

World66's guide to Budapest

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Budapest

Budapest is the capital of Hungary and with a population of 2 million citizens by far the largest city in the country.

The city is often referred as the Paris of the east, and deserves this name. It bears some resemblance to Prague, but larger and friendlier. The picturesque setting on two sides of the Danube, the nine connecting bridges and the villa's and public buildings from the fin-de-siècle era really make Budapest one of the most enjoyable cities in Europe.

Budapest is composed of two cities: the small Buda, on the west side of the river looking over the much larger Pest on the opposite side. The two parts developed separately as the bourgeois Buda with its palaces and spas and the more commercial Pest. At first, the hills of Buda were the safe core of the twin cities, but as Buda and Pest were united with Óbuda (Ancient Buda) the plains of Pest became the centre of the growing metropolis.

Today, the most famous landmark of Budapest is the Parliament building on the banks of the Danube. From a distance it looks a lot like the English House of Parliament. Only Big Ben is missing. The best view of the Parliament can be had from Castle Hill, a Budapest highlight itself. This collection of palaces, churches and monuments has been declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO and is a must see for every tourist. Budapest has some very good museums as well, The National Museum, the Jewish Museum and the Historical Museum of Budapest being the best.

Budapest has developed to become a very lively city, with many good restaurants and a nightlife scene you need to check out to believe it. By day, you can roam the city, visit a museum, take a look around churches, make your choice from the dozen or so types of coffee in one of the cafés. By night you can have dinner at a cheap or a fancy eating out, go to the opera, and afterwards dance the night away.

Budapest – Coffee houses

Like Vienna, Budapest has a fair amount of coffee houses where you can enjoy one of the many coffee specialities and some delicious pastry. The great advantage over Vienna is of course the friendly prices in Budapest. The choice in coffee is just as great (and confusing). Strong espresso, milky lattes, iced coffee, lovely concoctions of coffee, mocha and whipped cream, and every other variety that has ever been dreamt up.

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Zsolnay Kávéház

tel: 301-1600

address: Teréz körút

open: 10am-10pm daily

New York Kávéház

address: Erzsébet körút 9–11

tel: 322–3849

Angelika

Housed in a former crypt of St. Anne's Church, Angelika draws an older public. First class pastry and tea.

tel: 212–3784

address: Batthyány tér 7

open: 10am–10pm daily

Augustz Cukrászda

Established in 1870. Great cakes and pastries.

tel: 316 8931

address: Kossuth Lajos utca 14–16

open: 10am–6pm Tue–Fri, 10am–2pm Sat

Café Astoria

tel: 117–3411

address: Kossuth Lajos utca 19–21

open: 7am–11pm daily

Ruszwurm Cukrászda

Established in 1824, this Biedermeier café is still very popular for its variety of cakes and ice cream.

tel: 175–5284

address: Szentháromság utca 7

open: 10am–7pm daily

Café Gerbaud

Colin Clarke: Nice and busy square, but cafe full of tourists. Inside cafe was very nice (and quiet), outside felt cramped. Coffee and iced coffee were good, but chocolate and nut cake was a bit stale. Service acceptable, if not overly smiley. Great, clean and well equipped toilets. Price more that acceptable for England, but expensive for Budapest (about 550–600 Ft for cake). Colin Clarke

tel: 118 1311

address: Vörösmarty tér 7

open: 9am–9pm daily

Anna Café

tel: 266–9080

address: Váci utca 7

open: 8am–12am daily

Café Mozart

tel: 352 06 64
address: Erzébet körút 36
open: 9am–11pm Sun–Fri, 9am–12am Sat

Bécsi Kávéház

tel: 117 9111
address: Apáczai Csere János utca 12–14
open: : 9am–9pm daily

Café Miró

tel: 175–5458
address: Úri utca 30
open: 9am–midnight daily

Budapest – Day Trips

If you are tired of life in the big city and want something else for a day, you can take a day trip to one of the places of interest around Budapest. Within a radius of 50 km, there are several places more than worth visiting. You can sniff the artistic atmosphere in Szentendre, catch up on Hungarian history in Visegrad or Esztergom or take a relaxing boat trip down the Danube.

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{Esztergom}

Esztergom is the most holy town of Budapest. It's where King Istvan (St. Stephen) was crowned as the first christian king of Hungary in 1000 AD. After being destroyed by the invading Mongols and Turks and only gradually rebuilt in the 18th and 19th century, today, the town itself is rather bland. What makes Esztergom worth visiting is the magnificent cathedral. This vast building dominates the whole town and, located on a hill, can be seen from miles away. The sheer size of it dwarfs every other structure in the surroundings. Thanks to the windows in the immense dome the interior is surprisingly light and airy.

Standing outside the cathedral, you can see Slovakia on the other side of the Danube.

{Szentendre}

This pleasant little town is very popular with both tourists and artists. It was founded in the 14th century by Greek and Serbian refugees who fled from the Turks. Although they struggled with invaders, they managed to hold on to their orthodox religion, as is testified by the many small orthodox churches still in Szentendre. After most of the Serbs moved away during the Habsburg era, the town lost its commercial importance and became just another quiet little town on the Danube. In the early 20th century, a group of pioneering young artists led the way for the many artists who live and work here until today.

Szentendre offers the visitor a relaxing day out. You can take a walk along the Danube, have something to eat in one of the small restaurants, stock up on your souvenirs, and visit a gallery or museum.

The Margit Kovács museum (located on Vastagh György utca) displays the works of this influential Hungarian artist who is considered to be a master of ceramics. Her works usually focusses around themes of motherhood, love and destiny, and never fails to move.

On Görög utca you can find a small gallery with works by Károly Ferenczy. He was a leading Hungarian impressionist whos works are also exhibited in the museums in Budapest.

Just outside of Szentendre lies the open air ethnographical museum (Skanzen) which depicts Hungarian rural life in the 17th and 18th century. Various thatched cottages, mills and craft demonstrations can be seen all year through. In summer, you can partake in free wine tastings. *Gloria Goodman:* This is a very pretty, pleasant town. I visited a beautiful Serbian church & several museums. Windy cobbled–stoned streets with lots of wonderful shops. Highly recommended for a day trip.

{Visegrad:Visegrád}

The town of Visegrad is not too spectacular in itself. The most interesting thing to be seen is the Visegrad ruins. These consist of the citadel on top of the mountain, and the largely reconstructed Royal Palace, Water Bastion and Salamon Tower. From here you can overlook one of the most beautiful stretches of the Danube.

