old harpist who'll make you fall in love with Gerlóczy in an instant. Don't miss out on the Friday fishday offers!

V. ker. Gerlóczy u. 1

Dérvné Bistro is as much a part of the Krisztinaváros (or shall we say Buda) side of town as the rollercoaster is of City Park. Institution it is, but Déryné is much more like the grand-scale dining room of a grandmother than a flash, trendy restaurant. There are those tiny details (like the home-made chips, olives, cheeses (all for free!) on the bar to go with your drinks) that make Dérvné one of the most popular eateries in town. Don't miss their take on classic Magyar dessert, túrógombóc (sweet cottage cheese dumplings in breadcrumbs) for a culinary epiphany.

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### Firkász Café & Restaurant

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### **Gellért Espresso**

Home-made sweets, cakes, fresh coffee specialities and teas and piano music are offered to the guests of the "Presso", reflecting the atmosphere of a Viennese café. From spring to autumn we serve ice-cream cups and refreshing cocktails on the spacious terrace.

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#### **Gellért Panorama Restaurant**

The restaurant offers the most popular dishes of the past ninety years with excellent Hungarian wines adding to the gastronomic experience. Live Gypsy music each night, on Fridays musical show. Summertime you can unwind on the pleasant panoramic terrace.

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### Kispipa Étterem

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### Mirror Café & Restaurant

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Located in the green belt, with its pleasant terrace the Premium Restaurant is an ideal venue for any parties, meetings or any kind of discussions accompanied by a breakfast, lunch, dinner or a delicious coffee. The restaurant offers Hungarian and international dishes alike. Next to the restaurant there is a fully equipped conference room for as many as 150 guests, as well as 4 smaller meeting rooms suitable for a variety of corporate training courses, exhibitions, workshops, seminars, weddings, banquets, and standing receptions.



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### **Ypsilon Cafe and Restaurant**

Fantastic Karaoke parties every Friday and Saturday night! Traditional Hungarian and international food and a wide selection of wines and spirits is served in the restaurant with a pleasant garden.



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Budapest enjoyed a golden age in parallel with Paris, at the turn of the century, when more than 300 cafés and patisseries drew gentlemen and ladies, writers and entrepreneurs. Even counting the international chains, there aren't that many cafés in Budapest today, but the café culture is alive and well...

# **CARE FOR A COFFEE?**



When in Budapest, you simply must step into Gerbaud, the palatial turn-of-the-century café-confectionery sporting rococo stuccos with Louis XIV's favourite motifs, sit on velvet chairs with a latte macchiato and a slice of something scrumptious on your marble table. En-

joy revamped old favourites and clever new flavours in nostalgically elegant Gerbeaud, just like the crème de la crème of Budapest society has done since 1858.

5th district, Vörösmarty tér 7-8

If you prefer Art Nouveau over Louis XIV, head to the movement's monumental Párisi Nagyáruház, a former department store recently renovated to house a café on the upper floor of the bookstore. Lotz Hall is littered with gold furnishings and welcoming leather armchairs — and a pianist will treat you to sweet music to accompany your sweet treat.

6th district . Andrássy út 39



### **ARAZ Étterem**

VIIth district restaurant of Budapest located at the corner of Dohány and Nvár street, which is suitable for hosting even 120 persons. The restaurant offers the masterpieces of Hungarian and French cuisine to the lovers of exciting flavours, using the most modern kitchen technologies of the 21th century. The cuisine is characterized by uniquely rich and incredibly fresh ingredients, unbelievably rich imagination and the ultimate goal of reaching maximum flavour harmony.



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### **Columbus Ship Jazz Club**

The lively Irish pub on board the Columbus Ship awaits you every day of the week, while the Jazz Club in the restaurant performs from Wednesday to Saturday, where you will enjoy an amazing panorama, sophisticated jazz and culinary pleasures at the same time. Holders of the Budapest Card are given a 20% discount in the restaurant and on the ticket to the Columbus Jazz Club.



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### Kárpátia Restaurant and Brasserie

Classic restaurant of Budapest since 1877, with traditional and contemporary Hungarian gastronomy, spirited gypsy music. Terrace in the summertime. Recommended in the Michelin Guide, listed in Gault Millau.



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## **GASZTRONÓMIA**



Ruszwurm

After the sumptuous secessionist pomp the elegant yet detached functionalism of Bauhaus Café Dunapark is a welcome change. Not only does the cafe exude a 1930s feel, the parkside cafe does too, with soft music each evening, and a full dinner menu. Or start your day there with a steaming cup of cocoa and a crispy, buttery, cheesy pogácsa biscuit...

13th district, Pozsonyi út 38.

Budapest's oldest patisserie is to be found, appropriately, in the oldest area, the Castle District. At Ruszwurm, don't expect the glamour of the above establishments, but be prepared for 180 years of baking experience, as well as some of the best hot chocolate in the city (goes perfectly with a krémes (something very close to the French dessert apoleon), so after a day on the cobblestone sightseeing streets, step into this tiny Biedermeier-furnished bakery-cafe for some a treat for all time.

1st district, Szentháromság utca 7.

Step into Central and you'll be stepping into a time machine. You'll travel back to the golden age of Hungarian café culture. In the 19th century, cafés could only have been built on street corners, in high-ceilinged building, where the large windows created a well-lit yet intimate space. But time hasn't stopped at Café Central — you might spend a whole day here sampling the delicious food and drinks, and you'll always be in good company.

5th district, Károlyi Mihály u. 9.

Black? Or green? If you prefer a cup of tea, the Vörös Oroszlán (or Red Lion in English) is your kind of animal. The "Red Lion" teahouse has 110 kinds of loose tea to taste, and you can peruse the parapheralia for your homemade tea ceremony in the shop. If your cuppa doesn't provide enough refreshment, pump up at the oxygen bar!

6th district, Jókai tér 8



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#### **Matthias Cellar Restaurant**

Named after King Matthias of Hungary, the restaurant in the city centre has been welcoming guests since 1904 with authentic Hungarian fl avours and the fine juices of the local wine regions. In the evenings, a Gypsy band under the direction of Déki Lakatos Sándor offers entertainment, while on Wednesdays and Thursdays a folklore programme is staged.



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### Molnár's Kürtőskalács Café & Ice-cream shop

The "kürtőskalács" (chimnev cake) is a traditional Transvlvanian sweet prepared for special occasions such as weddings, christening feasts or when receiving important guests. The recipe of the chimnev cake has been varying for centuries based on local traditions and customs. Only later was it realised that the hot and sticky caramel layer takes up ground walnuts easily, thus making the cake even more tasty.



