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From its majestic bridges spanning the Danube River to its grandiose castles to its historical thermal baths, Budapest captivates visitors with its rich heritage and vibrant energy. Regarded as the 'Pearl of the Danube', this enchanting city seamlessly blends its medieval past with modern flair, offering a myriad of attractions, including UNESCO World Heritage sites, a thriving culinary scene, and a pulsating nightlife.

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Situated along the banks of the Danube River, Budapest’s origins trace back to the merging of two historic towns: Buda, which sits on the hilly west bank of the Danube, and Pest, located on the flat east bank.

The history of Budapest is marked by a series of invasions, occupations, and revolutions. From Roman settlements to Ottoman rule and Habsburg dominance, Budapest has seen its share of conquests and conflicts.

The city reached its peak during the 19th century when it emerged as a vibrant cultural hub of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, witnessing the construction of iconic landmarks like the Hungarian Parliament Building, Buda Castle, and the Chain Bridge.

However, the 20th century brought turmoil to Budapest with World Wars, communist rule, and the 1956 uprising against Soviet control. The fall of communism in 1989 marked a turning point, ushering in an era of democratic governance, economic reform, and cultural revival.

Today, Budapest stands as a testament to resilience and renewal, blending its rich past with modern innovation. Visitors flock to the city to explore its magnificent architecture, relax in its thermal baths, and savour its vibrant culinary scene. With its bustling markets, lively festivals, and thriving arts scene, Budapest continues to captivate travellers from around the world.

DO & SEE

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Budapest offers plenty of entertainment all year round: from green parks and soothing thermal baths to architectural gems and fascinating museums.

Széchenyi Chain Bridge

Spanning the majestic Danube River, the Széchenyi Chain Bridge stands as an iconic symbol of the city's grandeur and architectural prowess. Completed in 1849, it was the first permanent bridge to connect the Buda and Pest sides of the city. Designed by English engineer William Tierney Clark and later modified by Scottish engineer Adam Clark, the bridge's chain-link structure and ornate stone lions guarding its entrances evoke a sense of timeless elegance and pride. 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.

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Address: Budapest, Széchenyi Lánchíd

Hungarian Parliament Building

The Parliament is arguably the most prominent landmark of Hungary, also noted as the third largest parliament building in the world. It was designed in the Gothic revival style by architect Imre Steindl. It is 96 metres tall, which refers to the year 1896 when extensive constructions were carried out to celebrate the country's millennium.

Photo: Dziewul/Shutterstock
Address: Országház, Budapest, Kossuth Lajos tér 1-3
Public Transport: Kossuth Lajos tér / Metro Line M2, Tram Line M2
Opening hours: Mon–Fri 8am–6pm, Sat & Sun 8am–4pm
Phone: +36 1 441 4000
Internet: www.parlament.hu/web/visitors

Castle District

The charming district of the Buda Castle entails the prominent Fisherman's Bastion, Matthias Church, several museums, as well as some residential homes. You'll find the National Gallery here, along with 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 stroll under the blossoming trees of Tóth Árpád sétány, 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: Budai Várnegyed, Budapest, Országház utca

Danube River Sightseeing Night Cruise

Marvel at Budapest's UNESCO-listed panorama on this lovely Danube River evening cruise. See the city's floodlit landmarks, such as the Hungarian Parliament and the Buda Castle district, and sail under the illuminated Chain Bridge as well as other bridges.

Photo: Dan Freeman/Unsplash

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.

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Address: Szent István-bazilika, Budapest, Szent István tér 1
Internet: www.bazilika.biz/en

Heroes' Square

Situated at the end of Andrássy Avenue, Heroes' Square is one of Budapest's most iconic landmarks. Dominated by the Millennium Monument, it pays homage to Hungary's history and leaders. It is flanked by the Museum of Fine Arts and the Palace of Art, and if you continue your way past the wall of sculptures, you'll reach

City Park with Vajdahunyad Castle.

Photo: Slavko Sereda/Shutterstock.com
Address: Budapest, Hősök tere

Dohány Street Synagogue (The Great Synagogue)

The distinct symbol of the Jewish quarter in Budapest, the Great Synagogue is also noted as the largest synagogue in Europe, seating up to 3,000 people. The visit entails a guided tour with a walk in the building and its surrounding garden, where you will 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 Holocaust Memorial Centre further away on Páva Street.

Photo: Zoltan Kakuszi/Shutterstock.com
Address: Budapest, Dohány utca 2
Phone: +36 1 413 1515
Internet: www.dohany-zsinagoga.hu
More Info: Holocaust Memorial Centre (Páva street): https://hdke.hu/en

Shoes on the Danube Bank

Conceived by film director Can Togay, Shoes on the Danube Bank is an ironwork memorial erected in 2005 consisting of sixty pairs of shoes, which pays tribute to 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 the Holocaust.

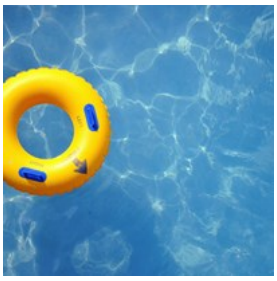
Photo: Nadiia Tkachuk/Shutterstock.com
Address: Cipők a Duna-parton, Budapest, Idősebb Antall József rakpart

Hungarian State Opera

The Hungarian State Opera is a neo-Renaissance masterpiece, boasting the third-best acoustics in Europe after the Scala in Milan and the Opera Garnier in Paris. It was designed in 1884 by Miklós Ybl, who also planned St Stephen’s Basilica. Lavish inside and out with a gorgeous fresco by Károly Lotz gleaming in a vast bronze chandelier in the Main Hall, the Opera is home to the Hungarian National Ballet founded the same year.

Photo: Hungarian Tourism Agency
Address: Magyar Állami Operaház, Budapest, Andrássy útja 22
Internet: www.opera.hu/en

Aquaworld Aquapark



One of the biggest indoor water theme parks in Europe offers unforgettable entertainment to visitors of every age throughout the year.

