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Your TRY: Budapest citywalks and TRY: Guide will show you Your Budapest, the most fascinating and the one and only parts of our city that you share spirits with.

TRY: Simple now will give you the classic famous sights of Budapest, the ones that mean its essence.



THE CITY PARK (VÁROSLIGET AND ITS NEIGHBOURHOOD)

This is the second biggest public park of Budapest and it is about 270 acres big. There are approx. 6500 trees on about 200 acres, while the rest is taken up by the Budapest Zoo, museums and other buildings.

The oldest build-up here is a grave stone, where Jakab Toporczi Horváth — a lawyer from Budapest — was buried. He was the advocate of the Jacobin Martinovics in his trial. In his last will in 1806 he left 700 forints to the city on condition that he would be buried in the City Park. There is only one word on his gravestone: "Fuit" — meaning „Was”.





ANDRÁSSY AVENUE (ANDRÁSSY ÚT)

Andrássy Avenue with its 2310 meters is one of the busiest boulevards of the city going through Terézváros (Theresa Town). It consists of 3 sections: from Heroes' Square (Hősök tere close to the City Park) to Kodály körönd, from Kodály körönd to Oktogon, and from Oktogon to Erzsébet Square. The closer we get to the city centre, the narrower Andrásy Avenue becomes. The first underground railway in Continental Europe runs under the avenue. (The London underground is not considered to be a part of Continental Europe.)

DOWNTOWN

Downtown is the inner city which was surrounded by a city wall until the beginning of the 19th century. Today it is the southern part of district 5.

Until 1950 the downtown had been a separate district and had been referred to as district 4. Finally, it became a part of district 5, and Újpest, a separate village before, became district 4.

GRAND BOULEVARD (NAGYKÖRÚT)

A The so-called Grand Boulevard is probably the busiest and most important route of the city. Most parts were named after the members of the House of Habsburg and these names also reflect those districts of the city where the boulevard is going through. There is one exception though, take a city walk with TRY: Budapest and we'll tell you about it. Its sections are: Szt. István körút, Teréz körút, Erzsébet körút, József körút and Ferenc körút. (körút = boulevard)

According to the plans of Ferenc Reitter, this road was meant to be a channel with heavy traffic, but the idea was thrown out due to the soil texture and high costs of construction. This is why now instead of boats we have trams and cars going up and down this road. You can take tram nr 4 and nr 6 (with a different terminal) to travel by, this is considered to be Europe's busiest travel section with 200.000 travellers daily.

MARGARET ISLAND (MARGIT-SZIGET)

This island is one of Danube's islands in Budapest, it belongs to the 13th district. There are parks, 2 hotels, an open-air stage, sport facilities and a water tower. Cars are not allowed there, so this green island is considered to be one of the so-called lungs of the city with its huge parks, statues, walks, lakes, fountains, no question why it is one of the most beloved places.

According to the data provided by the Hungarian Central Statistical Office, the population of the island is 6 people in 3 flats.

PARLIAMENT (ORSZÁGHÁZ)

One of the best-known buildings in Budapest is the Hungarian Parliament. It is the seat of the National Assembly of Hungary and other institutes. With its height of 96 m (315 ft), it is one of the two tallest buildings in Budapest, along with Saint Stephen's Basilica which is exactly the same height. The number 96 refers to the nation's millennium, 1896, and the conquest of the later Kingdom of Hungary in 896. Symbolically it also means that religion and politics can never grow bigger than one another.

The Holy Crown of Hungary is guarded in the building of Hungarian Parliament along with the sceptre and the orb. They were transported here from the National Museum according to regulations in 2000.



ÓBUDA AND AQUINCUM

Aquincum used to be a Roman settlement functioning as a military camp in Óbuda part of Budapest now. Founded around 89, close to a Celtic settlement, by 106 it had become the centre of South Pannonia. The most prosperous era for this region was around the 2nd-3rd century.

In 1778 a winegrower from Óbuda found the remains of Roman underfloor heating, which were classified as the remains of the town of Aquincum by István Schönvisner.

GELLÉRT HILL (GELLÉRT-HEGY)

Gellért-hegy — formerly known as Kelen-hegy — is a 235-metre hill on the riverside of the Danube in the 11th district. The best panoramic view of Budapest is from the Citadel which is on the top of this hill. In 1987 Gellért-hill, the Buda Castle (Várnegyed) district and the banks of Danube became a world heritage site. There is also a cave named after Saint Ivan (Szent Iván-barlang), where you can find the Cave Church (Sziklatemplom). Because of the thermal water under the hill, the temperature is around 20°C during each season of the year.



THE CASTLE DISTRICT (VÁRNEGYED)

The Castle District has been also a world heritage site since 1987. This area is known for its Medieval monuments, and also houses from the 17-18th century. Fisherman's Bastillon (Halászbástya) with its beautiful panoramic views is also here, just as Matthias Church (Mátyás templom) and the Buda Castle (Budai vár) itself.

Under the area there is an extensive cave- and cellar system. During the Second World War these were used as a hospital and storage.

