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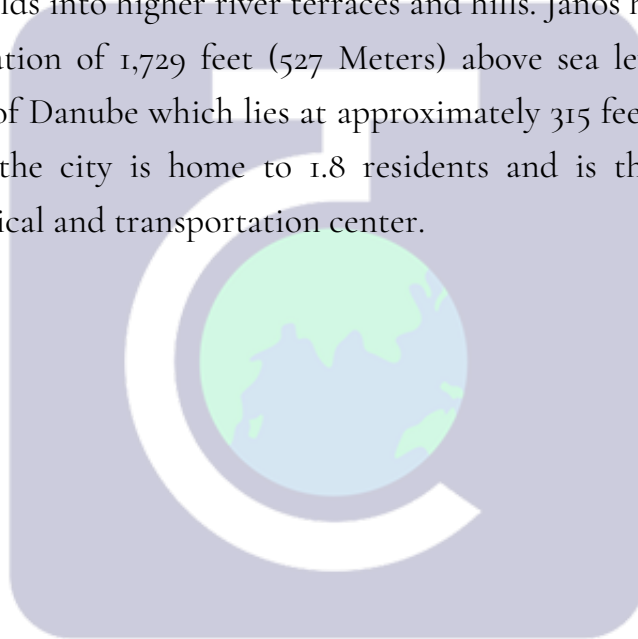
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### 1. Geographical location

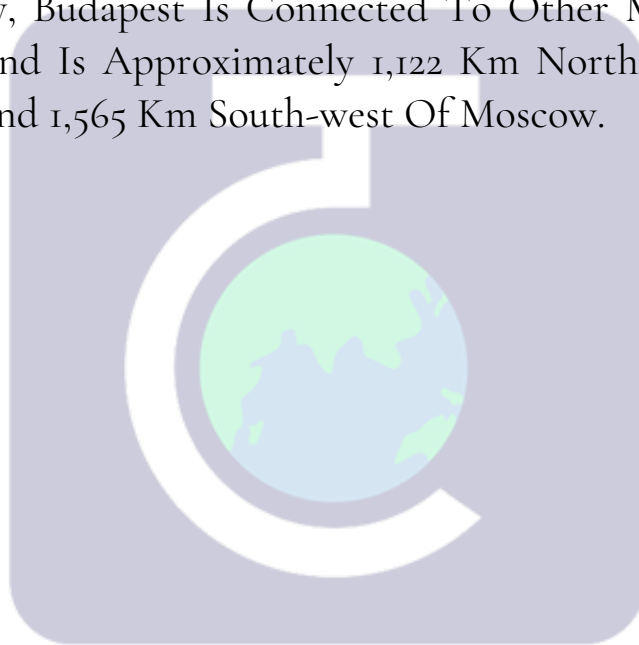
Budapest is the capital city of Hungary and one of the largest cities in the entire European Union. Covering approximately 525.2 km<sup>2</sup>, the city stretches 25 km from north to south and 29km from east to west. It is strategically located in Central Hungary at the heart of Carpathian Basin which lies on both sides of River Danube. The river enters the city from the North and encircles 3 islands (Budapest-Danube islands) with the largest being the Csepel Island. On the western side, the city builds into higher river terraces and hills. János hill is the highest point in these hills with an elevation of 1,729 feet (527 Meters) above sea level. The lowest point in Budapest is at the bank of Danube which lies at approximately 315 feet above sea level. With its vast geographical area, the city is home to 1.8 residents and is the country's commercial, industrial, cultural, political and transportation center.



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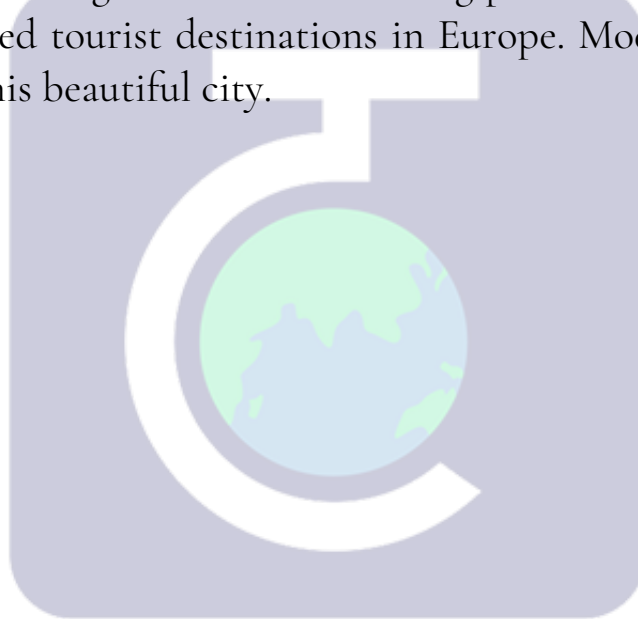
### 2. Neighbouring cities/countries

Budapest Is The Largest City In Hungary And Is Surrounded By The Administrative County Of Pest. Szeged Which Is The 3 Largest City In Hungary Lies 170 Km South Of Budapest And Pécs Is 200 Km Southwest Of Budapest. Győr Is Located Near Austria And Slovakian Border Which Is Approximately 120Km West Of Budapest And Villány Is 200 Km Away Next To The Croatian Border. Subsequently, Budapest Is Connected To Other Major Cities By Rail, Road Or Airlines And Is Approximately 1,122 Km North Of Athens, 545 Km South Of Warsaw, And 1,565 Km South-west Of Moscow.



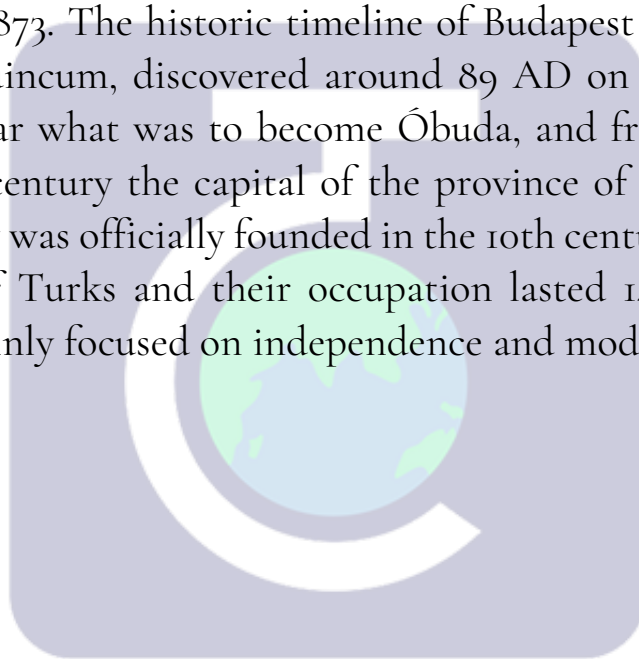
### 3. Significance

Budapest is a capital city as well as the hub of politics, culture, commerce, industry, and transportation. The city is divided by the Danube River and the two banks of Buda and Pest together form the largest city of Hungary. The region has been home to many ancient settlements through the centuries. It was in the 19th century that the city reached its glory and popularity as a global city. With an extensive World Heritage Site and enchanting panoramic nature, Budapest is one of the most visited tourist destinations in Europe. Modernity and tradition go hand in hand in this beautiful city.



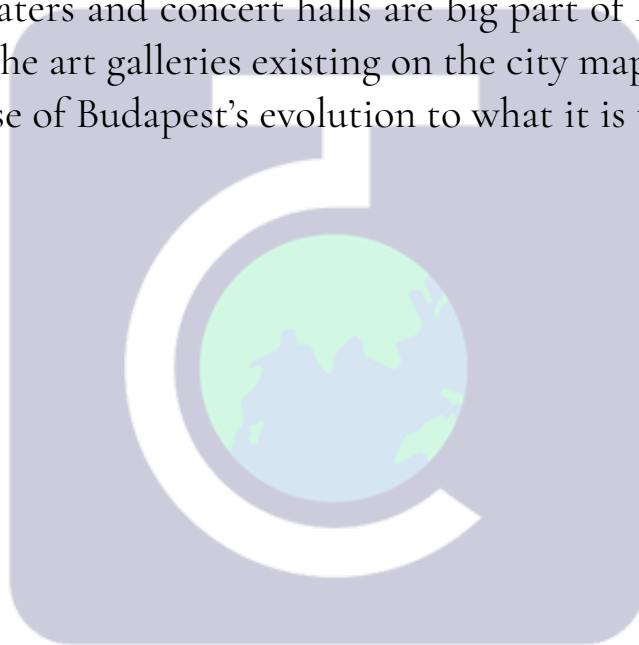
## 4. History

The capital of Hungary, Budapest is the country's lifeline as far as industry, commerce and transport prospects are concerned. Discoveries have revealed that the first settlements on the Budapest site date back to the Stone Age and Bronze Age. Budapest was formed after the amalgamation of Buda and Óbuda with Pest, lying respectively on both the banks of the Danube River. All three areas were bought together in 1873. The historic timeline of Budapest commences with the Roman town of Aquincum, discovered around 89 AD on the site of an earlier Celtic settlement near what was to become Óbuda, and from 106 AD until the last part of the 4th century the capital of the province of lower Pannonia. The Kingdom of Hungary was officially founded in the 10th century. A series of events saw the incoming of Turks and their occupation lasted 140 years. In the 19th century Hungary mainly focused on independence and modernization.



## 5. Cultural identity

The cultural fabric of Budapest is mainly headlined by the vast number of museums and exhibitions which house the historic value of Budapest. There are libraries which are widespread and contain literary relics which efficiently provide recollections about the Budapest past. For those of you interested in folk music and theater, Budapest culture can be viewed very well by the lens of performing arts. Theaters and concert halls are big part of Budapest, and overall Hungarian culture. The art galleries existing on the city map of Budapest provide a good artistic glimpse of Budapest's evolution to what it is today.





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### 6. Natural resources

It has a large reserve of natural resources that includes petroleum, zinc, coal, silica, tin, iron ore, limestone, salt, rocks, gypsum, arable land, clay, slate, chalk, etc. The main mineral resources are oil, bauxite, uranium, lignite, manganese and coal. The species of valuable plants are in abundance. The large number of species of flora and fauna are found. It is densely forested with oak, lime, beech and deciduous plants.



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### 7. Key site seeing places (paid and free)

#### 7.1. Paid

##### 7.1.1. Fisherman's Bastion

Built in between 1895 and 1902 by Frigyes Schulek on the remains of Dominican Church, Fisherman's Bastion is a famous neo-Gothic and neo-Romanesque terrace situated on the bank of river Danube near Mathias Church. It is a walking terrace with many stairs and walking paths thereby enjoying panoramic views of Danube, Margaret Island, Pest to the east and Gellért Hill.

