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Upcoming **events** in Budapest



Aquincum Vision Storage

From *Apr 19th 2012* until *Jan 19th 2038* , on

1031 Budapest, Szentendrei út 135



Collectors And Treasures

From *Feb 1st 2006* until *Jan 19th 2038* , on

1091 Budapest, Üllői str. 33-37

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Best rated **restaurants** in Budapest



Noa Caffè Restaurant

Nyugati ter 8



Nobu

Erzsébet tér 7-8.



Gundel

Allatkerti utca 2



Okay Italia

Szent Istvan korut



Menza

Liszt Ferenc ter 2



Csirke-fogo

Bajcsy-zsilinszky 7



Kisbuda Gyongye

Kenyeres utca 34



Cafe Noe Cukraszda

Wesselenyi str. 13

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Most popular **pubs & clubs** in Budapest



Morrison's 2

Szent István krt. 11.



Holdudvar

Margaret Island



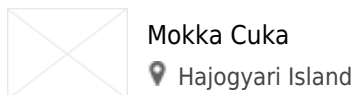
Morrison's Liget

Népliget út 2.

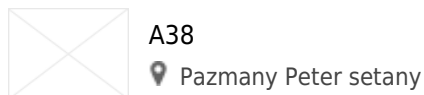


Morrison's Opera

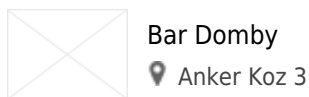
Révay utca 25



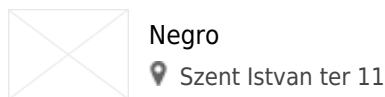
Mokka Cuka
📍 Hajogyari Island



A38
📍 Pazmany Peter setany



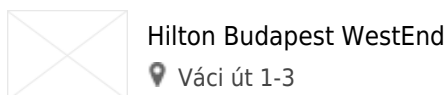
Bar Domby
📍 Anker Koz 3



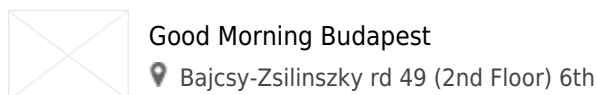
Negro
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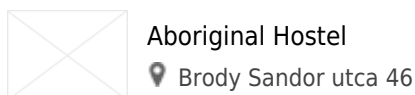
Best **hotels** in Budapest



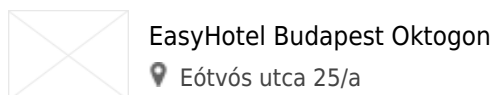
Hilton Budapest WestEnd
📍 Váci út 1-3



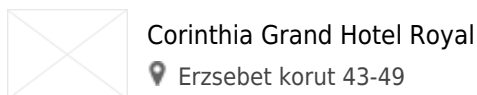
Good Morning Budapest
📍 Bajcsy-Zsilinszky rd 49 (2nd Floor) 6th



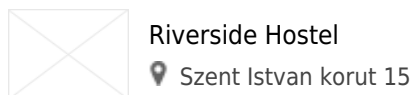
Aboriginal Hostel
📍 Brody Sandor utca 46



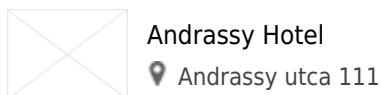
EasyHotel Budapest Oktogon
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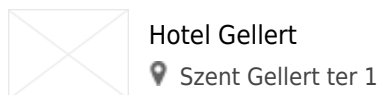
Corinthia Grand Hotel Royal
📍 Erzsebet korut 43-49



Riverside Hostel
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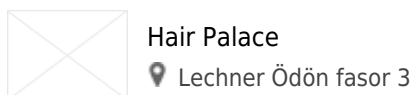
Andrassy Hotel
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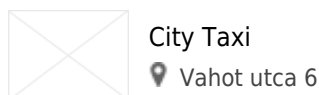
Hotel Gellert
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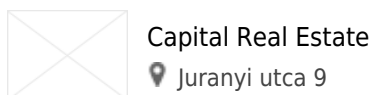
Essential **services** in Budapest



