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Budapest – one of the world's most beautiful cities - has succeeded in preserving its soul, although the city has been rapidly modernised in recent years. Today the Danube, the old Art Nouveau palace and the wide boulevards have been joined by gourmé restaurants and trendy bars. This is where those who are interested in history or likes to party come - and anyone who wants to relax in the city's many steam baths.

THE CITY



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You are either on route to – or have just arrived in – a city which is not only beautiful and full of historical monuments and dramatic memories, it is also excellent for both walking around in or on exciting expeditions.

The River Danube flows right through the heart of Budapest and thus creates a point of reference for visitors who are either on the old cobbled streets on the Buda side, or in the 19th century boulevards on the Pest side. Your interests will decide on which side of the Danube you will spend most of your time. Anyone interested in history will find it difficult to tear oneself away from Buda, where the Palace summit creates an atmosphere of medieval Budapest. Shopaholics will very soon be enticed by the other side of the river where the shops and nightlife compete for everyone's attention.

Budapest is really the fusion of three towns, Buda, Óbuda and Pest. Back in 106 AD, the Romans founded the city of Aquincum in the north-east corner of the Danube. Several changes of population later, at the end of the ninth century, the Magyars arrived. They were descended from a Finnish-Ugrian tribe with roots in Siberia. The Magyar city, with its palace and ring-wall, came to be called Buda, and Aquincum was later called Óbuda. The other side of the river was also settled, in the area which would later be called Pest. Having been invaded by the Turks - and later by the Austrian army - in 1867 Hungary was elevated to an equal partner in the Austro-Hungarian double

monarchy. Budapest became one of the most important ports on the Danube and soon also an industrial centre.

DO & SEE



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Budapest will keep you busy with its lovely restaurants, beautiful opera, indoor- and outdoor baths, and different exciting quarters to explore. There is no problem finding things to do in Budapest, on the contrary- you will struggle finding the time to do them all.

Budapest Sights and Spas



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Internet: www.urbanadventures.com

More Info: Holders of this guide receive 10% off. Book online and use promo code AGEU at checkout.

The Széchenyi Baths

Budapest is famous for its baths, the hot water that flows from a hundred streams. The Széchenyi Bath is Budapest's most famous outdoor swimming bath. This beautiful bath, in New Baroque style, is open all year round. The bathing

chess players you have seen in pictures of Budapest spend their time here.

Address: Állatkerti körút. 11 Phone: +36 1 363 32 10 Internet: www.szechenyibath.com

The Main Synagogue / Nagy Zsinagóga

The Jewish quarter on the Pest side is one of the largest in Europe, the first Jewish settlers arrived in the 13th century in Budapest. This is where the Main Synagogue is located, the largest in the world outside of New York. There is a Jewish museum beside the synagogue.

Address: Dohány u. 2-8

Castle Of Buda

The palace on Buda Hill contains several museums, including the Ludwig Museum, the National Gallery and the Budapest Historical Museum. There are also narrow alleys and magnificent churches. The walled Castle Hills (Várhegy) are a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Hungarian State Opera

Budapest, together with Vienna, is an international capital of opera. The beautiful State Opera, completed in 1884, is worth a visit even if you are not interested in listening to opera. If you do like opera, you must book in good time and be prepared for a festive occasion.

Address: Andrássy út 22 Phone: +36 1 81 47 100 Internet: www.opera.hu

Buda Hills

On a clear day you should take the tram or bus to Buda Hills, via the cog railway. Here you will find peace and calm high above the city, with a magnificent view from János-hegy, at the same time make sure to visit some of the caves that are open to the public. In the Pálvölgy cave, among other things, you can see the unique dripstone figures "The Elephant" and "Crocodile". The air in the caves is said to be good for respiratory infections.

Szoborpark (the Statue Park)

Here you will find one of Budapest's most remarkable attractions. When the proletarian dictatorship's enormous monuments and statues were no longer politically correct – after 1989-90 – they were moved from their conspicuous locations in the centre to a suburb of Buda. Here – in this "Communist theme park" – among other things, is the gigantic statue of Lenin and Cubist statues of Marx and Engels.

Address: Szoborpark Internet: www.szoborpark.hu More Info: District XXII on the corner of Balatoni út and Szabadkai út.