Address : 1014 Budapest, Szentháromság tér 5, Hungary

Zipcode : 1014

Location : 47.5021827, 19.0347812999999963

Contact : +36 1 458 3030

Website : <http://www.fishermansbastion.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Donati utca bus station

Entry Fee : Adult – HUF 800 Student/children/Pensioners – HUF 400 Children under 6: Free entry

Open & Close Timing : Fisherman's Bastion – Open 24 hours Upper Towers of Fisherman's Bastion: March 16 to April 30 – 09:00hrs-19:00hrs; May 1 to October 15 – 09:00hrs-20:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

##### 7.1.2. Budapest Zoo & Botanical Garden

One of the oldest zoos in the world, Budapest Zoo is located in Varosliget park and houses more than 1072 animal species, special ones being the Komodo Dragon and Wombat. The zoo was opened to public in 1866 and has been welcoming over 1 million visitors every year since then. The artistic structures built by Kornel Neuschloss and Karoly Kos are worth visiting.

Address : Budapest, Allatkerti krt. 6-12, 1146 Hungary

Zipcode : 1146

Location : 47.5189977, 19.0776432999999977

Contact : +36-12734900

Website : <http://www.zoobudapest.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Allatkert & Szechenyi furda M Bus station

Entry Fee : Adults: 2500 HUF Students: 1900 HUF Children (between 2-14 years): 1800 HUF

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Thursday 09:00hrs-17:00hrs Friday to Sunday 09:00hrs-17:30hrs

Time Required : 4

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

### 7.1.3. Holocaust Memorial Center

Dating back to 1920s, it is a chief synagogue and memorial in Budapest which was renovated and designed by the architect István Mányi in the remembrance of Hungarian Jews killed in the Holocaust and was opened to public visit in 2004. Previously known as the Pava synagogue, the building now houses temporary and permanent exhibitions and a research center. A flight of stairs take visitors to exhibitions which symbolize the distorted time of the Holocaust.

Address : Budapest, Páva u., 1094 Hungary

Zipcode : 1094

Location : 47.4836593, 19.0733827000000025

Contact : +36-14553333

Website : <http://www.hdke.hu/>

Nearest Public Transport : Corvin-negyed M Bus station

Entry Fee : Adult 1400 HUF Discounted tickets 700 HUF Children (under 6 years); seniors above 70 year- free entry

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Sunday 10:00hrs-18:00hrs, Monday closed

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 15 Minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

### 7.1.4. Vajdahunyad Castle

One of the most romantic castles in Budapest, Vajdahunyad castle was built in 1896 to celebrate thousand years of Hungary's glorious past. The castle designed by Ignác Alpár features replicas of many important buildings from erstwhile

Kingdom of Hungary most notable being the Hunyad Castle in Transylvania (now in Romania). The castle displays many architectural styles ranging from Romanesque, Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque and houses the Museum of Hungarian Agriculture.

Address : 1146 Budapest, Városliget, Vajdahunyadvár, Hungary

Zipcode : 1146

Location : 47.5148896, 19.083059300000006

Contact : +36-14220765

Website : <http://www.vajdahunyadcastle.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Hősök tere M Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: 1,100 HUF Children/The retired: 550 HUF However visit to the courtyard is free.

Open & Close Timing : Monday: Closed (all year) Tuesday – Friday: 10:00hrs–16:00hrs (1 November – 31 March), 10:00hrs–17:00hrs (April 1 – October 31) Saturday – Sunday: 10:00hrs–17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

### 7.1.5. House of Terror

Established in 2002, House of Terror is a museum that exhibits remnants belonging to the Fascist and Communist regimes from 20th century Hungary and is also a memorial to the victims of these regimes comprising of those who were detained, questioned, abused or assassinated in the building. This memorial is a member of the organization called Platform of European Memory and Conscience and also contains exhibits that are related to the Hungarian organizations like Arrow Cross Party and the communist ÁVH.

Address : Budapest, Andrássy út 60, 1062 Hungary

Zipcode : 1062

Location : 47.5068935, 19.0651261000000043

Contact : +36 1 374 2600

Website : <http://www.terrorhaza.hu/>

Nearest Public Transport : Vörösmarty utca Subway station

Entry Fee : Full price: 2000 HUF Discounted price: 100 HUF Temporary

exhibition price: 1500 HUF Group full ticket price: 1500 HUF Group discounted price: 800 HUF

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday-Sunday 10:00hrs-18:00hrs Monday closed

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

### 7.1.6. Dohány Street Synagogue

Tagged as the largest synagogue in Europe and second largest in the world, this historical monument known as 'The Great Synagogue' was built between 1854 and 1869 in the Moorish Revival style. The interior, having been designed by the Hungarian romantic architect Frigyes Feszli, features the torah-ark and internal frescoes made of colored and golden geometric shapes. It is a center of Neolog Judaism and can seat 3,000 people.

Address : Budapest, Dohány u. 2, 1074 Hungary

Zipcode : 1074

Location : 47.4959071, 19.060613900000002

Contact : +36-13430420

Website : [http://www.greatsynagogue.hu/gallery\\_syn.html](http://www.greatsynagogue.hu/gallery_syn.html)

Nearest Public Transport : Astoria M Travel Terminals (Light Rail, Bus)

Entry Fee : Adults: 3000 HUF Student: 2000 HUF

Open & Close Timing : From Sunday to Thursday November to February: 10:00hrs-15:30hrs March to May: 10:00hrs-17:30hrs June to October: 10:00hrs-19:30hrs November to February: 10:00hrs-15:30hrs Friday November to February: 10:00hrs-13:30hrs March: 10:00hrs-15:30hrs April to October: 10:00hrs-16:30hrs November to February: 10:00hrs-13:30hrs Saturday Closed

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.7. Hungarian National Gallery

Located in the Buda Castle, the Hungarian National Gallery was established as the National Art Museum in 1957 housing Renaissance, Gothic, Medieval, Baroque and Renaissance Hungarian art. The collection includes brilliant pieces

of work by several 19th and 20th-century Hungarian artists located in various cities of Europe as well as wood altars from the 15th century.

Address : 1014 Budapest, Szent György tér 2, Hungary

Zipcode : 1014

Location : 47.4961134, 19.0396623000000032

Contact : +36 20 439 7325

Website : <http://mng.hu/>

Nearest Public Transport : Palota ut, gyorslift Bus station

Entry Fee : Permanent Exhibition: 1800 HUF 50% Concession: 800 HUF

Photography and video permits: 1500 HUF

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday-Sunday 10:00hrs-18:00hrs Monday Closed

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.8. Memento Park

Memento Park is an open-air museum dedicated to statues of several political leaders of Hungary as well as other parts of Europe. Besides statues, it also has varied artefacts and remains from the communist period of Hungary. Also known as Memorial Park, it has been divided into two parts: Statue park (A Sentence about Tyranny) and Witness Square (Neverwas Square).

Address : Budapest, Balatoni út - Szabadkai utca sarok, 1223 Hungary

Zipcode : 1223

Location : 47.4263652, 18.998929900000007

Contact : +36-14247500

Website : <http://www.mementopark.hu/>

Nearest Public Transport : Memento Park Bus station

Entry Fee : Adults: 1500 HUF Students (with students card): 1000 HUF

Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 15 Minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

### 7.1.9. Aquincumi Múzeum

Aquincum Museum is well-known for the civil town's ancient excavated ruins and it also exhibits the artefacts that were found out during the Roman time. The architecture perfectly displays the Roman culture and you can find a beautifully crafted Roman house in the archaeological park that was demolished in World War II. There is a themed playground that keeps the children engaged.

Address : Budapest, Szentendrei út 135, 1031 Hungary

Zipcode : 1031

Location : 47.56275400000001, 19.048567999999932

Contact : + 36-1-430-10-81

Website : <http://www.aquincum.hu/>

Nearest Public Transport : Zahony utca Bus station

Entry Fee : Adult (IV.01 – X.31.) - 1600 HUF/person; group over 20 people - 1000 HUF/person Adult (XI.01 – III.31.) - 1000 HUF/person; group over 20 people - 800 HUF/person Student, pensioner (IV.01 – X.31.) - 800 HUF/person; group over 10 people - 600 HUF/person Student, pensioner (XI.01 – III.31.) - 500 HUF/person; group over 10 people - 450 HUF/person Archaeological Park (only IV.01 – X.31.) – Adult (only IV.01 – X.31.) - 1000 HUF/person Student (only IV.01– X.31.) - 500 HUF/person Pensioner (only IV.01 – X.31.) - 500 HUF/person

Open & Close Timing : Exhibition: 1 November to 31 March: 10:00hrs to 16:00hrs 1 April to 31 October: 10:00hrs to 18:00hrs Ruin: April 1 to October 31: 9:00hrs to 18:00hrs November 1 to March 31: In case of non-slip and dry weather can be visited On Monday, the museum is closed!

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.10. Budapest History Museum

Dedicated at preserving the glorious historical past of Hungary, Budapest History Museum focuses on the tumultuous history of the 2000 years of the city in terms of archaeological finds excavated at various locations in Hungary with some of them dating back 40,000 years ago. The items on display vary from clothes, furniture, everyday tools, photos, graphics and more.

Address : Budapest, Szent György tér 2, 1014 Hungary

Zipcode : 1014



Location : 47.495178, 19.040647900000067

Contact : +36-14878800

Website : <http://www.btm.hu/>

Nearest Public Transport : Palota ut, gyorslift Bus station

Entry Fee : Adults: 2000 HUF Students (6–26 years): 1000 HUF Pensioners (62-70): 1000 HUF Photo Ticket: 800 HUF Audio Guide: 1200 HUF per person

Open & Close Timing : 1st November to 28th February: Tuesday to Sunday 10:00hrs-16:00hrs Closed on Mondays 1st March to 31st October: Tuesday to Sunday 10:00hrs-18:00hrs Closed on Mondays

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 15 Minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

### 7.1.11. Matthias Church

Being the second largest church of medieval Buda and seventh largest of medieval Hungarian Kingdom, Matthias Church is a Roman Catholic Church located in the center of Buda Castle district and built in Romanesque style in 1015. The current building was built in florid late Gothic style in the second half of the 14th century and was extensively restored in late 19th century. At present there are 7 bells in the Church, 6 of them being located in the bell tower and the last one hanging in the cavalry tower.

Address : 1014 Budapest, Szentháromság tér 2, Hungary

Zipcode : 1014

Location : 47.50202609999999, 19.034312999999997

Contact : +36-13555657

Website : <http://www.matyas-templom.hu/>

Nearest Public Transport : Szentháromság tér Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adult: 1500 HUF Seniors (60+): 1000 HUF Students: 1000 HUF Family tickets (2 adults + 1 child): 3500 HUF Additional Child Ticket: 200 HUF

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Friday: 09:00hrs-17:00hrs Saturday: 09:00hrs-16:30hrs Sunday: 13:00hrs-16:30hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes



### 7.1.12. Vigado Concert Hall

Tagged as the second largest concert hall in Budapest, Vigado Concert Hall was designed by Frigyes Feszl in 1859. It attracts performing artists from around the world. This architectural beauty makes a bold influence on the Pest embankment and the Oriental as well as Hungarian Art Nouveau mingles with romance to add unique pleasing details. The eye-catching concert hall accommodates 700 people and is one of the most significant venues of music life in Budapest.

