Hungary's charming capital has something for everyone: the Danube river is lined with imposing architecture and a promenade perfect for a romantic walk, the city centre just a few minutes away is buzzing with quirky ruin pubs and trendy restaurants, while the castle-topped hills towering above the city offer a scenery you won’t soon forget.

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THE CITY

The early history of Budapest dates back to the Roman ages, as many important settlements of the Empire were located in what we call Hungary today. Present-day Budapest was born in 1873 with the unification of Buda, Óbuda, and Pest, and this was also the period that saw several large-scale construction works, having largely contributed to the postcard-perfect outlook the Paris of the East has today.

It was, however, a long way to come: the country was under the rule of the Ottoman Empire for over 200 years, and has a history heavily intertwined with the Hapsburg dynasty. The Austro-Hungarian Empire was dissolved with the outbreak of WWI, and even though the outcome of the second war brought relief to a Hungary with a populous Jewish community, years of Soviet suppression followed.

In the 1990s, the change of regime opened up a world of possibilities for a war-torn country, but the past will never be forgotten. Today, turbulent history is remembered in finely preserved landmarks scattered across the city, coexisting with vibrant young venues celebrating a whole new era.

DO & SEE

Budapest offers plenty of entertainment all year round: from green parks and soothing thermal baths to architectural gems and museums, to be explored in city quarters all different in character.

The Parliament

Photo: IGOR BERGMANN/Shutterstock.com
Address: Kossuth Lajos tér 1-3
Opening hours: Mon to Sun: 8.00–18.00 (Apr thru Oct), 8.00–16.00 (Nov thru Mar)
Phone: +36 1 441 4000
Internet: www.latogatokozpont.parlament.hu/en/introduction
Email: tourist.office@parlament.hu
**Shoes on the Danube Bank**

An ironwork memorial by Gyula Pauer consisting of sixty pairs of shoes, commemorating the thousands of Jewish victims who were shot into the Danube during the Arrow Cross movement in 1944-45. With over 800,000 people expelled or killed, the Hungarian Jewish community is regarded as one of the biggest victims in the dark era of Holocaust.

Photo: Nadiia Tkachuk/Shutterstock.com
Address: Id. Antall József rakpart

**Buda Castle District**

The charming district of the Buda Castle entails the prominent Fisherman Bastion, Matthias Church, several museums, as well as some residential homes. You’ll find the National Gallery here, and a wide range of other museums dedicated to music, military history, pharmacy (housed in the first pharmacy of Buda), and the life of Houdini. Take a romantic stroll under the blossoming trees of Tóth Árpád sétány (seasonal), watch the change of the guard, and make your way back to the city centre by descending on the most scenic funicular in the world.

Photo: ZGPhotography/Shutterstock.com
Address: Szent György tér 2
Opening hours: see individual sights
Phone: +36 1 225 0554
Internet: www.budacastlebudapest.com
Email: titkarsag@vargondnoksag.hu

**The Széchenyi Baths**

Thanks to the geological features of the Carpathian Basin, Hungary is extremely rich in thermal springs, and the area of Budapest is no exception: the capital stretches across over 100 springs, many of them accessible to the public in beautiful historical buildings. The Széchenyi Baths, built in 1913 in neo-Baroque style, is undoubtedly the most famous of all: Europe’s largest medicinal bath is supplied by a spring of 76°C, and it houses 18 pools, 10 saunas, and various events to be enjoyed all year long.

Photo: momente/Shutterstock.com
Address: Állatkerti körút 11
Opening hours: 6.00-10.00, varies by season and events
Phone: +36 1 363 3210
Internet: www.szechenyispabaths.com

**Rudas Thermal Baths**

Located by the foot of the scenic Gellért Hill, Rudas is another symbolic bath of Budapest, built in the 16th century under the Ottoman occupation. It features a dim central dome and octagonal baths, surrounded by four pools, each with a different temperature. Plan your visit in advance as there are selected days for male and female visitors.

Photo: Pelle Zoltan/Shutterstock.com
Address: Döbrentei tér 9
Opening hours: 6.00-22.00, night bath on Fri and Sat until 4.00
Phone: +36 1 356 1010
Internet: www.rudasbaths.com
Email: rudas@spabudapest.hu
Deák Ferenc tér

The hub square of Budapest is a great reference point in the unlikely case you get lost in the city but it's also worth a dedicated visit, for this is a neighbourhood that never sleeps: have a friendly chat with locals under the Budapest Eye in Erzsébet Square, grab some cocktails in the trendy bar Akvárium, or explore the legendary Király street that begins just a few steps from the metro station.

Photo: Molnár Fanni/Shutterstock.com
Address: Deák Ferenc tér

St. Stephen’s Basilica

St. Stephen’s Basilica is the largest church in Budapest. It was built in Neo-classicist style and has a capacity of up to 8,500 people. Its most noted relic is the mummified right hand of Stephen I, Hungary’s first king who among others converted Hungarians to Christianity. The adjacent square is home to several markets throughout the year, and is lined by terraces of trendy bars and cafés.

Photo: TTstudio/Shutterstock.com
Address: Szent István tér 1
Opening hours: Mon to Sat: 09.00–19.00, Sun: 7.45–19.00
Phone: +36 1 338 2151
Internet: www.en.bazilika.biz
Email: plebania@basilica.hu

Heroes’ Square

A highly photographable neighbourhood in Budapest, this quarter is home to several landmarks built for the millenial celebrations in 1896. The vast Heroes’ Square is adorned by sculptures of the seven Magyar chieftains, surrounded by the most prominent rulers who followed them in Hungarian history. The Museum of Fine Arts and the Kunsthalle are adjacent to the square, while if you continue your way past the wall of sculptures, you’ll reach City Park with Vajdahunyad castle.

Photo: Slavko Sereda/Shutterstock.com
Address: Hősök tere
Internet: www.mfab.hu
Email: info@mfab.hu

City Városliget

Stretching behind the imposing Heroes' Square, Városliget is one of the most popular recreational venues in the city. There are plenty of entertainment options in the neighbourhood, including the Széchenyi Baths, Budapest Zoo, Circus, the Vajdahunyad castle housing the Agricultural Museum and various fairs, and a pond that turns into a popular ice rink in the winter season.

Photo: GTS Productions/Shutterstock.com
Phone: +36 1 273 4900
More Info: www.zoobudapest.com/en
Citadel

A fortress built under the Austrian empire and used also by fascist and communist forces, Citadel sits atop the 235-metre high Gellért Hill, together with the Liberty Statue, a bronze lady holding a palm leaf and guarding the city since 1947 (hence was originally intended to celebrate the Soviet liberation from the Nazi forces after WWII).