EATING



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Hungarian food is honest and despite today's influences from all over the world they are still preserving their traditions. Modern Hungarian cuisine is among the best in Europe and also inexpensive. You will find most restaurants, and the best ones, on the Pest side.

Café Kör

Café Kör has an out-of-the-way address in central Pest. The restaurant makes a plain impression, but the illusion is deceptive. Café Kör's delectable fare and perfect service make the restaurant a favourite of embassy personnel and foreign correspondents.

Address: Sas u. 17 Phone: +36 1 311 00 53 Internet: www.cafekor.com More Info: Only cash accepted



People go to Menza for the company rather than for the food, which is quite conventional. The restaurant is on Liszt Ferenc tér, which is Budapest's best bar street, with elegant establishments side by side. Menza's large flowered wallpaper and cloth lampshades create a cosy atmosphere.

Address: Liszt Ferenc tér 2 Phone: +36 1 413 14 82 Internet: www.menza.co.hu

Mokka

Mokka is an adventurous restaurant centrally located on the Pest side. The elegantly styled rooms contain West African murals and Moroccan masks. The food is exotic, with local dishes from all over the world.

Address: Sas u. 4 Phone: +36 1 328 00 81 Internet: www.mokkarestaurant.hu

Baraka

Difficult to find, but well worth the effort: something as unusual as a gourmet restaurant with a personal atmosphere in a back street on the Pest side. The chef, Viktor Segal, mixes French and Asian but does not neglect his Hungarian roots.

Address: Andrássy u. 111
Phone: +36 1 483 13 55
Internet: www.barakarestaurant.hu
More Info: Inside the Andrássy Hotel

Fakanál

Anyone who wish to taste traditional Hungarian cuisine, should head to Fakanál, upstairs in the old market hall. There, you can try several different buffet dishes to the sound of gypsy music.

Address: Vámház körút 1-3 Phone: +36 1 32 91 45 Internet: www.fakanaletterem.hu

Arcade

One of the best restaurants on the Buda side is Arcade, with the same founder as the Café Kör. The owners have chosen a somewhat more luxurious style here, both in the menus and the decor, and serve modern Hungarian cuisine with influences from France and Italy.

Address: Kiss János Alt. u. 38 Phone: +36 1 225 19 69 Internet: www.arcadebistro.hu

CAFES



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Budapest has many lovely cafés, ranging from the most delicious confectionary to breakfast places or a cozy venue where you can sit down to just sip on a coffee.

Gerbeaud

Gerbeaud should really come under the heading of "Do&See". This is where the aristocracy went during the time of the Double Monarchy. The large halls have preserved their appearance to this day.

Address: Vörösmarty Tér 7 Phone: +36 1 42 99 000 Internet: www.gerbeaud.hu

Ruszwurm

Ruszvurm lies on Castle Hills, the Buda side's answer to Gerbaud. The interior is very "Fin de siècle", with red velvet curtains and marble tables.

Address: Szentháromság u. 7 Phone: +36 1 37 55 284

Internet: www.ruszwurm.hu

Jaffa Kávéház

This century's café culture is also found in Budapest, of course, among other places, on the popular Raday street. Jaffa Kávéház has an attractive interior, decorated with Hungarian 60's ornaments and wallpaper.

Address: Raday u. 39 Phone: +6 1 21 95 285 Internet: www.jaffakavehaz.hu

Bar & Café Minyon

The bar Minyon in Budapest is located in one of the upcoming areas of Budapest downtown, Király utca. During the day, Bar Minyon is more or less a café with small snacks, fresh coffee and cakes and in the afternoon and evening they serve dinner.

Address: Király u. 8.
Phone: +6 1 87 82 016
Internet: www.minyonbar.hu

California Coffee Company

If you are on your way through the city and want to grab a fast coffee these places are perfect and fast. They offer free Wifi, different sandwiches, cakes and some more stuff to eat as well as tea but also cold drinks.

Address: Teréz körút 38 Internet: www.californiacoffeeco.net

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Budapest has all kinds of nightlife, from smoky beer halls to Bohemian artists' clubs and expensive champagne bars.

Spoon

Spoon is a good choice if you want to enjoy a long drink and the view across the Danube. It is a large ship anchored by the Pest quay, with a couple of popular champagne bars and sushi restaurants.