Budapest – History

The Middle Ages

During the 9th century a nomadic tribe known as the Magyars, coming from somewhere between the Ural Mountains and the Volga River, arrives on horseback and settles in the Carpathian Basin. Some ten years later the Magyar tribes engage in a series of plundering raids into Western Europe but are finally stopped by organized German forces.

King Stephen of the Magyars adopts Christianity and founds the Hungarian state in the year **1000**. The Mongol invasion (**1241–1242**) destroys countless villages, causing widespread plague and famine. In the 14th century the Anjou kings take the throne of Hungary. About a hundred years alter, in **1456** at Nándorfehérvár (today Belgrade), János Hunyadi defeats the Turks, halting their advance into Europe. Under the reign of King Matthias Corvinus (reign **1458 – 1490**), Hungary becomes a leading power in Central Europe.

Years 1500 1900

György Dózsa heads a massive peasant revolt in **1514**, which is crushed. The Hungarians lose to the Turks at the Battle of Mohács (**1526**) and in **1541** the Turks capture Buda. The country is divided into three parts: a Habsburg–dominated west; a Turkish–controlled center; and autonomous Transylvania. Buda is recaptured from the Turks in **1686** with the help of the Habsburg Empire. The Turks are expelled from Hungary in **1699**. Ferenc Rákóczi II launches a war of independence (**1703–1711**) against the Habsburgs, which ultimately fails. **1820s** – The 'Reform Era' dawns, heralding a Hungarian national awakening. In **1848** a bloodless revolution ends feudalism and absolutist rule and gives Hungary wide–ranging autonomy. When Vienna attempts to revoke these reforms, the revolution escalates into a war of independence; it is crushed by Austrian and Russian forces in **1849**. The Great Compromise of **1867** restores some self–rule to Hungary and establishes

the Austro–Hungarian Dual Monarchy. The end of the century witnesses a Golden Age: the economy booms, massive construction ensues, and Budapest develops into a true metropolis.

20th Century

First World War brings the Golden Age to an end. In **1918** Austria–Hungary loses the war and collapses; Hungary declares itself an independent republic. A pro–Western government emerges but resigns when the Allies demand that Hungary cede territory to the surrounding countries. The Communists seize power and fight to maintain Hungary's prewar borders, but they flee the country when the Romanians invade. In **1920** the Treaty of Trianon finalizes the country's partition, reducing Hungary's size by two–thirds and turning the multinational state into a nation–state. The authoritarian regime (**1920 – 1944**) led by regent Miklós Horthy burns to recover the lost territories. In this effort it seeks, and receives, help from Nazi Germany. As a result, parts of these lands are recovered between **1938** and **1941**. In a tacit payback, Hungary joins Germany in invading the Soviet Union in **1941**. Soviet counterattacks nearly annihilate the Hungarian forces. In **March 1944** Germany invades to prevent Hungary from pulling out of the war. Up to 560,000 Hungarian Jews are murdered during the German occupation. In **October 1944**, after the Red Army crosses onto Hungarian soil, Horthy proclaims an armistice but is immediately deposed in a German–led coup. The Red Army launches a siege of Budapest on **Christmas 1944**. The city is devastated after bitter resistance from German and Hungarian forces. Nationwide, the guns fall silent in **April 1945**; the entire country is in Soviet hands. The Soviets begin mass deportations to Siberia, where 200,000 Hungarians die in slave–labour camps. Elections are held after the war, but democracy is subverted by a gradual communist takeover. In **1949** Hungary is declared a communist People's Republic. Secret police terror, forced displays of loyalty and worsening living standards generate widespread resentment.

1956 & Beyond

1956, October 23: Outbreak of the Hungarian Revolution. The Stalinist dictatorship collapses after mass demonstrations. But Soviet tanks enter Budapest to crush the revolt. Fighting continues until early November, leaving more than 3000 dead. Communist Party leader János Kádár is installed into power by the Soviets. **1958, June 16**: Imre Nagy, prime minister during the Hungarian Revolution, is executed by the new regime. **1962, November 20–24**: The Eighth Party Congress is held. In order to secure UN recognition, the Kádár regime announces an amnesty for those imprisoned for participating in the revolution. **1968, January 1**: The New Economic Mechanism takes effect. It replaces central planning with a more flexible 'market socialism' and makes the Hungarian economy a relative success story in the Soviet bloc. **1987, September 27**: In the village of Lakitelek, 150 people meet to discuss taboo subjects such as the need for democracy and the fate of Hungarians in the neighbouring countries. Participants establish the Hungarian Democratic Forum (MDF), the first opposition organization. **1988, January 1**: All restrictions on foreign travel are lifted. **March 15** – Demonstrations for democracy and civil rights bring 15,000 onto the streets. **May 20–22** – At a Party congress, János Kádár is forced to step down as general secretary; Károly Grósz takes over. **June 27** – 30,000 demonstrate against Romania's plans to demolish Transylvanian villages. **September 12** – 20,000 protest the government's plans to build the Gabčíkovo/Nagymaros dam on the Danube. **November 29** – Insisting on the preservation of the party–state, Party leader Grósz warns that the democratic opposition wants a 'bourgeois restoration' that will trigger bloody anti–communist reprisals. **1989, February 11**: The Communist Party's Central Committee, responding to 'public dissatisfaction', announces it will permit a multi–party system in Hungary and hold free elections. **March 15** – For the first time in decades, the government declares the anniversary of the 1848 Revolution a national holiday. Opposition demonstrations fill the streets of Budapest with more than 75,000 marchers, culminating that evening in a candlelight procession across the Chain