Photo: ZGPhotography/Shutterstock.com
Address: Gellérthegy

Gellért Thermal Baths

The Gellért Thermal Baths are housed just behind the imposing Art Nouveau Gellért Hotel near the Liberty Bridge in Budapest. There are a range of pools of different temperatures, both inside and out, including the iconic sliding-roofed main pool, the external wave pool, as well as several sauna and steam rooms.

Photo: aerocaminua/Shutterstock.com
Address: Szent Gellért tér 1
Opening hours: 6.00–20.00 daily
Phone: +36 1 466 6166
Internet: www.gellertbath.hu

Hungarian National Museum

Housed in a beautiful neoclassical building along what is called the small boulevard of Budapest, this museum houses various permanent and temporary exhibitions on the history of Hungary, starting from the Roman period, when the province of Pannonia stretched far beyond than the present borders of the country.

Photo: Arsenie Krasnevsky/Shutterstock.com
Address: Múzeum körút 14-16
Opening hours: Tue to Sun: 10.00–18.00
Phone: +36 1 327 7700
Internet: www.mnm.hu/en

The Great Synagogue

The distinct symbol of the Jewish quarter, the Great Synagogue is also noted as one of the largest in the world, the second only to the one in New York. The visit entails a guided tour with a walk in the building and its surrounding garden, where you’ll also find sculptures of famous Hungarian writers and artists of Jewish origin. There is also a Jewish museum beside the synagogue, not to be confused with the

Supported by István Széchenyi, one of the most important politicians of the time. The lions guarding the bridge are also connected to the first suicide that happened here, committed by their architect upon the realisation that he had forgotten about the tongues of the animals.

Photo: Jakub Elcner/Shutterstock.com
Address: Lánchíd

Széchenyi Chain Bridge

Undoubtedly a signature landmark of Budapest, Lánchíd, which translates to chain bridge, was built in 1839 in a period characterised by economic boom in the city, by Scottish engineer Adam Clark. The construction was largely
Holocaust Memorial Centre further away in Páva Street.

Photo: Zoltan Kakuszi/Shutterstock.com
Address: Dohány u. 2-8
Opening hours: Sun to Thu: 10.00–17.00, Fri: 10.00–13.30 (closing times vary by season), Sat: closed
Phone: +36 70 533 5696
Internet: www.greatsynagogue.hu
Email: aviv@aviv.hu
More Info: Holocaust Memorial Centre (Páva street): www.hdke.hu/en

Hungarian State Opera

A true gem of the elegant Andrássy avenue, this imposing neo-Renaissance building was built in the late 19th century by the works of Miklós Ybl, the most prominent architect in Hungarian history. The Opera House is not only an architectural masterpiece (featuring among others a sculpture of Ferenc Liszt), but it also enjoys immense popularity for its distinctive opera programme.

Photo: Pfeiffer/Shutterstock.com
Address: Andrássy út 22
Phone: +36 1 814 7100
Internet: www.opera.hu
Email: info@opera.hu

House of Terror

Located in what once was the headquarter of ÁVH, the secret police authority of the communist era, the House of Terror gives a strikingly honest insight into the history of fascism and communism, the two terror regimes Hungary suffered from in the not so distant history.

Photo: Pfeiffer/Shutterstock.com
Address: Andrássy út 60
Opening hours: Tue to Fri: 10.00–18.00
Phone: +36 1 374 2600
Internet: www.terrorhaza.hu/en
Email: muzeum@terrorhaza.hu

Margaret Island (Margitsziget)

Located in what once was the headquarter of ÁVH, the secret police authority of the communist era, the House of Terror gives a strikingly honest insight into the history of fascism and communism, the two terror regimes Hungary suffered from in the not so distant history.

The 2.5-km long Margaret Island between Buda and Pest makes for a perfect venue for a lazy day outside the bustling city centre. It is home to several flowery parks, bars, medieval ruins, a water tower, a running trail, and the beloved Musical Fountain, giving a spectacular show several times a day in the summer season.

Photo: Elif Guven/Shutterstock.com
Address: Margitsziget
Opening hours: fountain show from April until October
Internet: www.margitsziget.info
Email: kapcsolat@margitsziget.info

Bud Spencer Statue

A massive, 2.4-metre tall bronze statue, unveiled to pay homage to Carlo Pedersoli, better known as Bud Spencer, whose western movies have become a symbol for Hungarians under communist suppression in the past century. The statue was inaugurated in 2017, in the year following the legendary actor's death, when his works are invariably admired by all generations in the country.

Photo: jiraphoto/Shutterstock.com
Address: Corvin sétány 1
Tram Line 2

Regarded by the National Geographic among the most scenic tram routes in the world, these yellow trolleys will help you discover Budapest's most beautiful buildings for the price of a single tram ticket. Make sure you do it at night (as well), to see the splendid city lights illuminating the elegant Buda hillside.

Photo: S-F/Shutterstock.com
Address: between Jászai Mari tér and Közvágóhíd

Erzsébet Lookout Tower

Only 20 minutes by bus, and you'll find yourself in the midst of unspoilt greenery without even setting foot out of the capital. Start your trip by taking the bus to the Normafa parks, and try the best strudel in the city with scenic views over the Buda hills. From here stretches a short hiking trail all the way up to the lookout tower with cafés, playgrounds, and a funicular where you can also get photographed during the ride. From the top of the lookout tower, you'll get breathtaking views that at clear times even encompass the peak of the High Tatras.

Photo: Brendan Riley/Shutterstock.com
Address: Erzsébet-kilátó
Internet: www.normafapark.hu

Memento Sculpture Park

An imposing sculpture park paying homage to the era of Cold War and communism. When the proletarian dictatorship's enormous monuments and statues were no longer considered politically correct, they were moved from their conspicuous locations to this southern suburb of Buda. Works to see include the gigantic Lenin statue and the Cubist statues of Marx and Engels.

Photo: VanderWolf Images/Shutterstock.com
Address: corner of Balatoni út and Szabadkai utca
Opening hours: every day from 10.00 until dusk
Phone: +36 1 424 7500
Internet: www.mementopark.hu

RESTAURANTS

From gourmet dining to little canteen-like eateries, Budapest has plenty of options for a culinary adventure: international restaurants abound in the city, but you never have to look far to find a filling bowl of goulash or a crispy, cheese-topped lángos bread.
**Onyx Restaurant**

A proud holder of two Michelin stars, Onyx offers a regal dining experience blending traditional flavours with quality and innovation. Lunch menus of 3, 4, and 6 courses are available, and specialties include rooster consommé, duck ravioli, and flódni, a poppy seed and walnut-filled rich dessert of Hungarian origin.

Photo: yereum kim/Shutterstock.com
Address: Vörösmarty tér 7-8
Opening hours: Lunch: Thu to Sat from 12.00, dinner: Tue to Sat: 18.30–20.30
Phone: +36 30 508 0622
Internet: www.onyxrestaurant.hu/en

**Gundel Restaurant**

Located in the vibrant scenery of the City Park, Gundel is a flagship restaurant dedicated to Hungarian cuisine. It started as a father-and-son establishment in the hands of Bavarian chef Károly Gundel in the late 19th century. Its menu features traditional Hungarian flavours with a modern and international twist, served through à la carte as well as tasting menus, including mangalica pork, goose liver, and the famous Gundel pancake.