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### Sir Lancelot Medieval Restaurant

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Budapest is world-renowned for its ruin pubs, but it's more than revamped buildings showcasing trash art where you can practice saying "Egészségedre!" instead of "Cheers!" Sip around in glamorous cocktail bars and authentic pubs of international fare and travel back in time to the drinking establishments of old...

# A GLASS OF BUDAPEST

### Szimpla Garden

The mother of all ruin pubs in Budapest, Szimpla Kert is the center of the Kazinczy Street pub quarter. In a huge, half-covered garden featuring junk-yard furniture and even a gutted Trabant (if you don't know what it is, you have to try it) providing seating. Sip your beer (go for crafty Hungarian 'hop lager' Keserű Méz at the central bar) in the court-yard, or try to find your way on the labyrinth of small rooms and world-changing conversations. Szimpla Kert is an institution, where at least two generations of Budapesters started their night out...

8th district, Kazinczy u. 14.

Szimpla Garden

### **Bar Domby**

A small, almost invisible bar in Anker köz, just off Deák Square, that experts say is the best in the city. Beautiful people frequent this beautiful bar, where service is elegant and impeccable, the drinks are made to perfection, where subtle lounge and fresh house music make you wanna dance — Bar Domby, despite being tiny, is probably the cocktail bar all the others want to become

6th district, Anker köz 3

### **Silenus**

Silenus pub is where you go to watch sports and sample 100 different kinds of beer (you can stop whenever you like). From Hungarian giant Dreher to Belgian beauty Barbarian Honey, Japanese Kirin and good old Guinness, 18 countries' pride and joy are to be found in Silenus. Go for on tap or bottled, lager or stout, strong or non-alcoholic, traditional or fruity, whatever you fancy is probably there. And as there's a short description of all the beers on your place mat, you can even learn something new while sampling.

5th district, Petőfi Sándor utca 17.

### Vén Hajó Restaurant

Would you like to experience early 20th century atmosphere? Would you like to have your dinner in the traditionally exciting environment of a museum while marvelling at the breathtaking panorama of the Danube, Széchenyi's Chain Bridge and the Buda Castle? This is what you will get on board the Vénhajó, whose name evokes "the old ship". It will introduce you to the unparalleled gastronomic delights of international cuisine, supervised by the Michelin-rated chef, Gregor Klöter.



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### Szatyor Bár

Szatyor (Bag Bar) is the perfect, uncompromised combination of ruin pubs and art galleries. The neighbor of the old hub of literary minds, Café Hadik, Szatyor serves decent cocktails beside the usual pub fare, including light pub grub. And should you be artistically inclined, look around the bizarre decor and you might notice a giant of Hungarian literature, Ady, passing you by in a Lada with his arm around the missus...

11th district, Bartók Béla út 36.

#### Lánchíd Söröző

If you're looking for a pub close to the main tourist attractions where they won't treat you like a tourist but like a regular; if you don't associate red and white checked tablecloths with csárda restaurants; if you like your booze with a reasonable price tag; and if you feel like visiting the best-loved pub of Buda, Lánchíd Söröző is the place to go to. And although the décor is nostalgically retro, the photos and concert posters are all original.

1st district. Fő utca 4.

### Legends

The first real sports bar in Budapest sports more than 30 projectors and HD screens. You won't miss any of the major matches whatever sport you're into, as Legends cater for supporters of all the imaginable (or, at least broadcast) sport in the world. Enjoy Hungarian specialties or fish dishes or proper sports bar classics with your game, and be prepared to make friends with rugby, baseball, or cricket supporters arriving form the other side of the world.

5th district, Petőfi tér 3.





Be careful with drinks opened; make sure they are being opened in front of you, so that they will not contain any drugs!

### **Fishermen's Bastion Restaurant**

Being the most romantic restaurant of Budapest, the Fishermen's Bastion Restaurant welcomes its quests at the most magnificent point of the Buda Castle. The breath-taking panorama of Budapest is made even more unforgettable by the attractive interior design, the courteous service and the delicious meals. The most splendid terraces and a gorgeous view to all bridges of Budapest. Look for our current offers at our website. Fine Dining above the city!



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1014 Budapest, Buda Castle, Fishermen's Bastion



### New York Café and Restaurant

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#### Trófea Grill

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# Quality and exclusivity CBA Prima Aranyherceg shop is now open

The brand new Prima food store and food bar from the Hungarian CBA store chain has opened at 27-29 Arany János Street, nearly 50 metres from the St. Stephen's Basilica in District V of the capital. The Prima shop, which is at no. 89 in the row, is a real comfort store, which satisfies the customers' needs with its wide product range including every type of product, as well as its truly exclusive design. It is advisable to approach the food store, which has a sales area of 500 m2, from the direction of Hercegprímás Street, but vou can also enter the store through the food bar (from the direction of Arany János Street). When the product selection was created, they took into account that the products should be attractive for the residents of the neighbourhood, as well as for office workers and tourists. It follows that a wide selection of healthy bio-food and typical Hungarian products can be purchased in addition to everyday products. In order to comply with the strictest hygiene regulations and to offer a varied product selection, cheese, cold cuts and other meat products are sold pre-packed. You can navigate around the amazing selection of CBA Enoteca, which offers 800-900 types of excellent Hungarian wine, with the help of a wine stand with a touch screen.

In addition to the food department, another attractive feature of CBA Prima Aranyhercea is its food bar. The bar, which has an area of 150 m2, has long self-service counters full of delicious meals - everyone can find the appropriate food there. The offer includes a continuously renewed selection of vegetables, soups, vegetable dishes and fresh-fried meals. Those who are dedicated to eating healthily are also welcome here. You can take the food away, but you can also eat your meal here in a pleasant, spacious room in the restaurant area, which captures the atmosphere of a wine cellar. The opening hours of the food bar and the food store are identical, so it is also possible to have your breakfast here. If you prefer doing your shopping in the city centre in an exclusive environment with a large product selection and favourable prices, CBA Prima Aranyherceg is the best choice for you.

#### Opening hours of the shop:

Mon-Fri: 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Sat: 7 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun: 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

We would be glad to welcome also you as our guest!



What to bring back for the folks back home is the question of the moment. Shopping in Budapest is not about spending your time and money in shopping malls, but going on an always rewarding treasure hunt. Leave the high streets behind and you'll find true gems.