Photo: StacieStauffSmith Photos/Shutterstock
Address: Budapest, Íves útja
Opening hours: Daily 7am–8:30pm
Phone: +36 1 231 3760
Internet: www.aquaworldresort.hu
Email: reservation@aquaworldresort.hu

Margaret Island (Margitsziget)

The 2.5-km-long Margaret Island between Buda and Pest makes for a perfect lazy day outside the bustling city centre. The island is home to a small zoo, an art nouveau water tower, medieval ruins, and a beloved musical fountain. It also offers an array of outdoor activities with jogging tracks, thermal spas, and swimming pools. During the summer, Margaret Island comes alive with bars, restaurants, and live music.

Photo: Elif Guven/Shutterstock.com
Address: Margitsziget
More Info: Fountain show from April until October

City Park (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, as well as a pond that turns into a popular ice rink in the winter season.

Photo: GTS Productions/Shutterstock.com
Address: Városliget, Budapest, Kós Károly sétány

Museum of Fine Arts

Built in an eclectic-neoclassical style, between 1900 and 1906, the Museum of Fine Arts houses a vast collection spanning from prehistory to the present day. Highlights include an impressive Egyptian collection, Renaissance frescoes, and an array of 19th-century paintings.

Photo: Hungarian Tourism Agency
Address: Szépművészeti Múzeum, Budapest, Dózsa György útja 41
Opening hours: Tue–Sun 10am–6pm, Mon closed
Phone: +36 1 469 7100
Internet: www.mfab.hu
Email: info@mfab.hu

Palace of Arts (Müpa Budapest)

Known locally by its acronym Müpa, the Palace of Arts (Művészetek Palotája) is a striking complex by the Danube created for the new millennium. It consists of the Bartók National Concert Hall, the Festival Theatre and the Ludwig Museum. The Bartók National Concert Hall is known for its outstanding acoustics created by Russell Johnson, who worked with some of the world’s most renowned architects. This is also the home of the prestigious Hungarian National Philharmonic, founded in 1923. The Ludwig Museum's exhibition space displays artwork by modern and contemporary artists, and it is open all year round.

Photo: Hungarian Tourism Agency
Address: Müpa Budapest, Budapest, Komor Marcell utca 1
Phone: +36 1 555 3000
Internet: www.mupa.hu
Email: info@mupa.hu

Citadella

A fortress built under the Austrian empire and used also by fascist and communist forces, Citadella 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: Budapest, Citadella sétány 1

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 the present borders of the country.

Photo: Arsenie Krasnevsky/Shutterstock.com
Address: Magyar Nemzeti Múzeum, Budapest, Múzeum körút 14-16
Phone: +36 1 338 2122
Internet: https://mnm.hu/en
Email: info@mnm.hu

House of Terror

Located in what once was the headquarters 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. It is also a memorial to the victims of these regimes, including those detained, interrogated, tortured, or killed in the building.

Photo: sgar80/Shutterstock.com
Address: Terror Háza Múzeum, Budapest, Andrássy útja 60
Opening hours: Tue–Sun 10am–6pm, Mon closed
Phone: +36 1 374 2600
Internet: www.terrorhaza.hu
Email: muzeum@terrorhaza.hu

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.

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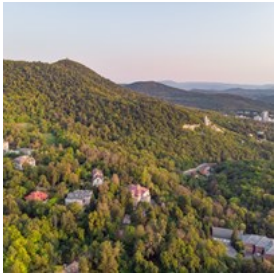
Address: Between Jászai Mari tér & Közvágóhíd

Elizabeth Lookout Tower



Only 20 minutes by bus, and you will 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. From the top of the lookout tower, you will be rewarded with breathtaking views that at clear times even encompass the peak of the High Tatras.

Photo: Brendan Riley/Shutterstock.com
Address: Erzsébet-kilátó, János-hegy
Opening hours: Daily 8am–8pm

Memento 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: Szoborpark, Budapest, Balatoni útja – Szabadkai utca sarok
Opening hours: Daily 10am–5pm
Phone: +36 30 500 0925
Internet: www.mementopark.hu/en/home
Email: info@mementopark.hu

SPAS & THERMAL BATHS

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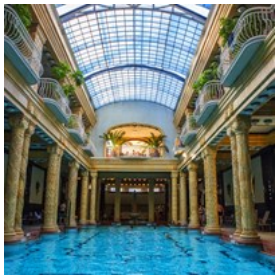
Thanks to the geological features of the Carpathian Basin, Hungary is extremely rich in thermal springs, and the area of Budapest is no exception: the capital stretches across over 100 springs, many of them accessible to the public in beautiful historical buildings.

Széchenyi Thermal Bath

The Széchenyi Baths, constructed in 1913 in neo-Baroque style, is one of Europe's finest and most extensive spa complexes, boasting 15 indoor baths, three expansive outdoor pools, saunas, steam rooms, and a variety of year-round events. As the largest medicinal bath in Europe, the Széchenyi Medicinal Bath draws visitors with its therapeutic waters sourced from two thermal springs, each reaching temperatures of 74°C and 77°C respectively.

Photo: momente/Shutterstock.com
Address: Budapest, Állatkerti körút 9-11
Opening hours: Mon–Thu 7am–8pm, Fri–Sun 8am–8pm
Phone: +36 1 363 3210
Internet: www.szechenyibath.hu

Gellért Thermal Bath



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: Ungvari Attila/Shutterstock
Address: Budapest, Kelenhegyi útja 4
Opening hours: Daily 9am–7pm
Phone: +36 1 466 6166
Internet: www.gellertfurdo.hu

Rudas Thermal Bath

Located by the foot of the scenic Gellért Hill, Rudas is another symbolic bath of Budapest. Built in the 16th century under Ottoman occupation, it features a dim central dome and octagonal baths, surrounded by four pools, each with a different temperature.

Photo: Pelle Zoltan/Shutterstock.com
Address: Budapest, Döbrentei tér 9
Opening hours: Sun–Thu 6am–8pm; Fri & Sat 6am–8pm / 10pm–3am
Phone: +36 20 321 4568
Internet: https://en.rudasfurdo.hu

Palatinus Strand Baths

This open-air bath in the nature conservation area of Margaret Island was opened as a beach in 1919. With the construction of the large pool, it was transformed into an open-air bath in 1921. Owing to its high popularity it had to be expanded, therefore an architectural project tender was launched in 1937, as a result of which the plans composed by István Janáky were accepted.

It was modernised in 2002, by adding water filtering and revolving devices. The swimming pool was shaped into three sections: swimming pool, fancy pool and beach pool. Of these, the fancy pool is expecting visitors with neck shower, effervescence generator, and whirling corridor.

