



3-day Budapest Itinerary



Budapest



Budapest: A Journey Through History and Thermal Waters

Welcome to Budapest, Hungary's stunning capital where East meets West. This comprehensive 3-day guide will immerse you in the city's magnificent architecture, thermal bath culture, and rich history, perfect for first-time visitors.

Historical Overview

Budapest, formed by the union of Buda, Pest, and Óbuda in 1873, stands as a testament to centuries of European history. From Roman settlements to Turkish occupation and Habsburg rule, each era has left its distinctive mark on the city's architecture and culture, creating a unique blend of influences that makes Budapest truly special.

Iconic Landmarks

- Buda Castle: A UNESCO World Heritage site overlooking the Danube, housing important museums and cultural institutions.
- Hungarian Parliament Building: One of Europe's oldest legislative buildings and a masterpiece of Gothic Revival architecture.
- Fisherman's Bastion: A neo-Gothic terrace offering panoramic views of the city and the Danube River.
- Matthias Church: A stunning example of Gothic architecture with a distinctive tiled roof.

Cultural Treasures

- Hungarian National Gallery: Home to an extensive collection of Hungarian art.
- House of Terror Museum: A powerful memorial to the victims of fascist and communist regimes.
- Museum of Fine Arts: Housing an impressive collection of European art.
- Great Market Hall: The city's largest indoor market, showcasing Hungarian cuisine and crafts.

Charming Neighborhoods

- Jewish Quarter: Home to Europe's largest synagogue and trendy ruin bars.
- Castle District: Historic area featuring medieval, Baroque, and 19th-century architecture.
- Andrásy Avenue: An elegant boulevard lined with neo-Renaissance mansions and luxury shops.

Budapest Lifestyle

- Thermal Bath Culture: Experience the city's famous thermal baths, particularly the Széchenyi Baths.
- Café Culture: Enjoy coffee and pastries in historic coffee houses.
- Ruin Bars: Unique bars set in abandoned buildings, offering a distinctive nightlife experience.

Green Spaces

- City Park (Városliget): A vast urban park featuring museums, a castle, and thermal baths.
- Margaret Island: A peaceful oasis in the middle of the Danube.
- Gellért Hill: Offering panoramic views and home to the Citadella.

Practical Travel Tips

- Transportation: Efficient public transport system; consider a Budapest Card for convenience.
- Best Times to Visit: Spring (March-May) or Fall (September-November) for pleasant weather.
- Language: Hungarian is the primary language; English is widely spoken in tourist areas.
- Safety: Generally safe; exercise normal precautions in crowded tourist areas.

3-Day Itinerary Highlights

Day 1: Historic Buda

- Buda Castle
- Fisherman's Bastion

- Matthias Church
- Gellért Hill

Day 2: Central Pest

- Hungarian Parliament Building
- Shoes on the Danube Bank
- St. Stephen's Basilica
- Jewish Quarter

Day 3: City Park & Markets

- Heroes' Square
- City Park (Városliget)
- Széchenyi Thermal Baths
- Great Market Hall

This guide presents a curated selection of over 30 locations, allowing you to customize your Budapest experience. Additional notable sites include the Liberty Bridge, Budapest Opera House, Chain Bridge, and numerous thermal baths throughout the city.

Budapest is more than just a destination; it's a journey through time where every street tells a story. As you wander through its grand boulevards, relax in its thermal waters, and admire its architectural masterpieces, you'll discover why Budapest is often called the "Paris of the East."

Let this magnificent city captivate you with its blend of history, culture, and modern charm. Whether you're exploring the heights of Castle Hill or relaxing in the Széchenyi Baths, Budapest promises an unforgettable experience. Enjoy your adventure in this remarkable Hungarian capital!



