

# BUDAPEST

## THE 4 DAY GUIDE



One the best European escapes, perfect destination for a romantic long weekend or a relaxing holiday with friends. The capital city of Hungary combines natural beauty and great architecture which can take your breath away! Budapest is known as the world's capital city of baths and spas. Their spa cultures dates to the Romans, who believed that Hungary's water can absorb important minerals that are beneficial for our skin. National geographic suggested that there are more than 100 hot springs on the bottom grounds of Budapest only and about 1300 in whole Hungary, making Budapest the only city on Europe with that many hot springs.

### **Best time to go:**

Budapest can be very cold in winter, with high levels of humidity and the maximum temperature that can go down to -2 degrees Celsius. In summer, the city can be warm with several heatwaves that can reach up to 30 degrees Celsius. However, regardless the time of the year the city is always magical, and the warm baths are always open! If you are a person that doesn't like either heat or cold the best time to go to Budapest is between September to November and between March and June.

### **Useful apps and info:**

Getting around the city center is very easy, whether you walk or use public transport. To travel by bus and tram, you can download the public transport app called **BudapestGo**. Simply buy the tickets online and when you get on the bus or tram, scan the QR code on the bus door to validate your ticket. You can use that ticket for 1 hour. To transport from and to the airport you need a special ticket that you can buy from the app. Most tourist get the bus 100E that connects the city center with the airport. You can also download the **Citymapper** App to navigate around.

## Itinerary:

### **DAY 1: Explore Pest**

Budapest is a very beautiful city that is divided by Danube River – the second longest rivers in Europe. The left side of the city is called Buda and the right is called Pest. These two areas used to be independent cities that united to create Budapest.



Start your day by having a brunch with a warm cup of coffee and/or a nice mimosa at Cirkusz Café. The café may not have a traditional or cultural vibe, but it serves one of the best brunches in Budapest.





Do the riverside walk by starting from Elizabeth Bridge towards Margaret Bridge. You will have the opportunity to see lots of sightseeing.

- The Famous gothic style Parliament House
- The shoes of Danube
- Chain Bridge
- Margaret Bridge
- Visit Szamos Chocolate Museum
- Go for dinner- There are two amazing restaurants in Pest, both have great atmosphere, amazing food, and good wine. So go and try Hoppa! Bistro and Textura
- Go for drinks to the ruin bars in the historical neighborhood. Best one is Szimpla Kert.





## **DAY 2: Explore Buda**

Every trip has a day which is so very busy but is always fun! The day that you will explore Buda is that day, as that side is full of attractions and landmarks.

First stop is:

- Gellert Hill
- Citadella

Jump on the highest spot of Budapest and enjoy the most amazing view of the city. This landmark could also be skipped on day 2 if you want to have a less busy schedule and move it to Day 3. Either way Gellert Hill & Citadella are worth visiting, especially if the weather is good. The walk is uphill so make sure to wear comfortable shoes.



- Buda Castle
- Labyrinth of Buda Castle – used to be prison of Dracula
- Budapest Castle Hill Funicular



- Fisherman's bastion – amazing view great to visit in the afternoon. From the bastion you will have the most stunning view of the Parliament House. If you have enough time stay and enjoy the night view of the city from there







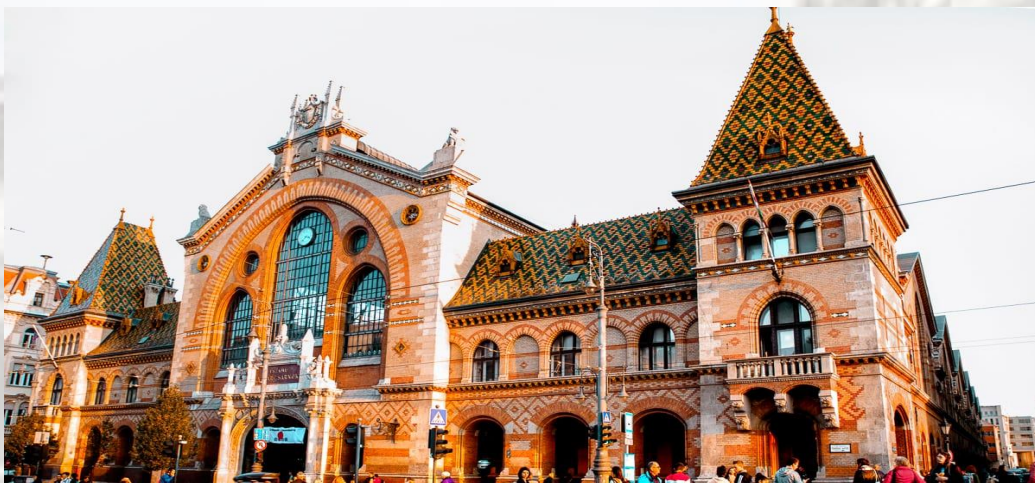
- The House of Houdini – The house of the famous magician Houdini is in the old walls of Buda castle. Today this area is a great picturesque neighborhood, worth walking around.



- Dinner at Hungaricum Bistro
- Drinks at Púder Bárszínház

### **DAY 3: Explore Culture and go shopping**

- Central Market Hall – explore the local flea market and try Hungarian flavors. Don't miss to get some paprika, as Hungary is very famous for its sweet and spicy paprika.
- Buy Hungarian secret box



- Vintage Shopping – If you like vintages shopping, Budapest's historic place is the best area to do so.
- Eat Kurtoskalaks at Molnars Kurtoskalaks.





- Food and drinks to Mazel Tov.
- Have an enjoyable night out in the historic place

#### **DAY 4: Spa Day**

Well, Budapest has lots of hot springs and spas that you could easily go to one each day! However, the most famous and most scenic is Széchenyi Thermal Baths. The ticket to the baths is about £21/ 24E with a locker or a cabin and you have a full day pass to all pools and saunas. Any other massages, and luxurious spas are extra. There are days that you can stay in the baths until night having a drink and your beauty routine. Totally worth it for everyone!



**Extra Tip:** If you have more time to spend in Hungary it would be worth it to visit a few more places in Hungary:

- Duna-Ipoly National Park (35 minutes from Budapest)
- Baradla Aggtelek Cave (2 hrs. and 30 minutes from Budapest)

...and remember always to enjoy every single part of your trip and stay safe!

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