# RETAIL THERAPY

The **Design District** is an organization of the best shops in the 5th district. Take a stroll in the historical downtown and the tiny streets will lead you to showrooms of Hungarian designers. Take your time to find out what Budapest couture about. For an intensive course in Hungarian design, explore the area on Stylewalker Night, this shopping/party/exhibition/music extravaganza in the fall. Don't worry if you miss it though, the Design District is open all year round.

All around the 5th district



The Gouba Bazaar, the artsy market that placed Budapest on the world's art markets' map, comes to the Gozsdu Passage every Sunday. The six courts of the long passage between Király Street and Dob Street fill up with stalls of antique dealers, book sellers,

artists and designers. While looking for the perfect gift, enjoy the street theater shows and ad hoc concerts. 7th district, between Király utca 13 and Dob utca 16.

WAMP, the Sunday Art Market, was born five years ago to provide a platform where Hungarian designers and their prospective customers could meet. Every month (and 3 times in December!) the designers (jewelers, graphic artists, fashion- and homeware designers, recycling artists) stand behind the counter and pitch their exciting products to the open-minded and sophisticated urban crowd. 2nd district, Fény utca 20-22. (Millenáris, Hall "B")

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An abandoned industrial park in the outskirts of the city is the hiding place of design fans' Mecca, Möbelkunst. Look no further for furniture and accessories form the 1950s-1980s; and fortunately, beside the original pieces there are reasonably priced items and a special offers section, too. So forget about IKEA, this is the place to go for Scandinavian design any give Sunday.

9th district, Földváry u. 4.

A more traditional (even though it may seem chaotic at first) way of shopping in Budapest is a visit a flea market. The mother of all flea markets (at least in Hungary) is **Ecseri**, a trove of trinkets and treasures. The market is bursting with bric-a-brac, including Soviet-era souvenirs, old phonographs and watches, jewelry, coins and paintings. You could even furnish your apartment here! Be sure to bargain, and you won't leave empty-handed.

19th district, Nagykőrösi út 156.





Shopping at Vásárcsarnok (or the Central Market Hall) is as traditional as it gets. It is the melting pot of tourists and housewifes, office workers on their lunch break and students. Try the Hungarian delicacy lángos (fried dough) with sour cream and cheese (that's the way to do it, the other toppings are typical tourist fare), buy all your original Hungarian souvenirs from Tokaji Aszú to sweet paprika powder, Szamos Marzipan and Matyó embroidery. Or just enjoy the smells and sounds of life in a monumental building, partly designed by Gustave Eiffel.

9th district, Vámház krt. 1-3.

One of Budapest's unsung culinary secrets can be found around every corner at the local **butcher shop**. Hungarian butchers don't just sell raw meat — they grill up blood sausage, spicy garlic sausage, whole chickens and goose legs, served on a flimsy paper plate for you to eat right here and now with the locals. All around the city



Take care of your values! At the railway stations and crowded places take particular attention to your luggage!



# Marzipan Museum Shawraam

### NEXT TO THE SZAMOS CONFECTIONARY IN SZENTENDRE

The showroom similar to a confectionary workshop 100 years back: behind huge glass windows practiced masters make artworks with traditional instruments. Outside the showroom visitors are welcomed in the "Gyurmarci school" in the Szamos Confectionary.- they teach the forming of marzipan.



Opening hours of the showroom on every day 9h-18h, in summer 9h-19h

# Szamos Marzipan Museum Confectionary

The saloon of the first floor with a view to the main street of Szentendre is ready to welcome tourists and inhabitants. The confectionary does not only offer a wide range of the daily cakes but is ready to receive orders for cakes for special family and business occasions based on the needs of our customers.

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in summer 9h-20h



Hungaricums are products, foods, drinks, places, ideas, and everything else that's considered essentially Hungarian everywhere in the world. And what's a Budapesticum? Impressions and feelings that you cannot experience anywhere else but in this fantastic city.

# **HUNGARICUMS**

### Pálinka

Pálinka is one of the most popular Hungaricums, which, under EU regulation, can be made from any fruit you can think of and depending on the distillation method, is categorized into ágyaspálinka (matured for at least three months

together with fruits), ópálinka (aged for at least a year in a wooden cask) and kisüsti (double-distilled in a copper pot) as well törkölypálinka (made from pomace). The word 'pálinka' comes from Slovakian; however, as a Hungaricum schnapps can only be called 'pálinka' if it was distilled in Hungary from fruit that was grown inside the country (or in four Austrian provinces, to be precise).



### Tokaji Aszú

'Vinum regnum, rex vinorum', or, if your Latin is not up to scratch, 'king of wines, wine of kings' French emperor Louis XIV said of the wine that humble souls just call Tokaji Aszú. Legend has it that it was born only accidentally; harvest came way later than usual and the wine made from the wrinkled grapes that developed 'noble rot'. The wine tasted exceptionally sweet, and the rest is history. The special micro climate, loads of sunshine, the noble rot and a little bit of magic are responsible for the extraordinary aroma and texture of the Tokaji Aszú.

# SHOPPING



### Túró Rudi

While kids in the 'west' stuffed their faces with Mars and Milka bars, the future favourite of Hungarian schoolchildren, Túró Rudi was born. Made of sweet and sour cottage cheese covered with chocolate, Túró Rudi made itself quite a name. A name that at first was deemed too naughty (it translates to Curd Dolphie), but, by the 1980s, it became an essential part of any good kids' diet in the country. In the past couple of years, the packaging has improved, jam and vitamin-filled varieties appeared on the shelves, and to come full circle, even Milka came up with their own Rudi.

For the real gems of Budapest, though, you might need to go further then the corner shop.

# **Courtyard gardens**

Many of the old tenements of Budapest keep lovely secrets. On the concrete of the courtyards, the Staghorn Sumacs and abandoned dusters have gradually been replaced with potted plants, or even complete gardens. In some houses, you may still find the old garden wells where the horses used to drink at the turn of the century; and which come handy when watering these new urban oases.

### Memento Park

Recycling in Budapest doesn't stop at selective trash collection or earrings made of old vinyl. The discarded statues of communist leaders that used to litter the city have been recycled into a monumental memorial, that is Memento Park. Until the end of the 1980s, everyone leaving Budapest for Lake Balaton had to take a turn at the statue of Ostapenko; and now, not far from his original spot, Ostapenko and his mates look forward to showing you another piece of the history of Budapest.