Address: Vigadó tér 3 Phone: +6 1 41 10 933 Internet: www.spooncafe.hu

A38

A38 is a floating pleasure palace. As the trendy ship contains several bars and dance floors, there is generally something for everybody. The name derives from the year 1938, when this stone carrier was built.

Address: Petöfi Híd Phone: +36 1 46 43 940 Internet: www.a38.hu More Info: Near Petöfi bridge on the Buda side

Alcatraz

Alcatraz Music Club & Restaurant has a unique interior that transports you to the American prison island of Alcatraz. Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday evening means live jazz music and the waiters wear striped overalls.

Address: Nyár u. 1.

Phone: +36 1 413 1152 Internet: www.alcatraz.hu

Fat Mo's Music Club

Fat Mo's has a speakeasy theme, which in the 1920's and 1930's was an establishment that illegally sold alcohol, this period was called Prohibition. During this time, alcoholic beverages were completely banned in the United States, and two of the most infamous prohibition agents were "Fat Mo" Smith and Izadore "Izzy" Einstein.

Address: V. Nyáry Pál u. 11.

Phone: +36 1 266 8027 / +36 20 536 26 16

Internet: www.fatmo.hu

Palacio de la Salsa

Palacio de la Salsa boasts two of the most famous latin DJ's in Hungary: DJ Jose and DJ Antonio. They play the best of the latin beats, salsa, reggaeton, bachata and timbo, to mention a few.

Address: Arany János u. 10. Phone: +36 20 32 40119 Internet: www.palaciodelasalsa.hu

SHOPPING



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Budapest is famous for its moderately priced antiques which you can find in places such as the Falk Miksa utca quarter. One of the most popular Hungarian souvenirs is handmade Herend porcelain, which has been in production since 1828. The beautiful, hand-painted vases, dishes and porcelain have won many gold medals at various world exhibitions. The factory's own shop is on József Nádor square.

Around the corner lies Vörösmarty Square, where you can either gather energy with a cup of coffee and a cream cake at the city's most famous patisserie, Café Gerbeaud, or carry on to the former Luxus department store with the international fashion houses' most famous stores.

The Váciutca pedestrian street between Vörösmarty square and the Market Square is Budapest's largest shopping centre. This is where you will find the international fashion houses' own stores, souvenir shops, wine shops and several galleries. Do not miss the small cross-streets with their sweet little shops and upscale wine merchants. Many Budapest residents think that the prices in this area are too high and instead do their shopping in Pest's gigantic Westend or in the shops in the Great Ring, which is what they call the boulevard around the city centre.

The new, young shops are scattered around the centre on the Pest side. Király Street is being transformed into a

design centre. Do not miss Nagycsarnok on Vámház street, Budapest's great market hall built in 1896, which has everything that Hungary can offer in the way of food. Here you can buy Hungarian specialities such as, for example, the world-renowned Tokay wine Tokaji Aszú. "The wine of kings, the king of wines" — its special flavour is of sweet, overly ripe and shrivelled grapes. A dessert wine which complements cakes and desserts perfectly. On the first floor, they sell high quality Hungarian souvenirs such as cloth, garments etc.

SLEEPING



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Lion's Garden Hotel

The modern 4-star hotel, with its charming wellness area, is located close to the centre of Budapest, on the Pest side, between Keleti train station and City Park. It is set within walking distance from the Puskas Ferenc Stadium and Heroe's Square. The hotel serves international cuisine with specific inspiration from Mediterranean dishes. The garden terrace offers cosy accommodations for business meetings, dining, wining and afternoon tea.

Address: Cházár András utca 4 Phone: +36 1 273 2070

Internet: www.lions-garden-hotel-budapest.com

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION



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Airport

Budapest's airport, Liszt Ferenc International Airport, lies 16 km south-east of the city. The airport minibus service is very convenient and has a fixed price for transport into the city. The cheapest way is to take bus no. 200 E from the airport to the Köbánya-Kispest underground railway station, which takes approx. 20 minutes. A taxi costs 5.000 - 8.000 forint.

Public Transport

Budapest has an underground railway, buses and trams. A three-day tourist rover pass costs 3.400 forint. A two day Budapest card included free transport costs 6.900 HUF and a three day card costs 8.300 HUF. The Budapest card includes admission to over 60 museums and discounts for sightseeing, swimming, etc.