BRIDGES

In the downtown of Budapest there are 7 bridges namely (from south to north): Rákóczi-, Petőfi-, Szabadság-, Erzsébet-, Széchenyi- (Lánchíd), Margit- and Árpád híd. Altogether the city has 15 bridges including 2 for railways. After the Second World War there was a temporary bridge built to replace the destroyed ones. This was in use between 1946 and 1956 connecting Kossuth- and Batthyány square.

HISTORICAL TRAIN STATIONS

Budapest has 3 large train stations, which are the: Southern-, Western- and Eastern Stations (Déli-, Nyugati- és Keleti pályaudvar) the last one is the busiest railway terminal in Hungary.

The building of the second McDonald's in Budapest is joined to the Western Station (Nyugati pályaudvar) and is considered to be the most beautiful McDonald's restaurant by many. It used to function as a waiting hall for Sisi, Queen of Hungary.



MARKET HALLS

There are 6 main market halls in Budapest. The best known and oldest is officially called Market Hall nr 1., but it is most often referred to as Central Market Hall (Vásárcsarnok). It is in Fővám tér and it opened in 1896.

One of the most special places is Market Hall nr. 5. in Hold street, which is commonly known as Downtown Market Hall (Belvárosi piac). It is special because it is not in a separate building at some place in the city, but has somehow grown together with Hold street. Besides locals, there are many tourists coming here looking for special culinary experience.

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We hope you've liked the taste of this beautiful city and will have a nice time here! Should you be interested in secrets and local experience off the beaten track, just get in touch with us!

USEFUL INFORMATIONS

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

In the city there are more than 200 bus-, 32 tram-, 15 trolleybus-, 4 underground lines, local railways and boats operating. You can get tickets from the BKK ticket vending machines. Single tickets cost 350 HUF, they are valid for all forms of public transport except for boats, the airport shuttle bus and some local railways. If you need more tickets, it is worth buying a block of 10 tickets (3000 HUF) or probably a 24-hour (1650 HUF) or 72-hour (4150 HUF) travel-card. If you have BUDAPEST CARD, you don't need to get tickets to use the public transport, it is included besides other available offers.

It is very useful to have BKK FUTÁR trip planner application on our phones. It helps us with routes, timetables, stops, etc.

Normal public transport services are available from 4:30 a.m. to 23:00 p.m. Night services are also available, there are 41 bus lines (and tram nr 6 also) operating during the night.

PARKING IN BUDAPEST

Budapest is sectioned in different parking zones and different hourly fees for parking are charged depending on which zone you park your car in (between HUF 175 and 525).

You can get a parking ticket with a simple text message (more information on the parking meters), a mobile application or you can pay in cash (coins). There are also some parking houses where you can park your car. Shopping centres usually have their own parking lots.

EATING OUT

Budapest offers a wide range of eating out possibilities. Besides the internationally best-known fast food chains, there are many local restaurants and bars offering Hungarian and international dishes. There are authentic Asian and Mediterranean restaurants in the city, if you prefer their kitchen. For more detailed information on gastronomy, you can get TRY:Guide.

SHOPPING

If you are interested in shopping, you can try Fashion street and Váci Street (Váci utca) area or you can go to one of the shopping malls.

FashionStreet and Váci Street are two very busy shopping streets in the city centre where you can find almost all fashion brands. The same stands for the shopping malls, though in smaller areas.

OPENING HOURS

Here you can see the general opening hours for different shops.

Food stores 6:00 – 19:00

Shopping malls 10:00 – 21:00

Restaurants 12:00 – 23:00

Bars 18:00 – 04:00

Cafés 07:00 – 17:00

SPORT FACILITIES

There are many sport facilities available in Budapest for everyone. For those who prefer outdoor sports, bigger parks can be a good choice (City Park, Margaret island, Bikás park) to find running tracks, street workout courts, bike routes, etc. Besides these there are many facilities, gyms at different parts of Budapest where you can train no matter what the weather's like.

Scan this QR code on your phone to have an interactive google map to find most of the free sport facilities.



HEALTH

Our health is always important, so we have collected some useful information, in case you have a health issue while staying in Budapest.

Pharmacy:

Teréz Patika: 1067 Budapest, Teréz körút 41.

Open 0–24

+36 1 311 4439

It is on the Grand Boulevard between the Western station and Oktogon, next to Béke Hotel.

Dental surgery:

J+J Dent Non Stop Clinic: 1052 Budapest, Haris köz 5. 1. em.

Open 0–24

+36 20 477 2124

ejjelnappalifogaszat.hu

This dental clinic is easy to reach by public transport, because it is close to Ferenciek tere underground stop.

In case of injuries we recommend:

Péterfy Sándor Hospital and Casualty Center

Péterfy kórház: 1081 Budapest, Fiumei út 17.

Open 0–24

+36 1 461 4700

This hospital is very close to the Eastern Railway Station, its entrance is from Gázláng Street on the building's left side.