# The fresco of Kazincy Street

Yet another charming example of recycling is the fresco on the corner of Kazincy Street and Király Street. Before spring 2011, there was only a bare firewall making the adjacent playground a sorry sight. Then the artists of Suppré-Neopaint painted a wonderful green meadow with cotton candy clouds and hot air balloons; and since then the 20x45 m fresco make everyone smile even on the grayest of days.





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Whatever tickles your fancy when it comes to entertainment, Budapest has it all. From theaters to dance clubs that close way into the next day and everything in between is yours to find, just leave the main roads behind.

# **BUDAPEST: PARTY CENTRAL**

### **Theaters**

From abstract experimental theaters to classic operas, from the Broadway of Budapest (the nickname of the theater strip in Nagymező Street) to Bárka (The Ark) and SÍN in the outskirts of the city offer exciting shows whatever your taste. Sing your heart out at the musicals or cure your homesickness at the English language productions at Merlin.

### **Cinemas**

American blockbuster fans are well provided for in Budapest, as the latest flicks are screened here almost without delay. Catch the premiers at MOP Park for films in the original language (otherwise you might end up with unwanted Hungarian lessons, as usually films are dubbed here). Should you have more sophisticated tastes, the last remaining few art cinemas offer a great selection of independent films, or you might want to attend one or two film clubs that usually screen films with subtitles.

### Clubs

Gödör (or The Pit) is the place to go in the summer for a party-starter fröccs (spritzer) or beer. Though the terrace is gone by the fall, it's still worth going for a live gig, exhibition, folk dance house, or just to have a fröccs as a kind reminder of the summer...

5th district, Erzsébet tér

Merlin is not only the center of English language theater in the city, but also of themed parties and the greatest DJs. Unfortunately, party-less weekdays do occur here too, so make sure you check their website before going. 5th district, Gerloczy utca 4.

The roof terrace of Corvinteto is closed now, but you should still take the elevator (or the stairs for a proper pre-party workout) to the fourth floor for your fair share of hiphop, drum'n'bass, world music and reggae.

8th district, Blaha Lujza tér 1-2.

The old university campus that is knows as Dürer Kert today is the living proof the punk's not dead. Although the garden area is closed until spring, the two concert halls still host the world's wildest punk and metal bands at student-friendly pricces.

14th district, Ajtósi Dürer sor 19-21.

Lose your way in the enchanted forest that is Instant, this two-storey ruin pub where every nook has a bar, where you might meet your friends in some bizarre and hidden rooms, where your wandering in psychadelia is broken up by a game of foosball, or a bit of dancing at one or all three dancefloors.

6th district Nagymező utca 38.

# **Biq Giqs**

With the end of this year's festival season, the age of stadium concerts returned. Budapest will see its fair share of music icons, some come for the first time and some for the always-feels-like-the-first time.

### **Corvin Mozi**

The cinema was rebuilt to its original beauty in 1996. The cinema has 6 showrooms and the imposing (secession-bauhaus-style) chamber room with a capacity of nearly 500 people is one of the most beautiful cinema halls of Budapest.



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### Művész Mozi

The leading art cinema of the city is not only a cinema but it is also a center of the city's cultural life. This is the place where you will find a wide selection of arthouse titles. It's unique atmosphere makes you want to spend the whole night there.



1066 Budapest, Teréz körút 30.

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### Puskin Mozi

The cinema is situated in the heart of the city. This is one of the most elegant film theatres. After several reconstructions with the last renewal it became a three-room cinema however it has managed to retain its main architectural characteristics, interior design and elegance.



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March 16-April 1 "From the Black Forest till the Black Sea"

# **BUDAPEST SPRING FESTIVAL 2012**

March 22, 7,30 pm - Russian National Orchestra Palace of Arts - Béla Bartók National Concert Hall Conductor: Mikhail Pletney, Featuring: Nikolai Lugansky - piano

March 23, 7.00 pm

Korngold: Die tote Stadt (The Dead City)

Hungarian Railway Museum, Performance by Csokonai Theatre (Debrecen). Director: Attila Vidnyánszky

March 24, 7.00 pm - Minkus: Don Quijote

Hungarian State Opera House. Choreography: Marius Petipa, Alexander Gorsky, Eldar Aliey, Organised iointly with Hungarian State Opera House Budapest

March 24, 7,30 pm - I Musici di Roma

Palace of Arts - Bartók Béla National Concert Hall Featuring: Magali Mosnier - flute

25/28 March. 7.00 pm - Verdi: Traviata

Hungarian State Opera House, Conductor: Balázs Kocsár, Director: András Békés, Organised jointly with Hungarian State Opera House Budapest

March 25, 7,30 pm - An Evening with the Hungarian National Philharmonic on the Anniversary of Bartók's Birth - Palace of Arts - Béla Bartók National Concert Hall, Conductor: Zoltán Kocsis Featuring: Szeged Contemporary Dance Company

March 26, 7.30 pm - Royal Philharmonic Orchestra Palace of Arts - Béla Bartók National Concert Hall, Conductor: Charles Dutoit

27 March, 7.30 pm - Tokyo Collage of Music Palace of Arts - Béla Bartók National Concert Hall

Conductor: Kobayashi Ken-Ichiro, Featuring: Kaneko Miyuji - piano

March 29, 7.30 pm

Danube Youth Symphony Orchestra

Palace of Arts - Béla Bartók National Concert Hall Conductor: Kálmán Záborszky

March 30, 7,30 pm

Dance House Gathering - Gala programme

Palace of Arts - Béla Bartók National Concert Hall

March 31/April 1 - 31st National Dance House Gathering and Arts and Crafts Fair

Papp László Budapest Sportarena. The programme is organized by the National Dance House Association.