Budapest has three railway stations: Keleti, Nyugati and Deli, which are linked by the underground railway. The MAV railway company operates between the stations.

65+ EU citizens can get free transport with ID.

Taxi

It is better to ask your hotel or restaurant to telephone for a taxi than to hail one on the street. Only use licensed cars with yellow registration plates. The following companies are reliable:



City Taxi (English-speaking)

+36 1 211 11 11

Fö Taxi

+36 1 222 22 22

Rádió Taxi

+36 1 377 77 77

Post

Post offices in Budapest are open Monday to Friday from 8 am until 6 pm.

The post office at Nyugati railway station has additional opening hours: Mon to Sat 7 am until 9 pm.

Pharmacy

Several pharmacies have 24-hour service numbers you can phone at any time, such as at Frankel Leo u. 22. +36 1 212 43 11

Béke tér 11 +36 1 320 80 06

Dentist

SOS Dental Service

Address: Kiraly u. 14 Phone: +36 1 322 96 02

Telephone

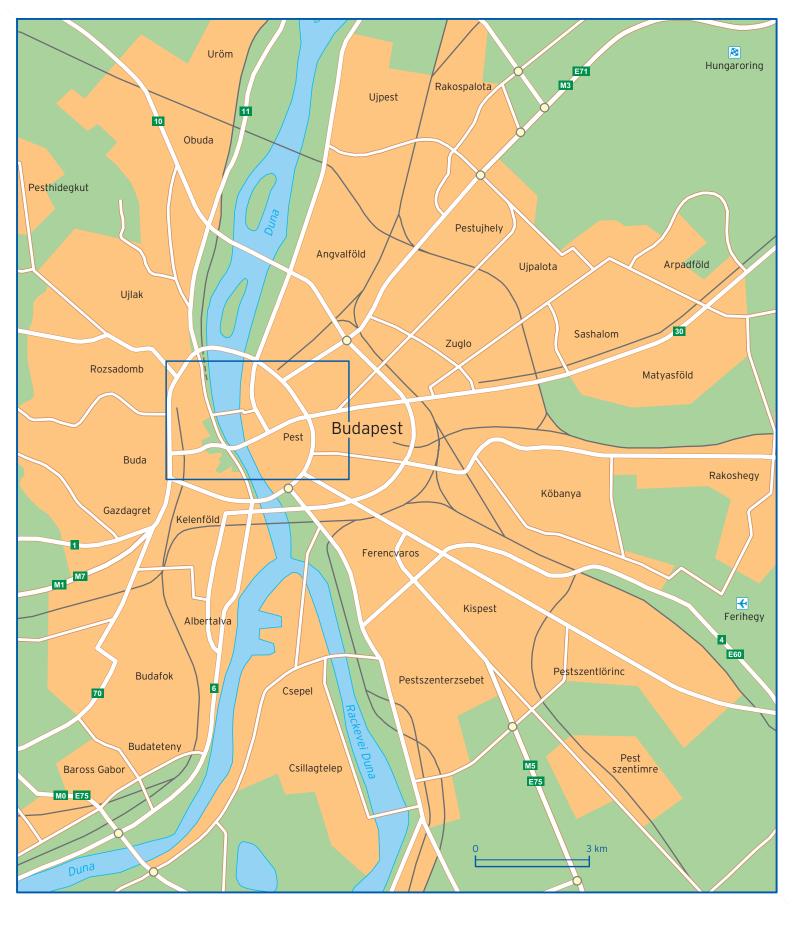
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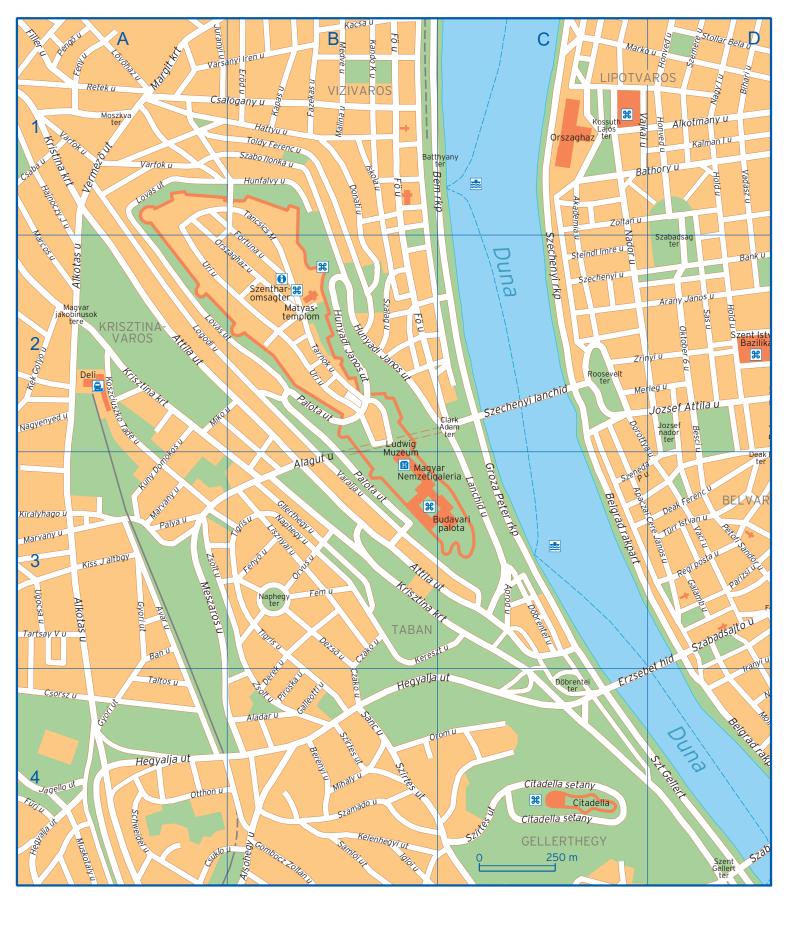
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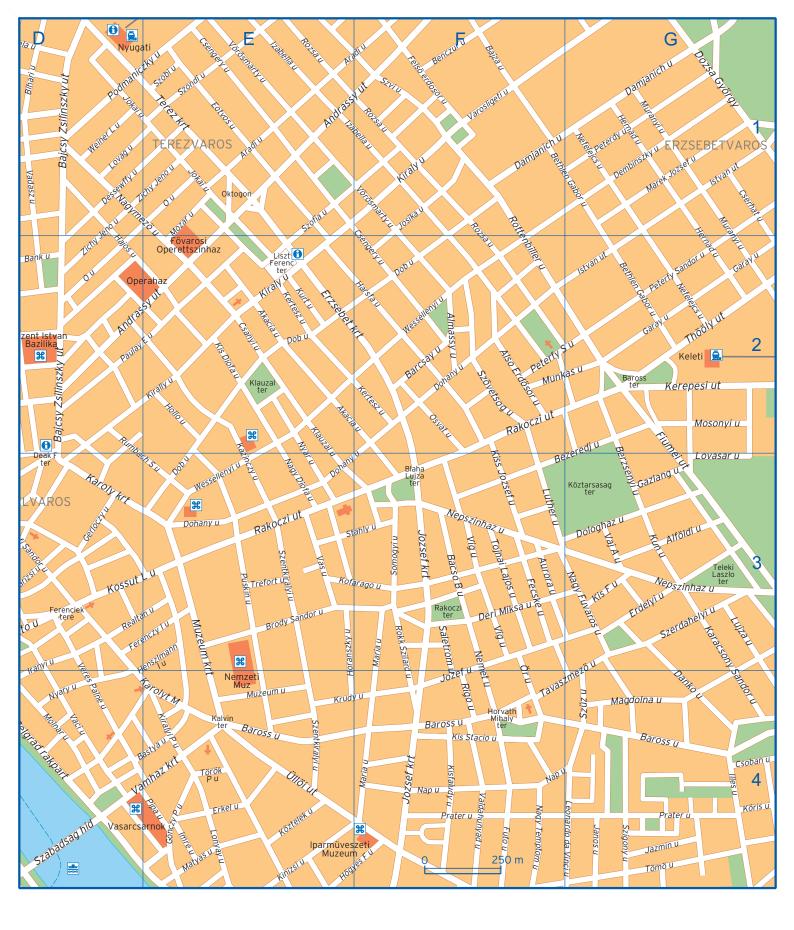
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Electricity

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