Photo: Melinda Gyorgy/Shutterstock.com
Address: Gundel Károly út 4
Opening hours: Mon to Thu: 12.00–23.00, Fri and Sat: 12.00–0.00, Sun: brunch 11.30–15.00, 19.00–23.00
Phone: +36 1 889 8111
Internet: www.gundel.hu/en
Email: info@gundel.hu

**Costes Downtown**

The second venue of the Costes team serving fine courses inspired by local and international cuisine, all made of unique ingredients from quail to mangalica. An elegant, bistro-style restaurant that was awarded with a Michelin-star shortly after its opening.

Photo: All Is Amazing/Shutterstock.com
Address: Vigyázó Ferenc utca 5., Ráday u. 4
Phone: +36 1 920 1015
Internet: www.costesdowntown.hu/en
Email: reservation@costesdowntown.hu

**Déryné Bisztró**

Déryné is Buda’s symbolic restaurant, heavily frequented by locals living west of the Danube. It opened in the 1910s and served several well-known artists at the time, but it welcomes today’s visitor with the same quality and hospitality, offering Hungarian and French-style dishes and home-made bakery products that are the subject of acclaim in the entire city.

Photo: Graphical_Bank/Shutterstock.com
Address: Krisztina tér 3
Opening hours: Mon to Thu: 7.30–0.00, Fri: 7.30–1.00, Sat: 9.00–1.00, Sun: brunch 9.00–0.00
Phone: +36 1 225 1407
Internet: www.bistroderyne.com
Email: friends@deryne.com
Bock Bisztró

With a mix of international and local flavours and their own extensive wine selection, Bock Bisztró is the brainchild of acclaimed chef Lajos Bíró and sommelier József Bock. The menu features some really standout courses such as the ox cheek stew, and the sausage and tobacco-flavoured ice cream selection.

Photo: Funtap/Shutterstock.com
Address: Erzsébet körút 43-49
Opening hours: Mon to Sun: 12.00–16.00, 18.00–0.00
Phone: +36 1 321 0340
Internet: www.bockbisztropest.hu/en
Email: info@bockbisztro.hu

Menza

Menza is Hungarian for canteen, and indeed this restaurant serves the very staples of Hungarian cuisine, in an elegant but very friendly atmosphere. The menu includes goulash, garlic soup, trout, veal stew, and apple strudel, just to pick a few.

Photo: Losonsky/Shutterstock.com
Address: Liszt Ferenc tér 2
Opening hours: Mon to Sun: 10.00–00.00
Phone: +36 1 413 1482
Internet: www.menzaetterem.hu/english.php
Email: info@menza.co.hu

Baraka

Budapest’s first fine dining restaurant in the historic Dorottya palace is dedicated to European and Asian cuisine of the highest quality, using individually sourced, fresh ingredients from fish to lamb. Vegetarian degustation is also available.

Photo: Mateusz Gzik/Shutterstock.com
Address: Királyi Pál u. 14
Opening hours: Mon: 18.00–23.00, Tue to Sun: 12.00–23.00,

Fakanál

Housed in the busy Great Market Hall, Fakanál is a traditional restaurant serving Hungarian meals in an authentic setting accompanied by live gypsy music. A lively atmosphere is guaranteed here, either because of the events they host, or the pálinka shots that are always on high demand (and a must for every visitor).

Photo: Dande_lion_studio/Shutterstock.com
Address: Vámház körút 1-3
Opening hours: Mon: 9.00–17.00, Tue to Fri: 9.00–18.00, Sat: 9.00–15.00, Sun: closed
Phone: +36 1 217 7860
Internet: www.fakanaletterem.hu
Email: info@fakanaletterem.hu

Borssó Bistro

The menu of Borssó features fine French specialties mixed with Hungarian tastes and hospitality. From fresh fish soup to top favourites like lemon tart or the saddle of rabbit, all dishes are created with the greatest care here. They also hold tastings and events regularly.

Photo: Kondor83/Shutterstock.com
Address: Dorottya u. 6
Opening hours: Mon to Sat: 18.00–22.00
Phone: +36 1 200 0817
Internet: www.barakarestaurant.hu
Email: info@barakarestaurant.hu
Klassz

Klassz has over a hundred wines to complement the fine food they serve, and the place also operates as a wine shop. Their menu includes foie gras, mangalica pork, and lamb knuckle. With an elegant interior, and a terrace perfect for people-watching on the bustling Andrássy avenue.

Photo: Kartashov Stas/Shutterstock.com
Address: Andrássy út 41
Opening hours: 11.30–23.00 daily
Phone: +36 1 599 9490

Spinoza Café & Restaurant

Spinoza is one of the most noted restaurants of the Jewish quarter, serving a wide range of traditional meals, from roasted goose leg to lamb kebab and chestnut purée. The venue is also popular for its in-house theatre.

Photo: Jana Kollarova/Shutterstock.com
Address: Dob u. 15
Opening hours: 11.00–23.00 daily
Phone: +36 1 413 7488
Internet: www.gotohungary.com/about-hungary/-/netaview/78036/spinoza-restaurant-theatre-and-cafe
Email: spinozahaz@spinozahaz.hu

Kék Rózsa

A traditional restaurant in the heart of the Jewish quarter with a simple design and rich Hungarian flavours, at highly affordable prices. Daily offers are also available.

Photo: Sharomka/Shutterstock.com
Address: Wesselényi u. 9
Opening hours: 11.00–22.00 daily
Phone: +36 1 342 8981
Internet: www.kekrozsaetterem.hu/en

Lecsó

A decent budget-friendly restaurant serving buffet lunch during the day, Lecsó is always busy with locals who are looking for something conventional, for here flavours and portions are just like at home. Stews, egg soup, Schnitzel, Hungarian ratatouille and meat-filled (hortobágyi) pancake: just a few of the things worth a try by one-time visitors as well.

Photo: Ildi Papp/Shutterstock.com
Address: Szent István körút 10
Opening hours: Mon to Thu: 11.00–0.00, Fri and Sat: 11.00–2.00, Sun: 11.00–0.00
Phone: +36 1 349 3580
Internet: www.lecsogyorsetterem.hu/en
Email: info@lecsogyorsetterem.hu

Retro Lángos

With its central location and vast topping selection, this little stall is probably the best place in Budapest to try Hungary’s favourite...
street food. Lángos is a deep-fried flatbread that is best served with cheese and sour cream on top, but sausage-filled versions are also available (humbly called nuclear attack), only for the bravehearted.

