

Welcome to Budapest Gay Guide Net, Hungary

This gay & travel guide website is made and permanently updated since 1998 in Budapest, Hungary, in Central or Eastern Europe. At least twice per year we visit every place listed on this page and search for new places; we call every phone number and double check every detail. We hope it assists you to you in discovering this town. We enjoy to go everywhere and we are happy to share all the information with you to help you having a pleasant, uncomplicated and safe time without the hassle to figure out everything on your own. Where to go when? Do you need to bring towels to the bath house or not? If you find anything that is not up2date please contact us rightaway. Tell us everything you know and we will go there and include it to this page. If you take pictures in Budapest contact us as well. We may use them for this page. We try to describe every place as detailed as possible because we want you to know what to expect before you go to a venue where you have never been before. Also we list entrance fees and other prices. We also have a list of places and groups that do not exist or are not gay anymore (You may find them still listed in other guides).

Budapest is the capital of Hungary with appr. 2 million people living here. Best time to visit is from early April to middle of November. During the past few years, an interesting and lively gay scene has emerged in Eastern Europe, especially in Hungary. Budapest („Paris of the East“) has always been known as a gay metropolis in Eastern Europe. However, you will not find gay bars and dance clubs or cafés for a specific audience (like a leather bar, a rent boy bar, a bar for chubbies, etc.). Everyone goes to the same places (age or preference doesn't matter). All of the bars (except some baths) are in the center of Budapest's Pest side, in the 5th, 6th, 7th and 9th district.

Buda is hilly and residential, Pest is flat and the lively part of the city. All gay accommodations listed in our guide are in the center of Budapest's Pest side and we believe staying at gay accommodations makes it a lot easier to get access to Budapest's gay life than if you stay islated at regular hotels. At check in the staff will take the time to give you all the infos that you need to get started. Our Budapest Gay Guide has also info about baths and saunas, restaurants, media, groups and associations, condoms and lubricant, AIDS, events and gay pride, cruising, sex shops, escorts, laws plus gay listings for Hungary's countryside and links.

The chapter general tourist info gives you country facts (climate, time, money, national holidays); Info needed to travel to Hungary (visa, airlines, trains, busses, ships and cars); travel in Budapest (map, public transport, taxis, rent a car, lost and found); and about communication (telecom, internet, dictionary, translations, interpreter, radio, TV) plus useful addresses (embassies, health, shopping, postal service, laundry, museums, galleries, tourist info) plus general links.

There is more we can do for you. First you should download and print the pdf file that we prepared and that includes all the info. Then you should subscribe to our newsletter. Don't worry, we send newsletters no more than four times per year. Next subscribe to the Gay Budapest Yahoo Group. Use the mailing list to introduce yourself to other users of this site and let others introduce themselves to you. Share info and experiences, and meet online before you maybe meet in Budapest. You may oder books and maps online. You may also get latest event info for the period you stay in Budapest, and we can email you info about the next gay pride. We have a great fluent English and German speaking gay tour guides who can take you around. They can make it easier for you to discover the city and the gay places and can answer all your questions. And we offer translations of texts and interpreter for meetings. If you like this website you may donate for this website. Every (also small) donation will help to keep this site alive and to add more content in the future.

Budapest Gay Guide

Accommodation

Get the Up2date List via Email (Gay Accommodation)

GayGuide.Net Budapest provides information on gay owned and gay operated guest houses, apartments, and private rooms. All places are in the center of Budapest's Pest side, because all gay bars & clubs are located in Pest. The central districts on the Pest side are the 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th and 13th district. We have carefully selected the places. You need to decide if you prefer to stay at a guesthouse (breakfast available & staff is present for assistance) or if you prefer the privacy of your own studio or apartment (assistance is provided as well as apartment owners are all reachable by cell phones). Maybe you would feel more comfortable staying in a private room and share kitchen & bath with a local gay resident.

Apartments for long term rentals and for purchase

If you are looking for info about real estate in Budapest we highly recommend Miguel, a gay real estate agent. He speaks fluent English, Spanish, and Hungarian. Miguel offers a 3 hour meeting where he will inform you of everything you need to know about searching for an apartment, negotiating the price, how foreigners can buy apartments (using a private name or with a foreign owned company), about the need for lawyers, the land registry, notaries and money exchange offices. He will also cover procedurs on how to contract with gas, water, electricity suppliers and insurance companies; how to open a bank account, how the payment of common costs to the house administration, how to find companies for reconstructions/renovations and interpreters who can help you during the process. The fee for this 3 hour meeting is 100 Euros, which will save you a great deal of money and hassle. Alternatively, you may hire Miguel to find an apartment for you for purchase or for long term rental. To get started, just send and email to him: Go online to send Email.

How to make a reservation (gay accommodation)

Please review the websites of the accommodations below and choose the place you prefer most. If you are flying into Budapest, please check first with the airline to insure flights are available before you request a reservation. This helps to avoid your having to change reservations.

If the place is available you will receive a confirmation via email including all the info you will need: Addresses, phone numbers, directions, check-in details.

In case, your first preference is not available you will receive offers via email for other places. You will never loose out!

Kristof Square Studios

5th district, Kristof Ter

Web page: <http://gaystay.net/KristofSquare/>

Reservation: Reservation Form

(At Vaci utca, in the absolute center of the Pest side)

Studio Apartments

If you have been to Budapest before you have seen the Kristof Square. A small square, at the corner of the famous Vaci Street, just 50 meters away from Vörösmarty Square, where Cafe Gerbaud is located and Europe's very first Metro line starts. Hotel Mariott and Kempinsky are both just 100 meters away and the river Danube no more than 120 meters. It's 200 meters to the Deak Square where all three metro lines cross each other. Tram 2 takes you along the Danube. Vaci Street and the Kristof Square are for pedestrians only, but a parking garage is very close. You will find a lot of cafes and restaurants in this area with outside tables during the summer. 24 hour shops and internet cafes nearby. You can walk to several gay bars and clubs (all gay bars & clubs are in Pest's center, not on the Buda side). The buiding is a monument that has a facade of tiles. Its gay owned and gay operated and at check-in we take the time to answer all your general and gay related questions about Budapest. The staff is fluent English speaking and always reachable by mobile phone for assistance. Both studios have full air conditioning. Upon arrival you get a mobile phone for use during your stay. No charge for the phone and for incoming calls. For outgoing calls you may purchase a prepaid card at check-in (order in advance required!). Towels, blankets etc. are there. You may have your guests at no extra charge. Keys for every guest. At check-in you can get info where to buy tickets for public transport, stamps and phone cards. Safety deposit box in each studio for your valuables (you create your own number code at arrival). Intercom system at front door. Free printed gay map upon arrival. See the web page for more details. Open all year, check-in on agreement, reservations in advance required. Each studio is perfect for 1 or 2 persons.

Vas Street Studios

5th district, Vas Street

Web page: <http://gaystay.net/Vas/>

Reservation: Reservation Form

(At Rakozci ut, center of the Pest side, near Astoria Square and Blaha Lujza Square)

Studio Apartments

Our newest guest apartment. Walking distance to gay bars and clubs and to the river Danube. Great public transport connections to all places in town. Centrally located on the Pest side near Astoria Square and Blaha Lujza Square (2 subway stations). Bright and sunny studio apartment on the top floor (5th floor) with elevator to the 4th floor. Quiet with nice backyard and roof view. Air condition (which is seldom needed in Budapest) and quality gas heating, unlimited hot water. Doubledbed that can sleep 2 persons. Sat TV (Astra) with 40 English, German, French and other language channels. Kitchenette with fridge, electric stove, coffeemaker, water cooker, toaster. Bathroom with bath tub, washing machine, iron and ironing board. Towels, blankets etc. are there. Keysets for every guest. You may have your guests at no extra charge. Opposite to gayowned Pizzeria Club 93 and around the corner of Urania movie theatre and coffeeshop where you can get free wifi internet access if you bring your own laptop. Restaurants, coffee shops, super markets, 24 hour shops and internet cafes nearby. Its gay owned and gay operated and at check-in we take the time to answer all your general and gay related questions about Budapest. The staff is fluent English speaking and always reachable by mobile phone for assistance. Free printed gay map upon arrival. Upon arrival you get a mobile phone for use during your stay. No charge for the phone and for incoming calls. For outgoing calls you may purchase a prepaid card at check-in (order in advance required). At check-in you can get info where to buy tickets for public transport, stamps and phone cards. Safety deposit box in each studio for your valuables (you create your own number code at arrival). Intercom system at front door. Open all year, check-in on agreement, reservations in advance required. Each studio is perfect for 1 or 2 persons

KM Saga

9th district, Lonyai Street & Várház Boulevard

Web page: <http://gaystay.net/Kmsaga/>

Reservation: Reservation Form

(Close to Szabadság bridge, Gellert Bath, National Museum)

Guest House

The gay owned and operated Guest Residence by KM Saga is located in the very heart of Budapest's Pest side, close to the Danube and the Szabadság bridge, not far from the Gellert Bath and gay locations like Action and Darling bar. It is near the National Museum and the famous

market hall at Vamhaz Boulevard. The most significant aspect of this place is, that it is in a Art Nouveau building and the rooms are furnished with antiques; a 1890's environment with up-to-date comfort. The owners are always reachable and speak English, German, French and Russian. Near to the metro station Kalvin square; Tram 47/49, Bus 9,15; Trolley 83, Night bus 14é & 50é. See the web page for more details. Open all year, check-in on agreement, reservations in advance required.

Apartment Dembinszky Street

7th district, Dembinszky Street

Web page: <http://gaystay.net/Dembinszky/>

Reservation: Reservation Form

(Close to Angyal Bar, Keleti Railway Station, Heroe's Square, Blaha Lujza Square)

Apartment

We have designed the Guest Apartment Dembinszky Street in Budapest according to the needs of gay travellers. It doesn't matter if you are a single traveller or a small group. The apartment is located in the center of the Pest side (all gay bars & clubs are in Pest's center, not on the Buda side). Trolley bus line 74 takes you to all gay spots or you just walk. It's completely renovated and new furnished. 1 and 1/2 rooms. 47 squaremeters. For up to 4 persons. Keys for every guest. You may have your guests at no extra charge. Upon arrival you get a mobile phone for use during your stay. No charge for the phone and for incoming calls. For outgoing calls you may purchase a prepaid card at check-in (order in advance required). Satellite TV with many foreign channels (Astra). Full bath with sink & shower, unlimited hot water. Towels, blankets etc. are there. Central heating with thermostat. Fully equipped kitchenette with fridge, stove, coffee maker, water cooker, toaster, self-catering. Lunch & dining furnishings for up to 4 persons. Washing machine and ironing facilities. Intercom system at front door for your safety. Safety deposit box for your valuables (you create your own number code at arrival). Large supermarket nearby (Kaisers). Guarded parking area nearby. At check-in you can get info where to buy tickets for public transport, stamps and phone cards. Free printed gay map upon arrival. Its gay owned and gay operated and at check-in we take the time to answer all your general and gay related questions about Budapest. The staff is fluent English speaking and always reachable by mobile phone for assistance. Open all year, check-in on agreement, reservations in advance required. Perfect for 1 or 2 persons, but can sleep a max. of 4

Apartment Kigyio Street

5th district, Kigyio Street

Web page: <http://gaystay.net/Kigyio/>

Reservation: Reservation Form

(Close to Danube, Vaci utca, Metro Ferenciek Square)

Apartment

One room apartment for 2 persons. 49 sqm on 2nd floor, quiet location facing the backyard. Very close to the Danube, a small street between Vaci utca and Ferenciek Square. Room (24 sqm) with double bed. Full private bathroom with bathtub and washing machine. Kitchen (12 sqm) with fridge, gas stove. Hot water with electro boiler (120 liter). Towels, sheets, blankets etc. included. Central heating. Cable TV with several foreign channels. Shops, super markets and ATMs nearby. Gay bars very close (5 minutes walk to Action, 10 minutes to Chaos Club, 15 minutes to Angyal Bar). Guarded parking nearby (extra charge). Metro Ferenciek Ter, all ,7' bus lines. Gay owned and operated. Owner is English speaking, always reachable at mobile phone for assistance. You may have additional guests for the night at no extra charge. Key sets for each guest available. At check-in you can get info where to buy tickets for public transport, stamps and phone cards. Open all year, check-in on agreement, reservations in advance required. Perfect for 1 or 2 persons