Itinerary Preview

3 days

DAY 01

Buda Castle

Fisherman's Bastion

The Church of Our Lady of Buda Castle

Gellért Hill

DAY 02

Hungarian Parliament Building

Shoes on the Danube Bank

St. Stephen's Basilica

Jewish Ghetto Wall Fragment

DAY 03

Heroes' Square

City Park

Széchenyi Thermal Bath

Central Market Hall





Daily Events



Day 1

09:00

Buda Castle

Budapest, Szent György tér, 1014 Hungary

11:00

11:45

Fisherman's Bastion

Budapest, 1014 Hungary

13:45

14:30

The Church of Our Lady of Buda Castle

Budapest, Szentháromság tér 2, 1014 Hungary

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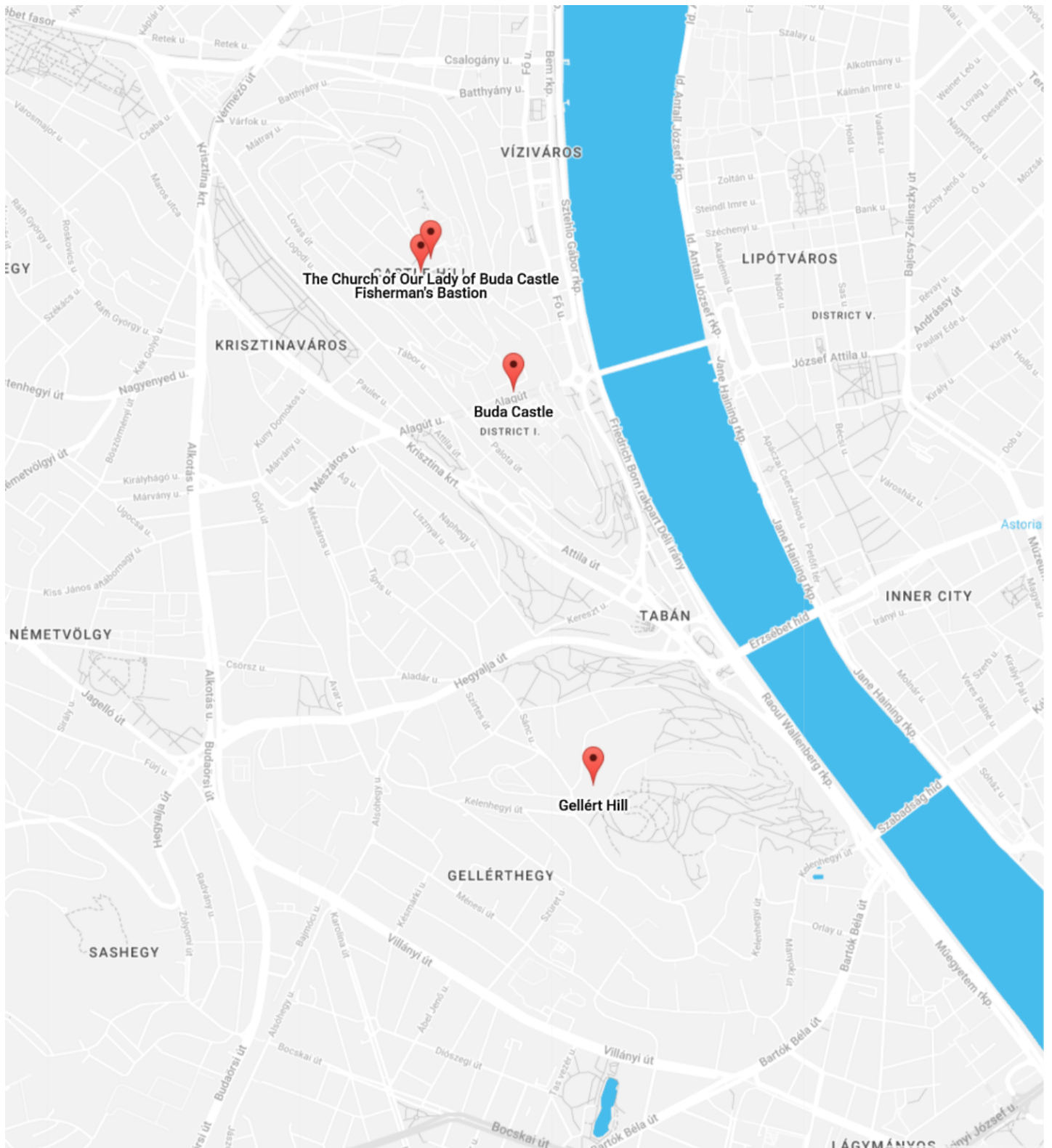
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Gellért Hill