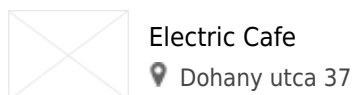
Hair Palace
📍 Lechner Ödön fasor 3



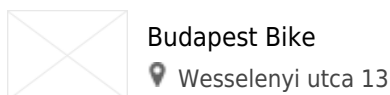
City Taxi
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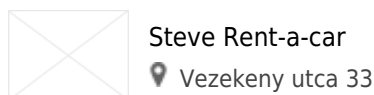
Capital Real Estate
📍 Juranyi utca 9



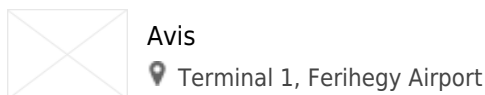
Electric Cafe
📍 Dohany utca 37



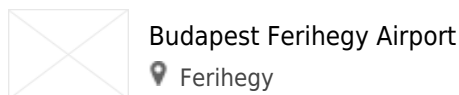
Budapest Bike
📍 Wesselenyi utca 13



Steve Rent-a-car
📍 Vezekeny utca 33



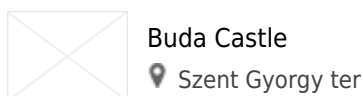
Avis
📍 Terminal 1, Ferihegy Airport



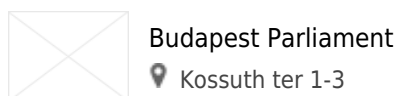
Budapest Ferihegy Airport
📍 Ferihegy

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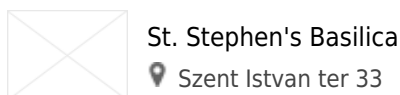
Need some **culture**?



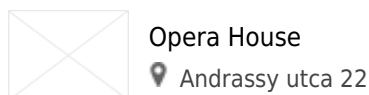
Buda Castle
📍 Szent Gyorgy ter



Budapest Parliament
📍 Kossuth ter 1-3



St. Stephen's Basilica
📍 Szent Istvan ter 33



Opera House
📍 Andrassy utca 22



Chain Bridge

📍 Szechenyi lanchid



Royal Palace

📍 Szent Gyorgy ter

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Travel tips

Toe-numbingly cold in winter and skin-blisteringly hot in summer, don't come to Budapest without taking proper account of the [weather](#). You'll find a five day forecast on [Budapest-life.com](#)

Purchase a Budapest Card and, according to their motto, you will have "the whole city in your pocket". Metaphorically speaking of course. In concrete terms the Budapest Card allows you unlimited use of [public transport](#) and free or discounted entry into sixty top sites and [museums](#), as well as discounts in several [restaurants](#) and spas. Purchase a 48hr card for 6450 forints, or 72hr card for 7950 forints. Available in tourist info points such as at the airport and Liszt Ferenc Square. When in Budapest be sure to try Hungarian wine. Not as celebrated as French, Italian, or even New World vintages, the grape juice around these parts is nonetheless very tasty, and won't set you back more than a few hundred forints for a bottle. Makes a good souvenir.