Address : Budapest, Vigadó tér 2, 1051 Hungary

Zipcode : 1051

Location : 47.4960355, 19.0497021999999956

Contact : +36-204294124

Website : <http://vigado.hu/>

Nearest Public Transport : Vorosmarty ter subway station Vigado ter Tram station

Entry Fee : Adults: 800 HUF Children and seniors: 500 HUF Children under 6 years: Free Admission Guided Tours in Hungarian: Adults: 1500 HUF Students & Senior Citizens: 750 HUF Guided Tours in Foreign Language: Adults: 2900 HUF Students & Senior Citizens: 1450 HUF

Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:00hrs-18:30hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.13. Museum of Military History

A museum that showcases the military history and heroism of Hungarian soldiers and leaders in an impressive way, it has varied collections of weaponry, uniforms, flags and coins on display dating back to several centuries that brings battle scenes to life and makes the visit to the museum exciting. This museum is also a research center with library and annals, and turns into a venue for national and international conferences as well as events.

Address : Budapest, Kapisztrán tér 2-4, 1014 Hungary

Zipcode : 1014

Location : 47.504062399999999, 19.027508300000022

Contact : +36 1 325 1600

Website : <http://www.militaria.hu/>

Nearest Public Transport : Kapisztrán tér Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adult: 1500 HUF Family: 3000 HUF Student/Seniors: 750 HUF

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Sunday: 10:00hrs-18:00hrs Monday closed

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

### 7.1.14. Ethnographic Museum

Established in 1872 as part of Hungarian National Museum, the Ethnographic Museum houses collection of Hungarian folks that belonged to the everyday life of the people before World War II including furniture, boats, costumes, pottery with most of them being from Romania and Slovakia. Its first director was John Xantus de Vesey and it shifted to its recent place in 1973.

Address : Budapest, Kossuth Lajos tér 12, 1055 Hungary

Zipcode : 1055

Location : 47.5078749, 19.048355200000006

Contact : +36 1 473 2400

Website : <http://www.neprajz.hu/>

Nearest Public Transport : Markó utca bus station

Entry Fee : Personal ticket: 1000 HUF Persons between 6-26 years: 500 HUF

Visitors between 62-70 years: 500 HUF Seniors (above 70); Children below 6 years: Free admission

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Sunday: 10:00hrs-18:00hrs Monday closed

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 30 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

### 7.1.15. Imre Varga Collection

This art gallery is dedicated to famous Hungarian artist, Imre Varga whose work of art is popular all over the world. The collection comprises of statues, medals, sculptures and drawings, and can be witnessed at several places in Budapest like the Holocaust Memorial and Raoul Wallenberg Monument.

Address : Budapest, Laktanya u. 7, 1033 Hungary

Zipcode : 1033

Location : 47.5424373, 19.045761800000037

Contact : +36 1 250 0274

Website : <http://budapestgaleria.hu/>

Nearest Public Transport : Florian ter bus station

Entry Fee : Adults: 800 HUF Students (6-26 years)/Pensioners (62-70 years): 400 HUF Museum of Education: 600 HUF

Open & Close Timing : November 1 to March 31: Tuesday to Sunday 10:00hrs-16:00hrs Monday Closed

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

### 7.1.16. Hospital in the Rock

A hidden hospital created in a cave underneath Buda Castle, Hospital in the Rock was built in the 1930s as part of the military preparation during World War II and came into heavy use during the siege of Budapest in 1944-45. Being a secret emergency hospital and nuclear bunker, the hospital has now turned into a museum with intact waxwork restorations of hospital treatments and routine scenarios during the siege.

Address : Budapest, Lovas út 4/C, 1012 Hungary

Zipcode : 1012

Location : 47.5007671, 19.031518900000037

Contact : +36 70 701 0101

Website : <http://www.sziklakorhaz.eu/en>

Nearest Public Transport : Szentháromság tér bus station

Entry Fee : Full price: 4000 HUF Family: 8000 HUF Students (6-25 years); seniors (62-70 years): 2000 HUF

Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:00hrs–20:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.17. Franz Liszt Academy of Music

Established in 1875, it is a famous concert hall in Budapest and houses the Liszt Collection, which focuses on various valuable books and manuscripts donated by Franz Liszt upon his death. Originally known as the "Royal National Hungarian Academy of Music" and also "College of Music", it was then renamed after the name of its founder Franz Liszt in 1925 and is a masterpiece of Neo-Renaissance architecture.

Address : Budapest, Liszt Ferenc tér 8, 1061 Hungary

Zipcode : 1061

Location : 47.5031974, 19.064356399999995

Contact : +36 1 462 4600

Website : <http://zeneakademia.hu/en/home>

Nearest Public Transport : Király utca Travel Terminals (Light Rail, Bus)

Entry Fee : Adult ticket (with guide speaking Hungarian): HUF 1500  
Concession/student ticket (with guide speaking Hungarian): HUF 750  
Adult ticket (with guide speaking foreign language): HUF 2900  
With student identity card, concession card, and for over-65s (with guide speaking foreign language): HUF 1450  
Guided tour every day: Adult tickets are HUF 3500 & With student identity card, concession card, and for over-65s: HUF 1750. No registration needed.

Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:00hrs–20:30hrs

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

### 7.1.18. Széchenyi Thermal Bath

Labeled as the largest thermal bath in Europe, Széchenyi Thermal Bath falls under the category of natural hot spring spa baths. With over 100 million visitors having enjoyed the warm therapeutic waters and pools. The water is supplied by two warm natural springs and has several components like sulphate, calcium, magnesium and fluoride acid, which is considered very effective in treating joint inflammation and other orthopaedic issues. Apart from the pools, you can enrol yourself for massage treatments, saunas, gym or just relax by the pool with some beer or wine.

Address : Budapest, Állatkerti krt. 9-11, 1146 Hungary

Zipcode : 1146

Location : 47.5186568, 19.082379100000026

Contact : +36 1 363 3210

Website : <http://www.szechenyifurdo.hu/>

Nearest Public Transport : Széchenyi fürdő subway station Széchenyi fürdő M Bus Station

Entry Fee : Massages (Normal to VIP): 5500 HUF to 20 HUF for one person; 11000 HUF to 31000 HUF for 2 people Pedicure, foot mask or solarium: 250 HUF to 8700 HUF

Open & Close Timing : Daily 06:00hrs-22:00hrs

Time Required : 3

Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

### 7.1.19. Várbazár

The area known as Várkert Bazar (Várbazár) is marked by a series of buildings and gardens built in 19th century and designed by architect Miklós Ybl. The area was particularly planned and established with the purpose of creating a homogenous and symmetrically attractive city. The city leaders hoped that the Várkert could be developed into a busy shopping and entertainment center, being a replica of the Danube promenade, but this aim wasn't fulfilled as buildings began to deteriorate quickly.

Address : Budapest, Ybl Miklós tér 4, 1013 Hungary

Zipcode : 1013

Location : 47.49505860000001, 19.042490799999996

Contact : +36 1 225 0310

Website : <http://www.varkertbazar.hu/en>

Nearest Public Transport : Várkert Bazár Bus Station and Light Rail Station

Entry Fee : Guided tour prices: Under 10 people: HUF 10,000 Above 10 people: HUF 15,000 In foreign languages (English, German): HUF 20,000 Maximum group number: 25 people

Open & Close Timing : Temporary exhibitions in the Southern Palaces and in the Northern Palace (Guard's Palace): Tuesday to Sunday: 10:00hrs-18:00hrs The Neo-

Renaissance Garden: Monday to Sunday: 06:00hrs-00:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No



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### 7.2. Free

#### 7.2.1. Szent István Bazilika

Being the third tallest building in Budapest, it is a renowned Roman Catholic Church built in the honor of the first king of Hungary in 1038 AD. Having a greek-cross ground plan, the architecture of the church is built in Neo-Classical style, whereas the facade is secured with 2 large bell towers. Visitors are allowed to access the dome by the elevator or a flight of stairs to enjoy panoramic views of the city. There is no admission fee although a donation of 200 HUF is expected.

Address : Budapest, Szent István tér 1, 1051 Hungary

Zipcode : 1051

Location : 47.5008902, 19.053988699999999

Contact : +36-13110839

Website : <http://www.bazilika.biz/>

Nearest Public Transport : Bajcsy-Zsilinszky út & Arany János utca Subway Stations Szent István Bazilika Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Friday: 09:00hrs-17:00hrs Saturday: 09:00hrs-13:00hrs Sunday: 13:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

#### 7.2.2. Shoes on the Danube Bank

Created by Director Can Togay and sculptor Gyula Pauer, it is a memorial built in the honor of people (mainly Jews) killed during World War II by militiamen of Fascist Arrow Cross group, where they were ordered to remove their shoes and shot at the edge of the water so that their bodies fell into water and were carried away. This memorial is situated on the Pest side of the Danube esplanade where the sculptor created 60 pairs of shoes out of iron giving commemoration to the 3,500 people.

Address : Budapest, Id. Antall József rkp., 1054, Hungary

Zipcode : 1054

Location : 47.5039698, 19.044837400000006

Nearest Public Transport : Kossuth Lajos ter M Bus Station and Light Rail Station Kossuth Lajos ter Subway Station



Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.3. Buda Castle

Built on the southern tip of Castle Hill in Budapest, Buda Castle is a famous palace complex of Hungarian Kings that was completed in 1265. It was known as Royal Palace or Royal Castle in the past and is famous for its Baroque, medieval and 19th-century churches, houses and public buildings. Situated on Castle Hill, it is connected to Clark Adam Square by the Castle Hill Funicular and was declared a part of the World Heritage Site in 1987.

Address : 1014 Budapest, Szent György tér 2, Hungary

Zipcode : 1014

Location : 47.4962048, 19.039566599999944

Contact : +361-4583000

Website : <http://www2.budavar.hu/index.php?menu=136>

Nearest Public Transport : Palota út, gyorslift Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : National Gallery: Tuesday to Sunday: 10:00hrs–18:00hrs

Closed on Mondays, but often open on national holidays Budapest History

Museum (1st March to 31st October): Tuesday to Sunday: 10:00hrs–18:00hrs

Budapest History Museum (1st November to 29th February): Tuesday to Sunday:

10:00hrs–16:00hrs Closed on Mondays, but often open on national holidays

Time Required : 3

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.4. Heroes' Square

It is a notable square in Budapest which houses the statues of important national leaders of Hungary including the Seven Chieftains of Magyars and tomb of an unidentified soldier. The square has always been an important part of Hungarian history and has hosted many political events. Also known as Hősök tere, it is surrounded by two important buildings, the Palace of Art and Museum of Fine Arts with the Millennium Monument as its central feature.