Budapest, Gellért Hill, 1016 Hungary

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Map for Day 1



Day 2

09:00

Hungarian Parliament Building

Budapest, Kossuth Lajos tér 1-3, 1055 Hungary

11:00

11:45

Shoes on the Danube Bank

Budapest, Id. Antall József rkp., 1054 Hungary

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St. Stephen's Basilica

Budapest, Szent István tér 1, 1051 Hungary

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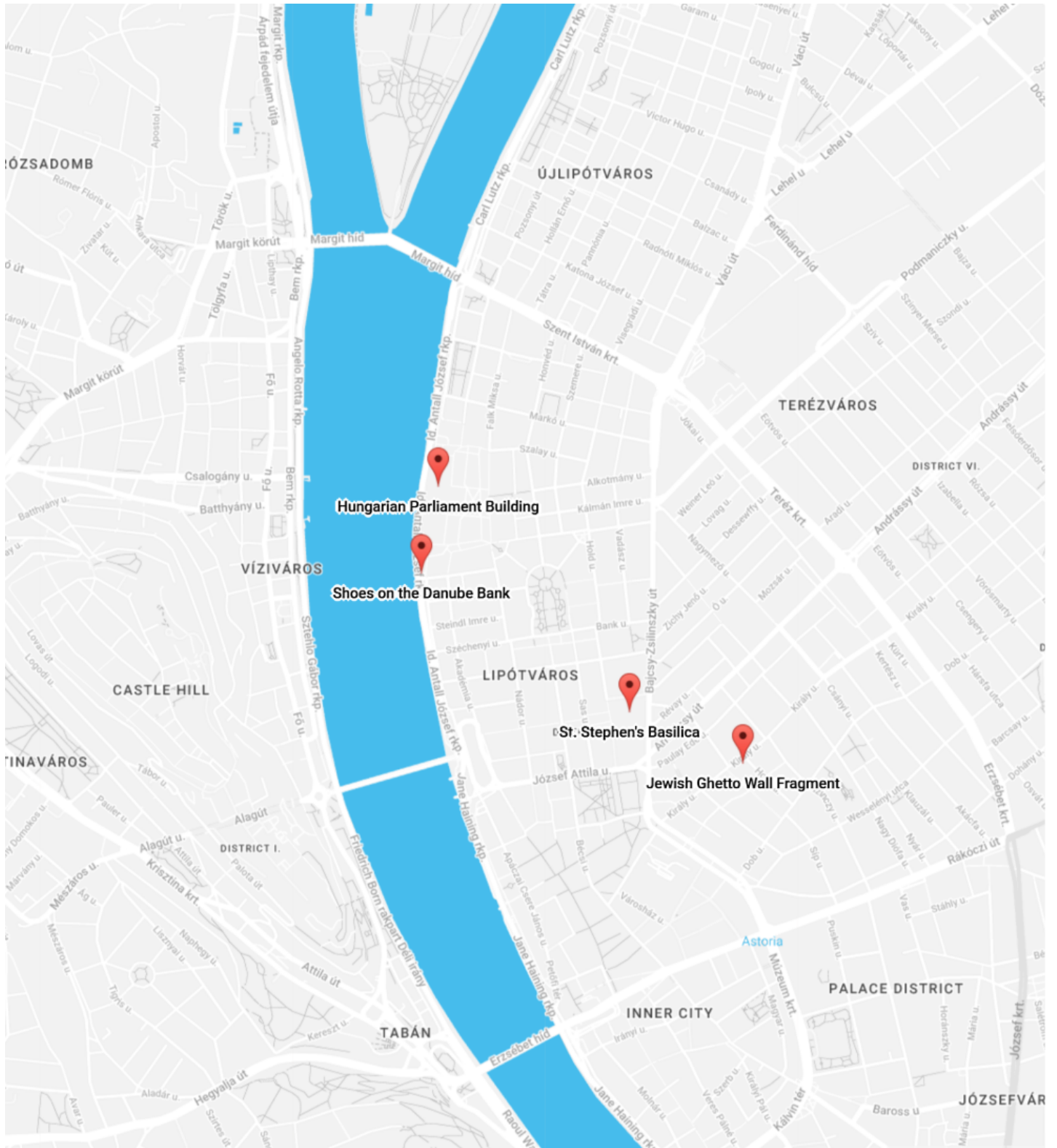
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Jewish Ghetto Wall Fragment