Apartment Marcius 15th Square

5th district, Marcius 15th Square

Web page: <http://gaystay.net/Marcius15thSquare/>

Reservation: Reservation Form

(Right at the Danube, close to Vaci utca, Metro Ferenciek Square)

Apartment

The apartment is situated in the downtown of Budapest, at the bridgehead of the Elisabeth Bridge in Pest, at the Danube riverside. 150 meters from the famous Vaci street. Classical five-storey building from the beginning of the century. One room apartment, perfect for 2 persons. 55 sqm, 3rd floor (elevator) with Danube- and Castle view, very bright and quiet. One room (40 sqm) with double bed. TV with a few Hungarian, but no foreign channels. Full bath with tub & shower and 80 liter bojler for hot water. Washing machine for free use. Gas heating. Kitchen with fridge, stove, microwave, coffee maker, toaster, self catering. Intercom system at front door. Safety deposit box for your valuables (you create your own number code at arrival). Located on Pest side at Marcius 15th Square. 10 minutes walk to Angyal Bar, 13 minutes to Coxx, 8 minutes to Action bar, 8 minutes to Caf? Eklektika, 6 minutes to Darling bar, 3 minutes to Capella. Supermarket nearby. Guarded parking area in front of the house below the bridge (500 HUF per hour) and parking garage at K?lvin Square (10 minutes walk, appr. 6 EUR for 24 hours). Upon

arrival you get a mobile phone for use during your stay. No charge for the phone and for incoming calls. For outgoing calls you may purchase a prepaid card at check-in (order in advance required!). Close to metro station Ferenciek Square, Bus 7, 73 and 78; night bus 78e; Tram 2 and 2a; Bus 15. Towels, blankets etc. are there. You may have your guests at no extra charge. Keys for every guest. At check-in you can get info where to buy tickets for public transport, stamps and phone cards. Free printed gay map upon arrival. Its gay owned and gay operated and at check-in we take the time to answer all your general and gay related questions about Budapest. The staff is fluent English and Spanish and some German speaking and always reachable by mobile phone for assistance. Open all year, check-in on agreement, reservations in advance required. Perfect for 1 or 2 persons

Apartments Rakoczi Street

7th district, Rakoczi Street

Web page: <http://gaystay.net/Rakoczi/>

Reservation: Reservation Form

(Next to Astoria Metro Station)

Apartments

Rakoczi Street is the street that connects the river Danube (Elisabeth Bridge) and the East railway station (Keleti Pu). The Rakoczi Street Apartments are just 50 meters from Astoria Square, in the very heart of the historical city centre, within walking distance from the Danube, the famous shopping area of Vaci Street and several gay bars. Only a few meters from the entrance door of the largest and most magnificent synagogue in Europe. Beside an immediate access to the Astoria Metro station, next to your entrance door, you will be only one stop or 5 minutes walk away from Budapest central square, the Deak square, where all three metro lines of the city cross each other. A range of coffee shops and restaurants nearby, with outside tables during the summer time offer refreshing drinks and Hungarian and as well as Jewish food. At the ground floor of the building you will find a 24 hour shop, as well as a money exchange office. Wifi for internet access for your laptop is available in the neighborhood of the Rakoczi Street Apartments as well as internet cafes. Popular gay bars and clubs (all gay bars & clubs are in Pest's center, not on the Buda side) are just 5 till 10 minutes walk, e.g Action Bar and Coxx. Its gay owned and gay operated and at check-in we take the time to answer all your general and gay related questions about Budapest. The staff is fluent English speaking and always reachable by mobile phone for assistance. Open all year, check-in on agreement, reservations in advance required. Each apartment is perfect for 1 or 2 persons.

Apartment Rozsa Street

7th district, Rozsa Street

Web page: <http://gaystay.net/Rozsa/>

Reservation: Reservation Form

(Close to Keleti Rail Station and Blaha Lujza Square)

Apartment

One room apartment, perfect for 2 persons. Up to 4. Completely renovated & furnished. 42 sqm, 3rd (top) floor, very bright and very quiet. Backyard view. Chairs and table on the gallery. One room (25 sqm) with double bed and sofa bed. Satellite and cable TV (own satellite dish on the roof). Large working desk (not on picture). Full bath with tub & shower, unlimited hot water. Separate private toilet. Gas heating with thermostat. Kitchen with fridge, stove, dish washer, washing machine, microwave, coffee maker, water cooker, toaster, mixer, juice maker, self catering. Intercom system at front door. Safety deposit box for your valuables (you create your own number code at arrival). Located on Pest side in Rozsa utca, close to corner Wesselehnyi utca. 2 minutes walk to Angyal Bar, 3 trolley bus stops to Keleti station, 4 trolley bus stops to the Jewish synagoge at the small ring street, 3 trolley bus stops to Andrassy ut; to every place in town by public transport in less than 20 minutes. Large supermarket nearby (,Kaisers'). Guarded parking area nearby. Upon arrival you get a mobile phone for use during your stay. No charge for the phone and for incoming calls. For outgoing calls you may purchase a prepaid card at check-in (order in advance required!). Sat TV (Astra) with 40 English, German, French and other language channels. Cable TV. Trolley 73, 74 and 76. Towels, blankets etc. are there. You may have your guests at no extra charge. Keys for every guest. At check-in you can get info where to buy tickets for public transport, stamps and phone cards. Free printed gay map upon arrival. Its gay owned and gay operated and at check-in we take the time to answer all your general and gay related questions about Budapest. The staff is fluent English speaking and always reachable by mobile phone for assistance. Open all year, check-in on agreement, reservations in advance required. Perfect for 1 or 2 persons, but can sleep a max. of 4

Apartment Szekely Bertalan Street

6th district, Szekely Bertalan Street

Web page: <http://gaystay.net/SzekelyBertalan/>

Reservation: Reservation Form

(Between Nyugati Rail Station and Varosliget City Park)

Apartment

This 2 room apartment (54 sqm) is recently renovated and beautifully decorated with a mix of new furniture and antique artwork. It is spacious for 2 guests, and can accommodate up to 4 persons comfortably.

The first floor apartment faces onto a quiet side street

in Pest, less than 5 minutes from the World Heritage Listed Andrassy Street with its historic Metro service. The apartment is on the edge of the Old Diplomatic Quarter with its numerous Secessionist buildings, and the City Park, Szechenyi Baths and City Zoo are less than 10 min walk or 3 min on the Metro. Oktogon and the bars and restaurants of Liszt Ferenc Square and Opera are either 15 min walk or 5 min on the Metro.

The spacious bedroom has a queen sized double bed, and 5 East and South facing windows fill the apartment with light. The main living room has an L-shaped sofa converting into a comfortable double bed, dining table for four, and a stereo with a small collection of CD's. The fully equipped kitchen faces into the living room, and has everything you will need for up to 4 people including crockery, wine & champagne glasses, cooking pans, coffee maker, toaster, microwave, gas stovetop burners and electric oven and a large refrigerator with freezer. The bathroom has a large corner bath with over-bath shower, sink & toilet. A safety deposit box is installed for valuables (you create your own number code at arrival).

Washing machine and ironing facilities and very effective central heating are included, and all linen is supplied. This apartment has no TV.

A free printed gay map and general information are supplied upon arrival. It's gay owned and operated and at check-in we take the time to answer all your general and gay related questions about Budapest. The staff is fluent English speaking and always reachable by mobile phone for assistance.

Open all year, check-in on agreement, reservations in advance required. Perfect for 1 or 2 persons, up to 4 persons

Private Room Hungaria Boulevard

14th district, Hungaria Boulevard

Web page: <http://gaystay.net/Hungaria/>

Reservation: Reservation Form

(2 bus stops from Keleti station outbound)

Private Room

One private room for 1,2,3 or 4 persons with 2 double beds. The owner is living in the same apartment and speaks English and some German. The room is 25 sqm, furnished (old style). Good public traffic connections at day and night to Keleti rail station, Blaha Lujza square, Astoria square, Ferenciek square (Daytime bus 7, 73 and at night it is 78é.). On the pest side. Thököly ut corner Hungaria körut. There are two cats in the apartment. The bathroom is shared with the owner, unlimited hot water. Towels, blankets, sheets etc. are there. At check-in you can get info where to buy tickets for public transport, stamps and phone cards. Same rate as in a youth hostel.

Open all year, check-in on agreement, reservations in advance required. For 1, 2, 3 or 4 persons in one room

Private Rooms Szigony Street

8th district, Szigony Street

Web page: <http://gaystay.net/Szigony/>

Reservation: Reservation Form

(2 trolley bus stops from Baross Street)

Rooms

Two private rooms on Budapests Pest side. The owners are living in the same apartment and speak fluent English and some Italian, German, Russian and Serbo-Croatian. The big room is 21 sqm, the small room is 7 sqm. 9th floor in a building that has 10 floors and 2 elevators. The big room has one double and one single bed, TV with Hungarian channels, work desk with PC and unlimited internet access including reception of many TV and radio channels. The small room has a single bed and another single bed can be added; radio and CD player. The bathroom and kitchen are shared with the owner. Kitchen equipped with fridge, microwave, electric stove, coffee maker, water cooker, toaster, juice maker. Bathroom has tub with shower; Unlimited hot water. Towels, blankets, sheets etc. are there. Ironing facilities, but no washing machine. Central heating. Safety deposit box. Close to a supermarket. Magnum sauna is just 8 minutes walk distance, Alibi 5 minutes, Action 15 minutes walk. Public transport: Bus 9 (e.g from Deak Square), Trolley 83 (e.g from Fovam and Kalvin Square), tram 4 and 6; metro stop Ferenc Korut, night busses 6e, 14e and 50e. Its gay owned and gay operated. The staff is always reachable by mobile phone for assistance. You may have guests for the night at no extra charge. At check-in you can get info where to buy tickets for public transport, stamps and phone cards. Open all year, check-in on agreement, reservations in advance required. Perfect for 1 or 2 persons, but can sleep a max. of 4

Hotels in Hungary (not gay)

Do you need accommodations in Hungary other than Budapest or are you used to staying at 3 or 4 star hotels? We believe that staying at one of the gay owned and operated accommodations has many advantages (see listings above). But you may book hotels at <http://gayguide.net/Europe/Hungary/Hotels/>. We don't know if they are gay friendly or not ...

Bars & Clubs

Action Bar

1053 Budapest, Magyar utca 42.

Email: Go online to send Email

Web: Go online to visit this link

(near to Metro 3, Kálvin tér, Night bus 50é, 14é)

Gay, Bar, Back room / Darkroom, Video, Rent Boys, Shows

Gay basement bar with Hungary's most frequented back room & video room. Crowded all week. Every night there are Go-Go dancers and a & stripper, show time is 0:30 am every night. Audience of all age ranges and types of interest. Not easy to find. At Magyar utca 42 there is a separate door to the cellar with a A on the door. Go downstairs (its located in the cellar). You'll get a consumption card after you've entered the place. Pay at the bar before you leave.

Comment by David, who visited in June 2005: I have been there many times and find the staff unfriendly. The minimum consumption is unfair early evening when there is no one there.

Comment by David who visited in August 2005: Best ever pole dancing strippers! Gorgeous guys with full hard-ons and the last act. Two guys suck each other off and guy cums on stage! Wow! Very nice bar staff and friendly crowd.

Comment by Roger who visited in August 2005: Quite hard to find with a very discreet door. However, a busy bar with a busy cruising area and darkroom and this seemed to be the situation all week, not only at the weekends, which I appreciated. Strip shows as well by really cute guys. Well worth a visit.

Comment by Alfredo who visited in August 2005: I went in the evening. Might want to mention that it now has a rainbow flag on the door with A over it. Small place, didn't wander to the back room area. Good looking guys there! More of a levis/leather crowd. Definitely for those that are seeking men!

Comment by David who visited in September 2005: On my last visit to Action Bar I got hauled up on stage to join in one of the acts. It was very enjoyable. Got to pull the performers thong off and had a nice feel! He was so firm! Can't guarantee it for any other visitors in the future, but if they stand between to the dressing room door and where the performers leave the stage it might happen.