Address : Budapest, Hősök tere, 1146 Hungary

Zipcode : 1146



Location : 47.5149429, 19.077862600000003

Contact : +36 1 322 4098

Nearest Public Transport : Hősök tere Subway Station Hősök tere M Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.5. Margaret Island

Situated in the heart of Budapest, Margaret Island is a popular tourist and a peaceful getaway from the downtown frenzy, by offering beautiful green areas, flowery gardens, recreational parks, the most notable being the Japanese Park. It makes a great choice for leisurely strolls or a picnic. The ruins on this island date back to the medieval period and remind us of its significant past.

Address : Budapest, 1138 Hungary

Zipcode : 1138

Location : 47.5266408, 19.046393899999998

Nearest Public Transport : Margitsziget/Árpád híd Bus Station

Margitsziget/Margit híd Light Rail Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 2.5

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.6. Citadella

Situated on top of the Gellért Hill, Citadel (Citadella) is a fortification built in 1851 by Julius Jacob von Haynau post the Hungarian revolt of 1848. This unique 'U' shaped fort that takes up 235 meters area of the high plateau. The citadel offers beautiful views of the city and has become an icon of Budapest.

Address : Budapest, Hungary, 1118

Zipcode : 1118

Location : 47.4869897, 19.046548000000003

Nearest Public Transport : Búsuló Juhász (Citadella) Bus station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.7. Gozsdu udvar

Comprising of 7 structures and their courtyards in its premises, Gozsdu udvar is a building complex in Budapest popular among locals. It is jam-packed with restaurants, pubs and bars which bring the place to life every evening. According to Romanian lawyer, Emanoil Gojdu, it was built by The Gozsdu Foundation 1901. Recent renovations turned the old passageway into fashionable residential and entertainment complex.

Address : Gozsdu udvar, Budapest, 1075 Hungary

Zipcode : 1075

Location : 47.498467, 19.059486200000038

Website : <http://gozsduudvar.hu/>

Nearest Public Transport : Bajcsy-Zsilinszky út M Bus Station Bajcsy-Zsilinszky út Subway Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.8. Mupa Budapest

Located alongside the National Theatre in the Millenium City center, Mupa Budapest covers an area of 10,000 m<sup>2</sup> and was opened in March 2005. Having been designed by Zoboky, Demeter and Partners Architectural Office, it is well-known for its architecture. A range of events such as jazz and contemporary circus is held here.

Address : Budapest, Komor Marcell u. 1, 1095 Hungary

Zipcode : 1095

Location : 47.4694459, 19.071698599999999

Contact : +36 1 555 3000

Website : <https://www.mupa.hu/>

Nearest Public Transport : Kozvaghid H Light Rail Station Közvágóhíd Train Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.9. Margaret Bridge

Mapped out by the French engineer Ernest Gouin, Margaret Bridge (Margit híd) which is known to have emerged from a hefty reconstruction is the second oldest public bridge in Budapest that connects Buda, Pest and Margaret Island. It is an eminent example of French Neo-Baroque bridge and Parisienne-style arch in Budapest giving it a self-effacing appearance.

Address : Budapest, Hungary, 1027

Zipcode : 1027

Location : 47.5146867, 19.043536099999983

Website : [http://www.bridgesofbudapest.com/bridge/margaret\\_bridge](http://www.bridgesofbudapest.com/bridge/margaret_bridge)

Nearest Public Transport : Margitsziget/Margit híd Light Rail Station  
Margitsziget/Margit híd Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.10. Kossuth Lajos Square

With a landmark as remarkable as the Hungarian Parliament Building, Kossuth Lajos tér (Kossuth Lajos square) is a major square in the city of Budapest located on the banks of Danube. In the second half of the 19th century, many public buildings were built in the square, making it an important symbol of the Hungarian state. Another famous landmark here is the shrine dedicated to the victims of Kossuth Ter massacre on 25th October 1956.

Address : Budapest, Kossuth Lajos tér, 1055, Hungary

Zipcode : 1055

Location : 47.50701670000001, 19.047359599999936

Nearest Public Transport : Kossuth Lajos ter M Travel Terminals (Bus, Trams, Ferries)

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.11. City Park

Escalated over an area of 1.2 square kilometers, City Park or Városliget is one of the popular and most visited parks in Budapest. The first trees and walkways were established in 1751, and having been established in the 19th century, it became the first public park in the world. In 1896, the Millennium Celebrations took place here. Its main entrance is at Hero's Square, which is part of the World Heritage Sites.

Address : Budapest, Kós Károly stny., 1146 Hungary

Zipcode : 1146

Location : 47.514292, 19.085243999999999

Website : <http://varosliget.info/>

Nearest Public Transport : Széchenyi fürdő Subway Station Olof Palme sétány Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 2.5

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.12. Statue of Imre Nagy

Statue of Imre Nagy, the two time Prime Minister, has been erected halfway across the carved bridge next to Kossuth Square facing the Parliament Building of Hungary. The statue is a symbol of freedom and is visited by many throughout the year.

Address : Statue of Imre Nagy, Budapest, 1054 Hungary

Zipcode : 1054

Location : 47.505658, 19.048314500000006

Website : <http://visitbudapest.travel/local-secrets/statue-of-imre-nagy/>

Nearest Public Transport : Kossuth Lajos ter M Travel Terminals (Bus, Trams, Ferries)

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.13. Váci utca

Labeled as one of the major shopping streets of Budapest, Váci utca is lined with plenty of shops selling awesome artefacts and clothes with major retailers being

H&M, Zara, Douglas AG, Swarovski, ESPRIT, Nike and much more. It also features a huge number of restaurants and cafés offering varied cuisine from around the world and definitely worth visiting.

Address : Budapest, Hungary, 1052

Zipcode : 1052

Location : 47.491922, 19.053772699999968

Nearest Public Transport : Ferenciek tere Subway Station Ferenciek tere M Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.14. Volt Festetics Palota

Designed by the renowned Hungarian architect Miklós Ybl, the Festetic Palace in central Budapest is famous for its elegant design and magnificent structure. After thorough planning and renovations, it was opened to the general public in 2003 and displays the dimensions and prismatic harmony of the romantic architecture in the appropriate atmosphere.

Address : Budapest, Pollack Mihály tér 3, 1088 Hungary

Zipcode : 1088

Location : 47.492137, 19.063872899999998

Contact : +36 1 266 3101

Website : <http://festeticspalota.hu/>

Nearest Public Transport : Astoria M Travel Terminals (Light Rail, Bus)

Open & Close Timing : Daily 08:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.15. Millenáris

A modern cultural complex and a famous tourist spot, Millenáris is a large park that has fountains, ponds, little bridges, custom-built playgrounds and other attractions that include Fogadó, an exhibition hall, and the Teátrum. It is also the most favored child-friendly venue in Budapest that offers several kids programs to choose from all round the year.

Address : Budapest, Kis Rókus u., 1024 Hungary

Zipcode : 1024

Location : 47.5108594, 19.026366400000003

Contact : +36 1 336 4000

Website : <http://www.millenaris.hu/>

Nearest Public Transport : Széna tér Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 06:00hrs–23:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.16. Kerepesi Cemetery

Being one of the oldest cemeteries in Hungary, Kerepesi Cemetery was founded in 1847 and tagged as the most famous in Budapest. The cemetery, also known for its Northern Italian arcades, is one of the largest National Pantheons in Europe as well as biggest outdoor statue park covering an area of 56 hectares and also referred to as the Père Lachaise of Budapest.

Address : Budapest, Fiumei út 16, 1086 Hungary

Zipcode : 1086

Location : 47.493647, 19.090271900000006

Website : <http://www.nemzetisirkert.hu/>

Nearest Public Transport : Magdolna utca Light Rail Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 07:00hrs–20:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.17. Elisabeth Bridge

The Elisabeth Bridge is constructed on river Danube and is suspended along the narrowest part of the river (290 m). The bridge is named after the Queen of Austria-Bavaria, Elisabeth who was killed in 1898 and at present, her bronze statue sits near the bridge's Buda side connection in the center of a small garden. It is a white cable bridge and the main spar cables of the bridge are hexagonal in cross-section composed of thousands of basic steel wires.

Address : Budapest, Erzsébet híd, Hungary, 1056

Zipcode : 1056

Location : 47.4908824, 19.0491978

Website : [http://www.bridgesofbudapest.com/bridge/elizabeth\\_bridge](http://www.bridgesofbudapest.com/bridge/elizabeth_bridge)

Nearest Public Transport : Rudas Gyogyfurdu Light Rail Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.18. Széchenyi Chain Bridge

Spanning across river Danube between Buda and Pest, the Széchenyi Chain Bridge is a suspension bridge designed by English architect William Tierney Clark with decorations of cast iron and was opened to public in 1849. Commonly known as the Chain Bridge, it holds enormous importance in the country's social, economic and cultural life. A symbol of development and national awakening, it upgraded the bridge to a high stature in Europe.

Address : Budapest, Széchenyi Láncíd, Hungary, 1013

Zipcode : 1013

Location : 47.4989928, 19.043699400000037

Website : [http://www.bridgesofbudapest.com/bridge/chain\\_bridge](http://www.bridgesofbudapest.com/bridge/chain_bridge)

Nearest Public Transport : Clark Ádám tér Light Rail Station and Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.19. Timewheel

One of the largest hourglasses in the world, Timewheel is located in Budapest close to City Park and Heroes' Square. The hourglass is made of granite, steel and glass and weighs 60 tons where the sand flows from the upper to lower glass chamber for one year. The sand gets used up by New Year's Eve and is then turned 180 degrees so that the flow of the sand is resumed for the next year.

Address : Budapest, Olof Palme stny. 3, 1146 Hungary

Zipcode : 1146

Location : 47.5128023, 19.080294500000036

Nearest Public Transport : Hősök tere M and Benczúr utca Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours



Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.20. Roosevelt Square

Also known as Széchenyi tér, the Roosevelt Square is named after former American President, Franklin Delano Roosevelt and is situated in the vicinity of several important buildings in Budapest like Buda Castle and The Hungarian Academy of Sciences. The square also plays host to a statue honoring him, dating from some time before the name of Roosevelt came into use.

Address : Budapest, Széchenyi István tér, 1051 Hungary

Zipcode : 1051

Location : 47.500588, 19.04670299999998

Website

[http://www.budapest.com/city\\_guide/sights/squares/roosevelt\\_square.en.html](http://www.budapest.com/city_guide/sights/squares/roosevelt_square.en.html)

Nearest Public Transport : Szechenyi Istvan ter Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.21. Hungarian State Opera

Initially known as the Hungarian Royal Opera House, it is a popular neo – Renaissance opera theatre in the heart of Budapest city. It was built by the famous architect, Miklós Ybl and financed by Emperor Franz Joseph I of Austria-Hungary in the late 19th century. The auditorium can hold up to 1261 people and is opulently decorated making it one among the finest opera houses in the world. The ticket prices vary as per the shows.

Address : Budapest, Andrásy út 22, 1061 Hungary

Zipcode : 1061

Location : 47.5027169, 19.058307600000035

Contact : +36 1 814 7100

Website : <http://www.opera.hu/>

Nearest Public Transport : Opera Subway Station Opera M Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Friday: 10:00hrs-19:00hrs Saturday and Sunday: 13:00hrs-19:00hrs



Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.22. Erzsébet Square

Erzsébet Square is the largest green area in the city of Budapest and is named after Elisabeth, wife of Franz Joseph. The main attraction of the square is the Danubius Fountain located in the middle of the square symbolizing Hungary's rivers. Situated in the heart of the city, this is one of the favourite hangout spots and a popular venue for summer festivals.