Budapest, Király u. 15, 1075 Hungary

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Map for Day 2



Day 3

09:00

Heroes' Square

Budapest, Hősök tere, 1146 Hungary

11:00

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City Park

Budapest, City Park, 1146 Hungary

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Széchenyi Thermal Bath

Budapest, Állatkerti krt. 9-11, 1146 Hungary

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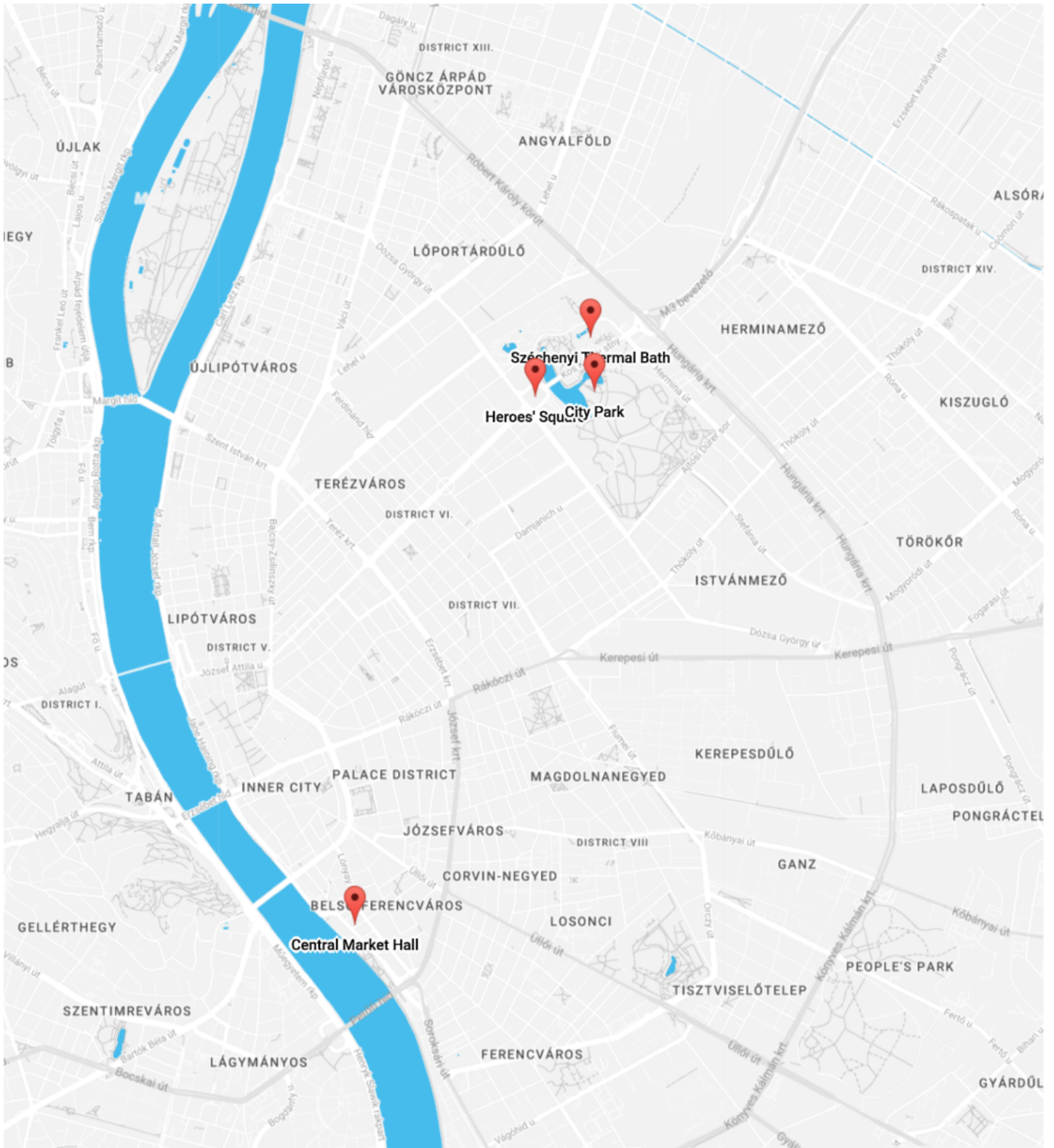
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Central Market Hall