Comment by Paul who visited in February 2006: Small Bar with shows. Very good looking blokes stripping off and playing. However, there was no stroking or sucking or coming. More of a go go boys show. Very cruisy in the backroom, however people seemed to leave to go to Coxx after the strip show.

Comment by Luke who visited in April 2006: A bit dark but very friendly with strippers who could dance and had very nice bodies which we saw lots of. One dancer however was a bit cheesy topping it off with a bow tie around his

cock and a cowboy hat. The show was about one hour long and culminated with two dancers on stage together... all rather nice.

Comment by Dave who visited in April 2006: Great bar a must for any guy looking for fun and action after 12 midnight.

Comment by Roy who visited in July 2006: Hard to find. Once you find it loads of action inside. Strippers are kind of cute. However staff is incredibly rude.

Comment by Alex who visited in July 2006: Nice place to hang out. I hooked up with an escort upon leaving the place. He was outside. We went to my room and I had a great time with this guy. I wished I remembered his name. He is thin, good looking impeccable English.

Daily from 9 p.m. until 5 a.m. Minimum consumption 1300 HUF (last updated November 2006).

Árkádia

1052 Budapest, Türr Istvan utca 5

Phone: +36/ 204 96 58 54 (Mobile)

Email: Go online to send Email

(near to Metro 1, Vörösmarty Ter, Tram 2; When you walk from Vaci utca in the direction of the river it is beside the parking garage of Aranykez Street.)

Gay, Bar, Rentboys

Small bar close to the Danube. Extra room for fun (if you need privacy with someone. No rent, but higher consumption is expected. The room has 4 chairs and a table and would need some renovation). Thats the place to go if you are looking for rentboys.

Comment by Fred who visited in October 2005: It's a good aperitiv place in the evening and a good chill-out when morning comes. A hustler place, and if you watch out not so 'dangerous' like people sometimes talk about. I met wonderful people there. It's one of my favorite places.

Daily from 8 p.m. until 5 a.m.

No entrance fee.

No Minimum consumption.

CoXx Club (former Chaos)

1072 Budapest, Dohány utca 38 (Corner to Nagydíófa utca)

Phone: +36-1/ 344 48 84

Email: Go online to send Email

Web: Go online to visit this link

(near to Metro Astoria and Metro Blaha L. Square, Night bus 78é)

Gay (men only), Gallery, Internet café, Bar, Back room / Darkroom

Comment by Albert who visited in June 2005: Probably one of the nicest places in Budapest to visit. It is clean and friendly. Even the back room is immaculate and nice. Nice international crowd.

Comment by Roger who visited in August 2005: A stylish cruising bar. Tbe bar staff were very friendly and I found other guys around the bar very sociable and easy to get in a conversation with. Good music with a dancing area available as well which some guys took advantage of.

A large cruising area/darkroom that was equiped for all tastes. However, the area seemed to underused and I saw absolutely no activity at all. People also seemed to leave early around 1 am making their way to other venues.

Minumum consumption was 2000 HUF.

Comment by Ron who visited in January 2006: A large tunnel, catering to leather/jeans type of crowd. It has a very big dark room and lots of action in the tunnels. As everywhere in Budapest the guys are hot.

Comment by Paul who visited in February 2006: Quite a nice, comfy and stylish bar. Good music. On the right when u enter there is lots of hardcore action. Through the door, sleazy room, toilet simulation.

Gallery and Internet cafe: Mondays til Fridays 12 noon until 4 am; Saturdays and Sundays 9 pm until 4 am. Men's bar daily 9 pm until 4 am; Fridays and Saturdays until 5 am.

Minimum consumption 1000 HUF (since October 2006).

Internet 600 HUF per hour.

Darling Bar

closed in February 2006

Habrolo Bisztró

105x Budapest, Szep utca 1/b

Phone: +36/ 20 211 6701 (Mobile)

Gay, Bar

(Near to Metro Astoria and Ferenciek Ter, Night bus 921, 973, 914, 950, 979)

Small gay bar that attracts locals. Opened in 2006. Former Angyal Bar staff is working here. Close to the location where Darling Bar was before. Tuesdays til Sundays from 5 pm til 5 am, Mondays closed. No entrance fee. No minimum consumption.

Le Cafe M (was Mystery Bar before)

1054 Budapest, Nagysándor József utca 3

Phone: +36-1/ 312 14 36

Email: Go online to send Email

Gay and lesbian mixed, Bar, Internet café

(Near to Metro 3 Arany János utca, Night bus 914, 950)

Small Bar, snacks available, good for chatting with friends. Go there to check your email and surf the web during your stay in Budapest. Happy Hour every Friday. Bring your own notebook: Free wireless internet access for bar guests. Mondays til Fridays from 4 pm til 4 am, Saturday and Sunday from 6 pm til 4 am
 No entrance fee. No minimum consumption. Internet 500 HUF per hour; 300 HUF per 1/2 hour.

New Gloryhole (former Uniformis Klub/Adonis)

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 Phone: +36 20/217 98 36
 (Metro Nyugati station; Tram 4/6; Night bus 914, 950, 931. From Nyugati walk Szent Istvan Krt, turn into Hegedus Gyula utca and walk to corner Radnoti Miklos)
 Mixed Straight-Bisexual-Gay Crowd

In 2006 this place re-opened again with the former name Gloryhole. At the same location was also Adonis and Uniformis. Cabins, cinema, holes in cabin walls. A sex club for hetero men with girl strip shows. Some gay men like to go there who like to play with straight guys. Email us your comments to help others to learn more about this place!
 Open: Mondays to Thursdays 12 noon until midnight; Fridays 12 noon until 4 am; Saturdays 4 pm until 4 am; Sundays closed
 Entrance fee: Daytickets Mondays til Thursdays 1500 HUF; Fridays and Saturdays 2000 HUF; Entrance for women always free.

Upside Down

1054 Budapest, Podmaniczky Tér 1
 Phone: +36-70/ 367 96 19 (mobile)
 Email: Go online to send Email
 Web: Go online to visit this link
 (At the corner of Bajcsy Zsilnszky út and Arany János utca, Metro Aranyi János utca)
 Mixed Straight-Bisexual-Gay-Lesbian, Bar, Karaoke

The location used to be a public bathroom before it was turned into this trendy, 21st century bar. Very cozy atmosphere. Downstairs bar, a small stage and seating for appr 80 persons. During the summer there is also a terrace on the square upstairs. Monday and Wednesday nights are Karaoke nights with a gay, lesbian and straight audience. On Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays the club can be rented for private or company parties. The staff is gay, lesbian and straight mixed.
 Daily 5 pm until 5 am downstairs, and in the summer 8 am to 10 pm upstairs on the terrace.
 No entrance fee most of the times. However, some privately organised parties may have entrance fee on the weekends. No minimum consumption.

Baths & Beaches & Saunas

Dipping into Budapest's Baths

Budapest is well known for its public bathhouses, which also play an important role in the city's gay life. The most recommended baths are listed below.

A visit to a Budapest bathhouse, a tradition leftover from the Turkish occupancy of the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries, is a unique way to experience Hungarian culture firsthand (as it were). Mass-market tourist guidebooks make much of the interesting architecture to be found at these institutions. However, a trip to the bathhouse is fraught with customs and rules that will be entirely new to a Westerner, especially men who usually go to other European or American bathhouses to hook up with other guys for sexual fun and games. (As a man, I am only addressing the bathhouses from the gay male viewpoint, and would welcome any lesbians to write about their visit to a women's bathhouse).

Read more of this article contributed originally by Rick Rodgers and re-written and updated in February 2005 by Ryan James for our web site: http://budapest.gayguide.net/Gay_Guide/Baths_Beaches_Saunas/budapest_baths.html.

Magnum Sauna & Gym

1085 Budapest, Csepreghy utca 2 (corner Mária utca)
 Phone: +36-1/ 267 25 32
 Fax: +36-1/ 267 25 32
 Email: Go online to send Email
 Web: Go online to visit this link
 (Metro Ferenc körút, Tram 4/6 Baross utca, Bus 83, Nightbus 6e)

The first and biggest gay sauna in Budapest on 550 square meters, now in its 7th year of operation. Popular with all age groups. Steam room, dry sauna, 6 regular private cabins, 3 large sized cabins (2 with group bed), 6 glory hole cabins, darkrooms, Video room, cruising cellar with sling, massage, solarium, free internet access, gym with free weights and cardio machines. New section opened in Summer 2006 with 2 extra cabins, a new labyrinth and a 'communal' area. Locker area and reception will be renovated Fall of 2007. At the bar, you can get a full selection of non-alcoholic drinks, hot beverages, and snacks. No entry for guests less than 18 years of age. Friday: Showtime at 9 pm and theme parties. Saturday: Party day with free snacks. Saturday to Sunday non stop.

Comment by Tamas who visited in July 2005: I like the place. Nice guys, all ages, labyrinth to play. Friendly atmosphere.

Comment by Rick who visited in October 2005: It's very

nice, worth visiting. Easy to find as it is in the very centre. The staff is very friendly and helpful.

Comment by Shinji who visited in January 2006: Pretty filthy and unfriendly. People are rough and seems racial discrimination going on. Staff definitely don't like Asians. Yep, I'm Asian and being treated pretty badly.

Comment by Bruno who visited in June 2006: I (Spaniard, 32 y/o) was there on a Friday in June and I found the staff very friendly. The place is not very clean and the infrastructures are not very good, but the crowd is quite mixed (all ages) and nice good-looking guys. Easy to get in contact with the visitors and relaxed atmosphere. I had a good time there.

Comment by Jerry who visited in September 2006: Magnum is a very pleasant place. With very good atmosphere. Massage are not recommended. For 50 minutes the masseurs used 30 minutes of my heal, so that was a disappointing experience.

Comment by Janos, the owner of Magnum Sauna: We are sorry that Jerry did not enjoy his massage as he could have. The best is to discuss with the masseur what he will do before he starts.

Sundays to Thursdays 1 pm to 1 am; Fridays 1 pm to 4 am; Saturdays 1 pm to 5 am (valid from November 1st, 2006).
 Sundays to Thursdays 1 pm to 1 am; Fridays 1 pm to 4 am; Saturdays 1 pm to Monday 1 am (nonstop). 2000 HUF for over 25 years and 1390 HUF for under 25 years. The entrance fee is valid all day and includes in/out privilege (guest can return same day without paying again). Extra towel 120 HUF; Sandals 120 HUF (since September 2007).

Sauna 69

1093 Budapest, Angyal utca 2 (Entrance from the street - a metal door with the sign 69)

Phone: +36-1/ 2101751

Email: Go online to send Email

Web: Go online to visit this link

(Close to the Petofi bridge, Metro stop Ferenc korut; Tram 4 or 6 Mester utca stop; 2, 2A Boráros tér stop; Bus 15 Boráros tér stop; Night Bus 6e Mester utca stop; 14e, 50e Ferenc korut stop)

The newest (500 square meters) sauna for gay men in Budapest. It is open since December 2004. Finnish sauna, Turkish steam bath, Jacuzzi, 12 Relax cabins, 6 gloryholes, darkroom, massage, chocolate massage, Video room, bar without alcohol, Tv, Separated smoking-room, Free internet and Wi-Fi acces.

Comment by Mark who visited in June 2005: Gorgeous: Just pretty empty. Big, clean, nicely decorated, but just hadn't developed its own clientele when i visited in June 2005.

Comment by Luki who visited in January 2006: I think

is one of the best gay saunas I have ever been to. Nice people, young students, clean and really funny place.

Comment by Bruno who visited in June 2006: I (Spaniard, 32 y/o) was there on Saturday evening and I found the staff not very friendly. They can speak English but they don't make the effort to be understood. The installations and infrastructures are great (the steam bath is really nice and the spa is simply clean and new). In general, I liked very much the light and the atmosphere. There are guys of all ages and good looking. I'm a smoker but I found very good that the smoking area is separated completely from the other areas (you cannot find that in saunas in Spain!). I had a really good time there.

