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4 Days

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a travel guide

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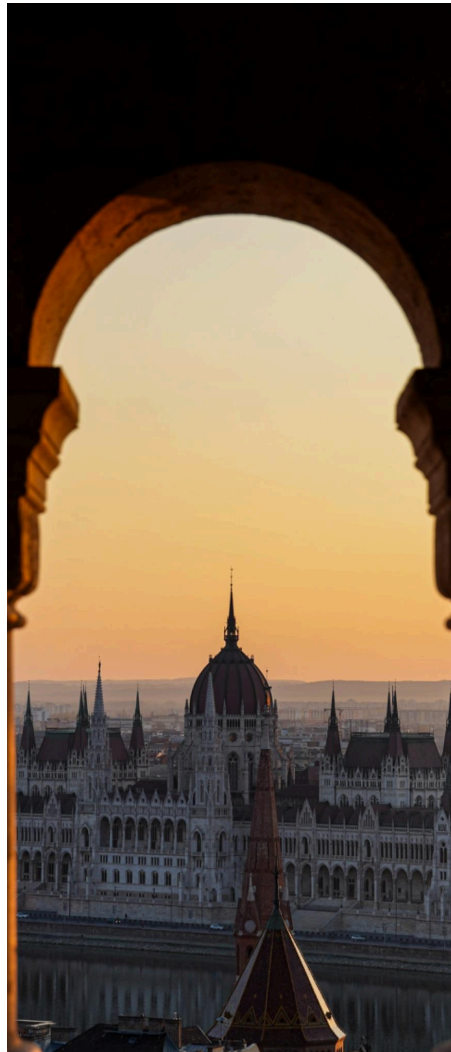
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INTRO

Budapest—the capital of Hungary, known for its historic buildings, the two districts of Buda and Pest separated by the Danube, and hearty cuisine—is an ideal destination for a city break.

A long weekend (3–5 days) offers plenty of time to experience Budapest’s main highlights and get a good sense of the city.

The Hungarian capital is served by several German airports and is also easily accessible by train from southern Germany. From the airport, the 100E airport bus takes you directly to the city center in 30–40 minutes.

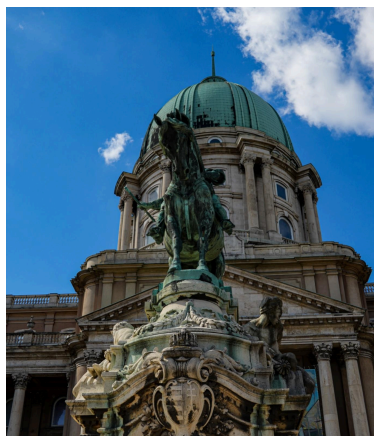
Budapest’s sights are easily accessible on foot or by tram, even though Budapest is one of Europe’s largest cities.

Because of its fairly eastern location, a trip to Budapest can also be combined with visits to other European capitals, such as Vienna or Bratislava.

A trip to Budapest is especially recommended in the spring or fall; in the summer it can get quite warm, and in the winter it can get cold.

In addition to the classic sights, we were impressed by the scenic viewpoints and the excellent cuisine, especially the many stylish and high-quality cafés.

HIGHLIGHTS



01.

Castle Palace

The Castle Palace, also known as the Royal Castle, is impossible to miss due to its elevated location.

This former residence, located on the Buda side, can be reached either by funicular or on foot; once at the top, visitors are treated to a spectacular view over the city's rooftops, the Danube, and the bridges. Up in the castle complex, there are several other buildings, such as the National Museum, and the underground passages can also be explored.



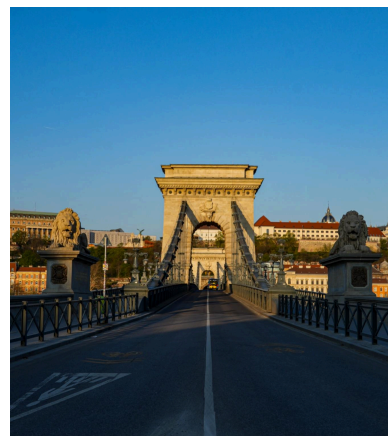
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Fisherman's Bastion

Not far from the Royal Palace you'll find the Fisherman's Bastion, which looks a bit like a fairytale castle—with small towers, battlements, and walls.

Behind the bastion there is the St. Matthias Church on Trinity Square, with its colorful tiled roof.

A special highlight is walking up at sunrise to watch the sun rise red over the city on the Pest side of the city.



03.

Chain Bridge

In total, nine bridges span the Danube in Budapest, connecting the districts of Buda and Pest. The most famous of these bridges is the Chain Bridge, which is 375 meters long and 12.5 meters wide. Particularly striking are the large, triumphal arch-like piers and the thick steel cables stretched between them, as well as the stone lion statues at both ends.



04.

Parliament Building

The city's most iconic landmark, and the first thing that surely comes to mind for everyone, is the magnificent Parliament Building. It looks especially impressive from the Buda side and when illuminated at night.

05.

Margaret Island

I've already mentioned that the Danube divides the city, and right in the middle of the island lies Margaret Island. Here, you can relax in the green parks and at the beach, or enjoy some sports.

06.

Vajdahunyad Castle

Another castle is also one of the city's highlights—Vajdahunyad Castle. The castle complex is distinguished by its buildings and towers, which are built in a wide variety of styles, reflecting the country's most beautiful castles. There is also a beautiful park surrounding the castle.