March 31, 7.30 pm

**Gustav Mahler Jugendorchester** 

Palace of Arts - Béla Bartók National Concert Hall Featuring: Ingo Metzmacher

April 1, 5,00 pm - Singing City

Heroes' Square, Conductor: Gergely Kesselvák, Featuring: MR Symphony Orchestra

March 16-April 1 - International Theatre Festival National Theatre - Main Stage A joint programme

with the National Theatre

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### Toldi Mozi

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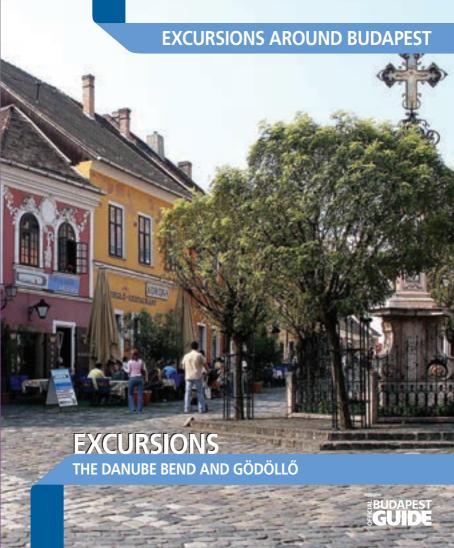
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# **BEYOND BUDAPEST**

### Gödöllő

Lying only 30 kilometers away from Budapest, Gödöllő's home to one of the biggest baroque palaces of Hungary. Originally belonging to the aristocratic Grassalkovich family, the palace was built at the beginning of the 17th century and it became the summer residence of the royal family in 1867. But Elisabeth of Bavaria (a.k.a. Sisi) wasn't the only queen who enjoyed walks in the spectacular parks; Marie Therese graced the palace with her presence in 1715, and the anniversary of the royal visit is still celebrated every August with a Baroque Week. The palace also hosted the major events of Hungary's EU presidency. So take a leisurely (or royally) stroll in these historical gardens and in Hungary's only reconstructed baroque theater.





And don't miss out on the romantic paths lined with beautiful ancient trees and fragrant flowers in the Gödöllő Arboretum.

### Szentendre

Szentendre Island, just a short HÉV (suburban railway) ride away from Budapest, is the jewelry box of the Danube. The island and the small town of the same name caters for every taste: art lovers find hundred of galleries and museums to visit (on the Szamárdomb part of town there's a chance of bumping into proper artists); seekers of peace and quiet should

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look no further than the banks of the Danube; fans of folklore have the Skanzen (or the Hungarian Open Air Museum) to learn about the history and traditions of Hungarian regions; and for the sweet-toothed the many confectioneries and a secret wine gum store (just off the main square!) offer a slice of heaven.

# Visegrád

Start exploring the hills and valleys, the symbiosis of history, technology and nature that is the breathtakingly beautiful Danube Bend in Visegrád. Find the first examples of Renaissance spreading beyond the Alps in King Matthias's Royal Palace before climbing up to the medieval Salamon Tower,

the Lower Castle and the Citadel on top of the hill. The reward of your efforts is one of the most amazing views in the country; for a truly historical experience join the crowds at the medieval fair on Sundays. Hungry for more? Take a stroll to Nagyvillám-kilátó (Big Lightning Lookout) and whizz down on the 700 meter long, twisty-curvy, all-year-round bobsleigh track.

### Vác

Vác's claim to fame is not only being the capital of the Danube Bend area, but its more than a handful of amazingly bizarre sights. The city is home to the only triumphal arch in Hungary, erected in tribute to Marie Therese (which she didn't want to go near when visiting Vác); the cathedral is a unique example of Hungarian revolutionary architecture with its dome and steeples but no spires. For not-so-terrifying tales from the crypt, visit the Memento Mori Crypt Museum presenting old burial customs and ...well, dead people. The Fall Art Festival will make you recover from the cultural shock with its offerings of operettas, concerts and exhibitions. The beautiful baroque buildings and spacious squares littered with monuments of Vác are worth visiting in any season.





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Railway Stations: BE CAREFUL when you arrive at the East and West railway stations (Keleti Pályaudvar or Nyugati Pályaudvar). "Hiena" Taxis will charge as much as 3-5 times more to take you to your location. Call a taxi for your arrival while you're on the train!

**Budapest Airport** has a contracted taxi company, which offers fixed rates between the airport and the city.

During your stay is always safer and cheaper to phone for a taxi from one of the reputable local companies, than to get into one random off the street. Some taxi drivers often recommend certain bars, clubs and restaurants to passengers – they receive a commission to do so, and the money is then recovered by these establishments charging extortionate prices. If a driver offers to take you to one, or you are approached on the street with an invitent on the other a club, you should ignore such advice! Hungary has an excellent visitors' information net-

### **EXCHANGE MONEY**

Exchanging cash at the arrival location (airport, railway station) is usually more expensive in most countries. Railway stations are some of the MOST EXPENSIVE places to exchange money in Budapest.

work which you can utilize. You can also ask for the

recommendation of the concierge at your hotel.

Hungary has a competitive money exchange industry. Know the official exchange rate of the Hungarian Forint (HUF). Rates are always displayed in front of the exchange offices. NEVER exchange money on the street!

### **PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION (BKV)**

Hungary has an excellent public transportation system. Budapest in particular has one of the finest public transportation in Europe. Be informed about the ticket procedures. Foreign visitors to Budapest are often confused by the ticket system, then targeted and fined by ticket controllers. The controllers do NOT have the right to detain you. However, in some cases they are accompanied with security officials who have the right to ask for identification and to detain you until the police arrives. Once you have left the bus, tram, trolley or the metro area, you are completely removed from the situation.

Validate your ticket before starting your journey (i.e. before you get to the platform if travelling by Metro; and immediately after boarding buses, trams or trolley buses). Keep your ticket until the end of your journey and show it to inspectors on request. You have to validate another ticket every time you change lines except on direct metro to metro transfers. You may utilize the "Budapest Card" or purchase a period based ticket which offers unlimited trins during your stay.

### **BEGGARS**

Hungary takes less drastic measures than some of its western European counterparts to deal with beggar mafias, which operate in the downtown and tourist areas. Beggars many times are imported from eastern countries and dress as very old women or as one with a severe injury or disability. Hungary has an excellent social and medical system, and such situations of neglect would never occur! We ask all visitors to Budapest to cooperate in helping to solve this situation. When deciding to be generous with your money, be careful to whom you donate.

### **FALSE POLICE OFFICERS**

When traveling in several countries, it is practically impossible to validate who is and who is not a police officer. Many scams are built on the "police

# **GOOD TO KNOW**

intimidation" factor, where false ID's and uniforms are used. The most important detail that you should know is that police officers are NOT allowed to take over cash as a fine in Hungary!

### **MAKING "FRIENDS"**

Take sensible precaution when making "new friends" especially in SMALL bars. Some visitors are targeted under false pretences. Many times in these establishments, the bartenders are also in on the scam! These scams of friendship are built on a false sense of security, when after a night of drinking, missing wallets, passports and possibly a robbed hotel room remains.