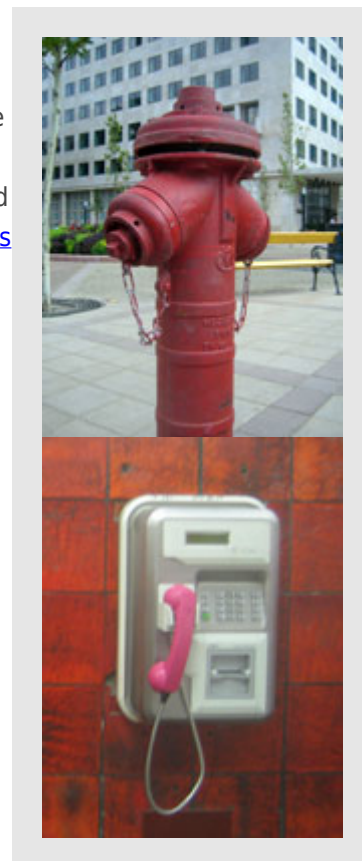
If you're sharing a toast with Hungarians it's inadvisable to clink glasses. Legend has it that is what the Austrian soldiers did when they executed thirteen Hungarian generals (known as the 13 Martyrs of Arad), after the failed Hungarian uprising of 1848-49 against the Austrian Empire.

One common [language](#) glitch worth knowing about is that the word 'sajt' (pronounced 'shite') means nothing more offensive than 'cheese' in Hungarian... So no need to punch some poor guy's lights out if he offers you a sajtburger! Coming for the [Sziget Festival](#)? Book your [accommodation](#) early - and check our [map](#) first to see if your hostel is anywhere near the action! For more [Sziget tips and advice](#) check out Budapest-life.com's feature length article on the event.

...And if you're not expecting to discover any decent Hungarian bands in Budapest think again! [Korai Orom](#) and [Colorstar](#) are two alternative dance/rock bands that can match the most credible names in your CD collection. Keep an eye out too for the zany goings of cult faves Satöbbi.

Above: A purple intruder

Below: ...A pink receiver

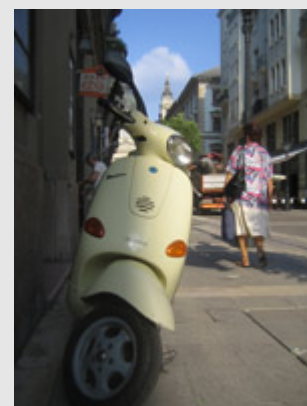


Getting around

By public transport

Budapest has a remarkably efficient public transport system, which makes navigating the city cheap and easy even for the most inexperienced of tourists. The yellow (M1), red (M2) and blue (M3) lines of the metro fork out from the Danube to cover the key points of Pest, whilst you can follow the red M2 metro line under the river and emerge amongst the green hills of Buda. At the moment the HEV suburban railway joins up the gaps the metro leaves behind, although a new line (M4) is currently under construction which will link Kelvin Ter station in the south, the main train terminal and outlying suburbs, expected to be operational in 2010.

If you prefer getting around by bus, then 153 routes should get you wherever you want to go, whilst no city can truly call itself European without a few tram lines lying about. Whichever method of public transport you are travelling by you can purchase tickets at kiosks, a single for 300 or a one day travel card for 1,550 forints. You can also buy a 3 day pass for 3,850 forints, a 7 day pass for 4,600 or a book of 10 single tickets, valid on the bus, tram and metro, for 2,700 forints. For



Above: Scoot around town Centre:

[Festival-goers](#) await the HEV Below: These SUVs really clog up the road

more info on Budapest public transport check out www.bkv.hu.



By taxi

Taxi drivers in Budapest are notorious for ripping off tourists, and although recent years have seen an increase in scruples and professional practices it's worth getting a rough price fix before you step in the cab - and it's worth counting your change too. Calling a cab can be up to 15 percent cheaper than hailing one on the street, although you may need your Hungarian friend to help you. [City Taxi](#) have English speaking operators and enjoy the best reputation amongst taxi firms in Budapest.

By car

Well the advantage of getting around Budapest by car, as any Fleetwood Mac fan will tell you, is that you can 'Go Your Own Way'. The disadvantages are the near-death experiences you will encounter en route, thanks to Grand Theft Auto style manoeuvres of your fellow motorists. Still, if you're prepared to drive defensively a car could prove invaluable for getting out to the likes of Eger and Lake Balaton, although within town itself it's cheaper and easier to use public transport or taxis.