Photo: Ildi Papp/ Shutterstock.com
Address: Podmaniczky Frigyes tér 4
Opening hours: 9.00–2.00 daily
Phone: +36 20 345 3525

Al Dente

An Italian restaurant so small you get to see as your lunch or dinner is being prepared by the friendly Italian crew. Calzone, pizza, tiramisu, daily soup and pasta menu, and real Italian coffee.

Photo: Monika Wisniewska/ Shutterstock.com
Address: Krúdy Gyula u. 9
Opening hours: Mon To Fri: 9.00-22.00, Sat: 10.00-22.00

Fecske Presszó

A book-walled, student-friendly place with a terrace, serving breakfast, lunch, and other munchies, all inspired by Hungarian and international cuisine. The sausage ratatouille and stuffed potato pies do taste as good as they sound.

Photo: Jack Frog/ Shutterstock.com
Address: Baross u. 10
Opening hours: Mon to Fri: 10.00-0.00, Sat: 12.00-0.00, Sun: 14.00-0.00
Phone: +36 1 293 1980
Internet: www.fecskepresszo.com
Email: fecskepresszo@indamail.hu

LEVES

"Leves" is Hungarian for soup, and it will not be long before you realise how it is an integral part of Hungarian lunch rituals. This small takeaway place offers hearty cups of traditional as well as exotic flavours of a wide range, perfect for a quick lunch in the heart of the city. Be sure to check back every day for different flavours.

Photo: Monkey Business Images/Shutterstock.com
Address: Vámház körút 14
Opening hours: 11.00-19.00 daily
Phone: +36 30 241 7760

CAFES

From opulent, fin de siécle cafés to new wave coffee houses, Budapest never fails to entice the lovers of caffeine. Confectioneries too abound to offer you traditional Hungarian desserts: make sure you try a good strudel or kúrtóskalács, a spit cake best had with cinnamon coating (look in markets or Váci street). Winter favourites include walnut puree with whipped cream, and flódni, a rich dessert layered with poppy seed, walnut, and apple. Whenever your visit is, there's plenty to see in the city to walk all these off.
New York Café

Located in the Boscolo Hotel proudly towering above the Grand Boulevard, the "most beautiful café in the world" is Budapest's sparkling jewel still evoking bygone grandiose times. Whether a sumptuous feast or a slice of creamy cake, New York Café provides a majestic setting to indulge in traditional flavours.

Photo: redzen2/Shutterstock.com
Address: Erzsébet körút 9-11
Opening hours: 9.00–0.00 daily
Phone: +36 1 886 6167
Internet: www.newyorkcafe.hu
Email: marta.toth@dahotels.com

Gerbeaud

Once the venue where the aristocracy would meet during the times of the dual monarchy, Gerbeaud will take you back to a time of sumptuous delicacies in luxurious surroundings, preserved to this day. Gerbeaud is also the name of the signature dessert, a flavourful cake layered with walnut and apricot jam and covered thickly with chocolate.

Photo: Jana Milin/Shutterstock.com
Address: Vörösmarty tér 7
Opening hours: 9.00–21.00 daily
Phone: +36 1 429 9000
Internet: www.gerbeaud.hu/en
Email: gerbeaud@gerbeaud.hu

Centrál Café

First opened in 1887, Central Café was one of the most important intellectual venues in the country, serving coffee to the most prominent scientists and writers of the time. Today, its mission is to evoke the atmosphere that prevailed at the turn of the century, by serving traditional Hungarian treats in a restored Art Nouveau galleryed interior.

Photo: Zeljko Matic/Shutterstock.com
Address: Károlyi u. 9
Opening hours: 8.00–0.00 daily
Phone: +36 1 266 2110
Internet: www.centralkavehaz.hu/en
Email: sales@centralkavehaz.hu

Ruszwurm

Ruszwurm on the Buda side is what Gerbeaud is for Pest. Still run by the well-known confectionery dynasty, the place has reserved its "fin de siècle" feel, finely adorned with red velvet curtains, marble tables, and beautiful Biedermeier furniture. The famous cream pastry and strudel (rétes) are always on demand here, to be washed down with coffee, hot chocolate or cocoa.

Photo: mazarekic/Shutterstock.com
Address: Szentháromság u. 7
Opening hours: 9.00–19.00 daily
Phone: +36 1 375 5284
Internet: www.ruszwurm.hu/en
Email: ruszwurm@ruszwurm.hu
Gerlóczy Café

Gerlóczy Café is a charming Paris-style café at the intersection of Gerlóczy and Vitkovics streets in the busy centre. Food is served from breakfast through lunch and afternoon tea, to special dinners like Fish Friday. In front of the café stands the statue of Károly Kammermayer, the first mayor of Budapest from 1873, when Buda, Pest and Óbuda were unified.

Photo: Song_about_summer/Shutterstock.com
Address: Gerlóczy u. 1
Opening hours: 8.00–23.00 daily
Phone: +36 1 501 4000
Internet: www.gerloczy.hu
Email: info@gerloczy.hu

Callas Café

The Callas Café is located next to the Opera House in a neo-Renaissance building, constructed in 1880. It changed hands several times in the early 20th century, and also served as the headquarter of a British bank between the wars. Today, it provides an elegant setting to enjoy Hungarian flavours with live salon music, or simply a drink before an opera performance.

Photo: Maglara/Shutterstock.com
Address: Andrássy út 20
Opening hours: 10.00–0.00 daily
Phone: +36 1 354 0954
Internet: www.callascafe.hu/en/home
Email: callascafe@gmail.com

Művész Kávéház

Művész (Hungarian for "artist") is one of those cafés where writers, philosophers and great minds would gather at the turn of the century. It serves a wide range of additive-free desserts that are a delight merely to the eye, and its outdoor seating makes for a prime people-watching spot in the busy shopping avenue.

Photo: FraiTori/Shutterstock.com
Address: Andrássy út 29
Opening hours: Mon to Sat: 8.00–21.00, Sun: 9.00–21.00
Phone: +36 70 333 2116
Internet: www.muveszkavehaz.hu
Email: info@muveszkavehaz.hu
More Info: +36 1 343 3544

Szamos Gourmet House

Szamos is noted among the most prominent confectionery dynasties in Hungary, specialised in the production of marzipan treats. Today they offer an extensive selection of confectionery at several locations in the country (including a chocolate museum), and their flagship store below also serves breakfast and light snacks throughout the day.

Photo: Alp Aksoy/Shutterstock.com
Address: Deák Ferenc u. 5
Opening hours: 10.00–21.00 daily
Phone: +36 30 570 5973
Internet: www.szamos.hu/uzletek/szamos-gourmet-haz
Email: vaci1.vanilia@szamos.hu
More Info: Chocolate Museum: tours are subject to pre-booking at www.csokolademuzeum.hu/szamos-muzeum.html
Auguszt Confectionery

A family-run confectionery business with deep-rooted traditions and devotion to serving desserts of varied flavour and exceptional quality. The first Auguszt opened in 1870; now they have three locations in town.