### **FAKE MONEY**

You should take extra care when receiving bank notes as some banknotes that are no longer valid are still in circulation. Some taxi drivers deliberately passing these notes to tourists - as well as notes from neighboring countries that are not valid here. Be aware especially when paying with a 10 000 or a 20 000 bank notes.

### **RESTAURANTS, BARS AND CLUBS**

Hungary offers a wide range of excellent culinary entertainment. Its traditions are far reaching into its history and place in Europe. Unfortunately, the reputation of this industry is also being damaged by few opportunists targeting visitors. Near some large hotels in the business district (V district) of central Pest, you can be charged exorbitant prices in certain bars, clubs and restaurants. Common scams include adding a 20,000 HUF (80,00 euro) surcharge per drink to the final bill or charging up to 100,000 HUF (300,00 euro) for a meal. Individuals who have been unable to settle their bills have frequently been accompanied by the establishment's security guards to a cash machine and made to withdraw funds under threats of violence.

You should avoid all establishments where menus do not properly display prices. Even when prices appear to be properly displayed, if you have any doubts about a bar, restaurant or club – do NOT go in. Use the American Embassy's list of places on which multiple reports of victimization was received by the Embassy: http://hungary.usembassy. qov/tourist advisory.html#clubs

For a list of recommended restaurants, please visit www.safetyinhungary.info/restaurants

### **USEFUL INFO**

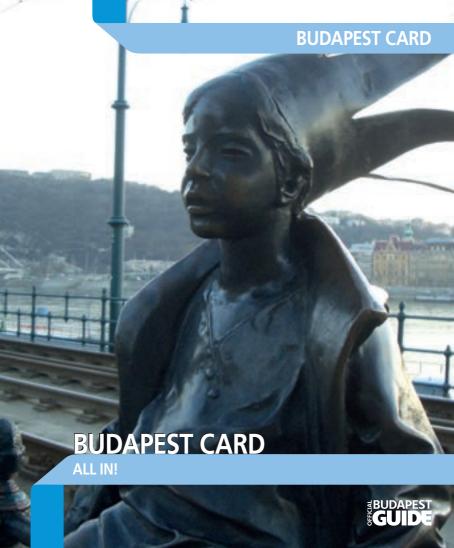
Paying with credit cards and tipping Visitors arriving in Hungary are sometimes confused about its tipping culture.

**Tipping:** Some restaurants include the service charge in their bill. This is stated on the bill! If it is not clear to you,it is perfectly acceptable to ask your server if tip is included. However, to ensure maximum service quality, most restaurants do not include gratuity in the bill. The servers' salary depends on their service quality, thus their tips. Therefore, unless you are unhappy with your server, it is customary to tip 10% of the total bill.

Leaving the tip in cash: Unlike in some other countries, in Hungary it is not customary to leave the tip on the table. Instead, when you get the bill, you should add your tip to the bill's total and tell your server the total amount which you would like to pay in cash.

Leaving the tip on Credit Card: If you're paying with a credit card, and would like to leave the tip on the card, please tell your server the total amount (including the tip), which should be charged on your credit card. In Hungary, it is NOT customary to write the tip on the credit card receipt post payment. NEVER let your card out of sight! The waiter/manager must bring a portable credit card machine to the table. If they claim the portable machine is broken, accompany them to the machine at the register!

All in!



# **CARD TYPES**

# 1-DAY PROGRAMME (24h) CARD 2-DAY PROGRAMME (48h) CARD



# 3-DAY PROGRAMME (72h) CARD 2-DAY (48h) WALKING AND JUNIOR CARDS



# **FREE SERVICES**



# unlimited travel on BKV public transport network\* (see page 9)

- within the administrative boundaries of Budapest
- an alternative link between the Airport and the City centre

# 4 free museum admittance\* (see page 50)



- Budapest History Museum
- National Gallery NEW!
- Museum of Ethnography
- Museum of Fine Arts



# free ZOO visit (see page 37) NEW!



one of the oldest but always renewing zoological and botanical gardens of Europe

# 2 free sightseeing walking tours (see page 18)



- in English, with guide
- once a day with Budapest Tours
- in the Castle of Buda or in the city centre of Pest



# free Pocket Guide application (see page 138)



- free download to smart phones
- explore the city with this unique application

<sup>\*</sup> Some services may be available for extra charge

# **SAVING EXAMPLES**



2-day programme (48h)	Full price of services*		Discount with Budapest Card	Discounted price of services	
Services	1 person	2 person		1 person	2 person
Price of a 48-hour Budapest Card				6 900 (26)	13 800 (52)
Public transportation	3 100	6 200	100%	0	0
2 guided walking tours (Buda and Pest)	5 800	11 600	100%	0	0
Museum (history)	1 600	3 200	100%	0	0
Museum (other)	1 200	2 400	20%	960	1 920
Visiting a bath	3 500	7 000	20%	2800	5 600
Dinner in a restaurant 2*	8000	16000	20%	6 400	12800
Evening sightseeing tour by boat	2 900	5 800	30%	2030	4060
Total price of services (Eur**)	26 100 (97)	52 200 (193)	Total discounted price of services	12 190 (45)	24 380 (90)
Total Cost (Eur**)	26 100 (97)	52 200 (193)		19 090 (71)	38 180 (142)
Total Save (Eur**)	0	0		7 010 (26)	14 020 (51)













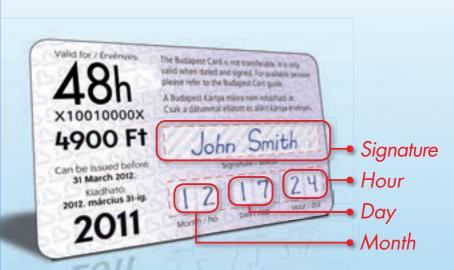




<sup>\*</sup> The above prices may differ.

<sup>\*\*</sup> The prices are subject to the actual exchange rates.

# PLEASE FILL IN YOUR CARD!



# **HOW TO USE**

# **Dear Visitor**,

Thank you for having opted for Budapest Card — **the only official citycard** — and we are confident that this will provide useful help during your stay in Budapest, offering access to a wide variety of nice experiences and allowing to gather pleasant reminiscences.

Please complete, prior to the first use, the fields on the back of your Budapest Card, and to sign the card, because this is the only way to validate your card. You can make use of certain discounts for services, but only by presenting a duly completed and signed card; when the card is not completed, that is, invalid, the service provider may refuse to provide those discounts.