Budapest, 1093 Hungary

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Map for Day 3





Spots



House of Terror

Budapest, Andrásy út 60, 1062 Hungary

Summary:

Museum documenting the effect of the Nazi and Soviet regimes in Hungary, and memorial to victims.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Thursday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

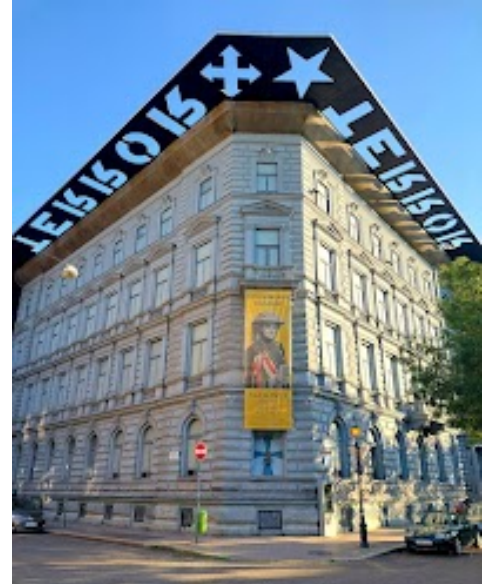
Friday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Saturday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Sunday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Phone:

(06 1) 374 2600



Gellért Thermal Bath

Budapest, Kelenhegyi út 4, 1118 Hungary

Summary:

These architecturally significant thermal pools are part of the famous Hotel Gellert complex.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Tuesday: 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Thursday: 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM

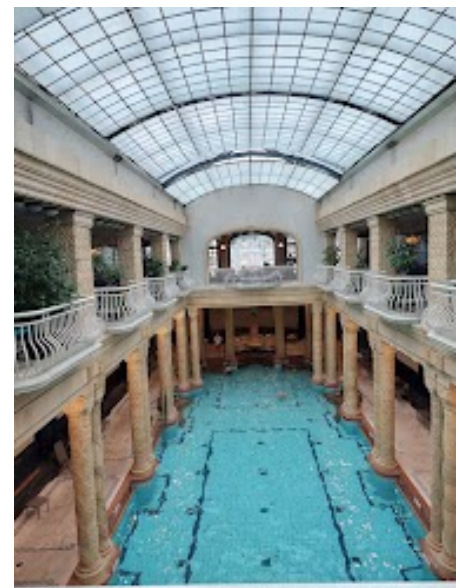
Friday: 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Saturday: 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Phone:

(06 1) 466 6166



Aquincum Museum

Budapest, Szentendrei út 135, 1031 Hungary

Summary:

History museum set around an excavated Roman bath house, with a recreation showing life at the time.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Thursday: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Friday: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Saturday: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Sunday: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Phone:

(06 1) 250 1650



Memento Park - Statues from the Communist Dictatorship

Budapest, Balatoni út - Szabadkai utca sarok, 1222 Hungary

Summary:

Collection of imposing statuary and iconography from the country's past as part of the Soviet Bloc.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Thursday: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Friday: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Saturday: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Sunday: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Phone:

06 30 500 0925



Hungarian National Museum

Budapest, Múzeum krt. 14-16, 1088 Hungary

Summary:

History museum containing cultural artifacts & archaeological items, documents, coins & paintings.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Thursday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Friday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Saturday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Sunday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Phone:

06 30 811 4794



Müpa Budapest

Budapest, Komor Marcell u. 1, 1095 Hungary

Summary:

State-of-the-art cultural hub, known as the Palace of Arts, with a theater, concert hall and museum.

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(06 1) 555 3000

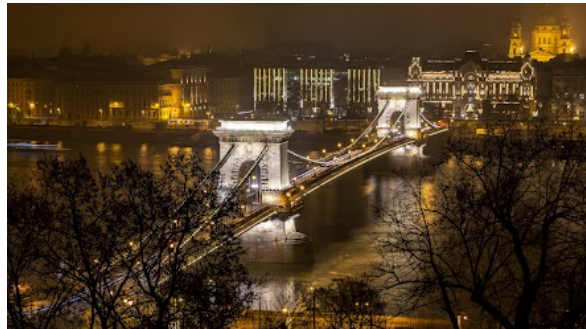


Széchenyi Chain Bridge

Budapest, Széchenyi Lánchíd, 1051 Hungary

Summary:

Landmark 19th-century suspension bridge, designed by William Tierney Clark & illuminated at night.