Photo: Anna Hoychuk/Shutterstock.com
Address: Kossuth L. u. 14-16, Sasadi út 190, Fény u. 8 (Buda)
Opening hours: Mon to Fri: 09.00–19.00, Sat: 11.00–18.00
Phone: +36 1 337 6379
Internet: www.auguszt.hu/en
Email: belvaros@auguszt.hu

Hadik Café

Once the gathering place of Hungary's most prominent writers, Hadik still enjoys a steady flow of visitors, choosing Buda's cosy flagship café for a creamy coffee, a light dinner, or a literary event—if poems scattered on the menu pages were not enough.

Photo: Silatip/Shutterstock.com
Address: Bartók Béla út 36
Opening hours: 12.00–1.00 daily
Phone: +36 1 279 0291
Internet: www.hadik.eu/home
Email: szatyor.hadik@gmail.com

Fekete

A quaint espresso bar with a small terrace in the heart of what is noted as the capital's oasis for second-hand books. Ham, quiche, and pancake breakfasts, and a quality coffee selection that ranks among the best in town.

Photo: barang/Shutterstock.com
Address: Múzeum körút 5
Opening hours: Mon to Fri: 8.00–19.00, Sat: 8.30–19.00, Sun: 9.00–17.00
Phone: +36 1 787 7503
Internet: www.feketekv.hu
Email: fekete@feketekv.hu

Artigiana Gelati

A tranquil walk in Buda's residential area will give you a completely different picture of the otherwise vibrant capital. This Italian artisanal ice cream shop is located conveniently next to Városmajor, Buda's green oasis, and has an ample selection of fine ice cream flavours, arguably among the best in town. The Sacher torte flavour will surely make you come back for more!

Photo: Beautiful landscape/Shutterstock.com
Address: Csaba u. 8
Opening hours: Mon: closed, Tue to Sun: 11.00–19.30, Fri: 11.00–19.00
Café Frei is a popular franchise founded by traveller-journalist Tamás Frei, featuring over 70 coffee specialties from five continents, bringing you genuine flavours from as far as Brazil and the Himalayas. With several locations in town, usually directly linked to a book shop of the Hungarian chain Libri.

Photo: Natalia Klenova/Shutterstock.com
Address: Váci u. 74
Opening hours: varies by location
Phone: +36 30 241 7644
Internet: www.cafefrei.com
Email: info@cafefrei.hu

Café Frei

A small friendly café near the Opera House, welcoming visitors with cakes and paninis, cosy, cushioned seats, cat-themed art and souvenirs, and most importantly, 15 permanent feline residents to keep you purrfect company.

Photo: Quietword/Shutterstock.com
Address: Révay u. 3
Opening hours: 10.00–21.00 daily
Phone: +36 20 617 3301
Internet: www.catcafebudapest.hu
Email: info@catcafebudapest.hu

Cat Café

A traditional milk bar chain serving sandwiches and pastries, and a large variety of hot beverages, made with their popular own brand dairy products. With four locations in town, to make sure you won't miss locals' favourite breakfast spot.

Photo: bogdanhoda/Shutterstock.com
Address: Sütő u. 2, Corvin kóz, Allee Shopping Centre, and MOM Sport Centre
Opening hours: Mon to Fri: 7.30–21.00, Sat and Sun: 9.00–20.00, check location
Internet: www.cserpestejivo.hu/why-the-name-tejivo.php
Email: info@cserpestejivo.hu

Cserpes Tejívó

Ruin pubs in Budapest are having their heyday, as old abandoned buildings are given a second chance by being creatively transformed into quirky eclectic bars, having earned the city the nickname Party Capital of Europe.

Head to Deák Ferenc tér or get off the tram anywhere along the Grand Boulevard, and take to the streets of the fifth and seventh districts, the city's most vibrant neighbourhoods where parties and shots of pálinka never seem to come to an end.

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BARS & NIGHTLIFE

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Szimpla Kert
Get a taste of Budapest’s famous eclectic ruin pubs at the city’s number-one venue of this kind: Szimpla has become a flagship bar in the city, with two floors furnished with mismatched second hand items, serving not only as a watering hole of young internationals, but also a hangout place with events and markets where you are welcome to bring your family as well.
Photo: Oliver Huitson/Shutterstock.com
Address: Kazinczy u. 14
Opening hours: 12.00–4.00 daily
Phone: +36 20 261 8669
Internet: www.szimpla.eu

G ozdu Courtyard
Arguably Budapest’s busiest pedestrian street, Gozsdu is filled with trendy bars, eateries and nightclubs, welcoming visitors from the afternoon until late in the night. The stylish decors and murals are worth even a simple stroll through this covered courtyard, which turns into a flea market every weekend.
Photo: sibiranna/Shutterstock.com
Address: Király u. 13
Internet: www.gozsduudvar.hu/gozsdu
Email: info@gozsduudvar.hu
More Info: beware of pickpockets as it can get very crowded

F ogas Ház
With 7 dance floors and 15 bars including an open garden, recently renovated Fogas is an unmissable party haven of the nightlife district, hosting various music events and throwing some of the longest parties in town—and equipped with a map of the venue, in the likely case you get lost inside.
Photo: v.gi/Shutterstock.com
Address: Akácfa u. 49-51
Opening hours: 16.00–6.00 daily
Phone: +36 70 638 5040
Internet: www.fogashaz.hu
Email: info@fogashaz.hu

Kisüzem
If Szimpla Kert is too international for you, head to Kisüzem: this small but busy pub gets filled with locals every day of the week, enjoying the moderately priced, vast drink selection and relaxed atmosphere in Budapest’s crazy party neighbourhood. One of the bartenders is artist Győző Horváth, who occasionally likes to take secret shots of his customers.
Photo: Yurii Zymovin/Shutterstock.com
Address: Kis Diófa u. 2
Opening hours: Sun to Wed: 12.00–2.00, Thu to Sat: 12.00–3.00
Phone: +36 1 781 6705
Ellátó Kert

Ellátó kert is another laid-back watering hole with a vast and affordable drink selection, pub grub, in-door foosball, and an outdoor area always buzzing with locals in the summer months.

Photo: veophoto/Shutterstock.com
Address: Kazinczy u. 48
Opening hours: 17.00–4.00 daily
Phone: +36 20 527 3018
Email: ellatokert@gmail.com

PONTOON

Located at the foot of the symbolic bridge Lánchíd, PONTOON is probably the most scenic outdoor bar in the city, a perfect place for a drink to end a romantic stroll along the Danube river. Grab a chair, listen to the live music, and admire the sparkling night lights of Buda.