Opening hours: Sunday to Thursday 1 pm till 1 am, Friday to Saturday 1 pm till 2 am

Entrance fees: If you are younger than 25 years old 1290 HUF; If you are older than 25 years old 1490 HUF; Towel and slippers included. Return same day: 500 HUF. Extra towel: 250 HUF (since September 2006). Prices are the same for the tourist and the local guests.

Gellért Bath

I., Kelenhegyi út 4

Phone: +36-1/ 466 61 66

(Bus 7, Tram 18, 19, 47, 49)

Don't miss to read the article Dipping into Budapest's Baths for more details. The fountains are over 200 years old. The bath itself was built in 1918 in art nouveau style, and is probably the most famous among all baths in Budapest for its architectural beauty. It is also the priciest of its kind. Gay men go to the thermal baths mainly, but the pool and the outside area during the summer are also cruisy. Massage and other medical services are available.

Opening hours for thermal bath and swimming pool
 Mondays til Fridays 6 am til 7 pm (entrance latest at 6 pm).
 Saturdays & Sundays in summer 6 am til 5 pm (entrance latest at 4 pm). These opening hours are valid between 1st of November and 30th of April. The outside areas open from May til October.

Entrance fee: Thermal bath 2900 HUF. If you leave within 2 hours you get 800 HUF refunded, within 2 to 3 hours you get 500 HUF refunded, within 3 to 4 hours you get 300 HUF refunded. Cabin included, access to swimming included. (updated February 2005).

Király Bath

II., Fô utca 82-86.

Phone: +36-1/ 202 36 88

(Tram 4, 6, Bus 6, 26 to Margaret bridge, on the Buda side, then walk or take bus 60, 86 for one stop towards Battyány tér.)

Don't miss to read the article Dipping into Budapest's Baths for more details. Compared to the Gellért bath, it has a more authentic and cruisy atmosphere and is more exclusively gay. Built in the 15th century by Arslan Pasha. Massage available. Towels are provided with the entrance fee.

Update in February 2005 by Don: Kiraly now requires that everyone must wear a bathing suit even in the sauna. Also try Gellert a little better for swimming and at least the apron is worn in the men's baths. But also disappointing ...

Update in February 2005 by muffin1969: Though I live here in Budapest, I have not been to the Kiraly for about nine months. From the word that I have heard from those who have gone since the news story hit the TV news, they are now requiring men to wear bathing suits. There are monitors in the pool areas monitoring behavior. From what I have been told, there is no action there. What my Hungarian friends have said it that it has been well known that this is the Gay thermals. The Tourist Bureau even had this on their printouts of the thermals in the city. However, since it was exposed (pardon the pun) on the news, the city was forced to take action. Most of the thermals are owned by the government and they are all in financial trouble. Hungary is hoping for big money from the EU to remodel them and make Budapest the Wellness Center of Europe. They are going to lose a lot of money on the Kiraly if the gays quit going there. The majority of the men there are tourists. When the prices went up to 1000 HUF, the rent could not afford it. Now they raised it even to 1100 HUF. For the same price, you can go to the gay saunas and spend as much time as you want.

Opening hours have been changed since 1st of October 2002! Many travel guide books still list Monday, Wednesday and Friday for men. But it is for men Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays 9 am until 8 pm. For women Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 9 am until 8 pm. Entrance closes 1 hour before the bath closes. Opening hours are the same all year around.

Entrance fee 1100 HUF - weekdays 1,5 hours, weekends 1 hour (updated February 2005). If you like to spend more time there, you pay more when you leave. Or you give the guy who locks and unlocks the lockers a tip when you leave.

Rác Bath

This famous and among the local gay scene very popular bath house (originally built in the 15th century) closed the end of June 2002. It has sold, and there will be a few years of renovating before it re-opens. The earliest is 2005. But at that time, most probably, it will not be a gay spot anymore.

Further baths

Palatinus open air swimming pool, Budapest 1138 Margitsziget, Phone: +36-1/ 340 45 05 (At Nyugati metro station take bus 26 until Palatinus) The nudist sun terrace is frequented almost only by gays. Open May 1st til August 22nd.

Rudas (I., Döbrentei tér 9. Phone: +36-1/ 356 13 22) Currently closed during reconstruction. They found some things of historical interest and are now waiting for release from the historical society before renovations can finish.

Lukács (II., Frankel Leó út 25-27. Phone: 326 16 95)

Széchenyi (XIV, Állatkerti út 11. Phone: 363 32 10)

Csillaghegyi open air swimming pool, 1038 Budapest Pusztakúti út 3. Phone: +36-1/ 250 15 33 (Near Batthányi tér metro station) The nudist area at the top of the hill is often visited by gays. Summertime only.

More bath houses listed at spasbudapest.com.

Beaches

Omszki Lake: Just outside Budapest, in the north, reachable by the suburban train „HEV”, starting from Batthányi tér (direction: Szentendre). Get off at Budakalász. From there it is about 20-30 minutes walk to the lake. There is a nudist area often visited by gays.

Cafés

Amstel River Café

1052 Budapest, Párizsi utca 6

Phone: +36-1/ 266 43 34

Email: Go online to send Email

(Near Metro 1 Vörösmarty tér, street just off Váci utca)

Gay operated, Mixed gay & straight, Cafe, Restaurant

A Dutch café-restaurant frequented by gays, very downtown in the tourist area near the Danube. Open every day 12 a.m. to midnight. No entrance fee. No minimum consumption.

Café Eklektika

1052 Budapest, Semmelweis utca 21

Tel: +36-1/ 266 12 26

Email: Go online to send Email

(Near Metro Astoria and Ferenciek Tér; Night bus: 50é, 14é, 78é)

Lesbian, Gay, Straight, Café

Nice lesbian, and gay friendly cafe, with international grill kitchen, daily specials. Lesbian owned and operated. Colorful cocktails, precious wines, friendly atmosphere,

smooth jazz and live concerts occasionally. Terrace in the summer. Dance school for gays and lesbians every daily in the evening. Note: Café Eklektika has no women only parties anymore. Tuesdays DJ session from 6 pm; Thursdays live Jazz from 9 pm and English speaking Cinema Club every Sunday from 4 pm. The exhibition is changing monthly, and everyone is invited to hang a picture. Open: Daily 12 noon til midnight. No entrance fee. No minimum consumption.

Café Mylord

1056 Budapest, Belgrád rakpart 3
 Phone: +36-20/ 498 29 44 (mobile)
 Email: Go online to send Email
 (Tram 2/2a, 47,49; Bus 15, Trolley 83, near Metro Kálvin square)
 Gay, Lesbian, Straight mixed

Coffee shop during daytime and bar at night. A gay friendly café on the river side by Szabadság Bridge with a terrace from March to October. Monday to Friday 8 am to 4 am, Saturdays and Sundays 3 pm to 4 am. No entrance fee. No minimum consumption.

Café Smile

1072 Budapest, Nagydíófa utca 17
 Phone: +36 304 031 372 (Mobile)
 (Trolley bus 74; From Metro Astoria and Metro Blaha L. Square its the same distance; Dohány utca is parallel to Rakoczi ut where bus 7 runs and night bus 78é)
 Gay, Lesbian, Straight mixed

Brandnew gay owned cafe. Daily 9 pm to 4 am. No entrance fee. No minimum consumption.

Dance Clubs

Angyal Bár

closed in February 2006

Alterego Bar & Lounge

106X Budapest, Dessewffy utca 33
 Phone: ?
 Email: ?
 Web: ?
 (Directions)
 Bar, Dance Club, Shows

Description soon. Wednesday 10 pm until 5 am. Entrance fee: ? Minimum Consumption: ?

Bamboo

106X Budapest, Dessewffy utca 44
 Phone: +36-1/ 428 2225 +36-30/ 439 62 55 (Mobile)
 Email: ?
 Web: ?
 (Directions)
 Bar, Dance Club, Shows

Description soon. Wednesday 9 pm until 5 am. Entrance fee: ? Minimum Consumption: ?

Café Capella

1056 Budapest, Belgrád rakpart 23
 Phone: +36-1/ 318 62 31
 Web: Go online to visit this link
 (on the Danube, near to Metro 3 Ferenciek tere, Night bus 78é)
 Bar, Dance Club, Shows

Comment by Roger who visited in August 2005: Easy to find with an amazing interior (3 open floors with a stage). It seemed to be a popular place for the local gay community though it never got busy. Drags serving behind the bar Friendly. They should do more with this bar. It has real possibilities.

Comment by Kevan, who visited in March 2006: I've recently visited Cafe Capella in Budapest and it's not too bad. I felt the cover charge was a bit much for what you get though the music all in all was nice. Cute bar staff. Expect to pay for drinks as you would in the states. About 7 to 8 US dollars (1500 HUF) The drag shows are fun and the atmosphere relaxed with lots of twisting stairs, a balcony and narrow halls. I may go back.

Comment by Jez , who visited in April 2006: Capella Cafe is fantastic. A real mix of people, but to say it attracts mainly straights is batantly wrong. There have been a few straight people everytime I went, and everyone was friendly. A real change from the scene-queens of the UK. Recommended!

Comment by Michele, who visited in August 2006: Went on Wednesday. Small but very nice dance club. It is on three levels, but the upper floor was closed at that time. Not very busy before the drag show at 1 am, in Hungarian but very funny anyway! Entrance fee is 500 HUF only, also including one drink. You might also find some sex near the bathroom area.

Comment by Pat, who visited in September 2006: It was easy to find. We had a fun night. However it got very packed and smokey for the show at midnight. I had serious worries about fire escapes. The tranny bar person was abnoxious and took a drink for himself from my change and

then asked. Drink was 3 times the price I paid anywhere else in Budapest. Visit Cafe Capella again? No.

Daily 10 pm until 5 am

Entrance fee normally is Fridays and Saturdays 1500 HUF; Wednesdays and Thursdays 500 HUF (since October 2005). But sometimes it can be up to 3500 in case of special events.

CBA – Club Bohemian Alibi

1091 Budapest, Üllői út 45

Phone: +36/20 314 19 59 - mobile

Email: Go online to send Email

Web: Go online to visit this link

(near Metro station Ferenc krt, Tram 4/6, Night bus 6e; corner of Ferenc Körút/Üllői út)

Gay and straight mixed, Dance Club, Shows, Restaurant

The owner sent the following description: 'Leave your expectations behind ...' Here at Club Bohemian Alibi we have put together a 'Bohemian Haven' dedicated to the ideals of romance, acceptance, love, and freedom from snobbery. Here people are free to be people, free to relax, free from elitists and snobs, free to indulge fantasy and imagination. Free your mind and the rest will follow ... Located in a basement we call the Bohemian Haven, 3 bars. Cheap prices, air-conditioned dance floor.

Mixed music and songs on request (Song & video clip menu), multi-channel Video & DVD chain, 2 DJ & VJ. Best Bohemian Transvestite shows in town with the 'Bohemian Team' and guest stars; live singing and dance shows. Visit us, have a drink, or two, bring a friend ... or two.

Comment by Ron, who visited in January 2006: This place is hopping! Be ready for a rough night. It's underground and quite large. The drag show is colorful, funny, and even though many of the songs are Hungarian, it's fun! There are 2 main dancing areas, pop and techno/house. The place is not kept very clean and by the end of the night the floor was filled with broken glass. Also, the crowd is very young (and very hot), mixed male/female. I was there on a Saturday night, and even though it was minus 5c degrees out it was boiliig inside. In summery: It's just a fun place to be.

Comment by Bruno, who visited in June 2006: I was there on a Saturday night in June, and the place is really big with possibilities. Unfortunately, the distribution is not efficient and the (sometimes) terrible transvesti-shows seem to have no end. There are some of them simply ridiculous. I don't understand how can they make shows there. Others are ok. It was the first time in many years that I really felt the 'saturday fever'. People jumping happy and dancing wild. It was really great (and I never saw this in Germany, for example). I felt myself like in Spain. Constantly eye-contact with hot guys, but not easy to get in touch, because they are always in groups of friends. Not a place to find company for bed. The music was good (two different areas:

pop and techno) and the prices incredibly cheap for a saturday night.