A precondition for the validity of your Budapest Card is that it shall be **signed** by its holder, and the date of first use shall be indicated on it. A **major advantage of Budapest Card in a comparison with other cards is that its validity can be specified by its holder. The cardholder completes the starting day on the card, and from that date, the card is <b>valid for a period of 24, 48 or 72 hours.** Please write the starting date into the boxes on the back of the card, using a ballpoint pen (date, hour), i.e. the time from when you would like to use your card. The first two boxes are reserved for the month, the following two boxes for the day, and the two last boxes for the hour (the last full hour elapsed on that day). Please complete all six boxes and, whenever certain boxes would remain empty, please insert a "0" (for instance, June 27, 14:15 would be: 06 27 14). Please make sure that the data are accurate: a card with crossed out, corrected or unreadable data is no longer valid and cannot be used at all.

This Budapest Card is a registered card, no transfer is allowed. The owner of a Budapest Card and one child of no more than 14 years in his/her company can make use of the preferential treatments offered with it. From April 2011, the Budapest Card is available with validities of 24, 48 and 72 hours.

# **HOW TO USE**

During the validity of your Budapest Card, **you can travel free on all vehicles of BKV Zrt.** (with the exception of the 48-hours Walking Card): trams, trolleys, underground trains, the Millenium Underground's trains, cogwheel railway, buses (full line), as well as the HÉV-trains, within the limits of the city of Budapest. HÉV lines provide contact to towns and villages in the proximity of Budapest, but the Budapest Card is valid only within the city boundary. Therefore, if you wish to travel to Szentendre or Gödöllő, please buy a **supplementary HÉV ticket**, prior to the departure, at a BKV HÉV box office. The Budapest Card is not valid for the Funicular, the Chairlift and the boat lines of BKV Zrt. When travelling on the lines of BKV Zrt., the Budapest Card functions as your valid ticket, so please at request present it to the controllers, conductors, who are also authorised to verify the signature on the Card by checking your personal identification documents. Travellers using the lines of the BKV Zrt. without a valid ticket or Card are liable to pay a fine.

Discounts offered by this card are available only at points of acceptance indicated in this booklet. Please present your card at these points of acceptance prior to payment and, for its verification, please hand it over to the cashier. In some cases, sights and museums, the box offices may close one or half-an-hour earlier than the end of opening hours. Please get information on exact time schedules in each case, on the Internet or by telephone. In the catering business, the Budapest Card is valid not only for the cardholder, but also people in their company. Any discount shall be deducted from the prices of the à la carte menu and cannot be combined with other discounts (such as group rates). Please present your card when you are making your selection and, if the waiter requests you to sign the bill, please sign it. The editing of the Budapest Card leaflet was completed on 31 March 2011. Data in this publication (such as prices, opening hours) might have changed in the meantime; therefore, Budapest Tourism Offi ce is not in a position to assume any responsibility for their accuracy. About discounts and services offered by the points of acceptance, please get information in each case at the given location or the website of the service provider.

Unused cards cannot be exchanged or redeemed.

# WHERE TO BUY

### **Budapestinfo Points**

Deák Ferenc Square. 1052 Budapest Sütő u. 2. Open: 8-20

Liszt Ferenc Square.

1061 Budapest Liszt Ferenc tér 11. Open: 10-20

Liszt Ferenc International Airport

Terminal 1: 8-22. Terminal 2A: 8-23 Terminal 2B: 10-20

**Buda Castle** 

1014 Budanest Szentháromság tér 6. Open: 10-18

### BKV - Suburban Railway ticket offices (HÉV)

Batthyány tér Békásmegyer Boráros tér Csepel, Szentimre tér Csepel, Végállomás Margit híd Örs vezér tere Vágóhíd

### BKV - Ground ticket offices

Akácfa utca 15. Ftele tér Hűvösvölgy Móricz Zsiamond körtér Örs vezér tér, bus terminus Széll Kálmán tér Városház tér

### BKV - Underground ticket offices

Arany János utca Árnád híd

Astoria

Blaha Luiza tér

Deák tér

Déli Railway Station Ferenciek tere

Hősök tere Kossuth tér

Kőbánva-Kispest

Mexikói út

Népliget

Nyugati Railway Station, subway to trams 4-6

Oktogon tér

Örs vezér tere Puskás Ferenc Stadion exit no 2

Újnest Városköznont

### National Eailway (MÁV) -Train ticket offices

MÁV-START Ticket Office at 1051 Budapest József Attila u. 16. and

Déli Railway Station Keleti Railway Station

Nyugati Railway Station Kelenföld Railway Station dedicated ticket offices

**CBA Prima supermarkets** 

### Relay and Inmedio Shops

### Relav

Blaha Luiza tér, subway

### Relav

Újpest Központ underground

### Relav

Nyugati tér, subway

# Relay café

Arena Shopping Centre

# Relay

Kossuth tér, underground

### Costa Café

Baicsy-7silinszky út -Andrássy út corner

### Inmedia

West End Shopping Centre

### Relav

Határ út underground

### Relav

Népliget subway

### **Exclusive Change Exchange offices**

Andrássy út 45. (Liszt Ferenc tér)

Baicsy-Zsilinszky út 20.

Batthvány tér 5-6. (Central Market Hall)

Deák tér 3.

Duna utca 3

Ferenciek tere 10.

Lövőházu 2-6 (Mamut Shopping Centre)

Margit krt. 101.

(Széll Kálmán tér Mc. Donald's)

Rákóczi út 38

(Blaha Lujza tér Burger King)

Szent István krt 16 (Vígszínház Theatre)

Szent István tér 3

Teréz krt. 21. (Oktogon)

Váci út 1-3.

(Westend Shopping Centre)

Váci utca 12.

Váci utca 84.

Vámház krt. 6.

### Hotels, pensions

### MMG

Keleti Railway Station Information Office Keleti Pálvaudvar

City Panzió Ring

# Szt. István krt. 12.

City Hotel Mátyás Március 15. tér 7.

# City Hotel Pilyax

Pilvax köz 1-3.

# NH hotel

Vígszínház utca 3.

### Continental Hotel 7ara Dohány utca 42-44.

### Corinthia Royal Gift Shop Frzsébet krt. 43-49.

# WHERE TO BUY

### Hotel Béke Gift Shop

Teréz krt 43

### Hotel Gellért Gift Shop Szt. Gellért tér 1

Hotel Marriott Gift Shop Apácai Csere János utca 4.

### Hotel Relyedere Szilágyi Erzsébet fasor 11/a.

Hotel Bristol

### Kenvérmező utca 4.

**Hotel Charles** 

### Hegyalja út 23. Hotel Castle Garden

Lovas út 40.