Photo: Thanantorn Kainet/Shutterstock.com
Address: Antall József rakpart 10
Opening hours: 12.00–4.00 daily
Phone: +36 30 652 2732
Internet: www.pontoonbudapest.com
Email: info@pontoonbudapest.com

Morrison’s 2

A multi-storey building with multiple dance rooms featuring karaoke and all genres of music from techno to the ‘80s, Morrison’s 2 is one of the most renowned nightclubs of Budapest, popular with locals and visitors alike. Drink offers are available regularly.

Photo: charles taylor/Shutterstock.com
Address: Szent István körút 11
Opening hours: 17.00–6.00 daily
Phone: +36 1 374 3329
Internet: www.morrisons2.hu/en

A38

A38 is a floating venue for night-long entertainment, unmissable near Petőfi bridge on the Buda side. A party boat equipped with several bars, a restaurant, a concert hall that hosts hip artists several days a week and throws some of the most popular dance parties in the capital, A38 has something for everyone.

Photo: hbernard/Shutterstock.com
Address: Petőfi hid budai hídő
Opening hours: 11.00–23.00 daily
Phone: +36 1 464 3940
Internet: www.a38.hu/en
Email: etterem@a38.hu

Macska

Macska is a small bar with a warm and eclectic interior, offering a unique beer selection and great vegetarian food, to be had on a cozy gallery stuffed with pillows and beanbags.

Photo: Supermop/Shutterstock.com
Address: Bérkocsis u. 23
Opening hours: Mon to Wed: 16.00–0.00, Thu: 16.00–1.00, Fri: 16.00–2.00, Sat and Sun: closed
Phone: +36 1 786 8370
**Grandio Bar**

Housed in one of Budapest’s most popular party hostels serving booze around the clock, Grandio Bar is a place where you can hang out with other visitors and have some pre-drinks for an extended pub crawl in the party neighbourhood.

Photo: DisobeyArt/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Nagy Diófa u. 8  
Opening hours: 11.00–3.00 daily  
Phone: +36 20 497 1558  
Internet: www.grandio.insta-hostel.com  
Email: info@grandiopartyhostel.com

**Spoon**

Spoon is a good choice if you want to enjoy a long drink with splendid views across the Danube. It is a large ship anchored by the Pest quay, with a café, buzzing bar, and an upscale restaurant with a finely elaborated menu.

Photo: Artur Bogacki/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Vigadó tér 3  
Opening hours: 12.00–0.00 daily  
Phone: +36 1 411 0933  
Internet: www.spoon.restaurant/home  
Email: spoon@spoon.restaurant

**4es 6os**

You'll probably not leave Budapest without hopping on the trams 4 and 6 several times as you make your way through the Grand Boulevard of the city. This popular and affordable chain has several easily recognisable venues along what is also the busiest tram line in the world. Sport broadcasts, table football, and a vibrating atmosphere every day of the week.

Photo: Fesus Robert/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Erzsébet krt. 28  
Phone: +36 20 200 1000  
Internet: www.legjobbkocsma.hu  
More Info: booking a table is recommended

**SHOPPING**

Upscale shopping streets, unique antique shops, and a vast selection of western brands at convenient eastern European prices have made Budapest a popular shopping destination. The city is also abundant in world-famous treasures of Hungarian origin, as porcelain manufacturers Herend and Zsolnay both have a factory shop here.

**Váci Street**

Budapest’s primary, 1.2-km long pedestrian street dotted with worldwide-known international brands, tiny souvenir shops selling everything from crafts to wine, and elegant restaurants and bars serving high-quality Hungarian and international food.
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**Great Market Hall**
This impressive neo-Gothic building was built in 1894 to replace the expansive outdoor markets at the location. The largest market hall in Budapest is a buzzing scene of everyday life in the city, with several floors to explore: the basement area houses several fish stalls and a supermarket, the ground floor is the main area mainly occupied by grocers, and the upper floor is home to souvenir stands and street food stalls; make sure you try lángos, a deep-fried dough, traditionally topped with cheese and sour cream.

**Fashion Street**
The concept behind this downtown street is to provide a classy atmosphere for shopping and leisure time with friends. Its charming surroundings and central location have attracted many famous and high quality brands of footwear, apparel, accessories, beauty products, and restaurants. You can find these all in one place, surrounded by elegant bars and the Danube just a couple of minutes away.

**Andrássy Avenue**
A spectacular, tree-lined avenue connecting the city centre (Erzsébet Square) with the Heroes' Square. It was built for the millenial celebrations of 1896, and is known for the metro line that runs alongside, noted as the first continental underground line in Europe. The avenue is home to the imposing buildings of the Opera and the House of Terror as well as several embassies, and is dotted with trendy bars and elegant shops of a wide range of luxury products, from watches to porcelain.

**Bálna**
Opened in 2013, Bálna is Budapest's contemporary answer to the adjacent Great Market Hall: it is a modern glass building resembling a whale in shape (hence the name), filled with shops, a contemporary art gallery, and several chic bars with splendid views on the riverside.
Retrock

A trendy, spacious vintage shop with carefully selected men’s, women’s wear, and accessories. Their collection includes second-hand items as well as the fresh works of talented designers from all over the world, from the far East and West to Hungary.

Photo: Bobbeh/Shutterstock.com
Address: Anker köz 2-4
Opening hours: Mon to Sat: 11.00–21.00, Sun: 11.00–20.00
Phone: +36 30 472 3636
Internet: www.retrock.com
Email: info@retrock.com

WestEnd

Budapest’s largest, multi-storey shopping mall spreading across 50,000 square meters, featuring a wide range of international stores from the moderately priced to the luxurious, as well as eateries, services, a cinema, and further extras such as a spectacular in-door fountain.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com
Address: Váci u. 1-3
Opening hours: Mon to Sat: 10.00–20.00, Sun: 10.00–18.00
Phone: +36 1 238 7777
Internet: www.westend.hu
Email: info@westend.com

Downtown Market in Hold Street

A two-floor food market (piac in Hungarian) a stone's throw from the Parliament, whose origins date back to 1891. Market vendors sell fresh fruit, vegetables, and local products such as grey cattle and mangalica pork, while its eateries deliver some of the best flavours of Hungarian cuisine. The latter are often led by renowned chefs such as Tamás Széll, who is the winner of the European Championship of Bocuse d'Or in 2016.

Photo: Tsuguliev/Shutterstock.com
Address: Hold u. 13
Opening hours: Mon: 6.30–17.00, Tue to Fri: 6.30–18.00, Sat: 6.30–14.00, Sun: closed.
Phone: +36 1 353 1110
Internet: www.belvarospiac.hu/en
Email: info@belvar.hu
More Info: +36 1 473 1526

Ecseri Flea Market

No visit to Budapest is complete without some hunt for the treasures of bygone times. Although you'll easily find an antique shop in any district of the city centre, the Ecseri piac is well worth a short day trip, for it is noted among the biggest flea markets in the country, with its name being synonymous with flea markets among Hungarians.