TRAVELLING BY UNDERGROUND

One BKK ticket is usually valid for one section without interrupting your travel. In case of travelling by underground, you can use the same ticket when changing for another underground line. At Deák Square (Deák tér) you can change for metro line M1, M2, M3 and at Kálvin Square (Kálvin tér) for M3 and M4. It is worth buying a block of tickets, because a 10-ticket block costs 3000 HUF, while 1 single ticket is 350 HUF.

BKK PUBLIC TRANSPORT BOATS

If you like this type of sightseeing, you might want to check out the BKK boats!

There are 4 boat lines operating on Danube (Duna): D11 and D12 lines are from Boráros Square (Boráros tér) to Rómaifürdő. It passes under 7 bridges and we can see the most important tourist sights on the way. Line D2 operates between some of the most spectacular spots of the city: Kossuth Square (Kossuth tér) in the downtown and Petőfi Square (Petőfi tér). Line D14 leaves from Királyerdő in Csepel and terminates at Molnár-island (Molnár-sziget) in Soroksár.

Timetables vary according to the seasons: there are spring -autumn, summer and winter timetables, work days, rest days and bank holidays. During spring and summer there are more boats operating, while in wintertime there are only a few.

Tickets can be bought from BKK ticket vending machines, in BKK customer service centre or on the boats. A boat ticket is 750 HUF, for kids 550 HUF. Tickets are validated by the boat staff.

On workdays the following travel passes are also valid for boats:

Budapest-passes (Budapest 24-hour ticket, Budapest 72-hour ticket, Budapest-weekly pass, Budapest group ticket-24hours, student group ticket, 5/30 BKK day-pass).

“SIGHTSEEING” TRAM

A There are many ways of sightseeing in Budapest. Apart from BKK public transport boats, travelling by tram nr 2 is an affordable and very good way of sightseeing. This tram goes along Danube promenade and is officially one of the top 10 most beautiful tramlines in the world. In National Geographic's Journeys of a Lifetime book, this tram line comes as the 7th, preceding tram 28 in Lisbon, tram 2 in Amsterdam and tram 68 in Berlin.

Tram nr 2 in Budapest leaves from Jászai Mari Square (Jászai Mari tér close to Margaret island) to Közvágóhíd. It passes and goes around Kossuth Square (Kossuth tér) at the Parliament, and

then on the embankment of Danube on Pest side. At Széchenyi István Square (Széchenyi István tér) we can see Chainbridge (Lánchíd) and the most beautiful hotels of the city. We can see the panoramic view of Danube, the Downtown Parish Church (Belvárosi Plébániatemplom), the Customs House (Vámház) and the iconic Whale (Bálna).

BUDA CASTLE FUNICULAR (BUDAVÁRI SIKLÓ)

Buda Castle Funicular was opened in 1870 as the second funicular rail in Europe. (The first was in Lyon.) The idea of its construction was supported by Ödön Széchenyi — the son of Count Széchenyi István — who liked the idea of the funicular rail in Lyon. After Buda, Óbuda and Pest were officially unified, the urban development plans also worked for the implementation, because it meant that the administration, offices in the Castle, just as Castle theatre was a lot easier to get to.

The length of the funicular rail is 95 metres, its height is 50 metres. It is a double track rail and it operates with 2 tram cars: one is on its way up, while the other's coming down. The maximum capacity is 24 people per car. The machinery capacity is 3m/s, but at the request of the passengers it was lowered to its half in 1988.

It is a standard gauge track (1435 mm). The chassis of the cars was made of local rail pieces. The original steam engine room was at the lower station. Currently the system is operated by an electronic engine from the engine room at the upper station. Today the cars have their own names and line numbers. On the tunnel-side northern line there is BS1 Margit and on the southern side there is BS2 Gellért.

The funicular operates between 10-18:00 every day. Due to regular maintenance works on every second Monday it is closed, except for Mondays that are bank holidays. Please check BKK for further information. Usually, it leaves every 5-10 mins. A single ticket is 1000 HUF, return ticket is 1500 HUF, there are discount tickets available for children between ages 3 and 14 (500 HUF, 800 HUF).

MUSEUMS

Almost every museum is free for one day a month. It is worth checking on the websites of the museums to see which day it is.

APPLICATIONS

BKK Futár (Trip planner)

With the help of this application, we can plan our journey easily. It helps to decide which the quickest, easiest way is to get somewhere. It gives information on timetables, waiting times, stops and available lines and services, as well. Online please check futar.bkk.hu

GUIDE@HAND

This application makes you feel at home in a museum, a foreign city or even a festival.

Bolt

If you need a ride, try Bolt. It is fast, you can calculate prices in advance.

Sofőrhívó (Driver service)

It is a good option, if you don't want to leave your car behind, but you can't drive home.

Netpincér

It is one of the most popular food ordering and delivery system in Hungary.

SUGGESTED WEBSITES

welovebudapest.hu

One of the best sites to get information about Budapest. Restaurants, bars, clubs or cultural experience. Check this site to get more on Budapest vibes.

www.budapestinfo.hu

This the official website of Budapest, where you can get up to date information first.

enbudapestem.hu

This site is operated by Budapest Brand and is a really good way to get articles, reviews, information about what's going on in the city.