### **Hotel Corvin** Angval utca 31.

Danubius Astoria Hotel

# Kossuth Laios utca 19-21.

**Danubius Hotel Budapest** Szilágyi Erzsébet fasor 47.

# Danubius Hotel Erzsébet

Károlvi Mihálv utca 11-15.

### Danubius Grand Hotel Hungária - Rákóczi út 90.

### Hotel Mercure Buda Krisztina krt. 41-43.

Hotel Mercure Duna Soroksári út 12.

## Hotel Mercure Korona

Kecskeméti utca 14

# **Novotel Budanest** Centrum

Rákóczi út 43-45.

### Sofitel Budapest

Széchenyi István tér 2.

### Andrássy Hotel

Andrássy út 111.

### Hotel Intercontinental

Anácai Csere János utca 12-14

### Hotel Ramada

Tompa utca 30-34.

### **Hotel Thomas**

Liliom utca 44

### Kina's Hotel

Nagydiófa utca 25-27.

### **Locust Apartmans**

Akácfa utca 14.

### MMG Hotels Atlas City Hotel

Népszínház utca 39 -41.

### MMG Hotels Atrium Fashion Hotel

Liliom utca 44.

### MMG Hotels Baross Hotel

Baross tér 15

### MMG Hotels **Buda Castle Hotel**

Úri utca 39.

### MMG Hotels Cosmo Fashion

Váci utca 77

### MMG Hotels Promenade

City Hotel Váci utca

### MMG Hotels Avenue 83

Fashion Hotel későbbi nyitás

### MMG Hotels La Prima **Fashion Hotel**

Pesti Barnabás utca 6.

### MMG Hotels Expo **Congress Hotel**

Expo tér 2.

### MMG Hotels Star City Hotel

lstván utca 14

### MMG Hotels Marco Polo hostel

Nyár utca 6.

### Hotel Unio

Dob utca 73.

### Agape vendégház

Kassa utca 30

### Hotel Amadeus Vezér utca 81

Danubius Hotel Arena

# Ifiúság utca 1.

### Roscolo Hotels New York Palace

Frzsébet krt .9-11.

### **Partners**

### Accord Event Hotel Rila

Terv utca 1.

### City Tour Hop on hop off Andrássy út 2.

### Continental Travel

- Aktiv Tours Nagymező út 54.

## **CRB City Rama**

Báthory utca 22.

### **Duna Koncert** - Duna Palota

Abonyi utca 27.

### Furnnova

Medve utca 34-40.

# **Europa Centerpoint**

József krt. 2.

# Hotel Reanum Residence

Törne utca 8.

### Kazi 2

- Dominik Panzio Central 21 Hotel

### Mahart Passnave

Salkaházi Sára (Belgrád) rakpart

### Pont Tours

Szépvölgyi út 94.

### Program Centrum

Le Merideen mellett

# Rekord Tours

Szent István krt 17

### Robinson Travel Dohány utca 1.. és

Margitsziget Grand Hotel

### Wasteels - Travel Agency, Keleti Railway Station



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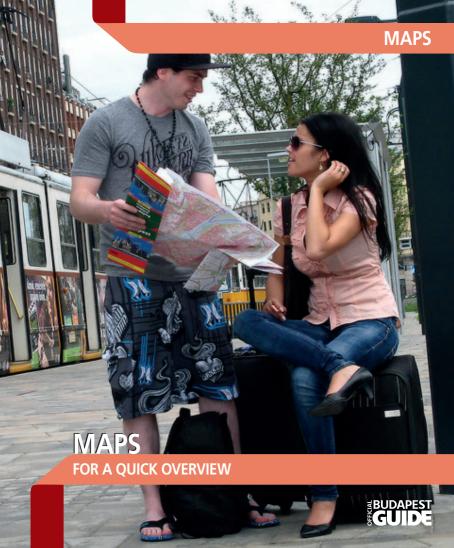
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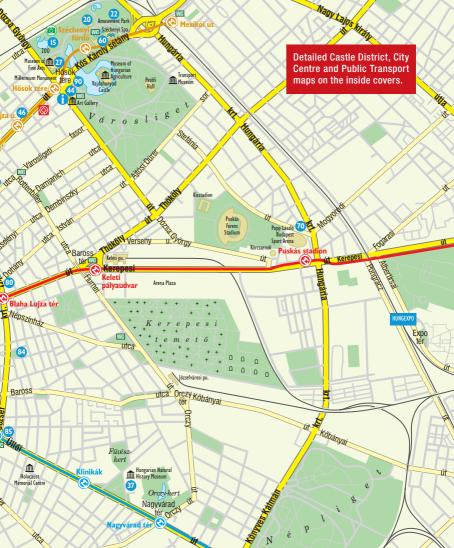
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Via e-mail: info@budapestinfo.hu 1518 Budapest, Pf. 141 By post:

# **BUDAPESTINFO** PONT

# Official Tourist Information Points in Budapest

### **Budapestinfo Point Airport Terminal 1**

Liszt Ferenc Budapest Airport Terminal 1 E-mail: airport1@budapestinfo.hu Opening hours: 8:00–22:00

### **Budapestinfo Point Airport Terminal 2A**

Liszt Ferenc Budapest Airport Terminal 2A E-mail: airport2a@budapestinfo.hu Opening hours: 8:00-23:00

### **Budapestinfo Point Airport Terminal 2B**

Liszt Ferenc Budapest Airport Terminal 2B E-mail: airport2b@budapestinfo.hu Opening hours: 10:00–20:00

### Budapestinfo Point City Centre Sütő utca

Budapest V. Sütő u. 2. (Deák Ferenc tér station of M1, M2, M3) E-mail: suto@budapestinfo.hu Opening hours: 8:00-20:00

### Budapestinfo Point City Centre Liszt Ferenc tér

Budapest VI. Liszt Ferenc tér. 11. (Oktogon station of M1, tram 4, 6) E-mail: liszt@budapestinfo.hu Opening hours: 10:00-20:00

### Budapestinfo Point Castle District Budai Vár

Budapest I. Szentháromság tér 6. (bus 16, 16A, 116) E-mail: var@budapestinfo.hu Opening hours: 10:00-18:00

### **OPENING SOON!**

# **Budapestinfo Point City Park**

Hősök tere, Ice Rink Budapest XIV. Olof Palme sétány 5 (Hősök tere station of M1)