Address : Erzsébet tér, 1051 Budapest, Hungary

Zipcode : 1051

Location : 47.4035079, 19.1183730999999985

Nearest Public Transport : Deák Ferenc tér M Bus Station Deák Ferenc tér Subway Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No



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### 8. Key sites sports & adventure

A host of adrenaline boosting activities are offered to the visitors in Budapest. Some of the extreme sports that you can enjoy here include paragliding, wakeboarding, caving, laser tag, indoor sky diving, mountain biking, etc.

- **Trekking -**

Address : Gellert-hegy, Budapest, Buda, District I, 1016

Location : 47.4863888999999,19.0411110999999

Nearest Public Transport : Búsuló Juhász (Citadella) Bus Station

Open / Close Time : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 4

- **Skydiving -**

Address : Tandemugrás, Dunaújváros, 2428 Hungary

Location : 46.895964,18.9197289999999

Contact No : +36 20 3412704

Website : <http://www.tandemugras.hu/>

Nearest Public Transport : Újvenyim Railway Station (Not Recommended)

Entry Fees : 27000 HUF to 47000 HUF

Open / Close Time : April to October: Friday, Saturday and Sunday 10:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 3

- **Wakeboarding -**

Address : Omszk Wakeboard Centrum, Budakalász, Omszk park 1, 2011 Hungary

Location : 47.6161369999999,19.0644119999999

Contact No : +36 70 380 3506

Website : <http://www.omszkwakecentrum.hu/>

Nearest Public Transport : Budakalász Train Station

Entry Fees : 4,500 HUF to 80,000 HUF

Open / Close Time : April and October: Friday, Saturday, Sunday  
11:00hrs-19:00hrs May to September: Daily 11:00hrs-19:00hrs

Time Required : 3

### • Indoor Skydiving -

Address : SKYWARD INDOOR SKYDIVING BUDAPEST, Budapest,  
Szerűraktár u. 53, 1212 Hungary

Location : 47.432314,19.055329

Contact No : +36 30 589 0322

Website : <http://indoorskydivingbudapest.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Szent Imre tér Train Station

Entry Fees : 3 minutes: 15,000 HUF 6 minutes (maximum for 2 people):  
28,500 HUF 9 minutes (maximum for 3 people): 42,000 HUF

Open / Close Time : Tuesday 13:00hrs-18:00hrs Wednesday to Sunday:  
09:00hrs-18:00hrs Monday Closed

Time Required : 3

### • Paragliding -

Address : Glück Frigyes út, Budapest, 1028

Location : 47.5494798999999,18.9776623

Contact No : +36 20 251 56 42

Website : <http://www.sikloernyostanfolyam.hu/hu>

Nearest Public Transport : Hunyadi János utca Bus Station

Entry Fees : 45000 HUF to 95000 HUF

Time Required : 4



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### 9. Adventure sports, Local sports, stadiums

Football is quite popular in Budapest with many league level clubs. Other sports which have brought many international game medals to the country include fencing, swimming, water polo, canoeing, and wrestling. Modern sports like bowling, pool billiards, darts, go-karting, wakeboarding, and squash are also widely played in Budapest.



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## 10. Spas and relaxation

Known as the ‘City of Spas’, Budapest has a big list of spa and relaxation opportunities for tourists.

- **Gellért Thermal Bath:**

Address : Budapest, Kelenhegyi út 4, 1118

Location : 47.4837444,19.051621100000034

Contact No : +36 1 466 6166

Website : <http://gellertspa.com/>

- **Rudas Gyógyfürd?:**

Address : Budapest, Döbrentei tér 9, 1013 Hungary

Location : 47.489102,19.048387999999993

Contact No : +36 1 356 1010

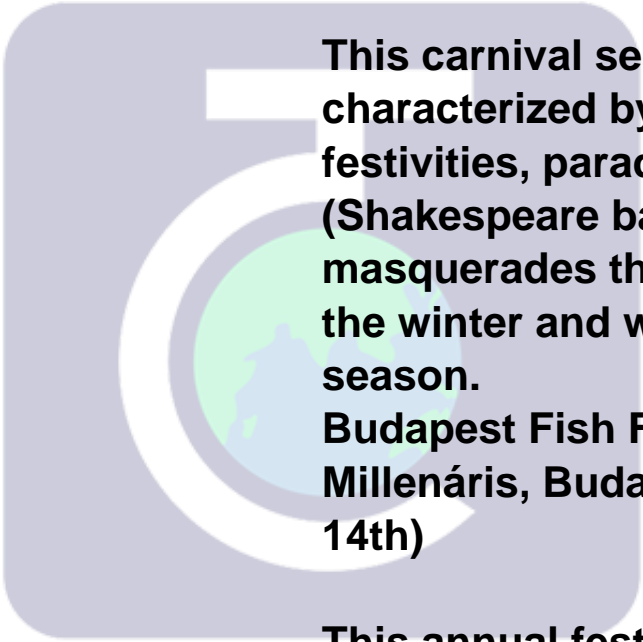
Website : <http://en.rudasfurdo.hu/>

## 11. Events calendar

### Month

### Events

**Farsang, Carnival Season in Hungary @ Budapest Opera House and other venues (Jan 6 - Feb 10)**



**This carnival season is characterized by many festivities, parades, balls (Shakespeare ball) and masquerades that help shake off the winter and welcome spring season.**

**Budapest Fish Festival @ Millenáris, Budapest (12th to 14th)**

**This annual fest entails plenty of fish dishes especially the renowned fisherman's soup (halaszle). You will also enjoy cooking competitions, live music, wine and palinka tasting, kids programs and much more.**

**Hungarian Macaron Day @ Akvárium Klub (20th)**

**This event is dedicated to the French macaron (crunchy pastry sandwiched together). It entails a macaron competition and**

**macaron fare where guests can taste and learn how to bake macarons.**

**Titanic International Filmfest @ Several art cinemas e.g. Puskin, Toldi, Urania and Örökmozgó (7th-16th)**

**This festivals entails mainly the 'Breaking Wawes Award' which goes to the most daring, innovative and outstanding movie of the season. Over 29 countries are featured in this event.**

**Rosalia - Rosé Festival @ Városliget, Budapest Pest, District 14 (6th to 8th)**

**Dedicated to rose wines, champagnes and sparkling wines, this 3-day event involves wine tasting, rose wine contests, jazz concerts and plenty of Hungarian dishes.**

**Buda Castle Beer Festival @ The Royal Palace's Oroszlános and Hunyadi courtyards (11th-14th)**

**Featuring over 200 international and local beer types, this event is characterized with quality products displayed by famous breweries e.g. Dreher, Borsodi**



**and Heineken. Visitors will taste and learn the history of beer making.**

**Red Bull Air Race World Series @ City Center, Banks of the Danube (16th to 17th)**

**This is an acrobatic flying fare that attracts fans from all over the globe. This competition entails famous participants for instance the retired expert aviator Peter Besenyei.**

**Festival of Folk Arts (Mesterségek Ünnepe) @ Buda Castle (18th-21st)**

**This event brings together the best Hungarian craftsmen who showcase their work ranging from egg painting to wood carving. There are also folk dances and music, wine tasting and traditional dishes.**

**Budapest International Half Marathon @ Budapest street route (11th)**

**This marathon follows a scenic route across chain bridge to Buda and back. The event attracts more than 1,200 participants from approximately 52 countries.**

## **World Press Photo @ Museum of Ethnography (1st -25th)**

**Photos taken in over 131 countries involving everyday politics, life, nature, art, culture and history will be displayed during this event.**

## **Tennis Classics Budapest @ Papp László Budapest Sport Aréna (24th)**

**This is an annual tennis gala involving famous tennis players. This year's tennis event is subtitled 'stars and legends' and will be featuring players such as Kristina Mladenovic, Marin Cilic and others.**

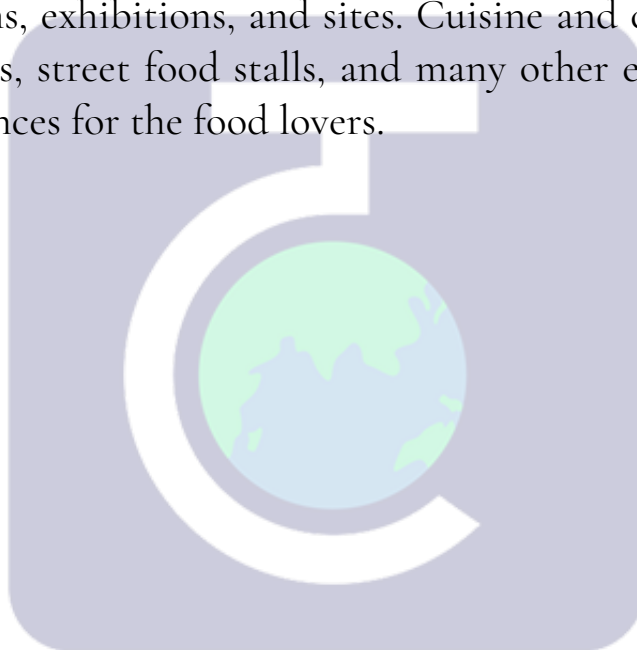
## **Budapest Christmas Market @ Vörösmarty tér Square (13th Nov, 2016 - 6th Jan, 2017)**

**This market entails over 100 stalls offering Christmas themed art and crafts. The festival also features live entertainment, live shows, music, children programs and traditional Hungarian food e.g. toki pompos, kürtöskalács, mulled wine and many other delicacies.**

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### 12. Key local guides and tours

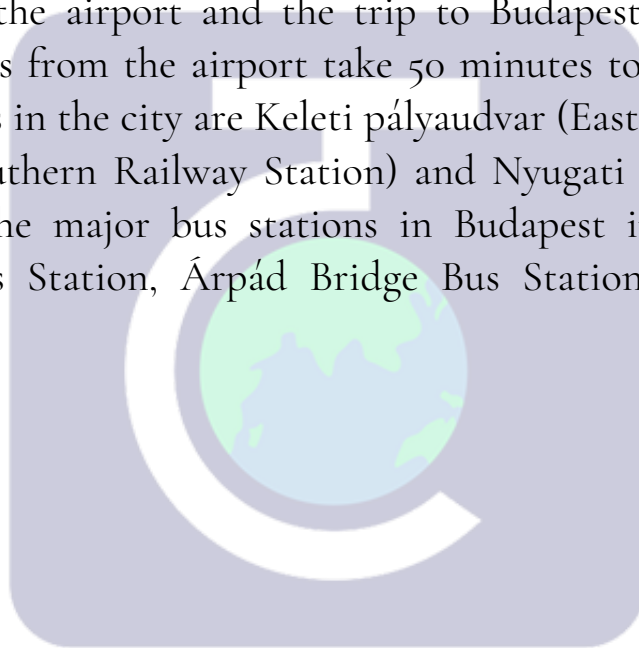
There is a lot to see and explore in the beautiful historic city of Budapest. Tourists can select from a host of tours and packages tailor-made to suit the tastes of each one. Jewish heritage walking tours takes the visitors for casual walks around the important Jewish sites, synagogues, and museums in the city. History tours are for those who would like to explore the past of the city in its buildings, monuments, museums, exhibitions, and sites. Cuisine and culture tours through the restaurants, shops, street food stalls, and many other eating joints offer the best culinary experiences for the food lovers.