Bridge. **March 24** – Meeting Grósz in Moscow, Mikhail Gorbachev condones Hungary's moves toward a multi-party system and promises that the USSR will not interfere in Hungary's internal affairs. **May 2** – Hungary begins taking down its barbed-wire fence along the Austrian border – the first tear in the Iron Curtain. **May 31** – The statue of Lenin standing along Dózsa György út is hauled away 'for repairs'. It never returns. **June 16** – The reburial of Prime Minister Nagy, executed after the 1956 Revolution, draws a crowd of 250,000 at Heroes' Square. The last speaker, 26-year-old Viktor Orbán, publicly calls for Soviet troops to leave Hungary. **July 6** – János Kádár dies. **July 11** – US President George Bush visits Budapest. **September 10** – Foreign Minister Gyula Horn announces that East German refugees in Hungary will not be repatriated but will instead be allowed to go to the West. The resulting exodus shakes East Germany and hastens the fall of the Berlin Wall. **September 18** – After three months of negotiations, the government and the opposition reach agreement on legal and political reforms. **October 7** – The Communist Party renounces Marxism and votes to dissolve itself. **October 23** – The communist People's Republic is terminated, and the Republic of Hungary is proclaimed. **November 26** – In Hungary's first democratic referendum, voters decide by a razor-thin margin that the president should be elected by Parliament. **1990: March 10** – The Socialist government reaches an agreement with Moscow on the withdrawal of the 50,000 Soviet troops stationed in Hungary. **April 8** – The first free elections since 1947 are completed. The winning party, the MDF, assembles a centre-right coalition. Historian József Antall becomes prime minister. **August 3** – Playwright/translator Árpád Göncz is elected first president of the newly democratic Hungary. **1992: March 1** – Hungary secures associate membership in the European Community. **June 9** – Hungary renounces its treaty with Czechoslovakia to build the Gabčíkovo/Nagymaros dam, citing the potential ecological damage from the project. The dispute eventually reaches the International Court of Justice. **1993: January 8** – The heads of the state-run Hungarian radio and television resign, charging that the government is interfering politically in their work. **December 12** – Prime Minister Antall dies. Péter Boross of the MDF officially succeeds him nine days later. **1994: May 29** – In parliamentary elections, the Socialists (the former Communists) win 33% of the vote – a stunning comeback from their 1990 defeat. Party leader Gyula Horn subsequently becomes prime minister. **1995: December 10** – U.S. troops are deployed in Hungary as part of the NATO Implementation Force to enforce the Dayton peace accords for Bosnia-Herzegovina. **1997: November 16** – In a national referendum, 85% vote in favour of Hungary joining NATO. **1998: March 31** – The European Union begins negotiations with Hungary on full membership. **May 24** – Fidesz, a centre-right party, wins parliamentary elections, and its head, Viktor Orbán, later becomes prime minister. **1999: March 12** – Hungary joins NATO.

Budapest – Eating Out

Budapest offers the hungry traveller a wide choice of eateries, from the inevitable MacDonalds to high cuisine. Hungarian food itself is certainly worth a try. Best known of the excellent meat dishes you can have is perhaps gulash, but there is a lot more to Hungarian cuisine. They have some particularly tasty game dishes, like Almával töltött fácán (Pheasant stuffed with apples) or Szarvastokány erdei gombával (Venison stew with wild mushrooms), and the sweet water fish is not to be sneezed at.

In most restaurants, menus will be available in English and German. Major credit cards will be accepted in many establishments. But do check beforehand if you don't want to get a nasty shock.

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Aladdin

Middle Eastern Restaurant.

address: Bérkocsis u.23

tel: 133–8363

Nílus

Middle Eastern restaurant.

address: Garay tér 13/14

Szeráj

Turkish restaurant. Great place to have an inexpensive and tasty lunch. You walk past the counters with a tray and just point at the things you want.

address: corner Szt Istvan krt. and Honvéd u.

Bivalyos

address: Háromkirályok útca 172

tel: 168–8920

Bogrács

address: Katona József u. 54

tel: 277–2122

Corvin

address: Blaha Lujza táer 1–2

tel: 267–0244

Ménes Csárda

address: Apáczai Csere János utca 15

tel: 117–0803

Mérleg

address: Mérleg utca 6

tel: 117–5910

Náncsi Néni

The name of this restaurant literally means Auntie Náncsi. Its a favourite with the locals, and what you get is decent Hungarian home cooking at affordable prices. Couples get a free glass of champagne each. Book ahead if you can.

address: Ördögárok útca 80

tel: 176–5809

Rézkakas

address: Veres Pálné u. 3

tel: 267-0349

Sipos Halászkert

address: Fő tér 6

tel: 188-8745

Apostolok

Centrally located, this restaurant with the church like interior serves up a good meal.

address: Kigyó u. 4-6

tel: 118-3559, 267-0290

Csalogány

address: Csalogány u.26

tel: 212-3795

Csarnok Halvendéglő

address: Hold u. 11

tel: 269-4906

Dunaparti

address: Halász u.
1

tel: 212-3817

Építészpince

address: Ötpacsirta u. 2

tel: 138-2759

Fatâl

Fatâl actually means 'wooden platter', which is how most dishes are presented to a mainly tourist clientele. Good, simple country food served at a reasonable price. No credit cards accepted.

address: Váci u. 67

tel: 266-2607, 266-2608

Fehér Galamb

address: Szentháromság u. 9/11

tel: 175-6975

Halászbástya

address: Hess András tér 1/3

tel: 156-1446

Horgásztanya

Gloria Goodman: This is a very good restaurant. Not a touristy one either. Excellent food with very good service and very reasonably priced. It's location is at the foot of Castle Hill opposite the Danube. Wonderful. I highly recommend it.

address: Fö u. 27

tel: 201-3780

Kacsa

address: Fö u. 75

tel: 201-9992

Kalocsai Paprika Csárda

address: Bláthy Ottó u. 13

tel: 333-5972

Kárpátia Étterem

Excellent food but please save some place for a dessert, they are divine.

address: Ferenciek tere 7-8

e-mail: karpatia@compuserve.com

tel: 317-3596

Aranybárány

address: Harmincad u. 4

tel: 117-2703

Aranyhordó

address: Tárnok u. 1

tel: 156-1367

Badacsony

address: Hercegprimás u. 19

tel: 269-3207

Balázs Vendéglő

address: Hővösvölgyi út 207

tel: 176-5516

Benczúr

address: Benczúr u. 35

tel: 342-7970

Biarritz

It's always a good sign when a restaurant is packed, especially when it's not just tourists sitting there, but also a lot of locals frequent the place. At the Biarritz they make stacking people into an art, but it gives the place a comfy, buzzing feel. The foods contradicting the French name mainly Hungarian, but with daring fusion inserts.

address: Kossuth Lajos tér 18

tel: 111-4413

Kéhli

address: Mókus u. 22

tel: 250-4241

Kékes

address: Oktogon tér 3

tel: 322-4423

Kékfrankos Halvendégő

address: Liszt Ferenc tér 7

tel: 352-1395

Király

One of the Castle District's better restaurants, the Király serves mainly Hungarian fare in relaxed, elegant surroundings. Puddings are a strong point; the chestnut strudel in particular is recommended.

address: Táncsics Mihály u. 25

tel: 212-8565/212-9891

Kis Buda Gyöngye

Charming restaurant in Óbuda, which roughly translated means 'small pearl of Buda'. Elegant setting, with a warm atmosphere and turn of the century feel. Well cooked traditional Hungarian specialities with a decent piano/violin duo to round things off nicely.