Photo: Ungvari Attila/Shutterstock
Address: Budapest, Soó Rezső sétány 1
Opening hours: Daily 9am–7pm
Phone: +36 1 340 4500
Internet: https://en.palatinusstrand.hu

Veli Bej Bath

The history of the Veli Bej Bath goes back to Ottoman times, and after a recent restoration, it was reopened for the public. The bath provides five various Turkish pools, saunas, steam-cell, hidroxeur and tangentor bath, Kneipp-basin, pool and wellness facilities.

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Address: Budapest, Árpád fejedelem útja 7
Phone: +36 1 438 8587

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.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com
Address: Budapest, Frankel Leó útja 25-29
Opening hours: Daily 7am–7pm
Phone: +36 1 326 1695
Internet: https://en.lukacsfurdo.hu

Dandár Thermal Bath

In Ferencváros, district IX of Budapest, near Müpa and the National Theater, there is a small thermal bath that is lesser known to the general visitor. Dandár bathhouse is housed in a nice art deco building and has five pools as well as a small sauna section.

Photo: goodluz/Shutterstock
Address: Budapest, Dandár utca 7
Opening hours: Daily 9am–7pm
Phone: +36 1 215 7084
Internet: https://en.dandarfurdo.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, featuring spa services, pools and saunas. It is open even in winter, under a canvas tent roof.

Photo: Kzenon/Shutterstock
Address: Budapest, Pusztakúti útja 2-6
Opening hours: Daily 6am–8pm
Phone: +36 1 242 0754
Internet: https://en.csillaghegyifurdo.hu

Paskál Spa & Swimming Pool

Established in 1989, Paskál is currently Budapest's youngest bath facility. After a few renovations in 2016, it now offers a spacious complex featuring outdoor pools catering to both adults and children, along with a geothermal bath, saunas and massage rooms for relaxation and rejuvenation.

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Address: Budapest, Egressy útja 178/F
Opening hours: Daily 9am–8pm
Phone: +36 1 252 6944
Internet: en.paskalfurdo.hu

Pünkösdfürdői Open-air Baths

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.

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Address: Budapest, Királyok útja 272
Phone: +36 1 388 6665
Internet: https://en.punkosdfurdo.hu

DINING

Hungarian Tourism Agency

A gastronomic revolution has taken over Hungary in the past few years. New restaurants, bistros, and street food places have been opening on almost every corner of its capital city. Whether they want to have a multi-course meal while tasting the best wines of the country or

prefer to grab a bite in a more casual place, visitors to Hungary will definitely find something for themselves in the large selection of venues for dining. From exquisite wine bars to unique and creative cooking courses and gastronomy festivals, the country offers an exciting spectrum to everyone who loves to eat.

Onyx

Onyx, boasting two Michelin stars and being the first in Budapest to achieve this distinction, provides an exquisite dining experience. The restaurant offers gourmet cuisine and tasting menus with expertly paired wines. Signature dishes like rooster consommé, duck ravioli, and flódni, a Hungarian dessert filled with poppy seeds and walnuts, showcase the culinary excellence. The regal dining room, adorned with Regency chairs, complements the exemplary food, service, and overall dining environment at Onyx.

Photo: yereum kim/Shutterstock.com
Address: Budapest, Vörösmarty tér 7-8
Opening hours: Thu–Mon 8:30pm–11pm, Tue & Wed closed
Phone: +36 30 508 0622
Internet: https://onyxrestaurant.hu
Email: onyx@onyxrestaurant.hu

Gundel

Located in the vibrant scenery of the City Park, Gundel is an elegant 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: Budapest, Gundel Károly útja 4
Opening hours: Daily 1:30am–10pm
Phone: +36 30 603 2480
Internet: https://gundel.hu/en
Email: reservation@gundel.hu

Déryné

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 visitors with the same quality and hospitality. It offers Hungarian and French-style dishes along with homemade bakery products that are the subject of acclaim in the entire city.

Photo: Graphical_Bank/Shutterstock.com
Address: Budapest, Krisztina tér 3
Opening hours: Mon–Wed 8am–midnight, Thu & Fri 8am–1am, Sat 9am–1am, Sun 9am–midnight
Phone: +36 1 225 1407
Internet: https://deryne.com
Email: friends@deryne.com

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 name a few.

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Address: Budapest, Liszt Ferenc tér 2
Opening hours: Daily 11am–11pm
Phone: +36 30 145 4242
Internet: https://menzaetterem.hu/en
Email: info@menzabooking.com

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 a Michelin star shortly after its opening.

Photo: All Is Amazing/Shutterstock.com
Address: Budapest, Vigyázó Ferenc utca 5
Opening hours: Tue–Sat noon–3pm / 6pm–11pm; Sun & Mon closed
Phone: +36 20 926 7837
Internet: https://costesdowntown.hu
Email: reservation@costesdowntown.hu

Fakanál

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

Photo: Dande_lion_studio/Shutterstock.com
Address: Budapest, Vámház körút 1-3
Opening hours: Mon 10am–4:30pm, Tue–Fri 10am–5:30pm, Sat 10am–2:30pm, Sun closed
Internet: www.fakanaletterem.hu
Email: info@fakanaletterem.hu

Borkonyha

Borkonyha is a mix of a contemporary family restaurant and a French bistro, though the chef Ákos Sárközi often includes Spanish and Italian specialities on the menu as well. A huge part of their concept is their extensive wine list, which includes 200 different wines, most of them Hungarian. This was the third Hungarian restaurant to win a Michelin star, so quality is high.

Photo: Hungarian Tourism Agency
Address: Budapest, Sas utca 3
Public Transport: Metro 1,2 or 3 to Deák Ferenc tér, then cross Elisabeth Park and walk along Sas utca
Opening hours: Mon–Fri 6pm–midnight, Sat noon–midnight, Sun closed
Phone: +36 1 266 0835
Internet: https://borkonyha.hu
Email: borkonyha@borkonyha.hu

Spinoza Café & Restaurant

Spinoza is a low-key restaurant in the Jewish quarter offering a blend of traditional Jewish and Hungarian cuisine, nicely complemented by live piano music every night.

