

Family, Friends, and New Discoveries

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A Special Visit in Budapest

Earlier this month, I had the pleasure of welcoming my family and some friends to Budapest. They arrived late on the 8th of May, and I had access to their Airbnb thanks to the code they had shared with me. To welcome them properly, I prepared a small *apéritif* before their arrival! When they got there around 11 PM, they were surprised to find everything ready. We talked a lot and it felt a bit strange, but also wonderful, to see them here in the city.

I took my brother and friends to Morrisons, one of the most popular spots for nightlife in Budapest. It felt great to show them this must-do experience as soon as they arrived.

The next morning, we woke up early to explore the city. Unfortunately, I had class at 4 PM, so after having lunch together at noon (*Figure 1*), I had to leave them to continue their visit without me. We met again around 7 PM, and although we didn't go out that night, we had a cozy evening at the Airbnb playing cards and relaxing.



Figure 1 - Friday Restaurant

On Saturday, they visited the residence where I live and met some of my friends. We all walked through some iconic spots in Budapest (*Figure 2*): the Parliament, Fisherman's Bastion, and the Castle District. They were impressed by the architecture and the views.



Figure 2 - Discovering Budapest

That Saturday's evening, I took them to a bar and later, I went partying with my brother near the Danube. The night and the mood were great.

On Sunday, we shared a final meal together in a restaurant before they left around 3 PM. It was emotional to say goodbye, but they told me they were very happy with the visit. They loved the city and said I was well surrounded here. That meant a lot to me. Nevermind, I know that I'll not stay here a lot more time and that I will see them soon.

A Solo Adventure

Later in the month, I decided to take some time for myself and explore a part of Budapest where I never went to, a bit further from my apartment. It felt good to walk alone, clear my mind, and enjoy the scenery at my own pace. The calm atmosphere, combined with the beauty of the surroundings, reminded me how much this city still has to offer whether I'm discovering it with loved ones or just by myself. By chance, I found the Budapest History Museum whereas I didn't mean to. It was surrounded by a beautiful park, isolated from the rest of the city.



Figure 3 - Corvin District Area



Figure 4 - History Museum