address: Kenyeres u. 34

tel: 168-6402/168 9246

Lugas

address: Szilágyi Erzsébet fasor 77

tel: 212-2278

Mágnáskert

address: Csatárka u. 58

tel: 325–9968

Magyar Huszár

address: Magyar u. 27

tel: 118–6254

Megyeri Csárda

address: Váci út 102

tel: 169–3964

Mirtusz

address: Zichy J. u. 47

tel: 131–5920

Ghandi

One of the few vegetarian restaurants in Budapest to successfully provide a combination of good value, well cooked, main-meals, soups and salads. The décor is fun too, with an array of gurus on display.

address: V. Vigyázó Ferenc u. 4

tel: 269–4944

Govinda

Great location by the banks of the Danube, compensates for the distinctly average vegetarian cuisine at Govinda. Set meals lack adventure, although prices are very reasonable.

address: Belgrád rakpart 18

Gundel

Gundel is without doubt the city's finest restaurant. Although a meal in Gundel's turn-of-the-century atmosphere costs around 12,000 HUF per head, the cost is borne out by the fact that both the Prince of Wales and Queen Elizabeth II have dined here.

address: Állakérti út 2

Le Légradi Antique

Hidden away behind the window display of a quaint old antique shop, the restaurant is very much a journey back in time to a bygone era. Service and food are first rate.

address: Bárczy István u. 3/5

tel: 266–4993

Chan–Chan

Heavy on Buddhist relics, Chan–Chan is Budapest's only Thai restaurant. Its reputation as a fine restaurant is reinforced by hearty soups and well-spiced entrées.

address: S6 utca 3
tel: 118-4266

Fausto's

Although the kitsch Venetian decor isn't to everyone's liking, Fausto's is undoubtedly one of the best restaurants in town. Expensive but unpretentious, it's frequented by the type of people 'who live to eat', rather than 'eat to live'.

address: Dohány u. 5
tel: 122-7806

Gambrinus Restaurant

The Gambrinus is an award-winning restaurant considered to be among the top ten in the country. With modern interpretations of classic Hungarian and International dishes, the restaurant setting is formal.

address: Váci u. 20
tel: 485-3100

Orosz

Russian restaurant.

address: Béké út
tel: 270-0384

Amstel River Café

Typical Dutch is still a questionable virtue.

address: V Párisi u. 6
tel: 266-4334

Lakshmi

Indian restaurant with great curry.

address: Király u. 69
tel: 351-6043

Maharaja

Indian restaurant

address: Bécsi út 89/90
tel: 250-7544

Jangce Folyó

address: Hungária krt. 73

tel: 251-1012

Kínai nagyfal

address: Ajtósi Dürer sor 1

tel: 343-8895

Kilenc Sárkány

address: Dócsa György 56

tel: 342-7120

Lin's

address: Pacsirtamező u. 49

tel: 168-6423=

Moon Shanghai

address: Üllői út 6

tel: 114-1094=

Muvészek

address: Nagy Lajos Király útca 100

tel: 163-0433

Nagy Kínai

address: Hungaria krt. 53-55

tel: 252-9159

Orient

address: Thököly út 27

tel: 342-4762

Peking

address: Fehérvári út 179

tel: 208-1235

Budapest – Accommodation

Budapest has a good variety of hotels and hostels. The cheapest way to stay in Budapest is camping, but if you have a little more money to spend, or visit in winter, there are many other opportunities. You can choose from top class hotels like the historic Gellert Hotel or the Hilton, stay in a cheap youth hostel, or any place in between.

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Hostel Diákspport

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tel: (36–1) 340 8585, or (36–1) 329 8644

address: Dózsa György út 152

open: all year round.

Marco Polo Universum Hotel

Hostel Marco Polo represents a new generation of hostels right in the heart of Budapest. We offer you single, double, four–bedded and dormitory rooms: hotel quality for hostel prices

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Gardonyi Panzio

We are open to our guests all year in our homely pension. In the all comfort equipped rooms there are television sets, and each has a bathroom and there's a kitchen on every floor. Our pension is located in the pleasant environment of Rozsadomb, which is close to the center and has very good public transport

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TO–MA Apartments

This is a convenient accommodation availability at reasonable prices! The self–service–apartments are located in varied districts and in varied buildings both in Pest and Buda. The furnishing shows the taste of the owner

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Belle Fleur Panzio

Idyllic and distinguished family hotel, located in the picturesque Buda hills, close to city center (7 km). Next to the junction DeI–Budapest that leads to the Lagymanyoisi bridge

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Kulker Sport Hotel

Open throughout the whole year. Quiet, nice hotel in green surroundings. Familiar mood, moderate prices. 2–3 bed rooms, with shower and bath, 60 rooms in total. Restaurant, bar. Soccer field, swimming pool and tennis court are nearby.

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Kek Duna Pension

The Blue Danube Pension lies on the northern side of Budapest, 10 minutes from the center, by the Danube. There are flats and rooms with douche. In the cellar, there is a nice restaurant for 100 persons. There is possibility for business work in offices and conference hall (office services: telephone, fax, telex).

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Radio Inn Apartment Hotel

Our apartment hotel is in the centre of the town, very close to the Hero's square and City Park, in the largest diplomatic area of the town. Our apartments have very big space. Our small hotel waits tourists, businessman with familiar atmosphere

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Beatrix Panzio Hotel

This cozy pension is conveniently located in the green belt of Budapest, close to the center. The quiet, familiar environments, the fresh air, all are to guarantee your peaceful vacation. All rooms are fully equipped with every comfort, or you can relax in apartments with balcony. Easily accessible from highway M1 and M7

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Venusz Hotel

Hotel Vénusz is situated in the northern part of Budapest, has 73 double-rooms and 4 suites. All rooms have bathroom, color TV, minibar, telephone and terrace and there is a guarded parking place available only for the guests of the hotel

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Gold Hotel Panzio

Gold hotel Panzio was renewed during the summer 1998. We welcome our guests with personalized service and family atmosphere. Our hotel is located in a quite, green-belt area close to the tourist sights of Budapest, near to the motorway M3

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Corvin Hotel

Once you've stayed in this hotel you'll keep coming back to it. The staff of this friendly, quiet downtown hotel is very helpful.

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Carmen Hotel

Hotel Carmen is located in the green belt of Budapest, at 10 minutes distance from the city centre by car or accessible through excellent public transport facilities. Our Hotel awaits guests with double rooms and four-bed suites in a family-like environment.