Photo: Jana Kollarova/Shutterstock.com
Address: Budapest, Dob utca 15
Opening hours: Mon–Wed 5pm–11pm, Thu–Sun noon–11pm
Phone: +36 1 413 7488
Internet: www.instagram.com/spinozarestaurant
Email: spinoza@spinoza.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.

Photo: Ildi Papp/Shutterstock.com
Address: Budapest, Bajcsy-Zsilinszky útja 25
Opening hours: Daily 11am–10pm
Phone: +36 20 294 6571
Email: info@retrolangos.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.

Photo: Sharomka/Shutterstock.com
Address: Budapest, Wesselényi utca 9
Opening hours: Daily noon–9pm
Phone: +36 1 342 8981
Email: info@kekrozsaetterem.hu

Lecsó

A decent budget-friendly restaurant serving buffet lunch during the day, Lecsó is always busy with locals looking for traditional and home-cooked flavours. The menu includes a variety of Hungarian specialities such as stews, egg soup, Schnitzel, Hungarian ratatouille, and meat-filled pancakes (hortobágyi palacsinta). For one-time visitors, Lecsó provides a chance to experience authentic Hungarian cuisine in a welcoming and bustling setting.

Photo: Ildi Papp/Shutterstock.com
Address: Budapest, Szent István körút 10
Opening hours: Daily 11am–11pm
Phone: +36 1 349 3580
Internet: https://lecsogyorsetterem.hu
Email: info@lecsogyorsetterem.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 soup shop 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: Budapest, Vámház körút 14
Opening hours: Mon–Fri 11am–4pm

Al Dente

Al Dente is a hidden gem among Budapest's neighbourhood restaurants. It specialises in authentic Italian cuisine, featuring delightful dishes like bruschetta, calzone, lasagne, gnocchi, and notably, some of the city's finest pizza. The menu concludes on a sweet note with options like tiramisu, panna cotta, or cannoli. Nestled on a quiet and beautiful street, Al Dente offers a very atmospheric dining experience, making it a cherished find for those seeking genuine Italian flavors in Budapest.

Photo: Monika Wisniewska/Shutterstock.com
Address: Budapest, Krúdy utca 9
Phone: +36 30 442 3833

Fecske Presszó

Fecske Presszó is a casual and budget-friendly restaurant and bar popular among local students. The menu features dishes inspired by Hungarian and international cuisine, with highlights such as sausage ratatouille and stuffed potato pies. Fecske offers both outdoor terrace seating under a leafy canopy and quaint underground nooks.

Photo: Jack Frog/Shutterstock.com
Address: Budapest, Baross utca 10
Opening hours: Mon–Sat noon–midnight, Sun noon–11pm
Phone: +36 1 293 1980
Internet: https://fecskepresszo.hu

CAFÉS

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From opulent, fin de siècle cafes to new-wave coffee houses, Budapest never fails to entice lovers of caffeine. Confectioneries too abound to offer you traditional Hungarian desserts — make sure to try a good strudel or kürtőskalács, a spit cake best had with a cinnamon coating (look in markets or Váci street). Winter favourites include walnut puree with whipped cream and flódni, a traditional Hungarian Jewish pastry, filled with layers of apple, walnuts, poppy seeds, and plum jam.

Gerbeaud

Once the venue where the aristocracy would meet during the times of the dual monarchy, Café 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: Budapest, Vörösmarty tér 7-8
Opening hours: Mon–Fri 9am–8pm, Sat & Sun 9am–9pm
Phone: +36 1 429 9000
Internet: https://gerbeaud.hu/en
Email: gerbeaud@gerbeaud.hu

New York Café

New York Café, once hailed as 'the most beautiful café in the world', is a lavish establishment steeped in history since its inception in 1894. Serving as a meeting point for artists and intellectuals in the early 20th century, the café retains its opulent ambience, following a recent renovation, including its ornate frescoes and elegant chandeliers. Today, it remains a Budapest treasure, offering patrons a majestic setting to enjoy traditional flavours, whether it's a sumptuous feast or a slice of creamy cake, while evoking the grandeur of bygone eras.

Photo: Martchan/Shutterstock
Address: Budapest, Erzsébet körút 9-11

Opening hours: Daily 8am–midnight
Phone: +36 1 886 6167
Internet: https://newyorkcafe.hu/en

Centrál Grand Cafe & Bar

First opened in 1887, Centrál Grand Cafe 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 galleried interior.

Photo: Zeljko Matic/Shutterstock.com
Address: Budapest, Károlyi utca 9
Opening hours: Sun–Tue 9am–10pm, Wed–Sat 9am–midnight
Phone: +36 30 945 8058
Internet: https://centralgrandcafe.hu/en
Email: info@centralgrandcafe.hu

Művész Kávéház

Művész, meaning 'artist' in Hungarian, is a historic café dating back to 1898, renowned as a gathering place for writers, philosophers, and intellectuals of the past century. With its grand architecture featuring high ceilings, large mirrors, and elegant chandeliers, the café offers a charming ambience for enjoying coffee, cakes, and light meals. Its outdoor seating along a bustling shopping avenue provides a perfect spot for indulging in people-watching while soaking in the café's rich cultural heritage.

Photo: FrauTori/Shutterstock.com
Address: Budapest, Andrássy útja 29
Opening hours: Daily 9am–8pm
Phone: +36 70 333 2116
Internet: www.muveszkavehaz.com/en/home
Email: info@muveszkavehaz.hu

Ruszwurm Confectionery

Ruszwurm Confectionery on the Buda side is what Café Gerbeaud is for Pest. Still run by the well-known confectionery dynasty, the café has preserved 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 in demand here.

Photo: mazarekic/Shutterstock.com
Address: Budapest, Szentháromság utca 7
Opening hours: Daily 10am–6pm
Phone: +36 1 375 5284

Gerlóczy Kávéház

Gerlóczy Kávéház is a charming Parisian-style café at the intersection of Gerlóczy and Vitkovics streets in the busy city 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: Budapest, Gerlóczy utca 1
Opening hours: Daily 7:30am–11pm
Phone: +36 1 501 4000
Internet: https://gerloczy.hu
Email: info@gerloczy.hu

Callas Café

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 headquarters 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.