Restaurant: Daily 12 noon til 11 pm

Disco/Club: Daily 9 pm til 3 am; Fridays til 5 am; Saturdays til 6 am

Showtimes: Mondays and Tuesdays 11 pm; Wednesdays until Sundays at midnight; Fridays and Saturdays second show at at 2 am.

Minimum consumption Sundays to Thursdays 800 HUF; Friday and Saturday 1200 HUF (since March 2005). At the entrance you're given a 'consumption card' and you pay when you leave. In case of a lost card, the penalty is 10,000 HUF.

Candy!

Budapest

Phone: +36/ 70 33 00 919 (Mobile)

Email: Go online to send Email

Party

Parties at various clubs in the city. Usually biweekly on Saturdays. Please Go online to send Email to ask for the date, the location, the directions, the opening hours and the entrance fee. Opening hours: Please Go online to send Email to ask. Entrance fee: Please Go online to send Email to ask

milkS/HakE Party @ Jailhouse Club

109X Budapest, Tűzoltó utca 22

Phone: Not available

Email: Go online to send Email

Web: Go online to visit this link

(3 minutes walk from blue metro/tram 6 Ferenc Korut station. walk on Ferenc korut towards Danube, take the first street to your left. Jailhouse is right after the first corner on your left next to Trafo. Go downstars.)

Gay and Lesbian Party every first Friday of each month

This party is for lesbians and their friends of any sex, held on the first Friday every month. For those ready to kick it off there's a dance floor with music ranging from house and top 40 to classic disco and R & B to dance to, or you can just have a seat upstairs on a sofa, listening to down tempo music and talking. The two bars (one on each floor) offer friendly priced beverages of all kinds. Opening hours: 9 pm until 5 am. Entrance fee: 600 HUF

Ösztrosokk (Ostrogen Shock) @ Living Room Club

1053 Budapest, Kossuth Lajos street 17
 Phone: Not available
 Email: Go online to send Email
 Web: Go online to visit this link
 (30 meter from Metro Astoria; tram 47, 49; Bus 78, 7, 7a.
 Walk on on Kossuth Lajos út towards Danube. Living Room is right after the first corner, go downstairs.)
 Lesbian Party every last Saturday of each month

The only party in Budapest which is exclusively for women, held on the last Saturday every month. There's a huge dance floor with music ranging from house and top 40 to classic disco and R & B to dance to, or you can just have a seat in a seperated box or on a sofa talking. The bar offer friendly priced beverages of all kinds. Opening hours: 10 pm until 5 am. Entrance fee: 600 HUF

Guided Tours

Let us take you around

It would be a pleasure for us if you would join us. We will be happy to answer your questions about (gay) life in this city. All the tours are walking tours and we take public transportation. Private tours on other days and car driven guided tours are available on request. For questions please contact us: budapest@gayguide.net.
 To reserve the tours listed below please go online and fill the online reservation form.

The Saturday's afternoon Sightseeing Tour

This is our basic tour. Included are all locations you definitely should see if you're coming to Budapest! We will focus on the present and history as well while we take you to the center, the Hero's Square, the Opera House, the Basilica, the Parliament and the castle district (incl. Matthias Church and Fisherman's Bastion).

Our tour guides, István, Laszlo and Csaba are professional tour guides. István speaks fluent German; Laszlo and Csaba fluent English. They are gay and know the gay life in Hungary.

The Meeting Point:

Every Saturday. Start at Vörösmarty tér (Square) in front of the famous Café Gerbaud, at the metro entrance (the yellow line) at 2 pm.

Duration: 4 hours

Tickets:

1, 2 or 3 persons: 99 Euro
 4, 5 or 6 persons: 149 Euro
 Discount if you have reserved your accommodation with GayGuide.Net Budapest: 10%
 Rates include public transportation and entrance for Fisherman's Bastion (We have tickets if needed)
 Private tour: 25% extra charge

Reservations:

Please fill the online form below. Your reservation will be confirmed by email. In case there are no reservations for a certain day, the guides will not show up at the meeting spot.

After you filled the form we will send a confirmation via email.

The Friday's Night Dinner- Sights- and Gay Clubbing Tour

First we guide you to the Danube Corso (Budapest's downtown river bank), enjoying the time around sunset. Then we drop in at Darling Bar for a quick drink and go for a dinner (We will suggest several restaurants and decide together with you where to go.)

After the dinner we will take you to at least two gay bars & clubs. This depends on which places you would like to see: Action Bar, Angyal Bar, Chaos Club, Alibi ... We know where to go at what time. The tour ends around 1 am. This tour is not available in German.

The Meeting Point:

Every Friday start at Vörösmarty tér (square) in front of the famous Café Gerbaud, at the metro entrance (the yellow line) at 7 pm.

Duration: 6 hours

Tickets:

1, 2 or 3 persons: 99 Euro
 4, 5 or 6 persons: 149 Euro
 Discount if you have reserved your accommodation with GayGuide.Net Budapest: 10%
 Rates include public transportation (We have tickets if needed). Not included are drinks & dinner at restaurants and bars (Average for 3 courses & drinks is 10-15 Euro per person; Average for a drink in the bars: 1.50 - 4 Euro.)
 Private tour: 25% extra charge

Reservations:

Please fill the online form below. Your reservation will be confirmed by email. In case there are no reservations for a certain day, the guides will not show up at the meeting spot.

Restaurants

Fenyőgyöngye

1025 Budapest, Szépvölgyi út 155
 Phone: +36-1/ 325 97 83 & 325 50 06
 Fax: +36-1/ 325 97 83
 Email: Go online to send Email
 Web: Go online to visit this link
 Not Gay but gay owned, Restaurant
 (Bus 65 From Kolosy square to the last stop)
 Restaurant in the Buda hills, gay owned, very good dishes,
 very polite service. Call ahead, as they sometimes have
 private parties. Daily from 12 pm until 11 pm

Pizzeria Club 93

1087 Budapest, Vas utca 2
 Phone: +36/ 306/ 30 70 93 (mobile)
 Email: Go online to send Email
 (Metro 2 Blaha Lujza tér and Astoria, Bus 7, 7a, 78, Night
 bus 78é)
 Gay, lesbian and straight mixed, Restaurant
 A friendly small pizzeria often visited by lesbians and gays.
 Very reasonable prices. Italian kitchen. Daily 12 am til 1
 am

Voyage

closed in October 2006

Gay Media

Mások

1461 Budapest, PO Box 388
 Phone: +36-1/ 266 99 59
 Fax: +36-1/ 266 99 59
 Email: Go online to send Email
 Web: Go online to visit this link
 „Mások“ („The Others“) is Hungary's first magazine
 published monthly in Hungarian. They have also a regularly
 updated web page in Hungarian. There are reports on
 the gay scene and movement in Hungary and abroad,
 personal ads and information on programs. You can get
 it in gay bars, clubs and dance clubs (Angel, Action,
 Mystery) and at the central and bigger newsstands, e.g.
 at Keleti Station. The new issue as well as the old ones are
 also available on the WWW.

Na Vegre

Email: Go online to send Email
 Monthly free publication for the Hungarian glbt community
 and tourists that visit Hungary. Besides articles in
 Hungarian, Na Végre! includes a complete gay guide with
 map, weekly and monthly diary as well as a tip sheet on
 things to do (all this in English). Na Végre is free in all gay
 places. If you don't see it, ask for it. The magazine was first
 published sept 2001 in an A6 format. It is now A5 and
 has a current print run of 4000 copies. Page number are
 between 48 and 64. Please do not ask for a copy to be
 mailed to you. Na Vegre cannot be ordered via mail. We
 recommend to print the GayGuide.Net file.

Szuper Erosz

closed in 2006

Petőfi Radio

FM 94.8
 Phone: +36-1/ 328 79 95
 Web: Go online to visit this link
 Radio Petöfi, one of Hungary's national radio channels,
 broadcasts a gay program called Önazonos (meaning self
 identity) every fourth Monday from 10 to 11 p.m. The show
 is moderated by Balázs Pálfi and Orlando. Check it out.

PaRadiator

Email: Go online to send Email
 Web: Go online to visit this link
 The first Hungarian gay Internet radio show by ParaRadio.
 Live and archived, but only Internet available. Live: Every
 Tuesday, at 8.00 p.m. CET, see the url above!

Gay.hu

Email: Go online to send Email
 Web: Go online to visit this link
 Hungary's gay website, mostly in Hungarian.

Groups & Associations

GayGuide.Net Budapest

Email: budapest@gayguide.net
 Web site: http://budapest.gayguide.net/
 Hotline: From April until October daily 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
 Central European Time; from abroad: +36 309 32 33 34;
 inside Hungary & Budapest: 06 309 32 33 34 (mobile)

phone).

Gay tourist information. GayGuide.Net Budapest (since 1998) provides an up2date Internet based gay & travel guide, replies to every email all year round, operates an info hotline from April until October and offers info and reservations for carefully selected gay operated accommodations and also a mailing list. English speaking staff. A one stop website for everything you need before, during and after your trip to Budapest. Since 1998 GayGuide.Net also operates a guide for Prague and since 2001 one for Warsaw and for Cracow. In 2005 Sofia will go online.

Flamingo

VIII., Szigony utca 37

Phone: +36-1/ 329 33 80 & +36-20/ 435 12 72

Email: Go online to send Email

Web: Go online to visit this link

Budapest's first group only for young gays & lesbians. It started in May 1999. Meetings are held every second Saturday at 6 pm Call Hátter and ask which Saturday it is.

Habeas Corpus Munkacsoport (Habeas Corpus Working Group)

1364 Budapest P O Box 31

Phone: +36/ 309 96 56 66 (Mobile)

Fax: +36-1/ 311 33 53

Email: Go online to send Email

Web: Go online to visit this link

Legal aid for GLBT people, women, children, HIV-infected people, and others.

Hátter Support Society for Gays and Lesbians in Hungary

1554 Budapest, PO Box 50

Phone: +36-1/ 329 26 70 (office) & 329 33 80 & 06 (80) 505 605 (helpline 6 pm til 11 pm)

Email: Go online to send Email

Web: Go online to visit this link

Founded in 1995. With its 70 members, Hátter (meaning ,background') runs several projects: a helpline, which is a psychological and information helpline (Gay Hátter); free gay legal aid service of Hátter; a HIV/AIDS prevention project (supported by the National AIDS Committee), a gay & lesbian archive, a free legal aid service for gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgendered people. Apart from counseling, operators give information on LGBT events, HIV/AIDS and legal matters. But most of the operators speak Hungarian only.

Labrisz Lesbian Association

1395 Budapest, PO Box 408

Phone: +36-1/ 329 33 80

Email: Go online to send Email

Web: Go online to visit this link

Labrisz Lesbian Association was founded in 1999 by a group of lesbian activists. They organize monthly discussion groups for lesbians every first Friday of the month at 7 pm. They publish Labrisz-books series and a monthly newsletter in Hungarian.

Lambda Meleg Baráti Társaság

1461 Budapest, PO Box 388

Phone: +36-1/ 266 99 59

Fax: +36-1/ 266 99 59

Email: Go online to send Email

Web: Go online to visit this link

Publishers of Masok.

Muegyetemi Meleg Kör

Budapest

Email: Go online to send Email

Web: Go online to visit this link

Circle for gay & lesbian students at Budapest University of Technology and Economics and other universities: chatting, cinema, theatre, billiards, bars, excursions ...

Öt Kenyér (Five Loaves)

Öt Kenyér Keresztény Közösség a Homoszexuálisokért (Five Loaves of Bread Christian Community for Homosexuals)

1461 Budapest, PO Box 25

Email: Go online to send Email

Web: Go online to visit this link

If you would like to meet or join the community, please email.

Szimpozion Baráti Társaság (Symposium Circle of Friends)

1553 Budapest, PO Box 50

Email: Go online to send Email

Web: Go online to visit this link

Cultural, Educational and Freetime Association of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Young People. Events: Pocok Klub (Gopher Club) in V., Sas utca 6 every 2nd Sat. Gay & lesbian archives, library, hiking, basketball and badminton. The group organized the first gay chorus in Hungary. Also HIV prevention activities.

Atlasz Sport Organization

Email: Go online to send Email

Web: Go online to visit this link

Gay, Lesbian, Bi- and Transsexual sport organization.