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Budai Hotel

The Budai hotel awaits you in calm surroundings with good air, where you enjoy a wonderful panorama and excellent service facilities. We have 23 rooms with one or two beds, suites, all with bath, phone, tv, radio and minibar.

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Benczur Hotel

The hotel Benczúr is located in the embassy section of the Hungarian Capital in the middle of a quiet, residential area. The hotel has 93 elegantly furnished rooms, each of which has a bathroom, color TV, telephone and minibar.

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Gizella Panzio

Would you like to relax, rest and enrich yourself with pleasant adventures? Do you long for a quiet, cozy guest house in a forest full of birdsong in Buda Hills once the hunting place of Hungarian kings? You can enjoy the wonderful view of Budapest from your own room and if you wish you can get into the heart of the city in 10 minutes.

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Located approximately 10 km from the city centre. Be prepared for a slow, winding ascent if you're towing a caravan: the camping has a steep ascent to the top of Széchenyi-hegy in the Buda Hills.

tel: 156-3533

address: 1121 Budapest, Konloly-Thes Miklós u. 21

open: April to October

Hárs-Hegy Camping

Located 7.5 km from city centre in the picturesque Buda Hills, Hárs-Hegy is a well shaded camping site with good, clean facilities which include a restaurant, shop and post office.

tel: 200-8803

address: 1138 Hárs-Hegy út 7

open: April- October

Mini Camping

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tel: (30) 210 178
address: 1039 Királyok útca 189
open: May to September

Metró Teniszcamping

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tel: 163-5584
address: 1162 Csömöri út 158
open: April to October

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tel: (36-1) 3914259
address: Erzsébet krt.
open: 15 Jun-31 Aug.
CostOfDoubleForANight: 45 Euro – 79 Euro
email: alisa.w66@allhotels.hu
costofdoubleforanight: 45 Euro – 79 Euro
url: www.allhotels.hu

Travellers' Hostel Bánki

Free sports facilities and reception serving cold drinks around the clock.

tel: (36-1) 340 8585
address: Podmaniczky u. 8
open: 7 Jul-25 Aug.

Ho(s)tel California

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address: Angyalföldi út 2
open: 14 Jun – 31 Aug.

Hotel Citadella

address: Citadella sétány
tel: (36-1) 166-5794

Travellers' Hostel Donáti

Group bookings only.

address: Donáti u. 46

open: 1 Jul–29 Aug.

Hostel Marco Polo

In-house Internet Café and Guinness pub. Clean and spacious dormitory rooms are divided into individual bunked areas, while double and quad rooms are on a par with the best cheaper hotels in Budapest.

address: Nyár utca
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Travellers' Hostel Schönherz

address: Irinyi u. 42

open: 7 Jul–31 Aug.

Hostel Selye Backpackers

address: Üllői út. 22

open: 1 Jul–25 Aug

Hostel Universitas

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address: Irinyi u. 9–11

open: 1 July–2 Sep.

Lotus Youth Hostel

address: Teréz krt 56 (3rd floor)

tel: (36–1) 302–2984

Hotel Erzsebet

address: 1053 Budapest, Károlyi Mihály u. 11–15.

tel: +36–1–889–3710

url: www.danubiushotels.com

Stadion Hotel

The hotel is neighboring the sport centre of the capital, the Népstadion (people's stadium). Due to the short distance from the metro every point and train station of the city can be reached within minutes

address: 1148 Budapest, Ifjúság útja 1–3.

tel: +36–1–889–5200

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Also near to the Apartment is a symbol of the city that stands on the riverside: Budapest's majestic Parliament that looks onto the Danube – with the Buda castle district and Fisherman's Bastion in the distance. The area in which Emese's Place is situated also has many comfortable coffee houses, baths and other amenities for the good European life.

The parliament, whose construction finally ended in 1904 is eclectic in style, with Neo-gothic details, all based on plans for the rooms organized reflecting Renaissance and Baroque leanings. Parliament is only a few minutes away on foot from the Apartment, where you can also benefit from guided tours.

For those with a yen for shopping, the West End City Center, central Europe's largest multi-use shopping facility with 400 stores and a cinema complex, is only blocks away.

email: info@ontheglobe.com

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url: www.ontheglobe.com

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e-mail: sales.budapest@hilton.com

tel: +36 1 889–6600

email: sales.budapest@hilton.com

url: www.budapest.hilton.com

Budapest Marriott

Five stars.

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Hotel services: 362 rooms inc. 20 suites and 180 non-smoking rooms, Air conditioning, Bar, Ballroom, Beauty salon, Business centre, Conference facilities, Currency exchange, Disabled access, Indoor swimming pool, Fitness club, Garage parking, Laundry, 3 Restaurants, Squash, Travel services

address: Apáczai Csere János u 4

tel: (36–1) 266–7000

Atrium Hyatt Budapest

Fax=(36–1) 266–910 Five stars

Room services: Colour TV, Hair-dryer, Minibar, Radio, Safe, Telephone.

Hotel services: 355 rooms inc. 27 suites and 45 non-smoking rooms, Air-conditioning, Baby-sitting, 2 Bars, Beauty salon, Ballroom, Business centre, Casino, Conference facilities, Currency exchange, Disabled access, Fitness centre, 2 Restaurants, Garage parking, Indoor swimming pool, Laundry

address: Roosevelt tér 2

tel: (36–1) 266–1234

Kempinski Hotel Corvinus Budapest

Five stars.

Room services: Colour TV, Hair-dryer, Minibar, Radio, Safe Telephone.

Hotel services: 369 rooms inc. 28 suites and 60 non-smoking rooms, Air-conditioning, Baby-sitting, 2 Bars, Barbershop, Beauty salon, Business centre, Coffee shop, Conference facilities, Currency exchange, Fitness centre, Car parking, Laundry, Sauna, Solarium, Swimming pool

address: Erzsébet tér 7–8

tel: (36–1) 429 3777

e-mail: hotel@kempinski.hungary.net

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Room services: Colour TV, Hair-dryer, Minibar, Radio, Safe, Telephone.

Hotel services: 312 rooms (all en suite) inc. 16 non-smoking rooms, Air conditioning, Baby-sitting, Beauty salon, 3 Bars, Conference facilities, Currency exchange, Disabled access, Garage parking, Indoor swimming pool, Laundry, 2 Restaurants

address: Arpád Fejedelem Útca 94

Hotel Inter-Continental

Five stars.

Room services: Colour TV, Hair-dryer, Minibar, Radio, Telephone.