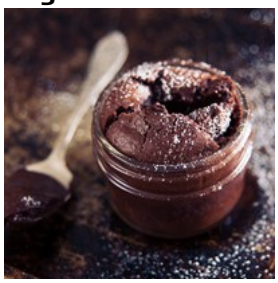
Photo: Maglara/Shutterstock.com
Address: Budapest, Andrássy útja 20
Opening hours: Tue–Sat noon–midnight, Sun noon–11pm, Mon closed
Phone: +36 1 354 0954
Email: callascafe@gmail.com

Szamos Gourmet Ház

Szamos is noted amongst the most prominent confectionery dynasties in Hungary, specialising 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: Budapest, Váci utca 1
Opening hours: Daily 9am–8pm
Phone: +36 30 570 5973
Internet: www.szamos.hu

Auguszt Cukrászda



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: Budapest, Kossuth Lajos utca 14-16
Opening hours: Tue–Sat 10am–6pm, Sun & Mon closed
Phone: +36 1 337 6379

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: Budapest, Bartók Béla útja 36
Opening hours: Sun–Wed noon–11pm, Thu–Sat noon–midnight
Phone: +36 20 502 2597
Internet: www.instagram.com/hadikkavehaz

Lumen Café

Located in Budapest's elegant Palace District, Lumen offers a casual yet charming atmosphere, complete with a patio for al fresco dining and regular live music performances. Serving a diverse menu that evolves with the seasons, the restaurant prides itself on roasting its own coffee

beans and offering a rich selection of delicious wines.

Photo: Black Brush/Shutterstock.com
Address: Budapest, Horánszky utca 5
Opening hours: Daily 10am–midnight
Phone: +36 20 530 0850
Internet: www.lumenbudapest.hu

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, serving specialty coffee, breakfast and brunch fare alongside baked goods and sweets.

Photo: baranq/Shutterstock.com
Address: Budapest, Múzeum körút 5
Opening hours: Daily 8am–7pm
Phone: +36 30 117 8807
Internet: https://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 offers 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: Budapest, Csaba utca 8
Opening hours: Tue–Sun 11am–7pm, Mon closed
Phone: +36 1 212 2439

Cafe Frei

Cafe 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 bookshop of the Hungarian chain Libri.

Photo: Natalia Klenova/Shutterstock.com
Address: Budapest, Váci utca 74
Opening hours: Daily 9am–7pm
Internet: www.cafefrei.hu

Cserpes Tejivó

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

Photo: bogdanhoda/Shutterstock.com
Address: Budapest, Sütő utca 2
Opening hours: Mon–Fri 7:30am–7pm, Sat 9am–3pm, Sun closed
Internet: www.instagram.com/cserpestejivo
Email: info@cserpestejivo.hu

Fruska Bisztró

If you feel like basking in the sun and enjoying great views of the Danube, you should visit the Fruska Bisztró on the Kopaszi dam. It has a cool

terrace offering coffee, beers, wines and picnic snacks as well.

Photo: Hungarian Tourism Agency
Address: Budapest, Kopaszi-gát 13
Public Transport: Tram 47 from Deák Ferenc tér to Újbuda-központ, then change to bus 153 to Magyar tudósok körútja, then a 15-minute walk
Phone: +36 30 569 2242
Internet: www.fruskabistro.hu
Email: hello@fruskabistro.hu

Cat Café

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

Photo: Quietword/Shutterstock.com
Address: Budapest, Révay utca 3
Opening hours: Daily 10am–9pm
Phone: +36 20 617 3301
Internet: www.instagram.com/cat_cafe_budapest
Email: info@catcafebudapest.hu

BARS & NIGHTLIFE

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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.

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 and a disused Trabant car, serving not only as a watering hole of young internationals but also a hangout place with events, music and markets where you are welcome to bring your family as well.

Photo: Oliver Huitson/Shutterstock.com
Address: Budapest, Kazinczy utca 14
Opening hours: Mon–Fri 3pm–4am, Sat noon–4am, Sun 9am–4am

Phone: +36 1 352 4198
Internet: https://szimpla.hu

Pontoon

Located at the foot of the iconic Chain bridge, Pontoon is probably the most scenic outdoor bar in Budapest. Grab a chair and drink, enjoy the live music, and admire the sparkling night lights of Buda.

Photo: Thanantorn Kainet/Shutterstock.com
Address: Budapest, Vigadó 1/A kikötő
Opening hours: Daily 5pm–4am
Internet: www.instagram.com/pontoon_budapest
Email: info@pontoonbudapest.com

Spoon

Spoon is an excellent choice if you want to enjoy drinks with splendid views across the Danube. It is a two-floor boat anchored by the Pest quay, with a buzzing lounge bar and an upscale restaurant serving fusion cuisine.

Photo: Artur Bogacki/Shutterstock.com
Address: Budapest, Vigadó tér 3
Opening hours: Daily noon–11pm
Phone: +36 30 493 3949
Internet: https://spoonboat.hu/welcome-on-board

Gozsdu Court

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: Budapest, Gozsdu udvar
Opening hours: Always open
Internet: www.gozsduudvar.hu/en
More Info: Beware of pickpockets as it can get very crowded

Instant-Fogas

With 6 dance floors, 18 bars, plus two gardens, Instant-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: Budapest, Akácfa utca 51
Opening hours: Daily 6pm–6am
Phone: +36 70 638 5040
Internet: https://instant-fogas.com
Email: info@instant-fogas.com

A38

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

Photo: bbernard/Shutterstock.com
Address: Budapest, Petőfi híd
Opening hours: Mon–Sat 8am–11pm, Sun 8am–10pm
Phone: +36 1 464 3940

Internet: www.a38.hu/en
Email: info@a38.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.

Photo: Yurii Zymovin/Shutterstock.com
Address: Budapest, Kis Diófa utca 2
Opening hours: Sun–Wed noon–1am, Thu–Sat noon–2am
Phone: +36 1 781 6705
Email: kisuzem@gmail.com

Morrison's 2

Morrison's 2, Budapest's largest disco, offers a vibrant nightlife experience with multiple bars, four dance floors featuring techno and disco music, as well as karaoke sessions. The venue includes an all-year heated garden, providing guests with an inviting atmosphere to enjoy music and drinks regardless of the weather.

Photo: charles taylor/Shutterstock.com
Address: Budapest, Szent István körút 11
Opening hours: Mon–Sat 6pm–5am, Sun closed
Phone: +36 1 374 3329
Internet: https://morrisons2.hu/en
Email: info@morrisons.hu

Macska

Macska is a small neighbourhood pub with a warm and eclectic interior, offering a unique beer selection along with vegan food, to be had on a cosy gallery stuffed with pillows and beanbags.