Artcore Antique & Design

Budapest, Falk Miksa u. 12, 1055 Hungary

Opening Hours:

Monday: 10:00 AM - 5:30 PM

Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 5:30 PM

Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 5:30 PM

Thursday: 10:00 AM - 5:30 PM

Friday: 10:00 AM - 5:30 PM

Saturday: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Sunday: Closed

Phone:

(06 1) 269 2703



Citadella

Budapest, Citadella stny. 1, 1118 Hungary

Summary:

Built after the suppression of the Hungarian Revolution in 1848, this fort is a symbol of the city.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Open 24 hours
Tuesday: Open 24 hours
Wednesday: Open 24 hours
Thursday: Open 24 hours
Friday: Open 24 hours
Saturday: Open 24 hours
Sunday: Open 24 hours

Phone:

06 70 335 5442



Palvolgyi Cave

Budapest, Szépvölgyi út 162, 1025 Hungary

Summary:

Cave with a 500-meter hiking trail that leads past stalactites & unusual rock formations.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Closed
Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Thursday: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Friday: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Saturday: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Sunday: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM



Duna korzó

Budapest, Duna korzó, 1052 Hungary



Szimpla Kert

Budapest, Kazinczy u. 14, 1075 Hungary

Summary:

Huge pub with old mismatched items & a disused Trabant car, with music, food, market & a garden.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 3:00 PM - 4:00 AM

Tuesday: 3:00 PM - 4:00 AM

Wednesday: 3:00 PM - 4:00 AM

Thursday: 3:00 PM - 4:00 AM

Friday: 3:00 PM - 4:00 AM

Saturday: 12:00 PM - 4:00 AM

Sunday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 AM



Central Market Hall

Budapest, 1093 Hungary

Summary:

Restored neogothic hall for traders with grocery produce on the ground & souvenirs on the 1st floor.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 6:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Tuesday: 6:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Wednesday: 6:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Thursday: 6:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Friday: 6:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Saturday: 6:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Sunday: Closed

Phone:

(06 1) 366 3300



Hungarian State Opera

Budapest, Andrásy út 22, 1061 Hungary

Summary:

Neoclassical venue with ceiling frescoes & statues of composers, for opera & ballet plus tours.

Phone:

(06 1) 472 0449



Kunsthalle

Budapest, Dózsa György út 37, 1146 Hungary

Summary:

Exhibitions of contemporary art in a 19th-century neo-classical gallery with a gift shop & cafe.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Closed
Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Thursday: 12:00 - 8:00 PM
Friday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Saturday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Sunday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Phone:

(06 1) 460 7000



Vajdahunyad Castle

Budapest, Vajdahunyad stny., 1146 Hungary

Summary:

This 1896 lakeside castle shows the evolution of Hungarian architecture in its elaborate design.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Thursday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Friday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Saturday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Sunday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Phone:

(06 1) 422 0765



Széchenyi Thermal Bath

Budapest, Állatkerti krt. 9-11, 1146 Hungary

Summary:

Ornate thermal baths, built in 1913, with a cupola, massive swimming pools & water jet massagers.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Tuesday: 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Wednesday: 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Thursday: 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Friday: 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Saturday: 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Sunday: 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Phone:

06 20 435 0051



Hungarian National Gallery

Budapest, Szent György tér 2, 1014 Hungary

Summary:

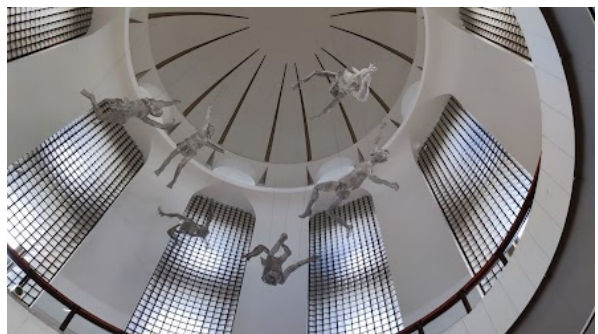
Permanent & temporary collections of Hungarian works from the 15th century to the modern day.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Closed
Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Thursday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Friday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Saturday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Sunday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Phone:

06 20 439 7331



Museum of Fine Arts

Budapest, Dózsa György út 41, 1146 Hungary

Summary:

Neoclassical art museum with an Egyptian collection, Renaissance frescoes & 19th-century paintings.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Thursday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Friday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Saturday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Sunday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Phone:

06 30 150 8596



Fisherman's Bastion

Budapest, 1014 Hungary

Summary:

19th-century fortress with 7 turreted lookout towers offering panoramic views plus cafe on terrace.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Open 24 hours

Tuesday: Open 24 hours

Wednesday: Open 24 hours

Thursday: Open 24 hours

Friday: Open 24 hours

Saturday: Open 24 hours

Sunday: Open 24 hours



Buda Castle

Budapest, Szent György tér, 1014 Hungary

Summary:

Palatial venue for the Hungarian National Gallery plus displays from Gothic altars to sculpture.

Phone:

(06 1) 458 3000



Hungarian Parliament Building

Budapest, Kossuth Lajos tér 1-3, 1055 Hungary

Summary:

Landmark Gothic Revival–style edifice with lavishly decorated rooms, plus a visitors' center.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Tuesday: 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Wednesday: 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Thursday: 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Friday: 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Saturday: 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Phone:

(06 1) 441 4000



Heroes' Square

Budapest, Hősök tere, 1146 Hungary

Summary:

Part of a UNESCO World Heritage site, with statues of the leaders of 7 tribes who founded Hungary.



City Park

Budapest, City Park, 1146 Hungary



Jewish Ghetto Wall Fragment

Budapest, Király u. 15, 1075 Hungary



Gellért Hill

Budapest, Gellért Hill, 1016 Hungary

Summary:

A walk up this small hill leads to balconies with scenic views of the Danube, plus snack kiosks.



St. Stephen's Basilica

Budapest, Szent István tér 1, 1051 Hungary

Summary:

Vast cupola-topped Roman Catholic place of worship, built from 1851 to 1905, with regular concerts.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 9:00 AM - 5:45 PM

Tuesday: 9:00 AM - 5:45 PM

Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 5:45 PM

Thursday: 9:00 AM - 5:45 PM

Friday: 9:00 AM - 5:45 PM

Saturday: 9:00 AM - 5:45 PM

Sunday: 1:00 - 5:45 PM

Phone:

(06 1) 311 0839



The Church of Our Lady of Buda Castle

Budapest, Szentháromság tér 2, 1014 Hungary

Summary:

A 13th-century church named for King Matthias, who married here, with an ecclesiastical art museum.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Tuesday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Thursday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

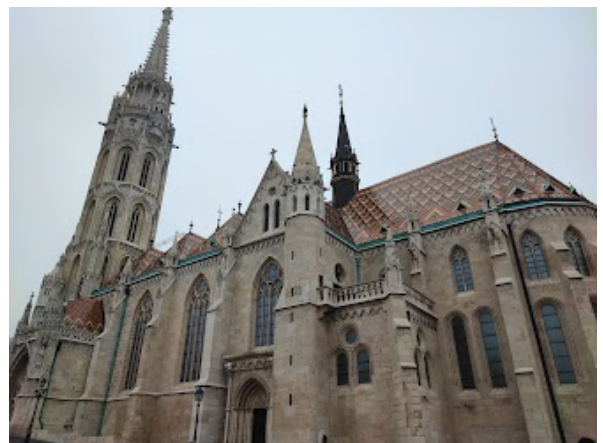
Friday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Phone:

(06 1) 355 5657



Shoes on the Danube Bank

Budapest, Id. Antall József rkp., 1054 Hungary

Summary:

Waterside shoe sculptures memorializing those killed at the river by a fascist party during WWII.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Open 24 hours

Tuesday: Open 24 hours

Wednesday: Open 24 hours

Thursday: Open 24 hours

Friday: Open 24 hours

Saturday: Open 24 hours

Sunday: Open 24 hours