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email: gellert.reservation@danubiusgroup.com

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tel: +361-889-5600

url: www.hotelflamenco.hu

Hotel Budapest

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address: 1026 Budapest, Szilágyi Erzsébet fasor 47.

tel: +361-889-4200

url: www.hotelbudapest.hu

Radisson SAS Beke Hotel

A 4-star hotel located in the city centre of Pest, offering a number of opportunities of doing business, entertainment, sightseeing and shopping. The hotel offers 247 air-conditioned rooms, fully-equipped conference and meeting facilities.

email: Sales.budapest@radissonsas.com

address: 1067 Budapest, Teréz körút 43.

tel: +361-889-3900

url: www.hotelbeke.hu

Hotel Astoria

The hotel is located in the heart of Budapest, offers 131 rooms, conference and meeting facilities. A turn-of-the-century atmosphere, the Empire style interior decoration and the marvellous works of art invite guests for a romantic journey back in time.

email: astoria.reservation@danubiusgroup.com

address: 1053 Budapest, Kossuth Lajos u. 19-21.

tel: +361-889-6000

url: www.hotelastoria.hu

Best Western Grand Hotel Hungaria

The 4-star hotel is located along the main traffic line of the city's heart. The modern hotel provides the comfort of home with professional services to business travellers, tourists and conference guests as well. The hotel offers 499 rooms, conference and function rooms for 10-500 person

email: grandhungaria.reservation@danubiusgroup.com

address: 1074 Budapest, Rákóczi út 90.

tel: +361-889-4400

url: www.hotelhungariagrand.hu

Hotel Erzsébet

A modern 3–star upscale hotel that lies in the business district next to the pedestrianised Váci street with a lot of bars, cafés and amusements. The hotel has 123 air–conditioned guestrooms, bar and function rooms.

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address: 1053 Budapest, Károlyi Mihály u. 11–15.

tel: +361–889–3710

url: www.hotelerzsebet.hu

Hotel Stadion

With its 379 rooms the hotel is located within a few minutes from the city centre. The hotel has six function rooms, all with daylight for all kind of events up to 300 persons. The hotel offers fitness and wellness centre for relaxation.

email: stadion.reservation@danubiusgroup.com

address: 1148 Budapest, Ifjúság útja 1–3.

tel: +361–889–5200

url: www.hotelstadion.hu

Danubius Thermal Hotel Margitsziget

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email: resind@margitsziget.danubiusgroup.com

address: 1138 Budapest, Margitsziget

tel: +361–889–4700

url: www.thermalhotelmargitsziget.hu

Danubius Grand Hotel Margitsziget

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address: 1138 Budapest, Margitsziget

tel: +361–889–4700

url: www.grandhotelmargitsziget.hu

Danubius Thermal & Conference Hotel Helia

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url: www.hotelhelia.hu

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tel: 168-6260

address: 1031 Szentendrei út 189

open: all year

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tel: 200 8346

address: 1121 Zugligeti út 101

open: March to November

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email: mail@easynet.hu
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address: (D-4), VIII. Vas u. 7

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hours: sep-18

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address: Váci utca 40.
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hours: 10 AM – 10 PM, every day

address: Kecskemé'© street 5,
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url: www.budapestnet.hu

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hours: okt–24

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address: Gabor Aron u. 74–78
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url: www.cyber-sushi.net

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hours: every day 9am–10pm

address: Váci utca 19–21.
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Budapest – Sights

Budapest is a beautiful city with more than enough to see to keep even the most demanding visitor happy. The thermal baths of Budapest are famous, and certainly worth a visit. Or you can climb the hill to the citadel for a good view over the city. The Castle District alone is enough to keep you occupied for at least a day. This UNESCO World Heritage Site on the Buda side of town encloses several palaces, museum, churches, and is one of the main tourist attractions in Budapest. A kilometer or so further along lies the citadel on top of another hill. At the statue of Liberty you have a great view over Buda, Pest and the elaborate green cast iron Szabadsag bridge.

On the Pest side of town is also much to be seen. There is the area around Hero Square (Hosok tere), with several museums, an architectural oddity (Vajdahunyad castle), the zoo, and the stately residential area where most of the embassies in Budapest are located. Don't forget to visit the Parliament house, the St. Stephan basilica, and the large indoor food market at Fovam ter.

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St. Anna Church

The Church of St. Anna is a fine example of a Baroque church. Its well-proportioned exterior is a good match with the interior, containing some good statues of the Virgin Mary, St. Anne, and various angels, as well as a beautiful oval domed ceiling fresco by Pál Molnar.

address: Battyhány tér 8
 openings: Open (for services only): 6:45am–9am, 4pm–7pm Mon–Sat, 7am–1pm Sun

Szt István (St. Stephen Basilica)

The Saint Stephen basilica is the largest church in Hungary. It was designed by Jozsef Hild in 1845, although it was only finished in 1906, due to some serious construction errors: in 1851 the dome collapsed. The remainder of the church was then demolished and replaced by a neo-Renaissance design by Miklós Ybl. This one is still standing, even though it got heavily damaged during World War II.

The interior of the basilica is a tad dark, but still light enough to admire the many decorations. No amount of gold leaf has been spared. Among the most valued sights within the church are the relics of St. Stephen. In the Szent jobb kápolna (chapel of the Sacred Right) you can find a piece of his skull, and in the church itself the most sacred relic in all of Hungary is on display in a golden display case: the mummified hand of Stephan. A bit grisly, but very fascinating.

openings: (mass times) 7am–9am, 5:30pm–8pm daily

address: Szt István tér

admission: 100 HUF Adults, 50 HUF Children

Vajdahunyad Castle

The Vajdahunyad castle was first built out of cardboard and wood for the World Exhibition in 1896. It was a monument to 1000 years of Magyar inhabitation and was supposed to give insight in the architectural past of Hungary and combined several small reproductions of buildings representing different architectural periods in history. The building proved to be so popular that after the Exhibition, they rebuilt the castle in stone. Part of it now houses the agricultural museum.

address: City Park

Aquincum

Aquincum dates back to around 35BC, when the Romans colonized the area around Budapest. Back then it was a trading settlement as well as a garrison town protecting other strategic places along the Danube. You can now visit the museum, see the amphitheatre and admire the water organ.

address: Szentendrei út 139

openinghours: 9am–5pm Apr 15–30 and Oct 1–31, 9am–6pm May 1 Sep 30, closed Nov 1–Apr 14

Central synagogue

The Great Synagogue of Budapest is the largest temple outside of New York's Emanuel synagogue. The detailed façade is decorated with yellow, red and blue bricks – the heraldic colours of Budapest – and topped by two minaret-like towers. The synagogue was completed in 1859 after a design by Lajos Förster and houses not only a temple, but in an adjacent building also a museum on Hungarian Jewish history and art.