Photo: Supermop/Shutterstock.com
Address: Budapest, Bérkocsis utca 23
Opening hours: Mon–Thu noon–midnight, Fri 4pm–1am, Sat 4pm–midnight, Sun closed
Phone: +36 1 786 8370
Email: 23macska@gmail.com

Grandio Jungle Bar

Housed in one of Budapest's most popular party hostels serving booze around the clock, Grandio Jungle 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: Budapest, Nagy Diófa utca 8
Internet: www.instagram.com/grandio_budapest
Email: grandiobar@gmail.com
More Info: Closed during winter

4es6os Wesselényi

You'll probably not leave Budapest without hopping on 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. Sports

broadcasts, table football, and a vibrating atmosphere every day of the week.

Photo: Fesus Robert/Shutterstock.com
Address: Budapest, Erzsébet körút 28
Opening hours: Daily noon–5pm
Phone: +36 20 200 1000
Internet: www.instagram.com/negyhatwesselenyi
Email: 46wesselenyi@gmail.com

SHOPPING

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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 is dotted with worldwide-known international brands and tiny souvenir shops, along with elegant restaurants and bars serving high-quality Hungarian and international food.

Photo: Syda Productions/Shutterstock.com
Address: Budapest, Váci utca

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.

Photo: GoneWithTheWind/Shutterstock.com
Address: Budapest, Vámház körút 1-3
Opening hours: Mon 6am–5pm, Tue–Fri 6am–6pm, Sat 6am–3pm, Sun closed
Phone: +36 1 366 3300

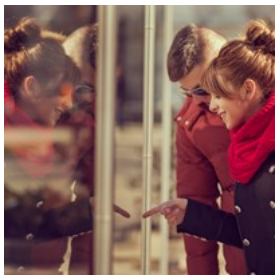
Andrássy Avenue

Andrássy út, often referred to as Budapest's own Champs-Élysées, is an elegant tree-lined boulevard connecting the city centre, Erzsébet Square, to Heroes' Square. Notable for hosting the first continental underground line in Europe, the avenue is lined with magnificent Neo-renaissance mansions and townhouses boasting intricate facades and interiors. Also recognised as one of the city's most prestigious shopping streets, it features high-end boutiques, cafés, restaurants, theatres, and embassies. Given its cultural and architectural significance, Andrássy út earned recognition as a World Heritage Site in 2002.

Photo: s4svisuals/Shutterstock.com

Address: Budapest, Andrássy útja

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.

Photo: Impact Photography/Shutterstock.com
Address: Budapest, Deák Ferenc utca 15
Internet: www.instagram.com/fashionstreetbp/

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 posh bars with splendid views on the riverside.

Photo: VargaA/CC BY-SA 4.0/Wikimedia(image cropped)
Address: Budapest, Fővám tér 11-12
Opening hours: Tue–Thu 10am–8pm, Fri & Sat 10am–10pm, Sun 10am–8pm, Mon closed
Internet: https://balnabudapest.hu

Retrock

Retrock is Budapest's largest vintage and designer clothing store, offering a curated collection of second-hand items and fresh creations by talented designers worldwide.

Photo: Bohbeh/Shutterstock.com
Address: Budapest, Anker köz 2-4
Opening hours: Mon–Sat 11am–8pm, Sun noon–8pm
Phone: +36 30 472 3636
Internet: https://retrock.com/en
Email: retrocker@gmail.com

Westend

Westend is Budapest's largest, multi-storey shopping mall 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 indoor fountain.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com
Address: Budapest, Váci útja 1-3
Opening hours: Daily 8am–10pm
Phone: +36 1 238 7777
Internet: https://westend.hu/en

Ecseri Flea Market

No visit to Budapest is complete without some hunt for the treasures of bygone times. Although you will easily find an antique shop in any district of the city centre, the Ecseri Flea Market is well worth a short day trip. From antique furniture and vintage clothing to rare books,

ceramics, and quirky collectables, Ecseri is a treasure trove for vintage enthusiasts and collectors alike.

Photo: Elena Dijour/Shutterstock.com
Address: Budapest, Nagykőrösi útja 156
Opening hours: Mon–Fri 8am–4pm, Sat 5am–3pm, Sun 8am–1pm
Internet: https://piaconline.hu/en/nagykorosi-street-flea-market

TOURIST INFORMATION

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Best Time to Visit

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 amongst 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.

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Passport/Visa

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) travellers 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.

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Budapest Ferenc Liszt International Airport (BUD)

Budapest’s main airport sits about 16 km east-southeast of the city centre, with the journey taking around 30–40 minutes. If you're taking public transport, the 100E Airport Express bus runs around the clock and connects directly to key central hubs such as Deák Ferenc tér, Kálvin tér, and Astoria, typically in about 40 minutes. Alternatively, bus 200E links Terminal 2 with Kőbánya-Kispest metro station, where you can transfer to Metro Line 3 and reach the centre in

roughly 45 minutes. For door-to-door service, Főtaxi is the official airport taxi operator, while ride-hailing apps like Bolt and Uber also operate from designated pick-up zones just outside arrivals.

Photo: ImYanis/Shutterstock
Address: Budapest Ferenc Liszt International Airport
Phone: +36 1 296 7000
Internet: www.bud.hu/en

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. 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.

For information on timetables and tickets, visit BKK's website.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair
Internet: https://bkk.hu/en

Taxi

Contact any of the operators below: Budapest Taxi +36 1 777 7777 Főtaxi +36 1 222 2222 6x6 Taxi +36 1 666 6666

Photo: Taxi

Post

Postal services in Hungary are provided by Magyar Posta. Most post offices in Budapest are open from 7 am or 8 am until 6 pm. Letterboxes in the country are in the colour red.

Photo: Andy Fuchs
Address: Budapest 62 Nyugati postahivatal, Budapest, Teréz körút 51
Opening hours: Mon–Fri 8am–7pm, Sat 8am–6pm, Sun closed
Phone: +36 1 312 1200
Internet: www.posta.hu

Telephone

Country code: +36 Area code: 1

Photo: Jardson Almeida

Electricity

230V/50 Hz. Type F plug.