BadmintonG

Budapest

Email: Go online to send Email

GLBT sport association for badminton in Budapest. Join us if you want to train regularly and to apply for tournaments with us or if you just want to come to our trainings some times for fun and for getting to know other sportswomen and sportmen. Trainings two or three times per week, email for details. Training summercamp once per year for four days.

VándorMások Kirándulócsoport

1463 Budapest, PO Box 926

Email: Go online to send Email

Web: Go online to visit this link

Gay Hiking Group. You should visit their webpage, which is in Hungarian and English and also lists the dates and meeting spots for future excursions.

Condoms & Lubricant

Condoms & Lubricant

Condoms are available in pharmacies; strong condoms for anal intercourse like 'Durex Extra' strong or 'Lifestyles' are available in shops like Azur, Rossman or DM. You can purchase lubricants in sex shops, but not in pharmacies. It is available at Tesco too.

AIDS

Think twice

The Hungarian Parliament decided that HIV-positive people have to be centrally registered since 1st of January 1998. Hungarian gays can go to Vienna for an anonymous HIV test which is free: Aids-Hilfe Wien (Testing and counseling) Mondays and Wednesdays 16-19 Thu 9-12, Fridays 14-17. Results are available one week later, only in person. It's not possible to get the result in written form. English is OK, German also, but Hungarian unfortunately is not. According to the HIV/AIDS department at the Szent Laszlo Hospital in Budapest, which is the only place in Hungary that takes care of people with HIV & AIDS and also the

only place where medicines like 3 TC (Lamivudine) AZT Retrovir (Zidovudine) Sustiva (Efavirenz) Crixivan (Indinavir) are available. Tourists can't get the medicines. Only Hungarians or people with a Hungarian residence permit that have Hungarian health insurance may get them. You cannot get them in pharmacies. Also prescriptions from abroad are not accepted.

Aids-Hilfe Wien 6. district, Mariahilfer Gürtel 4. Phone: +43-1/ 59 93 7 Email: wien@aidshilfe.or.at

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AIDS Tanácsadó Szolgálat

1113 Budapest, Karolina út 35b

Phone: +36-1/ 466 92 83

Email: Go online to send Email

Web: Go online to visit this link

Screening of HIV and Hepatitis B and C. If you've decided to have an HIV Test talk to them about anonymity first!

Mon, Wed, Thu 5 pm til 8 pm, Tue and Fri 9 til 12 noon

Józsefvárosi Tanácsadó Szolgálat

1084 Budapest, József utca 46

Daily 8 am until 4 pm except Saturdays

Phone: +36-1/ 303 44 90

Anonymous support and HIV testing. If you've decided to have an HIV Test talk to them about anonymity first!

PLUS

1570 Budapest, PO Box 184

Phone: +36-1/ 455 81 93

Fax: +36-1/ 279 01 94

Email: Go online to send Email

Web: Go online to visit this link

Support group for people with HIV and AIDS.

Szent Sebestyén Ltd.

1062 Budapest, Podmaniczky utca 27

Phone: +36/ 302 54 73 78 (Mobile)

Testing for HIV and STD's and advice. If you've decided to have an HIV Test talk to them about anonymity first!

Wednesdays 6 pm til 9 pm

Szent László Hospital

Phone: +36-1/ 455 81 00 &
 general hotline +36-1/ 466 92 83
 In case of HIV/Aids-related medical problems, Hungary's
 tourism minister recommends the Szent László Hospital,
 Department of Immunology.

Events & Gay Pride

Events in Budapest

Please inform me on special events during the time when I'll
 be in Budapest

2007/2008 December 31: New Year Party

Feel free to Go online to send Email and we will email you
 as soon as we have info about all gay new year parties.

New Year's Eve at Magnum Sauna
 One of the most popular New Year's Eve parties in
 Budapest for the non clubbing set is the New Year's
 celebration at the Magnum Sauna. The entrance includes
 food, all you can drink champagne and show. The show
 and the buffet will be around 8 pm so that people can also
 have fun at the Magnum and then go on somewhere else.
 As this is a consistently sold out event, it is best to reserve
 in advance. For additional info and reservation please Go
 online to send Email to Magnum Sauna.

2008 June or July?: Gay Pride Budapest

Gay Pride Budapest. Held yearly. The Gay Pride 2008
 will take place in June or July. As soon as the organizers
 published the date we will post it here. Feel free to Go
 online to send Email and we will keep you informed as
 soon as the organizers let us know about the date and/or
 the detailed program.

Comment by Kevin who visited in June 2006: My friend
 David and I did the Budapest Gay Pride 2006. It was a
 fantastic event, with lots of atmosphere and friendly people
 on the march and along the route. The party at Buddha
 Beach afterwards was amazing, the atmosphere was
 incredible.

The very first Gay Pride Day took place in September
 1997. Check the pictures of Gay Pride Budapest 2007,
 Gay Pride Budapest 2006, Gay Pride Budapest 2005,
 Gay Pride Budapest 2004, Gay Pride Budapest 2003
 Pictures of the 2nd Gay Pride: Gay Pride Budapest 1998.

2008 August? : Sziget Festival

The Sziget Festival is not a gay event, but one of its venue,
 the Magic Mirror tent, is officially billed as the GLBT place.
 We will add info about the date and the program here
 once available.

Cruising

Outdoor Cruising

For many years the best known cruising area in Budapest
 was the promenade along the Danube on the Pest side
 (Duna-korzó) between Marcius 15 tér and Vigadó tér. It is
 no longer a cruising area but rentboys can usually be found
 there from 5 pm until 11 pm. Rentboys can also be found
 in the underpass linking the tram stop and the metro stop at
 the Nyugati train station. Beware of police checks. Greater
 than usual care and caution is to be applied with these
 hustlers.

The little park north off Margit bridge on the Buda side.
 The cruising area is found near the playground and small
 pool after crossing the street separating the park. Best time
 sunset until 11 pm.

The people's park (Népliget) is the busiest daytime and
 nighttime cruising park in Budapest. The best way to direct
 yourself in this park is to imagine a rectangular space with
 a ring road within it. The metro stop (Népliget) is where you
 will come out and is located in the lower right corner of the
 rectangle. Hustlers can also be found in the park.

Daytime cruising: From early morning to sunset, cruising
 happens at the back of the park on both sides of the ring
 road. Look for the dog school. Cruising happens to the right
 of it if you are facing the dog school.

Car cruising: During nighttime, car cruising happens on the
 ring road, especially at the parking area to the left of the
 planetarium and at the back of the park near and after the
 dog school.

Nighttime cruising: The nighttime cruising happens from
 sunset to midnight. Several cruising areas are to be found at
 night, mainly to the left of the Planetarium, mainly within the
 ring road. Once having passed the planetarium, continue to
 the parking area and observe where men go.

Be aware that the police frequently patrols the park,
 especially at night, and that you should always have some
 ID with you.

Trails of Gellért Hill (walk up the hill), near Rudas Thermal
 Bath.

A cruising toilet at the József körút Metro station. Best time 10
 am until 6 pm.

Omski Lake. Nude sun bathing and cruising woods during the
 summer. Just outside Budapest, in the north, reached by the
 suburban train HÉV, starting from Batthyány tér (direction:
 Szentendre). Summertime only. Get off at Budakalász. From
 there it is about 20-30 mins walk to the lake. There is a
 nudist area often visited by gays. Not worth the trip.

Sex Shops

Erosz Sex Shop

1064 Budapest, Nyugati pályudvar
 Phone: +36-70/ 599 06 90 (mobile)
 (Inside the station building, opposite to Mc Donalds
 between the small shops)
 Email: Go online to send Email
 Monday to Friday 10 am until 6 pm, Saturday 10 am until
 2 pm
 Gay and straights mixed, Sex shop
 Chain: Levelpressz

Erotik Center

1136, Hegedues Gyula utca 1
 Phone: +36-1/ 320 40 05
 Email: Go online to send Email
 (Metro or Tram 4/6 till Nyugati station, walk on St Istvan
 Korut and turn into Hegedues Gyula utca)
 Mondays til Saturdays 9 am til 2 am, Sundays 2 pm til 2
 am
 Gays and straights mixed, Video, Cinema, Sex shop

Although it is not exclusively gay, gays visit this cinema-sex
 shop in the afternoons and at night. Cabins can be rented
 by couples too. A few gay videos available. They have 2
 cinemas (each 20 seats), one for gay and one for straight
 movies. The ticket is valid for both cinemas.

Comment by Jerome who visited in August 2006: Pleasant
 atmosphere. You can suck and fuck in the two cinema
 rooms. Very nice in the afternoon and at night.

Intím Center

V., Károly körút 14
 Phone +36-1/317 09 18
 Email: Go online to send Email
 Gay and straights mixed, Sex shop, Cabins, Glory holes
 The owner says the shop's clients are 90% straights, 10%
 gays. A double cabin is frequented by gays for 1000 HUF
 per hour who do not know where to go ...
 Daily 9 am til 8 pm

Intim Lapueszlet es Videotéka

1074 Budapest, Dob utca 17
 Phone: +36-1/342 33 82
 Email:Go online to send Email
 (Metro Astoria)
 Monday to Friday 10 am to 7 pm, Saturday 10 am until 2

pm
 Gay and straight mixed, Sex shop
 They will have videocabins in 2005 if they get the
 permission. Of all sexshops that belong to levelpressz this is
 the ,gayest'.
 Chain: Levelpressz

Erotika Center

1074 Budapest, Dob utca 17
 Phone: +36-1/?
 Email: Go online to send Email
 (Metro Astoria)
 Monday to Friday 10 am to 7 pm, Saturday 10 am until 2
 pm?
 Gay and straight mixed, Sex shop

DVD store only.

L'Amour Sex Shop

1068 Budapest, Király utca 72
 Phone: +36-1/ 342 15 59
 Email:Go online to send Email
 (Tram 4/6 Király utca stop)
 Gays and straights mixed, Video, Cinema, Sex shop
 Daily 10 am until 10 pm
 Videos, cabins with gloryholes, 2 cinema (43 and 20
 seats), magazines, toys. Gay films 10 am until 10 pm.

Privát Erotic Shop

1134 Budapest, Szent István körút 24
 Phone: +36-1/ 340 46 80
 Email:Go online to send Email
 Gay and straights mixed, Sex shop
 Monday to Friday from 10 am until 6 pm
 Chain: Levelpressz

Vénusz Shop

1081 Budapest, Rákoczi út 69
 Phone: +36-1/ 313 48 25
 Email: Go online to send Email
 (Metro Keleti pu, Bus 7)
 Gay and straights mixed, Sex shop
 Mondays to Fridays 10 am until 7 pm
 Chain: Levelpressz

Escorts

Escorts

Gay Tailored Tours (GTT) specializes in providing companions for travel adventures. For info about companions and escorts in Budapest, look to GTT for quality, reliability and discretion.

Laws

Laws in Hungary

Since September 2002 the age of consent in Hungary is 14 for gays, lesbians and heterosexuals. More about this change: Advocate, Ilga.

Same-sex marriage is not possible, but gays and lesbians - just like heterosexuals - can enter into domestic partnerships, which cannot and do not need to be registered. (For a specific purpose, one can ask for a certificate from the local government.) Domestic partnership allows very few benefits in Hungary. It does include the right to get information from doctors about the partner. It does not give the right to inherit property or the deceased partner's pension. It also does not allow adoption and tax reductions for domestic partners either. Domestic partners have to live together.

The local government may check this through visiting them or their neighbors to ensure they live in an emotional and financial partnership. It is advised to ensure inheritance and other important issues by a testament or a contract made before a notary public or the local government.

There are no special asylum or immigration rights in Hungary for gays or lesbians. The government says it is working towards introducing a legal framework for homosexual couples, which could be brought before parliament in 2007, though it will still fall short of allowing same sex marriages.

No Longer Existing

Places that no longer exist

If you have a printed guide and you are not sure if the listings are still up2date, here is a list to help you know where not to go. Our guide web page is continuously updated.

Bars and Clubs that no longer exist:

Alcatraz IX., Soroksári út
 Arizona VI., Nagymezo utca
 Art 44 behind Karinthy Theatre
 Bad Boys IX., Ráday utca
 Bíbor bár VIII., Üllői út 34.