address: Dóhany utca 2

openinghours: 10am–3pm Mon–Fri, 10am–1pm Sun

Budapest Zoo

As a zoological garden, it may not be spectacular, but the Budapest zoo had other qualities. It is one of the oldest zoos in the world (completed in 1911), and some of the beautiful turn-of-the-century buildings, including the entrance gate, are still intact. The cast iron fence surrounding the zoo alone is worth a stroll along that direction.

address: Állakerti út 6–12

openinghours: daily 9.00–19.00 1 May–31 Aug, 9.00–17.00 1 Sept–30 April

Tomb of Gül Buba

Gül Buba was a Turkish dervish who was considered a wise and holy man. His name means Father of Roses and he was reputed to have brought the first roses into Budapest. He died in 1541 and his tomb – now a museum and well known place of pilgrimage for Muslims – is the only surviving building from the Turkish reign in Budapest.

address: Mecset utca 14

openinghours: 10am–4pm

Hungarian National Bank, Banknote and Coin Exhibition

openings: 9am–2pm daily

address: Szabadság tér 8

admission: Free

Bartók Béla Memorial Museum

openings: 10am–5pm Tue–Fri (closed Monday)

address: Csalán út 29, Bus 5, 29

admission: 200 HUF Adults, 100 HUF Children

Bible Museum

address: Ráday u. 28

openings: 10am–6pm daily (closed Mondays)

Ferenc Liszt Museum

Hungary's most famous composer Ferenc Liszt lived here the last five years of his life till his death in 1886. In three room apartment in the Academy of Music displays musical instruments, personal possessions and manuscripts. On most Saturday mornings there are recitals being held.

openings: Mon–Fri 10am–18pm Sat 10am–17pm

address: Vörösmarty utca 35

admission: 100 HUF Adults, 50 Children

Statue Park

The gigantic monuments that used to ornament the parks and squares of Budapest but got obsolete after the recent political changes in Hungary were collected in this park. Its an exhibition without parallel in the world.

address: corner of Balatoni út and Szabadkai út

Budapest Exhibition Hall

Exhibitions work by contemporary Hungarian and foreign artists.

address: V. Szabadsajtó u. 5

openings: tue–sun 10am–18pm=

Attila József Memorial

The Hungarians love their poets. In this reconstruction of his single room apartment, original manuscripts of Attila József are on display.

openings: 10am–6pm Tue/Wed/Thu/Fri, closed Monday, Saturday and Sunday,

address: Gát utca 3

admission: Free.

Ady Memorial Museum

Memorial exhibition in honor of Ady Endre (1877–1919). This museum offers not only a good introduction to the life and work of this famous Hungarian poet, but also shows an insight to the way life was organized in the late 19th century. In his last residence the personal possessions like furniture and original manuscripts of the poet and his wife are on display.

openings: wen–sun 10am–6pm Mar 1–Oct 31, 10am–4pm Nov 1–Feb 28

address: Veres Pálné utca 4–6,

admission: 60 HUF Adults, 20 HUF Children

Gizi Bajor Theatre Museum

The museum with photos and objects from the world of theater and cinema is for most visitors but an excuse to visit the house of the famous actress Gizi Bajor.

openings: 10am–6pm Sat Sun, 12pm–4pm Tue, 12pm–6pm Thu (closed Mon, Wed, Fri),

address: Stromfeld Aurél utca

admission: 50 HUF Adults, 25 HUF Children

Hungarian National Museum

The museum build between 1837 and 47 after the design of Mihály Pollack is one of the most explicit examples of Hungarian Classicism. With more than 8000 square meters of exhibition space its the largest museum in Hungary. The National Museum is one of the focal points of celebrations marking the national holiday of March 15. Inside Hungarian history is presented from the foundation of the state upto1990, with a special focus on the Roman period, the Middle Ages and the early modern times. As the museum played a great part in the revolution of 1848–49 this era and 20th century history are also elaborately displayed. Dont be tempted to touch the large iron hand from the communist era, the museum has got motion detectors and a loud alarm.

openings: 10am–5pm Mar 1–Mar15 and Oct 15, Oct 31, Mar 16–Oct 14 10am–6pm, Nov 1–Feb 28
10am–4pm, closed Mondays

address: Múzeum körút 14–16

admission: 250 HUF Adults, 100 HUF Children

Agriculture Museum

This museum occupies part of the Vajdahunyad Castle, which makes the setting almost more interesting than the objects on display. Especially the hunting hall with its stain glass windows attracts attention.

openings: Mar 1–Nov 14 10am–5pm Tue–Sat, 10am–6pm Sun; Nov15–Feb 28 10am–4pm Tue–Sat,
10am–5pm Sun

address: Vajdahunyad Castle

admission: 100 HUF Adults, 50 HUF Children

Aquincum

The highlight of this excavation of the old Roman garrison town and trade port is the 3rd century water organ, which is quite unique. The small amphitheater is nice but not that special.

openings: 9am–5pm Apr 15–30 and Oct 1–31, 9am–6pm May 1 Sep 30, closed Nov 1–Apr 14

address: Szentendrei út 139,

admission: 150 HUF Adults, 80 HUF Children

Hungarian Natural History Museum

One of the most impressive pieces of this museum, especially to children, is the life-size mammoth. The fossils and minerals are maybe interesting but easily forgotten.

admission: 200 HUF Adults, 90 HUF Children

Ethnographical Museum

This building was originally the Palace of Justice and the sculptures on the main facade still depict magistrates and legislators from past times. Alajos Hauszmann designed it between 1893–96 . Especially the entrance hall is frightening impressive. Karoly Lotz did the ceiling fresco depicting Justitia. It's one of the largest ethnographical museums in Europe. The main focus is of course the different nationalities in Hungary, but also the art, customs, national costumes and way of other peoples of Europe and outside Europe are on display.

openings: 10am–4pm Tue–Sun, (10am–6pm Mar 1–Sep 30)

address: Kossuth tér 12

admission: 200 HUF Adults, 100 HUF Children

Kiscelli Castle Museum

openings: 10am–6pm Apr 1–Oct31, 10am–4pm Nov 1–Mar 31, closed Mondays

address: Kiscelli utca 108

admission: 150 HUF Adults, 50 HUF Children

Imre Varga Sculpture Museum

openings: 10am–6pm

address: Laktanya utca 7

admission: 200 HUF Adults, 100 HUF Children

Historical Museum of Budapest

Charting the history of both the Royal Palace and Budapest, the Museum's permanent exhibitions give in insight into the medieval cities of Buda and Pest, along with displays of Gothic sculptures and remains from archeological excavations.