Photo: Stirling Tschan

Pharmacy

One of the main pharmacy chains in Budapest is called Benu, boasting multiple locations across the city.

Photo: Gemma Garner

Address: Benu Pharmacy, Budapest, Irányi utca 15

Opening hours: Mon–Fri 8am–8pm, Sat & Sun closed

Phone: +36 1 266 2952

Population
Metro area: 1,778,000 (2023)

Currency
Hungarian Forint, HUF (Ft)

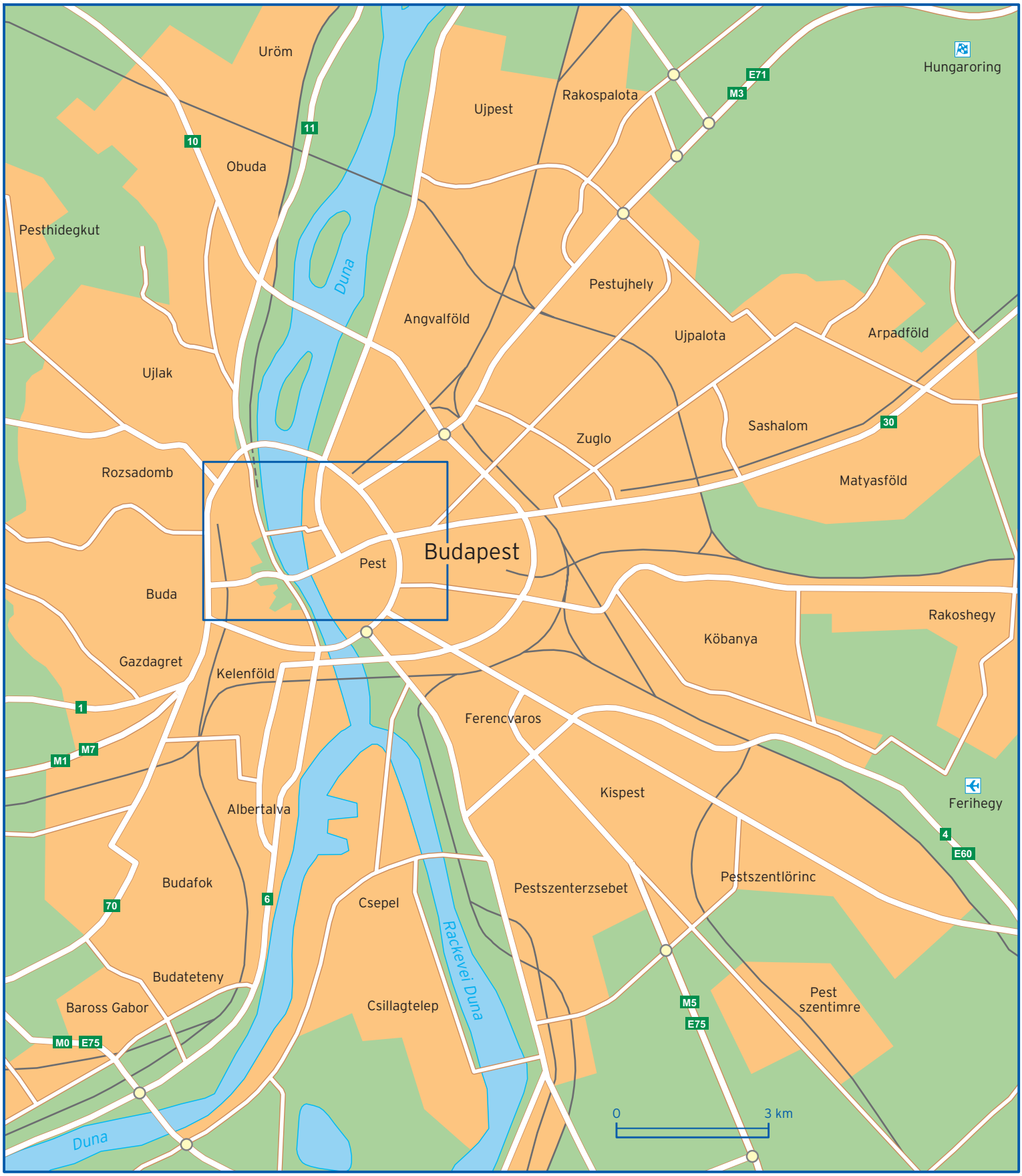
Opening hours
Business hours are usually from 8am–5pm. Certain offices might have shortened opening hours on Fridays. Major shopping malls and selected shops are open until around 8pm including weekends.