07.

Thermalbäder

Another highlight that is very typical of Budapest is the thermal baths. Here you can swim, enjoy the saunas, and relax. The most famous thermal baths are the Széchenyi Bath, the Gellért Bath, and the Veli Bej Thermal Bath.



08.

St. Stephen's Basilica

The country's most important church is also located in Budapest—St. Stephen's Basilica. Standing nearly 100 meters tall and featuring an impressive dome, it can accommodate 8,500 people, and from the dome, visitors enjoy a 360-degree view of the surrounding rooftops.

09.

Gellért Hill

Gellért Hill, which rises 235 meters above sea level, also offers a fantastic view of the city.

At the top of the hill stands a citadel, the Hungarian Statue of Liberty, and a large Hungarian flag.

At the foot of the hill, you can visit a chapel located inside a cave within the mountain.



10.

Food

Budapest also has plenty to offer when it comes to food.

In addition to the hearty cuisine centered around goulash and lángos, we were surprised by the large number of stylish, high-quality cafés serving cinnamon rolls and delicious pastries, as well as chic restaurants offering appealing variations.





DAY TO DAY

Day 1 - Since we had already landed in Budapest that morning, we headed to the New York Café for a late breakfast.

Afterward, we strolled through the city a bit to get our bearings, and around noon we visited the Great Market Hall.

Then we walked across Liberty Bridge and climbed Gellért Hill up to the Citadel, where we enjoyed the view of the city from up here. In the afternoon, we drove to the Széchenyi Thermal Bath Park, where we looked at the baths from the outside and visited Vajdahunyad Castle before heading back into the city via Heroes' Square. We had dinner at Retek Bisztró and ended the day with a ride

on the Budapest Ferris wheel.

Day 2 - The second day started very early with the sunrise at the Fisherman's Bastion. After breakfast at Artizán, we visited St. Stephen's Basilica and took photos at the retro photo booth on Kazinczy Street.

For lunch, we got a langos at A Lángosos, followed by ice cream at Gelarto Rosa.

In the afternoon, we visited the Parliament, and for dinner we went to the Hungarikum Bisztró and then to the Bunkerbar Hotsy Totsy.

Day 3 - On day 3, we had breakfast at Meron and

then walked across the Chain Bridge to the Buda district, where we toured the castle complex and enjoyed the view of the Parliament building. At lunchtime, we strolled across Margaret Island and then had ice cream at Striezel near Körtissimo.

We had dinner at Szaletly, and then we went to see the Parliament again, this time lit up at night.

Day 4 - After breakfast at Läget, we took a boat tour on the Danube and shopped for some souvenirs before heading back to the airport at noon and then home.

WHERE TO EAT

Restaurants & Bars:

★ **Retek Bisztró**

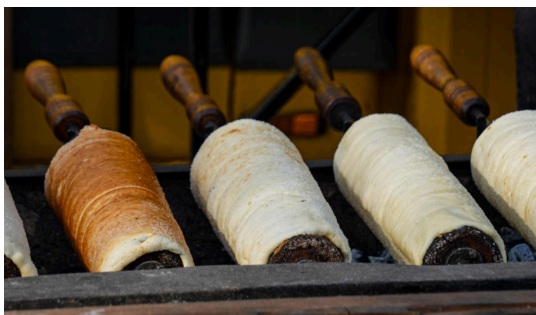
Delicious goulash, meat rolls, and more
Budapest, Nádor u. 5, 1051 Ungarn

● **Hungarikum Bisztró**

Simple, traditional cuisine; friendly staff
Budapest, Steindl Imre u. 13, 1051 Ungarn

● **Szaletly**

A slightly fancier, very tasty goulash
Budapest, Stefánia út 93, 1146 Ungarn



● **A Lángosos**

By far the best lángos in town
Budapest, József Attila u. 22, 1051 Ungarn

● **Buddy's Burger & CRUDO PIZZA**

Delicious burgers and pizza slices to snack
Budapest, Fehér Hajó, 1052 Ungarn



Cafés:

★ **Artizán Bakery**

Delicious cinnamon rolls and more + coffee
Budapest, Hold u. 3, 1054 Ungarn

● **MERON - Specialty Coffee & B.**

A beautiful and delicious brunch spot
Budapest, Podmaniczky Frigyes tér 3

● **SALT Bakery X CAUSE**

Delicious pastries & coffee, also to go
Budapest, Zrínyi u. 9, 1051 Ungarn

● **Arán Bakery**

Also delicious breads & cinnamon rolls
Budapest, Wesselényi utca 23, 1077 Ungarn

● **New York Café**

Great atmosphere—perfect for a drink
Budapest, Erzsébet krt. 9-11, 1073 Ungarn

● **Kepen Coffee**

A nice little coffee shop with good coffee
Budapest, Kőfaragó u. 15, 1085 Ungarn

WHERE TO SLEEP

There are plenty of great hotels and Airbnbs in Budapest.

This time, we chose **Rumor Rooms**, located right next to the Budapest Ferris wheel.

The hotel was very stylishly decorated, check-in was very easy, and above all, the central location allowed us to pop in every now and then to drop off a jacket, etc. —

the rooms were spacious with their own kitchen, and we were offered a welcome drink. The airport bus also stops right in front of the hotel.

Check Hotel here:



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