Photo: Elena Dijour/Shutterstock.com
Address: Nagykőrösi út 156
Phone: +36 1 348 3200
Email: ecseri@t-online.hu
Thanks to the geological features of the Carpathian Basin, Hungary is extremely rich in thermal springs, and the area of Budapest is no exception: the capital stretches across over 100 springs, many of them accessible to the public in beautiful historical buildings, abundant in the City of Baths.

**The Széchenyi Baths**

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**Lukács Baths**

The Szent Lukács Baths are an imposing building on the riverbank just north of the yellow Margaret Bridge. Once a favoured bathing place of Turkish pasha Mustafa, it is still an immensely popular venue offering five pools, several smaller Kneipp pools, plunge pools, saunas, a salt cave, and some of the most famous spa parties (sparties) in town.

**Rudas Thermal Baths**

Located by the foot of the scenic Gellért Hill, Rudas is another symbolic bath of Budapest, built in the 16th century under the Ottoman occupation. It features a dim central dome and octagonal baths, surrounded by four pools, each with a different temperature. Plan your visit in advance as there are selected days for male and female visitors.

**Dandár Baths**

In Ferencváros, district IX of Budapest, near Müpa and the National Theater, there is a small bath that is lesser-known to the general visitor.
Dandár bathhouse is housed in a nice art deco building, and has several thermal facilities as well as a sauna section. The architectural plan was prepared by Ferenc K. Császár. The bath was commissioned in 1930, and later transformed in 1936. Originally, the bath operated as a sanitary bath, but it has been operating as a thermal bath since 1978.

Address: Dandár u. 3
Opening hours: Monday-Friday: 6.00 am-8.00 pm, Saturday-Sunday: 8.00 am-8.00 pm
Phone: +36 1 215 7084
Internet: www.en.dandarfurdo.hu
Email: dandar@spabudapest.hu

**Király Thermal Bath**
Arslan, the Turkish Pasha of Buda, began constructing this bath in 1565 and it was completed shortly afterwards by his heir Sokoli Mustafa. The Király Medicinal Bath has never had a direct source of thermal water – it was built far from the springs to ensure the Turks had somewhere to bathe within the city walls in times of siege. The water is supplied by pipes from near today's Lukács Bath.

Király Thermal Bath has four pools with hot spring water with calcium, magnesium, hydrogen-carbonate and sulphate, also containing sodium and with a substantial content of fluoride ions. Steam baths, sauna, underwater water jet massage and many other services are also available.

Address: Fő utca 84
Opening hours: Mon to Sun: 9.00–21.00
Phone: +36 1 202 3688
Internet: www.en.kiralyfurdo.hu
Email: kiraly@spabudapest.hu

**Csillaghegyi Baths**
The open-air bath Csillaghegy is the oldest bath in the capital. It was opened as early as the second half of the 19th century, and has been operating in its present form since 2000. It is open even in winter, under a canvas tent roof.

The open-air bath is built into the hillside in a terraced manner; the swimming and beach pools can be found on the first level, while the children's pool and the sun-bathing area are located uphill. The site has been converted into a park of over 90,000 square metres. In 2000, the leisure pool and the children's pool were equipped with up-to-date water-filtering and circulation systems.

Address: Pusztakúti út 2-6
Opening hours: 7.00-19.00 daily
Phone: +36 1 250 1533
Paskál Beach
This is the youngest open-air bath of Budapest. The establishment of an open-air bath at this site was made available by the well-borings in 1965, to a depth of 1,735 m, from which water of a temperature of 70°C and with a yield of 1,000 litre/min spouted up at that time.

The bath itself was built in 1989. The up-to-date pools, equipped with water filtering and revolving devices, located in cultured surroundings converted into a park offer high-level opportunities for recreation.

Address: Egressy út 178/F
Opening hours: 9.00–20.00 daily
Phone: +36 1 252 6944
Internet: www.en.paskalstrand.hu
Email: paskal@spabudapest.hu

Pünkösdfürdői Beach
The open-air bath was established in 1935 on the bank of the Danube river, by the plans of Alfred Hajós. The three pools situated among rose bowers ensure bathing, tanning and pleasant recreation facilities for all age groups. Its green area covered by spreading trees provides leisure and refreshment for its guests.

Address: Királyok ú. 272
Opening hours: 9.00–21.00 daily
Phone: +36 1 388 6665
Internet: www.en.punkosdfurdo.hu
Email: punkosdfurdo@spabudapest.hu

Gellért Thermal Baths
The Gellért Thermal Baths are housed just behind the imposing Art Nouveau Gellért Hotel near the Liberty Bridge in Budapest. There are a range of pools of different temperatures, both inside and out, including the iconic sliding-roofed main pool, the external wave pool, as well as several sauna and steam rooms.

Photo: aerocaminua/Shutterstock.com
Address: Szent Gellért tér 1
Opening hours: 6.00–20.00 daily
Phone: +36 1 466 6166
Internet: www.gellertbath.hu

Római Beach
The area has been a well-known water supplying site since the Roman ages. The district around the springs was honoured as a holy site and archaeologists have even found the base walls of the sanctuary in its territory.

In 2000, three pools of the open-air bath were modernised: the pools were equipped with filtering water whirling devices. The open-air pool was transformed into a fancy pool with chute, neck shower and effervescing facility, and the children’s basin now truly a playground paradise.

Address: Rozgonyi Piroska u. 2
Opening hours: 9.00–20.00 daily
Phone: +36 1 388 9740
Internet: www.en.romaistrand.hu
Email: romai@spabudapest.hu

Aquaworld
One of the biggest indoor water theme parks in Europe offers unforgettable entertainment to visitors of every age throughout the year. In the indoor adventure pool, 11 slides of a total length
of almost 1 km guarantee adventure and entertainment throughout the year.

Address: Íves út 16
Opening hours: 7.00–22.00 daily
Phone: +36 1 231 3600
Internet: www.aquaworldresort.hu
Email: reservation@aquaworldresort.hu

**Veli bej Bath**
The history of the Veli bej Bath goes back to the Ottoman times. The building was reopened for the public in 2012. The bath provides five various Turkish pools, saunas, steam-cell, hidroxeur and tangentor bath, Kneipp-basin, pool and wellness facilities.

Address: Árpád fejedelem ú. 7
Opening hours: 06.00–12.00, 15.00–21.00
Phone: +36 1 438 8641
Internet: www.facebook.com/pages/Irgalmasok-Veli-Bej-F%C3%B3rd%C5%91je/177646718953777?sk=wall
Email: velibejfurdo@velibejfurdo.hu

**Corinthia Hotel Royal Spa**
With its classical interiors preserved, the Royal Spa has been recently redesigned to provide over 1,000 square metres of wellness, tranquillity, and vitality. This unique spa offers a wide range of facilities, including a 15-metre swimming pool, several relaxation areas, saunas, steam bath, jacuzzis, a fitness room, and six treatment rooms.