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### 13. Transportation hubs

Budapest Ferenc Liszt International Airport serves the city of Budapest and is located 16 km away from the downtown area. Taxis, mini buses, airport shuttles, buses, and trains take passengers to the city centre. Fotaxi cars from the airport to the city cost 5,000-10,000 HUF depending on distance. The rate of airport shuttle services is 1,900-6,500 HUF. Suburban and long distance rail services are also available from the airport and the trip to Budapest city takes about 25 minutes. Public buses from the airport take 50 minutes to the city centre. The main railway stations in the city are Keleti pályaudvar (Eastern Railway Station), Déli pályaudvar (Southern Railway Station) and Nyugati pályaudvar (Western Railway Station). The major bus stations in Budapest include Népliget Bus station, Stadion Bus Station, Árpád Bridge Bus Station, and Etele tér Bus Station.

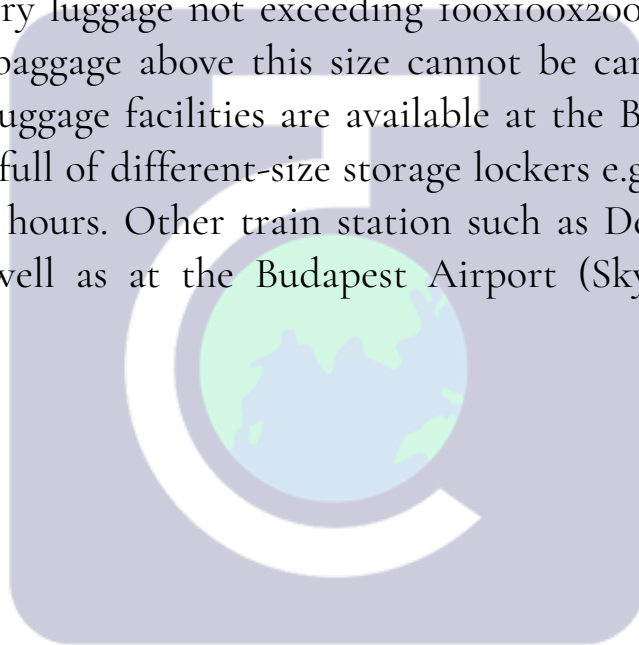


## 14. Transportation cost

Public transport system is widely used in Budapest and is the best mode of transport for tourists. Different types of tickets are available to travel on these. A single ticket for suburban railways usually costs about 350 HUF if bought from vending machines, and around 450 HUF if purchased from the driver. Rate of single ticket for boats is 750 HUF. 24-hour travelcards valid on MAV trains, suburban Volan buses, and boat services are available for 1,650 HUF. A 24-hour group travel card (group travel card is a block of 10 tickets, 24-hour travel card, 72-hour travel card or a group card for a group of 5 people) costs 3,300 HUF. The rate of a 7-day travelcard is 4,950 HUF. Monthly pass cost is 9,500 HUF. A Budapest card that allows discounts at museums and restaurants is also available for 1-day, 2-day, and 3-day use for a rate of 4,900, 7,900, and 9,900 HUF, respectively. The base price for taxis is 450 HUF and 280 HUF for every kilometre.

## 15. Baggage allowance

Public transport companies for instance BKV Zrt which operates bus lines, HÉV (suburban railway) lines and cogwheel railway allows 2 luggage pieces whose size should not exceed 20x20x200 cm or 40x50x80 cm. You may also carry a pair of skis, a sledge or wrapped sapling tree for free. The maximum allowance for flammable products or liquids is strictly 5 Kgs. If indicated by a pictogram, passengers might carry luggage not exceeding 100x100x200 cm after paying the respective fee. Any baggage above this size cannot be carried under whatever circumstances. Left luggage facilities are available at the Budapest-Keleti Train Station with a room full of different-size storage lockers e.g. 65x80x55 cm locker costing 600 HUF/24 hours. Other train station such as Deli and Nyugati offer storage services as well as at the Budapest Airport (SkyCourt ground floor corridor).



**Index****16. Must try food and local savouries**

Budapest is well known for csülök, Smoked Salmon Tartare and veal made of foie gras.



## 17. Restaurant & Nightlife

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- **Kispiac Bisztro:**

Address : Budapest, Hold u. 13, 1054 Hungary

Location : 47.50482799999999,19.05264940000000

Contact No : +36 1 269 4231

Website : <http://kispiac.eu/>

Open / Close Time : Monday- Saturday 12:00hrs-22:00hrs Sunday Closed

- **Gundel Kft.:**

Address : Budapest, Gundel Károly út 4, 1146 Hungary

Location : 47.5171,19.07640000000000

Contact No : +36 1 889 8111

Website : <http://www.gundel.hu/>

Open / Close Time : Daily – 12:00hrs-00:00hrs



- **Borbírószág:**

Address : Budapest, Csarnok tér 5, 1093 Hungary

Location : 47.486799,19.06010400000000

Contact No : +36 1 219 0902

Website : <http://borbirosag.com/>

Open / Close Time : Monday-Saturday 12:00hrs-23:30hrs; Sunday-Closed

- **tanti:**

Address : Budapest, Apor Vilmos tér 11-12, 1124 Hungary

Location : 47.4911062,19.01202050000000

Contact No : +36 20 243 1565

Website : <http://www.tanti.hu/>

Open / Close Time : Monday and Saturday 12:00hrs-15:00hrs,  
18:00hrs-23:00hrs, Sunday 12:00hrs-16:00hrs

- **Costes Restaurant:**

Address : Budapest, Ráday u. 4, 1092 Hungary

Location : 47.4887627,19.0623961

Contact No : +36 1 219 0696

Website : <http://www.costes.hu/>

Open / Close Time : Wednesday to Sunday 18:30hrs-00:00hrs, Monday  
and Tuesday-closed

- **Borkonyha Winekitchen Restaurant:**

Address : Budapest, Sas u. 3, 1051 Hungary

Location : 47.4995829,19.05255680000000

Contact No : +36 1 266 0835

Website : <http://borkonyha.hu/>

Open / Close Time : Monday to Saturday 12:00hrs-00:00hrs, Closed on Sundays

- **21 - Hungarian Restaurant:**

Address : Budapest, Fortuna u. 21, 1014 Hungary

Location : 47.5041007,19.03124700000000

Contact No : +36 1 202 2113

Website : <http://21restaurant.hu/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 12:00hrs-23:45hrs

- **Kisbuda Gyöngye:**

Address : Budapest, Kenyeres u. 34, 1034 Hungary

Location : 47.5371,19.03430000000000

Contact No : +36 1 368 6402

Website : <http://remiz.hu/>

Open / Close Time : Tuesday to Saturday 12:00hrs-15:00hrs;  
19:00hrs-22:00hrs Sunday and Monday – Closed

- **Aranyzarvas Vendégl?:**

Address : Budapest, Szarvas tér 1, 1013 Hungary

Location : 47.49265459999999,19.04263089999999

Contact No : +36 1 375 6451

Website : <http://aranyzarvas.hu/>

Open / Close Time : Tuesday-Saturday 12:00hrs-23:00hrs; Sunday and Monday -closed

- **Ankert:**

Address : Budapest, Paulay Ede u. 33, 1061 Hungary

Location : 47.501341,19.0590819999999

Contact No : +36 30 360 3389

Website : <http://ankerklub.hu/>

Open / Close Time : Monday to Saturday 14:00hrs-04:00hrs; Sunday 14:00hrs-00:00hrs

- **Doblo Wine Bar:**

Address : Budapest, Dob u. 20, 1072 Hungary

Location : 47.4980988,19.0609815999999

Contact No : +36 20 398 8863

Website : <http://www.budapestwine.com/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 13:00hrs-04:00hrs

- **DiVino Gozsdu:**

Address : Budapest, Király u. 13, 1075 Hungary

Location : 47.4988594,19.0584228000000

Contact No : +36 70 413 4899

Website : <http://gozsdu.divinoborbar.hu/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 17:00hrs-02:00hrs

- **Las Vegas Casino Sofitel Budapest:**

Address : Budapest, Széchenyi tér 2, 1051 Hungary

Location : 47.4982743,19.0480668999999

Contact No : +36 1 317 6022

Website : <http://www.lasvegascasino.hu/>

Open / Close Time : Open 24 hours



**Index****18. Average meal cost**

In an inexperienced restaurant a normal meal costs 1,567.00 HUF. A three-course meal at a mid-range restaurant for two people costs 2,607 HUF. You can have a fresh cappuccino at 1,300.33 HUF. A combo meal at McDonald's can be purchased at 1,465 HUF. 11.2 oz small bottle of water can be purchased at 332.00 HUF.



## 19. Shopping

Budapest has shopping possibilities in abundance.

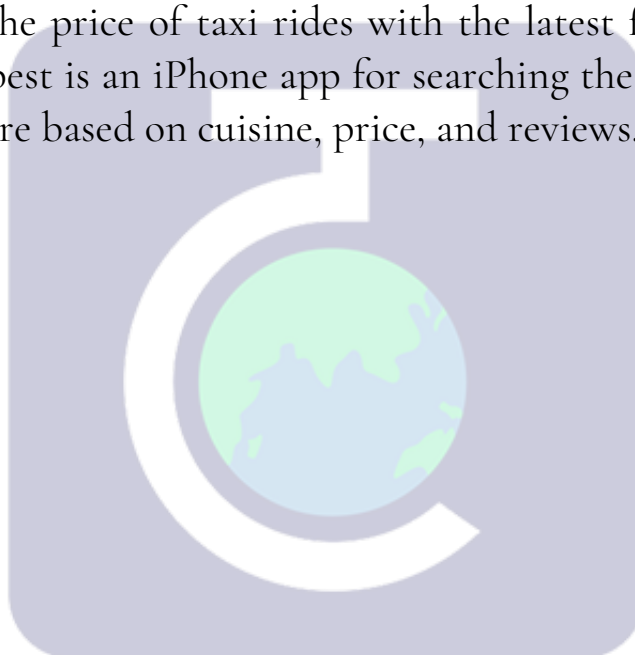


## 20. Tourist benefits

In Hungary, the tax laws impose a Value Added Tax (VAT) of 25% on goods or 12% on some items bought within the country. Like in other European Union-member states, goods purchased in Hungary by foreigners are tax free. Therefore a VAT refund system popularly known as the Europe Tax-free Shopping is available to foreigners who meet certain conditions. For instance, the subject goods should be purchased in stores affiliated to the tax exemption provisions, your receipt in one store should total up to a minimum of HUF 25,000 and the purchased goods should be taken out of the country within 90 days after date of purchase. Upon purchasing goods you should always ask for a Fiscal Receipt and VAT Reclaim Form (which is your VAT refund document). These documents come along with a Tax-free Envelope which contains addresses of refund offices where you can claim your VAT refund. Another common tourist benefit is the Budapest card which is basically a package of discounts and services available to visitors. It entails discounted services in Museums, spas, restaurants, sightseeing tours and free public transport. This card is great saving plan for those travelling on a budget. Duty free shops offering goods at discounted rates are also available in Budapest particularly in the airports and high-end hotels.