Internet
www.budapestinfo.hu/en

Newspapers
The Budapest Times (in English): www.budapesttimes.hu

Emergency numbers
Emergency: 112
Ambulance: 104
Fire brigade: 105
Police: 107

Tourist information
Budapestinfo
Budapest Városháza park, Károly körút
Opening hours: daily 9am–7pm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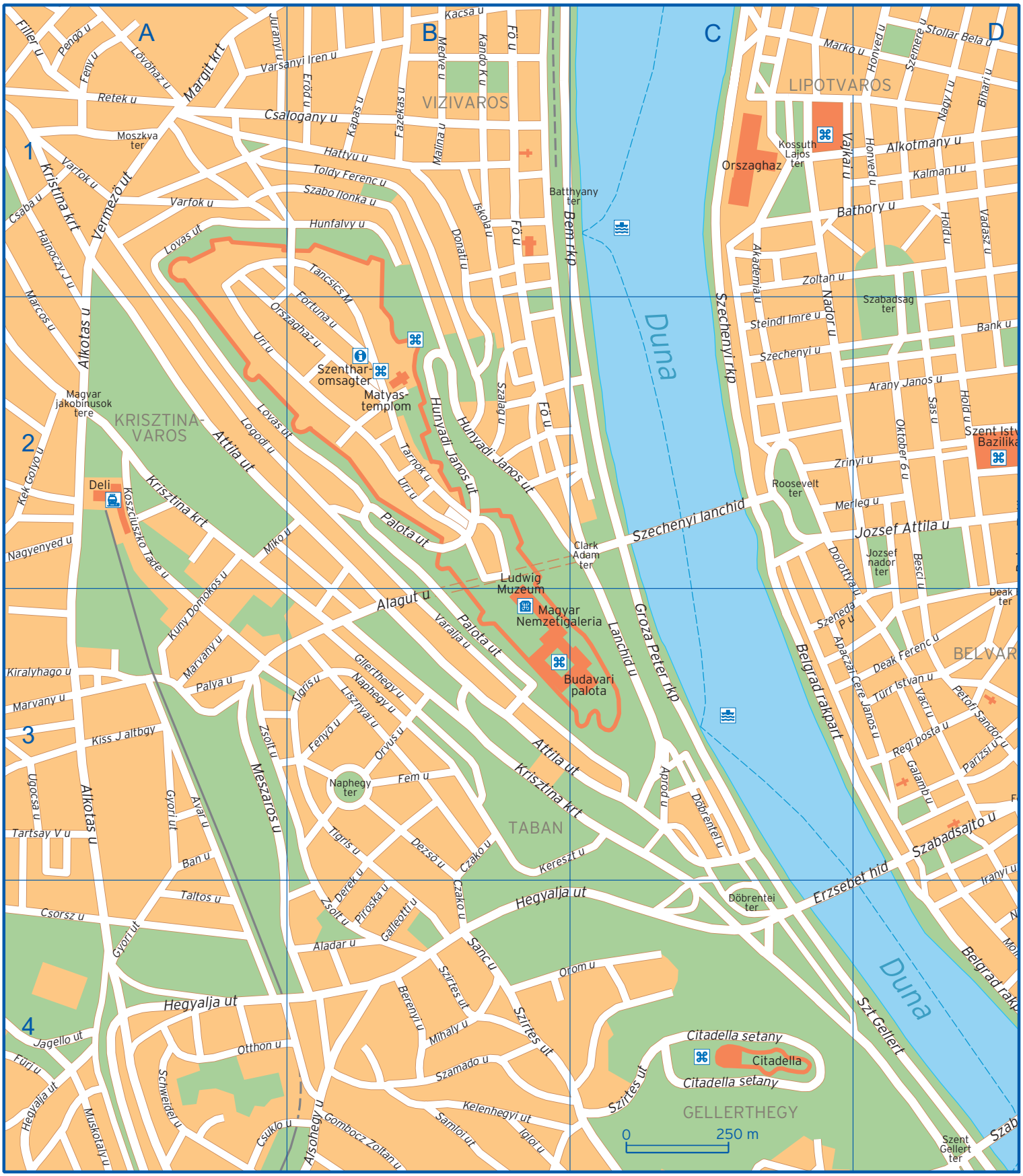

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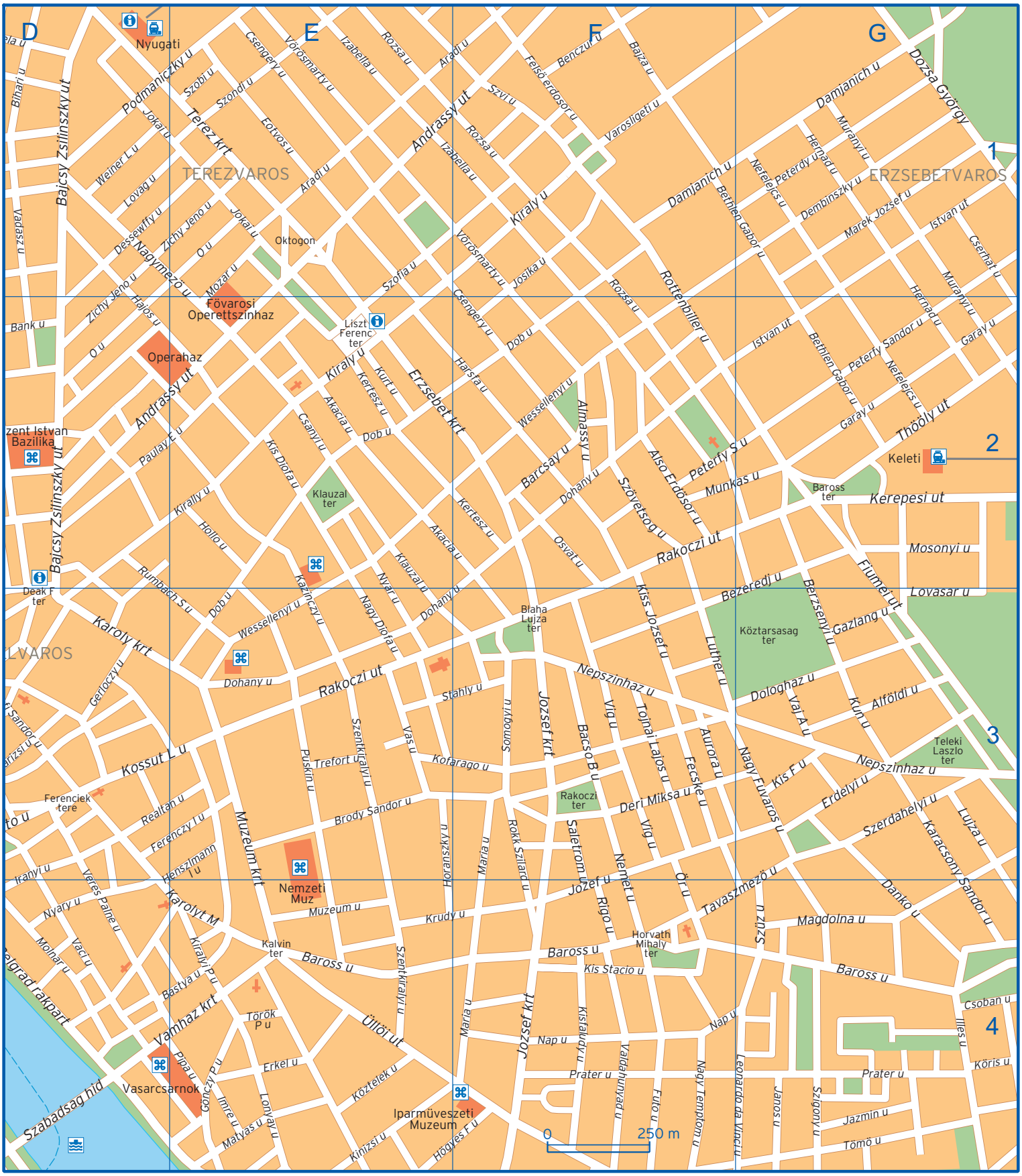
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