Address: Erzsébet körút 43-49
Opening hours: 6.30–22.00 daily
Phone: +36 1 479 4650
Internet: www.corinthia.com/hotels/budapest/spa-and-wellbeing/royal-spa
Email: royalspa@corinthia.com

**Mandala Day Spa**
As the first day spa of Hungary, Mandala Day Spa was opened in 2003 in the heart of Budapest, and represents the oasis of tranquillity for spa enthusiasts. They provide more than 50 types of body treatments, massages, Turkish hammam, couple rituals, and beauty services in a unique and luxury environment.

Address: 1Ipoly u. 8
Opening hours: 10.00–20.00 daily
Phone: +36 1 491 0078
Internet: www.en.mandaladayspa.hu
Email: reservation@mandaladayspa.hu

**Magnolia Day Spa**
"The Magnolia is a wondrous flower with beautiful blossoms and a powerful citrus fragrance. One of the most ancient of all plants, it is a symbol of eternity and permanence that transcends times of trouble and can enchant you over and over again. At magnolia spa our purpose is just the same. Every time you enter the spa we ensure that your experience will leave you reinvigorated and better able to cope with the pressures and frustrations of daily life. Immerse yourself into the world of Magnolia Day Spa and experience the ultimate in relaxation."

Address: Zoltán u. 3
Opening hours: Mon to Sun: 9.00–21.00
Phone: +36 1 269 0610
Internet: www.magnoliadayspa.hu/english
Email: info@magnoliadayspa.hu

**Masculin Gentlemen’s Salon & Day Spa**
"Pour Homme", so goes the slogan of the salon, situated in Újlipótváros in downtown Budapest. Masculin is a gentlemen’s spa, and a lot more. The interiors were designed with a refined taste, and ensure a cosy and relaxed atmosphere.

Address: Pozsonyi út 12
Opening hours: Tue to Fri: 10.00–20.00, Sat: 12.00–18.00, Sun to Mon: closed
Phone: +36 1 786 4642
Internet: www.masculin.hu
Email: masculin@masculin.hu
**TOURIST INFORMATION**

**Best Time to Visit**

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Hungary has a mild continental climate with considerable differences in temperature between the summer and winter seasons. The warmest months are June to August with averages above 25°C, while they tend to drop below zero around December and January. Rainfall is to be expected all year round, but especially in May, June, and in the autumn season from September to November.

There is a plethora of activities to do in and around Budapest all year round. The Christmas market in Vörösmarty square is noted among the most beautiful in Europe, while the Sziget Fesztivál held every August features a lineup that attracts visitors from all over the world year by year.

**Passport / Visa**

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Hungary can be visited visa-free for up to 90 days by citizens of most European countries, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Malaysia, Israel, UAE and most countries in America. If you are unsure whether or not you need to apply for a visa, we recommend that you contact the embassy or consulate in your country. International (non-Schengen) travelers need a passport that is valid for at least 3 months after the end of their intended trip in order to enter the Schengen zone. Citizens of Schengen countries can travel without a passport, but must have a valid ID with them during their stay.

**Budapest Ferenc Liszt International Airport**

Budapest Ferenc Liszt International Airport (BUD) lies 16 km southeast of the city, and there are various means of transport linking it with the city centre. You can either take Metro 3 towards Kőbánya-Kispest and change to bus 200E using your standard pass or ticket, or take the direct bus 100E right from the city centre, in which case a special fare applies.

**Address:** 1185 Budapest
**Phone:** +36 1 296 9696
**Internet:** www.bud.hu/en

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Public Transport

Public transportation in Budapest is provided by BKK. Tickets and passes can be purchased from purple ticket machines near the stops, or on board at an elevated price. A single ticket is only valid for a single journey excluding any changes (except within the same metro station), so it is worth buying a pass valid for a selected number of days.

Budapest has a very well-connected public transportation system, but apart from a few sights, it is easy to explore on foot. The four metro lines as well as trams 2, 4, and 6 can be used to the major sights of the city.

Budapest is served by four railway stations for regional transport: Keleti, Déli, Nyugati, and Kelenföld, whereas the national bus terminal is found at Népliget.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair
Address: BKK Centre: Rumbach Sebestyén u. 19-21., Széll Kálmán tér (metro 2)
Phone: +36 1 3 255 255
Internet: www.bkk.hu
Email: bkk@bkk.hu

Taxi

Contact any of the operators below:
Budapest Taxi +36 1 777 7777 rendeles@budapesttaxi.hu
www.budapesttaxi.hu

Taxi
www.fotaxi.hu/?lang=en
+36 1 222 2222

6x6 Taxi
+36 1 6 666 6666
www.new.6x6taxi.hu

Photo: Taxi

Postal services in Hungary are provided by Magyar Posta Zrt., and post offices in Budapest are open from 7.00 or 8.00 until around 19.00. Nyugati railway station has extended opening hours until 20.00, among a few others.

Photo: Andy Fuchs
Address: Teréz körút 51
Phone: +36 1 767 8282
Internet: www.posta.hu/international
Email: ugyfelszolgalat@posta.hu

Telephone

Country code: +36 Area code: 1

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Electricity

230 volts, 50 Hz Type F plug

Photo: Stirling Tschan
Pharmacy

Several pharmacies have 24-hour service numbers you can phone at any time. Mária Gyógyszertár 1139, Béke tér 11 +36 1 320 8006 Royal

Gyógyszertár
1073, Erzsébet krt. 58
+36 1 235 0137

Uránia Gyógyszertár
1088, Rákóczi út 23
+36 1 338 4036

Széna-tér Patika-Fitotéka-Homeopátia
1015, Széna tér 1
+36 1 225 7830

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Population
1.7 million

Currency
Hungarian Forint, HUF (Ft)

Opening hours
Business hours are usually from 8.00 until 17.00. Certain offices might have shortened opening hours on Fridays. Major shopping malls and selected shops are open until around 20.00 including weekends.

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Magyar Nemzet

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Police: 107

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Aladar u B4 Danko u G4 Henszlmann I u D4 E3
Alagut u B3 Deak Ferenc ter D3 Hernad u G1 G2
Alfeldi u G3 Deak Ferenc u D3 Hold u D1 D2
Alkotás u A2 A3 Dembinszky u G1 Hollo u E2
Alkotmany u D1 Derek u B3 B4 Honved u D1
Almassy u F2 Déri Miksa u F3 Horváthszky u E3 E4
Also B4 Dezső u B3 Hunfalvy u B1
Alsohegy u E3 F3 Bernsteini ut E4 F6 G6
Andrassy ut D2 E1 E2 F1 Dob u E2 E3 F3 Húngyérd ut A2 B2
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