## 21. Essential local apps

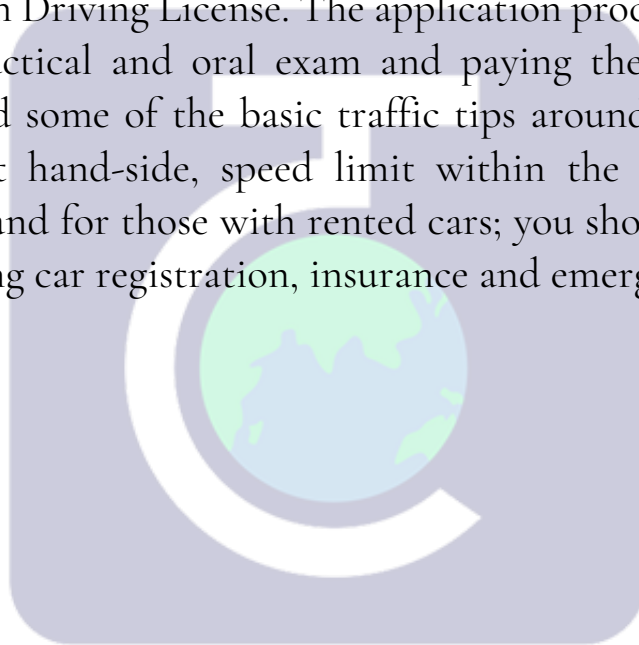
It is useful to have some latest mobile apps to explore the city on your own. SmartCity Budapest Transport is a complete travel app with features like offline timetables of bus, metro, tram, train, suburban train, and night lines, public transport route planner, address search, etc. BKK Futar is a journey planner app for finding transport options, routes, timings, and much more. GoodGuy Taxi helps in estimating the price of taxi rides with the latest fares and routes. Best Restaurants in Budapest is an iPhone app for searching the best restaurants near you. Search options are based on cuisine, price, and reviews.





## 22. Driving

Foreign motorists are allowed to drive in Budapest using their foreign driving license provided it has a certified Hungarian translation document. Those with an International driving permit will not need the translation document but must always carry their International permit together with their foreign driving license. However, if you extend your visit beyond 1 year, you will be required to apply for a Hungarian Driving License. The application process involves passing a medical exam, a practical and oral exam and paying the application fee. It's crucial to understand some of the basic traffic tips around Budapest i.e. traffic flow is on the right hand-side, speed limit within the city is 50kph unless otherwise indicated and for those with rented cars; you should always have valid documents concerning car registration, insurance and emergency equipment.



## 23. Travel essentials

Budapest is connected to a standard voltage output of 230 Volts alternating at a frequency of 50Hz. If your residential country uses a standard between 220-240 V (UK, Australia, Europe and some parts of Africa), you won't need a voltage converter for your devices. However if your home country is connected to the 110-120 V standard like in Canada, US and parts of South America, you will need a transformer/adapter before you connect your appliances. It's important to understand the wattage of your specific gadget since some of them e.g. laptops have inbuilt transformers and can be connected to any voltage. Budapest uses type C and F sockets which can also function with plug E type. If your device plug is not compatible with these types, you will require a plug-adapter preferably the universal adapter. You can also consider the combined voltage converter/plug adapter for greater convenience. Finding a pharmacy even a 24 hour one should not be a problem in Budapest, however if you are on some special medication or are allergic to particular medicines, you should carry your own medication as OTC's (Over the counter) are not allowed.

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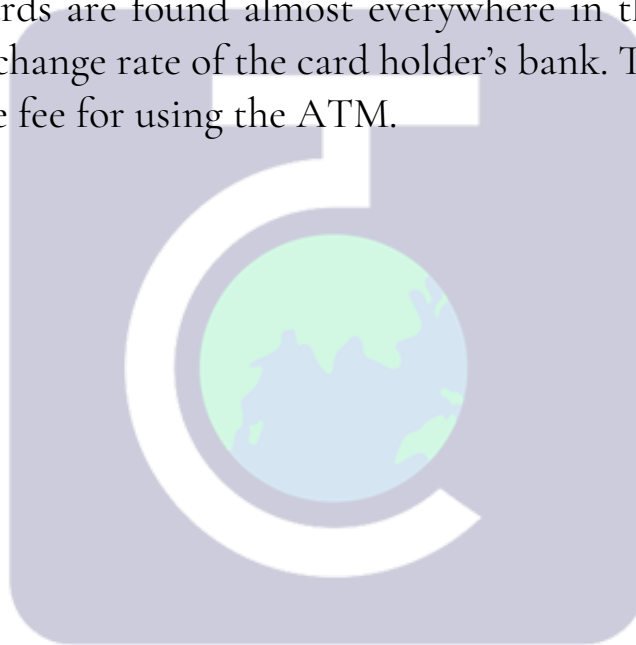
## 25. Local currency

Hungarian Forints is the local currency of Budapest. It is denoted as HUF. 1 USD = 283.63 Hungarian Forints.



## 26. Change vendor's commission, ATM charges

Currency exchange kiosks can be found in most tourist areas or shopping malls. Banks also provide this service for a surcharge. The exchange offices also take a commission of 2%-3%. Foreign currency exchange services at the airport charge a commission of about 10%-15%. Some upscale hotels also exchange currencies though the rates are about 10% lower than the usual rates. ATMs that accept international cash cards are found almost everywhere in the city. The rates are based on the daily exchange rate of the card holder's bank. There will be a foreign fee as well as a service fee for using the ATM.



## 27. Staying connected

For tourists travelling to Budapest, you can easily get hold of SIM cards at the international airport. Preferably you must opt for T-Mobile or Vodafone. You'd need to show your passport and valid Hungary visa to buy a SIM card. Most beneficial for buying is prepaid SIM cards. Internet connectivity is widespread in most public places. You can find free wifi at many food joints and many other places.



## 28. Time Zone

Budapest follows Central European Time Zone with UTC + 01:00 hours.



## 29. Languages

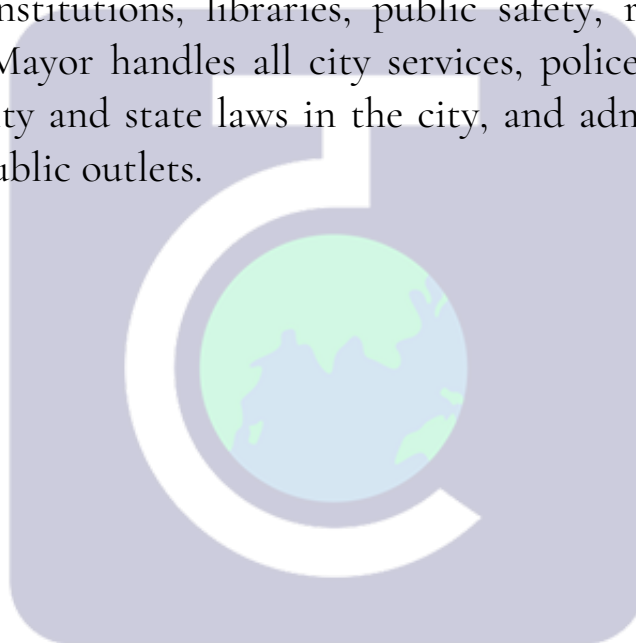
German, Russian and English are the main languages spoken here.





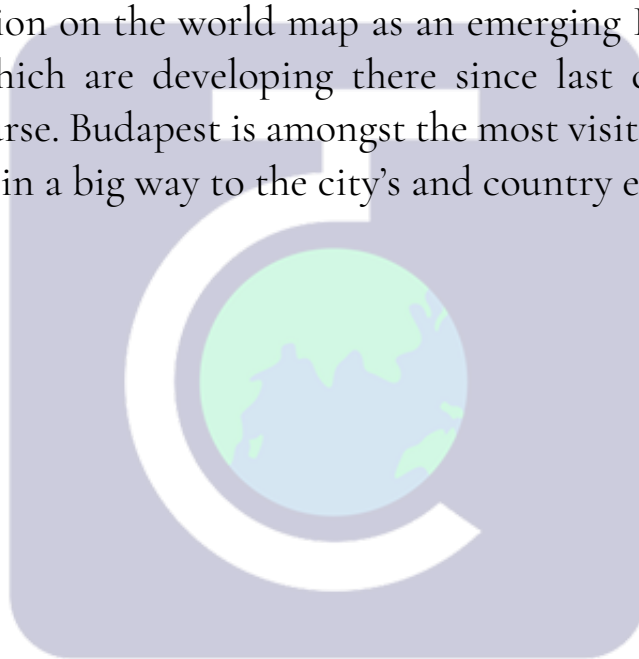
### 30. Political Scenario

The metropolitan municipality takes care of all civic welfare and development matters of Budapest. The municipal body is headed by a Mayor. Interestingly Budapest also enjoys special status as country-level government and capital city territory status. The central government administers the reins of urban planning, statutory planning, public transport, housing, waste management, municipal taxes, correctional institutions, libraries, public safety, recreational facilities, among others. The Mayor handles all city services, police and fire protection, enforcement of all city and state laws in the city, and administration of public property and most public outlets.



## 31. Economic Scenario

The economic structure of Budapest is a dynamic one it is ranked as one of the fastest-developing economies of Europe and the world. For a host of sectors, Budapest has become home-ground, particularly banking and finance, real estate, retailing, trade, transportation, tourism, new media as well as traditional media, advertising, legal services, accountancy, insurance, fashion and the arts. Budapest is raking up its position on the world map as an emerging IT hub, thanks to the influx of startups which are developing there since last couple of years. And there's tourism of course. Budapest is amongst the most visited cities of the world. Tourism contributes in a big way to the city's and country economy wheel.



**Index****32. Religious belief**

Budapest has the most populous Christian community in Central Europe. The Christians here include Roman Catholics, Calvinists, Lutherans, Orthodox, and Greek Catholics. The city is home to the largest Calvinist community in the world. Judaism also has considerable followers in Budapest. The city is home to a number of ancient churches, synagogues, and other places of worship of the major religions. Some of these are marvels of architectural mastery of the ancient times. The largest church in Budapest is the St. Stephen's Basilica. The Dohány Street Synagogue is the largest synagogue in Europe and the second largest in the world.