openings: 10am–6pm daily

address: Budavári Palota E Épület

admission: 250 HUF Adults, 100 HUF Children

Kassák Memorial Museum

Museum dedicated to the avant-garde writer and artist, focusing on works created between 1916–1967 by Lajos Kassák and contemporary artists.

openings: 10am–6pm Mar 17– Oct 30, 10am–5pm Nov 1–Mar 15, closed Monday

address: Fo tér 1

admission: 40 HUF Adults, 20 HUF Children

Jewish Museum

Housed in a wing of the Central Synagogue (the second largest in the world) Budapest's Jewish Museum was built on the site where Theodor Herzl, the famous Zionist leader and novelist was born. Containing mostly 18th and 19th century art treasures, exhibits are arranged in three main rooms according to their ritual significance i.e. Sabbath, holidays and life cycle ceremonies. A fourth room, which covers the Holocaust, gives a harrowing insight into the fate of an estimated 550,000 Hungarian Jews murdered by the Nazi's and Hungarian Arrow Cross fascists during the final years of WWII. Visitors will find the museum contains relics of the Hungarian Jewish community, including religious objects relating to its special holidays, articles used in everyday life and the Holocaust memorial room.

address: Dohány utca 2

openings: 10am–3pm Mon–Fri, 10am–1pm Sun,
Closed Sat.

Budapest – Getting There

By Air: The international airport, Ferihegy, is a destination reachable from most major European airports. It's located some 25 kilometers from the town center. Hungarian national carrier is Malév. They are the main operators next to Lufthansa, Delta and Air Alitalia

The recently opened '2B' wing means a great improvement of passenger handling. The old Terminal 1 building is now used for cargo flights only. **By Train:** Budapest has three large international railway stations:

Keleti pályaudvar (Eastern Station) which is the main terminus for international rail services from Western Europe

Nyugati (Western Station) handles international traffic heading east to Romania and Slovakia, and is a sight in its own right. Déli is the third, station, at the southern end of the city.

Check out the Hungarian National Railways

For information on domestic services call: (36 1) 461–5500

For information on international services call: (36 1) 461–5400

By Bus: The cheapest way to reach Budapest is probably hitching, but more reliable are the different international bus services.

Most coaches arrive at the downtown Erzsébet tér bus station. It's recommended that you check-in at least one hour before departure and often baggage is limited to one suitcase plus hand luggage. More is very impractical anyway. When arriving from Eastern European countries you probably end up at Nép Stadion.

Budapest – Nightlife and Entertainment

Budapest is a fun place to party. The Budapest dance scene is gaining international prestige, and there are all the pubs and bars you can dream of. Thanks to the good public transport system, most places are easily reached, and the relatively cheap prices mean that you can really let yourself go without the risk of bankruptcy.

For your convenience we have divided our addresses in two categories: Dancing, and Bars & Pubs. Of course, the line between these categories is rather hazy. In many dances, you can also just sit and enjoy a drink, while quite a few bars and pubs will have a dancefloor. It's up to you to sample the different places and decide which one suits you best.

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Közgáz Pinceklub

Student club where the beer is free before midnight and you can dance to rock and disco.

address: Fövám Tér 8

open: daily

admission: 500 HUF before midnight, free after midnight

Budapest Nightlife

Budapest by Night

zipcode: 1037

email: info@budapesthotelreservation.hu

url: www.budapesthotelreservation.hu

Bahnhof

One of the better clubs in Budapest, where the beautiful people gather to dance to some talented dj's.

openings: 6pm–4am Mon–Sat

address: Váci utca 1

admission: 300 HUF

Süss Fel Nap

Laid back and unpretentious place where you can just have a good time hanging out with friends.

address: Honvéd utca 40

admission: 250 HUF

openings: 3pm–3am daily

Piaf

Anyone with vaguely Bohemian leanings seems to wind up at Piaf, a stylish and sophisticated night-club, named of course, after the famous French Diva. Red velvet furnishings abound, while the music (which is often provided by a resident pianist) has a distinctly jazzy feel.

openings: 10pm–6am daily

address: Nagymező utca 25

admission: 350 HUF

Nevada Pub

address: Bartók Béla út 21

open: Daily 11 am–3 am.

Memphis Musicpub

address: Váci út 178

Sideway Pub

address: corner of Hegedus Gyula u. and Katona József u.

open: MonSat 11 am–dawn

Crazy Café

The amount of beers, liquors and cocktails the Crazy café stocks could drive anyone crazy.

address: Jókai utca 30

open: 11am–1am daily

Opera Music Café

address: Hajós u. 2

Belgian Brasserie

Laid back place that serves a fine selection of Belgian beers.

address: Bem rakpart 12

open: noon–midnight daily

Janis' Pub

address: Királyi Pál u. 8

open: MonThurs 4 pm–2 am, FriSat 4 pm–3 am

Incognito

Trendy place with loud jazz music and a wide range of cocktails.

address: Liszt Ferenc tér 3

open: 10am–midnight Mon–Fri, 12pm–midnight Sat–Sun

Portside

Young clientele, pool table, dance music.

address: Dohány utca 7

open: noon–2am Mon–Thu, 11am–4am Fri–Sat

Universum

Located in the most famous shopping district of Budapest. Mixed crowd during the day, mostly twenty–something at night when the in–house dj does his thing.

address: Vaci utca 33

open: 11am–4am Mon–Sat, noon–3pm Sun

Budapest – Things to do

Public baths

Soap massage

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Yellow Zebra Bike Tours

Hey these guys dare to take you around Budapest on Bike and you actually get to learn about the city in an entertaining way. They run April to Oct as I know and also have an office in the center near Deak Sq with very cool staff to answer all those dumb touristy questions!

zipcode: 1052

email: info@yellowzebrabikes.com

address: Budapest, Suto u. 2 (courtyard)

url: www.yellowzebrabikes.com

tel: +36–1–266–8777

Absolute Walking Tours

Absolute Walking Tours offer daily walks in Budapest all year round. The first and original walking tour in Budapest with great locals to guide you around. They offer a General walk, a communist walk and a pub crawl. I did all three and had a blast meeting new travellers and just letting someone else do the talking and guiding for a change. www.absolutetours.com

email: info@absolutetours.com

address: Budapest, Hungary

url: www.absolutetours.com

tel: +36-30-211-8861

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