Deka-Dance V., Kálmán Imre utca
 Diófa vendéglő VII., Nagydiófa utca
 Díva vendéglő VII., Hevesi Sándor tér (Never opened)
 Egyetem presszó V., Kossuth Lajos utca
 Egyetem klub VII., Izabella utca
 Lokál VII., Kertész utca 31.
 Shakesbeer Szív utca
 Pink Love VI., Ó utca 51. (Never opened)
 Why Not IV., ker Várlak I., Várfok utca
 Orange Club, Rozsa utca 8, 2000 Szentendre
 No Limit Club, 1051 Budapest, Semmelweiss utca (Closed in January 2001)
 NeeMo Sauna
 Rác Bath (Closed at the end of June 2002)
 Heaven 51, Ó utca 51 (Closed in July 2002)
 Wurlitzer 1077 Budapest, Wesselényi utca 49 (Closed in March 2003)
 Aqua Panzió
 Café van Gogh Péterfia utca 46 Debrecen
 Beirut Nyíregyháza
 Apollo Klub Patacsi Művelődési Ház Pécs
 Füttyös Söröző Martirok utja Székesfehérvár
 Apollo Sauna VII, Csengery utca 26 (Closed in October 2002)
 Club Bohemian Desire Ó utca 51 Budapest VI (Closed, is now CB Alibi at a new address)
 Underground Cafe, 106x Budapest, Terez Korut 30 (Not gay anymore!)
 Azték Chokolat, 1052 Budapest, Semmelweis utca 19 & Károly krt 22 (Not gay anymore!)
 Café Limo, 1056 Budapest, Belgrád rakpart 9 (Closed in 2003)
 Cafe Estrella, 1052 Budapest, Kígyó utca 4
 Sörgödör bár, 4026 Debrecen, Thaly Kálmán utca 1 (closed early 2004)
 Oasis Szauna, Székesfehérvár (closed in 2004)
 X-TREME Music Club, Kecskemét (closed in 2004)
 Piros Asz, Miskolc (closed in 2004)
 Chaos Pub, 1072 Budapest, Dohány utca 38 (is now CoXx)
 Pokol bár (Hell bar), Székesfehérvár (have been monthly gay parties, but it seems not to work anymore, March 2005)
 Clifton, 1015 Budapest, Batthyany utca 63 (closed late 2004)
 Uniformis Klub, 1137 Budapest, Radnóti Miklos utca 18 (Is now Adonis)
 Darshan Café, 1088 Budapest, Krudy utca 8-10 (no longer gay)
 Apollo Sex Shop, 106X, Teréz Körút 3 Mezzanine (closed in May 2005)
 Pink Vanilla, Debrecen (closed early 2005)
 Angyal Bár, 1072 Budapest, Dohany utca 28 (closed in February 2006)
 Darling Bár, 1053 Budapest, Szép utca 1 (closed in February 2006)
 Cafe Eklektika, 1052, Semmelweiss utca 20 (not closed but moved to new address 2006)

Mystery Bar, 1054 Budapest, Nagysandor Jozsef utca 3 (closed June 2006; now is Le Cafe M at this address)
 Adonis Klub, 1137 Budapest, Radnóti Miklos utca 18 (Is now New Gloryhole)
 Szuper Erosz Magazine (closed in 2006)
 Der-Bi Klub, Szeged, Jozsef Attila Sgt 41 (closed in August 2006)
 Tancszinhaz, Nyiregyháza (now Egymasert)
 Paradise Guest House, Duna Sor street 58, Fadd-Dombori (closed in 2006)
 Voyage Cafe and Restaurant, 1073 Budapest, Erzsebeth Korut 39 (closed October 2006)

Cruising areas that no longer exist:

The park beside Feneketlen-tó, the area near the Buda end of Elisabeth bridge (Erzsébet híd)
 The area near the lake at Kosztolányi Dezső tér
 Vérmező park
 Public toilet Ferenc Korut Metro Station.

Gay organizations that no longer exist:

Homérosz Egyesület
 Házas Mások (Married Gays)
 Kesergay - Hungarian Jewish group of lesbians and gays (Closed in 1999)
 Szivarvany Tarsulas a Melegek Jogaert
 Bad Boys Project - Outreach project for male prostitutes (Opened 97, March and Closed 98, February.)
 Óvegylet Alapítvány, AIDS Prevention, (Closed)
 MÉTA Foundation Support for people with HIV and AIDS (Phone and address not working anymore, we could not find new data.)
 United Condom Jungs Group
 CEU Gay Student Group
 Long Yang Club Budapest (not succeeded to find members)
 Két keréken, Mozdulj ki! (no replies to our emails)
 Hegyen-völgyön (Over Hill and Dale) merged with Vandormasok)

Countryside Guides

Guide for the Countryside

Debrecen

Thermal Fürdő (Thermal bath) Nagyerdei körút 9-11 4032 Debrecen Phone: +36-52/ 327 339 (Tram 1, Gyógyfürdő stop) Daily 6 am til 12 noon & 1 pm til 7 pm. There are inside facilities open all year, but outside during the summer only.
 Cruising: Main railway station and at the toilet there; The park where the bath is located is cruisy too.

Eger

Anna Guest House, Joo Janos utca 30, 3300 Eger. Phone: +36/36/419390, +36/30/3491807, 36/30/9655390. Email: Go online to send Email. Web: Go online to visit this

link. Gayfriendly guest house 15min walking from historical downtown. Doublerooms with shower, toilet, TV (34 cabel programs) and balcony.

Cruising: Népkert (Park between the bus station and basilica); Lake with a nudist area close to a spring, where cruising goes on.

Egerszalók

Cruising: A village 6km south-west from Eger, can be reached by coach, has famous hot springs. The cruising area is at the hilltop, around the nudist area; Park near train station, between Dr. Münnich Ferenc utca & Klapka György utca.

Fadd-Dombori

Paradise Guest House closed in 2006

Győr

Cruising: Meeting point is at the toilet in the railway station.

Kecskemét

No listing.

Miscolc

Cruising: Tapolca swimming pool, during the summer; Plaza department store (In the area of Cafe Woodoo).

Nyiregyháza

Together For Each Other In Eastern Hungary (Egyutt Egymasert Kelet-Magyarorszagon Egyesulet) Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Association, Bar, Dance club. 4413 Nyiregyháza, Postbox 17. Meetings: Arpad utca 9. Phone: +3670/369-3885 Email: Go online to send Email. Web: Go online to visit this link (Hungarian) and Go online to visit this link (English). Association that runs a gay lesbian bisexual community center (for all ages) with bar, video room, dance floor, gym, workshop- and meeting rooms. During the summer garden area, swimming pool, grill parties. Regular Health care programs and culture events. Disco every weekend and free movies every second weekend. Free accommodation for the weekends.

Dating Agency: Phone: +36/ 204 426 111. Free dating service by phone for anyone from the north-east counties of Hungary.

Cruising: Railway station & Petofi square and park (park between the bus station and railway station)

Pécs

Garázs Söröző: Gay, lesbian bar/dance club Melinda utca 2/2. 7632 Pécs. Phone +36-72/ 412 828. At Kertváros, 5 minutes walk from Pécs Plaza. Disco on Saturdays, entrance fee.

Klub: Gay bar/dance club Rákóczi út 11 7621 Pécs
 Phone: +36 30/ 857 71 77 (mobile) at the heart of the downtown. Tuesdays til Saturdays 5 pm, Sun & Mon closed. Parties on Saturdays and on holidays, entrance fee on these days only.

Cruising: Szent István tér (in front of Dom) and Barbakán garden (near Dom).

Siofok

Cruising: Only during summer: The park between the railway station and the church, street behind Hotel Europe.

Sopron

AIDS Segély Alapítvány (AIDS Aid Foundation), Magyar utca 14, PO Box 217. 9401 Sopron. Phone: + 36/20 442 9169. Email: Go online to send Email. Web: Go online to visit this link. The AIDS Aid Foundation offers anonym and free HIV tests every Thursday 5 til 8 pm.

Szeged

Der-Bi Klub: closed in August 2006.

DAMKÖR Dél-Alföldi Meleg Baráti Kör (Circle of gay/lesbian friends living in The South Alföld area) PO Box 112 6713 Szeged-Tanposta Info/helpline only in Hungarian: Thursdays 8 til 10 pm only in Hungarian +36-62/ 488 820. Daily 9-11 pm +36/ 209 704 662 (Mobile). Go online to send Email. Web: Go online to visit this link. Meetings every Thursday from 8 pm (watching films, discussing current issues and problems), and on two Saturday evenings in every month, info on location upon request. Especially for people from Bács-Kiskun, Békés, Csongrád, Szolnok. They provide info in English only via email and mail.

Not Café: Gay, lesbian and straight mixed bar/dance club. Római körút 38. Phone +36/ 70 3636109 (mobile). Open Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays 8 pm til 5 am (open 3 days per week); Disco from 10 pm. Shows on Fridays and Saturdays; go-go boys. Fridays and Saturdays 800 HUF entrance fee.

Cruising: Main railway station (2nd floor) and Széchenyi tér (near Main Post Office)

Szolnok

No listing.

Székesfehérvár

Cruising: Main railway station (very seldom!)

Szombathely

Cruising: The park in front of the Savaria Museum on Széll Kálmán utca (5 minutes walk from the railway station). In front of the station, there are two one-way streets. If you turn your back to the station, the street to the left is the one to take (walking against the traffic.) About half way up the street, you'll find the park on the left side.

News Letter & Mailing List

Gay Budapest Newsletter

Mailings 4 Times per year. Keep informed about Gay Budapest and this web site. It's free. Unsubscribe at any time. Go online to subscribe.

To unsubscribe please send an empty email to budapest@gayguide.net and type the word unsubscribe into the subject line.

Gay Budapest Mailing List

Gay Budapest Yahoo Group. Use this mailing list to introduce yourself to other users of this site and let others introduce themselves to you. Share info and experiences, and meet online before you possibly meet in Budapest.

A mailing list is a forum where your emails will be sent to all members of the list and you receive a copy of every email sent by other members as long as you are subscribed. To avoid your getting spam emails, we moderate this list and delete all advertising mails before you get them. Attachments (e.g. pictures) are not allowed with this list. It's free. You can subscribe and unsubscribe whenever you like. Visit the groups page at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/gaybudapest/>

Links

Additional Gay and Lesbian Links

Fém Fatál

The modern woman's picture calendar Lesbian website in Hungarian.

Pesti Diva

Hungary's first lesbian cultural and entertaining website in Hungarian

Gay Guide on Prague

by GayGuide.Net

Gay Guide on Warsaw

by GayGuide.Net

Gay Guide on Cracow

by GayGuide.Net

gayguide.net

More than 650 Gay Guides worldwide: Global Gay Guide Network

General Tourist

Country Facts

Facts

Hungarian Republic

Population 10,195,513 (2001), whereof 1,775,203 (2001) in Budapest (estimated)

Capital city Budapest Initials H

Area 93.036 sq km

Bordering countries Austria, Slovakia, Ukraine, Romania, Yugoslavia, Croatia, Slovenia

Ethnic 97.7 Percent Hungarian, 1.4 Percent Roma (Gipsy), 0.3 Percent German, 0.1 Percent Romanian, 0.1 Percent Slovak, 0.1 Percent Croat.

Religion Roman Catholic 65 Percent, Protestant 25 Percent, Orthodox Jewish 10 Percent

Foreign Visitors 37 314 900 (1998)

GDP per CAPITA 4620 USD (2000)

Daylight Saving Time Last Sunday of March til last Sunday of October

Electricity 220 Volts

Video system PAL/SECAM

International Access Code 00

International Country Code +36, Budapest +361, mobile **phone codes** 0620- (Pannon), 0630- (Westel), 0670- (Vodafone)

Language Hungarian (magyar)

Climate

Climate: continental, hot summers, cold winters. Hungary has a continental climate, which means that summers are generally hot, winters are cold. It is the coldest in January (4,1 degrees Celsius), warmest in July (24, 7 degrees Celsius). One of the hottest summers was in 1979. Weather forecast for today and the next few days.