### 33. Visa requirements

From December 2007, Hungary became part of the Schengen Area which has a common visa policy. As a general rule, residence permits or visas issued by one of the countries in the Schengen Area are valid in Hungary and the entire Schengen region. This means that visitors possessing a visa from one of the Schengen countries can validly enter Budapest. Currently there are 26 Schengen countries and 22 of them are members of the European Union. Out of the total 27 members (of European Union), 5 of them do not issue Schengen visas i.e. Romania, Ireland, United Kingdom, Cyprus and Bulgaria. The Schengen visa policy applies only to visits of less than 90 days. For extended visits the national laws of the subject country applies accordingly. If it's your first time to apply for a Schengen visa, your biometric data e.g. signature, photo and fingerprints will be required. It is advisable to keep 2 pages free in your passport for arrival and departure stamps. In certain cases, it has been observed that applying and receiving a visa can be a process of 20-30 days. Hence, it is essential that you check the timeline with the relevant authority in the country where you intend to make the visa application. It is advisable to keep 2 pages free in your passport for arrival and departure stamps. In certain cases, it has been observed that applying and receiving a visa can be a process of 20-30 days. Hence, it is essential that you check the timeline with the relevant authority in the country where you intend to make the visa application. You can have more information on visa requirement at <http://visitbudapest.travel/budapest-info/passport-visa/>.

**Index****34. Essential vaccination**

If you are traveling to Budapest, then you are recommended to be vaccinated for Polio, Hepatitis A, Rabies, Typhoid, Meningitis, Cholera, Hepatitis B, Malaria, Japanese Encephalitis, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Diphtheria and routine vaccines.



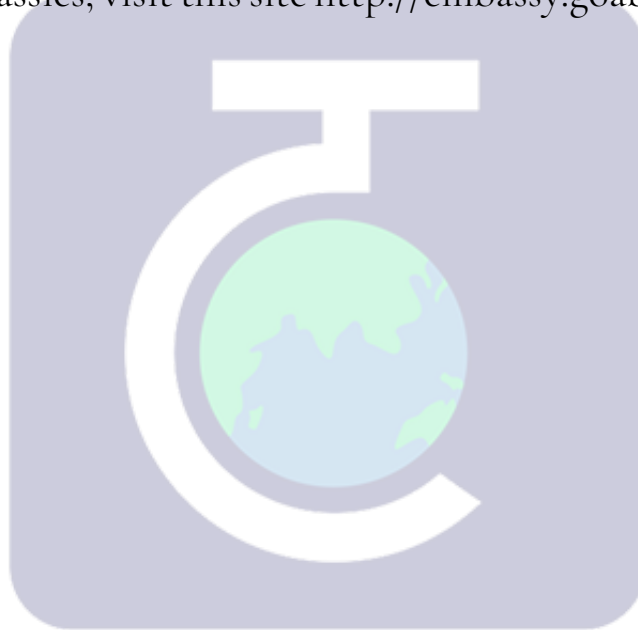
**Index****35. Theft and Safety**

Budapest is a safe city for tourists. Petty crimes like pickpocketing and minor thefts are the only concerns when travelling in the city. Though generally walking outside at night is safe, take precautions like staying away from isolated and poorly lit areas. Do not keep money and other valuables in backpockets or backpacks while visiting busy tourist centres. Do not carry your original passport and excess cash. Beware of scams and rip-offs at restaurants and seedy areas.



**Index****36. Embassy/Consulate**

Budapest being the capital city of Hungary hosts a significant number of embassies and consulate offices. In fact it has an 'Embassy district' near Heroes Square which has 15 plus embassies and representative offices from almost all the continents. Some of them like the British and American embassies have a security zone constructed around them. More details about the specific contacts and location of these embassies; visit this site <http://embassy.goabroad.com/embassies-in/hungary>.



## 37. Accessibility

The public transport systems, major landmarks, and tourist centres have facilities for the disabled. Necessary amenities like ramps and lifts for wheelchair access are provided for those with limited mobility.





## 38. Emergencies

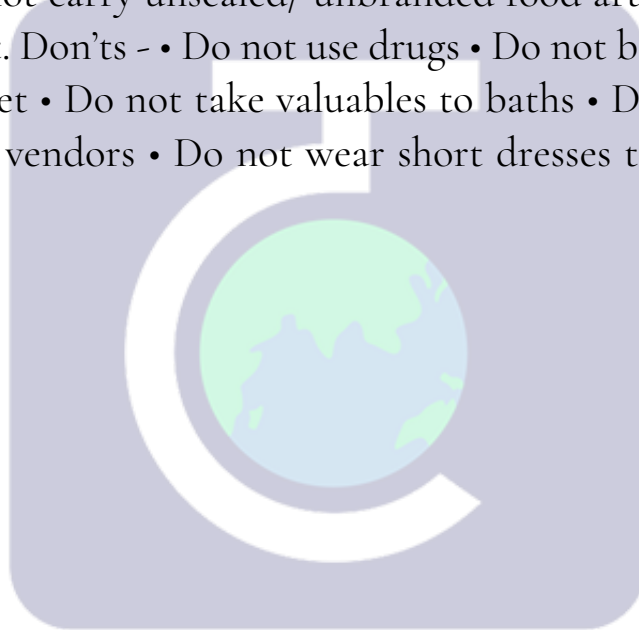
In case of emergencies you can call 107 for police, for ambulance you can dial 104 and for fire 105. You are provided with top notch services. There are hospitals that can help you with the travel insurance such as Uzsoki Utcai Korhaz Hospital.



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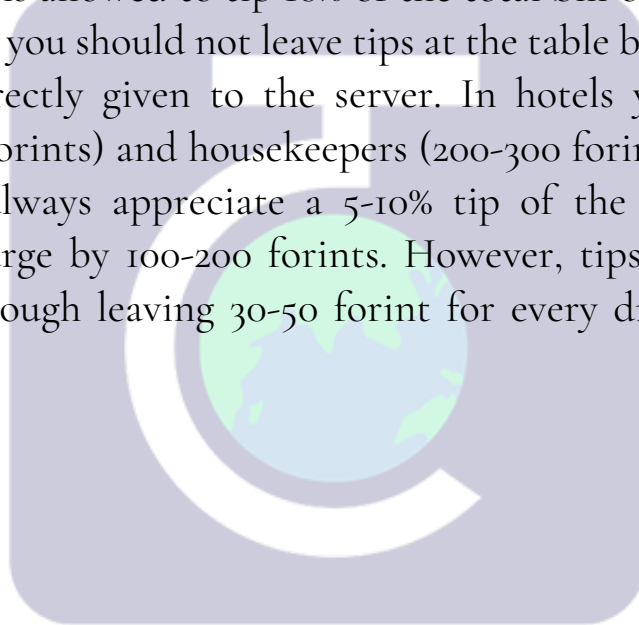
### 39. Do's and Don'ts

It is important to know the state rules and the cultural and social norms of a city that you are visiting as a tourist. Do's - • Say 'hello' and 'goodbye' • Wait for the host/hostess to say 'cheers' to start drinking at a social gathering • Remove outdoor shoes before entering a house • It is advisable to carry a certified doctor's prescription along with the medicines to ensure hassle free import clearance. • It is advisable that do not carry unsealed/ unbranded food articles as the same may be banned for import. Don'ts - • Do not use drugs • Do not board public transport vehicles without ticket • Do not take valuables to baths • Do not buy Hungarian currency from street vendors • Do not wear short dresses to churches and other places of worship



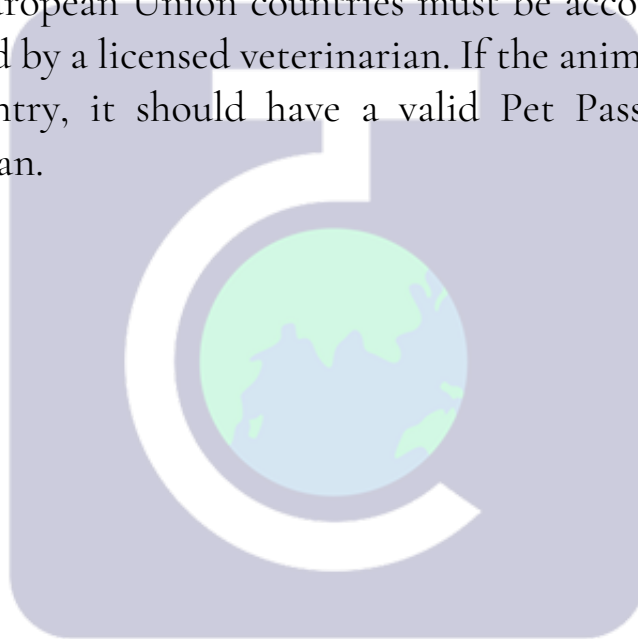
## 40.Tipping basics

Although tipping is not mandatory in Budapest, it's quite expected and most service providers appreciate it as additional income. Many restaurants and eateries have a service charge of 12.5% which is either included in the bill or indicated in the menu. It is always important to check out for the service charge as it won't be necessary to leave an extra tip. However, in eateries that don't have the service charge, it is allowed to tip 10% of the total bill or 15% for outstanding service. Nevertheless, you should not leave tips at the table but should be dropped in the tip jar or directly given to the server. In hotels you can tip bellhops (approximately 500 forints) and housekeepers (200-300 forints at the end of your stay). Taxi drivers always appreciate a 5-10% tip of the total fare or simply rounding up the charge by 100-200 forints. However, tips are not expected in bars/night-clubs although leaving 30-50 forint for every drink ordered is quite common.



**Index****41. Pet info**

In order to grant entry to pet animals into Hungary, all the animals must be microchipped at the country of origin. A vaccination against rabies should be taken after implanting the micro chip and more than 21 days prior to entry into Hungary. If the animal is coming from a high-rabies country, a rabies titer test must be performed at a licensed lab to verify the level rabies antibodies. All animals from non-European Union countries must be accompanied by a Health Certificate completed by a licensed veterinarian. If the animal is from a European Union member country, it should have a valid Pet Passport updated by an authorised veterinarian.



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### Conclusion – Why to select this destination

*Budapest is a historical city with a great cultural heritage which is evident in its music, arts, dance, food, and other aspects of daily life. It is one of the most beautiful cities in Europe and offers a plethora of sights and activities for the visitors to explore. One of the greatest attractions for tourists is that Budapest is extremely affordable as compared to other European capitals and major cities. Many of the sights are absolutely free to visit. Budapest is an architectural delight with Roman, Gothic, and Turkish influences lending a charming aura to the ancient buildings and structures around the city. The castles, churches, synagogues, and bridges are stunning examples of the craftsmanship of the artists of the past. The mineral-rich thermal baths are the most popular attraction for the tourists. These refreshing and relaxing baths are reason enough to spend a wonderful holiday in Budapest. The exceptional wine culture of the city is quite addictive for the visitors. So is the variety of food that one can taste here. Food fairs are quite frequent where the best of Hungarian cuisine is available for cheaper rates. For those who would like to discover the cultural side of the city, there are events all around the year in various parts of the city.*

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