Time

Central European Time (CET). Normally GMT + 1 hour except from the last Sunday in March until the last Sunday in October (summer time counting) GMT + 2 hours.

Money

Hungarian Forints HUF; Coins: 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100 HUF & Banknotes: 200, 500, 1000, 2000, 5000, 10000, 20000 HUF.

Hungary is an European Union member as of May 1st 2004, but that does NOT mean that the Euro is used. It will take a few years until there will be an referendum about the Euro in Hungary and only if the majority vote for the Euro will the Euro be used. The United Kingdom and Sweden are EU members, but voted against the Euro and will keep their local currency.

If you come from abroad, we advise you to change money after your arrival in Budapest. Exchange rates are sometimes a lot more favorable here than in foreign tourist offices. We advise not taking the risk of changing money in the street; you may receive counterfeit money and such transactions are illegal. There are more than 2200 official exchange offices in the country and 700 of them are also authorized to sell foreign currency. These include branches of the POSTABANK, OTP Bank, IBUSZ Bank, and other banks, and travel offices. Keep the receipt you are given when exchanging money until you leave the country.

Credit cards

Visa, En Route, JCB, American Express, Euro/Mastercard and Diners Club are mostly accepted.

ATM

Most accept credit cards like Visa, En Route, JCB, American Express, Euro/Mastercard, EC, Cirrus, and Plus. The maximum amount depends on the issuing ATM provider. It is between 100.000 and 250.000 HUF. A few of the several hundred ATM are:

- II. Margit körút 43-45.
- III., Harrer Pál u. 3.
- V. Károly körút 20.
- V. Váci utca 40.
- VI. Andrásy út 49.

Bank accounts for foreign currencies

OTP Bank, Postabank and Citibank provide accounts for foreign currencies. The OTP branch that handles these accounts is in district V., Nádor utca 6, phone: 318 09 00

National Holidays

- 1st January, New Year
- 15th March, Anniversary of 1848 Revolution
- Easter Monday
- 1st May, Labour Day
- Whit Monday
- 20th August, Day of Constitution, Founding the state
- 23th October, Day of Republic, Anniversary of 1956 Revolution
- 24th/25th/26th, December Xmas

Travel to Hungary

Airlines

Discount airlines flying into and from Budapest are Wizzair www.wizzair.com (Flights from/to Athens, Barcelona, Brussels-Charleroi, Frankfurt, Katowice, Liverpool, London Luton, Malmö, Milan, Palma de Mallorca, Paris, Rome, Stockholm); Easyjet www.easyjet.com (Flights from/to Berlin, Bristol, Dortmund, Geneva, London Gatwick, London Luton, Newcastle); Air Berlin www.airberlin.com (Flights from/to Berlin, Bremen, Cologne, Duesseldorf, Dresden, Erfurt, Hamburg, Hanover, Karlsruhe, Leipzig, London Stanstead, Munich, Munster, Nuremberg, Paderborn, Palma de Mallorca, Rostock, Salzburg, Stuttgart); Skyeurope, www.skyeurope.com (Flights from/to Amsterdam, Athens, Barcelona, Copenhagen, Dubrovnik, London Stansted, Milan, Nice, Paris, Rome, Split, Venice); Germanwings, www.germanwings.com (Flights from/to Cologne and Stuttgart, Germany); Snowflake, www.flysnowflake.net (Flights from/to Copenhagen, Stockholm); Openjet, www.openjet.com (Flights from/to London, Berlin, Stuttgart, Dortmund, Cologne); One Two Go Thai Oriental, www.one-two-go.hu (Flights from/to Bangkok from December 2005); Norwegian Airlines, www.norwegian.no (Flights from/to Oslo); Jet2com Airlines, www.jet2.com (Flights from/to Manchester) and EU Jet, www.eujet.com (Flights from/to Kent).

Airport flight info: Go online to visit this link

Airport (Ferihegy) IIA and IIB: 296 96 96 & 296 80 00

AEROFLOT 1053 Bp Vaci utca 4 Phone: 318 59 55

AEROMEXICO 1051 Budapest, Bajcsy-Zsilinszky út 12.
Phone: 483 21 72

AEROSWEET 1056 Budapest, Március 15. tér 1.
Phone: 318 37 09, 296 79 67

AIR FRANCE 1052 Budapest, Pesti Barnabás u. 4
(Millennium Center) 9th floor (Entrance from Vaci u 19-21)
Phone: 483 88 00

AIR KAZAKHSTAN 1055 Budapest, Bihari János u. 22
Phone: 428 07 19

AIR MALTA 1053 Budapest, Károlyi Mihály u. 19.
Phone: 328 08 57

AIR NEW ZELAND 1065 Budapest, Nagymező u. 50.
Phone: 302 26 35

ALITALIA 1051 Bp Bajcsy-Zsilinsky ut 12.
Phone: 483 21 70 + 72

AMERICAN AIRLINES 052 Budapest, Aranykéz u. 4-8.
Phone: 411 21 90

AUSTRIAN AIRLINES 1052 Budapest, Régiposta u. 5.
Phone number: (36 1) 327 90 80

BRITISH AIRWAYS 1088 Budapest, Rákóczi út 1-3.
Phone number: (36 1) 411 55 55

CARPATAIR 1088 Budapest, Rákóczi út 1 3.
Phone: 235 7858

CSA 1051 Budapest, Vörösmaty tér 2. Phone: 318 3045

CYPRUS AIRWAYS 1089 Budapest, Rákóczi út 1 3.

Phone: 235 7878

EGYPT AIR 1051 Budapest, Bajcsi Zsilinszky út 12.
Phone: 267 2484

EL AL 1052 Budapest, Deák Ferenc u. 10.
Phone: 266 2970

FINNAIR 1051 Budapest, Bajcsy Zsilinszky út 12.
Phone: 266 7333

KLM 1088 Budapest, Rákóczi út 1 3. Phone: 373 7700

LOT 1051 Budapest, Vigadó tér 3. Phone: 317 2444

LUFTHANSA 1052 Budapest, Váci u 19/21.
Phone: 429 8001

MALÉV 1097 Budapest, Könyves Kálmán krt. 12 14.
Phone: 235 3535

MOLDAVIAN AIRLINES 1088 Budapest, Rákóczi út1 3.
Phone: 235 7858

MONTENEGRO AIRLINES 1052 Budapest,
Szeréna u. 45. Phone: 325 5037

PULKOVO AIRLINES 1051 Budapest,
Bajcsy Zsilinszky út 12. Phone: 317 7026

SAS 1051 Budapest, Bajcsy Zsilinszky út 12.
Phone: 266 2633

SOUTH AFRICAN AIRLINE 1023 Budapest, Komjádi
Béla u. 1. Phone: 345 1534

SWISS INTERNATIONAL AIR LINES 1052 Budapest,
Kristóf tér 3. Phone: 328 4060

TAP Air Portugal 1088 Budapest Rákóczi út 13
Phone: 235 7891

TAROM 1052 Budapest, Apáczai Csere János u. 4.
Phone: 235 0809

TUNIS AIR 1051 Budapest, Bajcsy-Zsilinszky út 12
Phone: 266 34 24

TURKISH AIRLINES 1053 Budapest, Apáczai Csere
János u. 4. Phone: 266 4291 More Airlines: Go online to
visit this link

Entry & Visa & Custom

Your citizenship determines how you can cross the border into Hungary ...

... only your ID-Card for a period not exceeding 90 days, without a passport and without any stamps, if you have a citizenship from:

Austria, Belgium, Croatia, France, Germany, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Slovenia, Spain and Switzerland.

... with your passport and getting a stamp in it, if you come from:

all other European countries (except nationals of Albania and Turkey, who need a visa) plus Argentina, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Ecuador, Iceland, Israel, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Panama, Republic of Korea, Republic of South Africa, Seychelles, Singapore, United States of America, Uruguay and Venezuela.

Tourists from the former Soviet Union countries with a private passport can enter Hungary without any visa if they hold one of the following: a letter of invitation, a tourist voucher or a letter of assignment. Citizens of Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Belarus and Russia need a visa in all cases if you want to enter Hungary.

... you have to apply for a visa in your home country if you come from:

Albania, Australia, Turkey, United States and all other citizens. US citizens can no longer go to an embassy in a neighboring country for it, but Australian citizens can.

In case of uncertainty, ask the Hungarian Embassy in your country. A tourist Visa is valid for 30 days; you can stay up to 90 days without stay permission, if you inform the police. Visas are issued by the Hungarian consular or diplomatic representation concerned. Within the period of validity, visas entitle the bearer to one, two, or multiple entries and to stay for the period stated in the Visa, but no longer than 90 days. Visas for one and two entries are valid for 6 months and multiple entry visas for a maximum of 1 year. Transit visas entitle the holder to a stay of 48 hours. Web: Go online to visit this link

Questions on customs issues will be answered by phone 331 35 36 and 332 67 35 (nonstop).

Airport Transfer

When arriving at the airport you have several options (Updated October 2006):

Airport Minibus: The best price for single traveller. Passengers are taken to the previously requested address by minibuses with eight to eleven seats. The rate is 2100 Forint per person (appr. EUR 8) from the airport to every address in the center of Budapest. It takes about 35 minutes, as the airport is in the outskirts. You'll find the Minibus desk after you've passed the custom. Seat reservation is not necessary before arrival at the airport. If you already know when you'll need to go back to the airport you may purchase a Minibus return ticket for 3600 Forints.

Zona Taxi: The best price if you are 2 or more. Prices are fixed for airport taxis. The new taxi operator, 'Zona' offers the maximum fares from the airport as follows:

1. Zone 2900
2. Zone 3500
3. Zone 3600
4. Zone 3600

The fares shown above are the maximum fares in Forint which Zona Service will be allowed to charge in each zone for a journey. The journeys will also be metered, and if the

meter shows a lower fare, then passengers will only pay the lower fare. These prices are valid only for the journeys FROM the airport. The fares are fixed in the Service Contract between Budapest Airport and Zona Service and prices can be increased only once a year, in accordance with official inflation data.

Public Transport: The Bus 200 is a direct bus service from Terminals 1 and 2 to metro station Kobanya-Kispest. Bus 93 operates from Terminal 1 to metro station Kobanya-Kispest. From the metro station you can take the blue metro line to go to the center. The one-way through-ticket costs HUF 185 (60 Euro cents) [210 HUF when buying on the bus from the driver]. For more information about the public transportation of Budapest see www.bkv.hu.

The airport bus to Deak Ter stopped operating in May 2002.

Trains

If you want to check the train schedules, we recommend the extensive online database at <http://bahn.hafas.de/bin/query.exe/en>. You will find all schedules there. Just type in the cities and press 'Search Connections'. Trains to abroad and destinations inside Hungary depart from Keleti (Eastern), Nyugati (Western) and Déli (Southern) train station. Keleti and Nyugati are on the Pest side, Déli train station is on the Buda side. International train information from 6 am to 8 pm 461 55 00. For train schedules inside Hungary call 461 54 00.

Busses

The most important central bus station is located at Népstadion (on Metro 2 line). From here buses leave for the countryside and abroad. For information call the Volanbusz office at Erzsébet tér: 485 21 62 daily from 6 a.m. until 6 p.m. Trips to destinations inside Hungary also leave from 5 other „Volánbusz” stations.

Ships

Several people who came by ship from Vienna told us they would never do it again. You cannot go outside; it is like in an airplane. You have to sit all the time and it takes approx. 5 hours. The train is a lot more convenient. We would recommend the train.

Cars

Keep right. Use dimmed headlights outside cities' limits in daytime! Use safety belts (inside cities only the front belts, outside cities all belts, but better to use them if you

have them). Highest speed is 100 km/h outside of towns & villages, inside only 50 km/h; on highways 120 km/h. Speeding fines: differ (payable on the spot). Zero alcohol tolerance. On some of the highways you need to pay a fee, but not on M7. Fees on M1 highway for cars (in HUF): 2000/10 days, 3400/month, 30500/year; for M2, M3, M7 see autopalya.hu You may download an English pdf file including all details at http://www.autopalya.hu/pdf/f1925_an.pdf

Emergency road service Phone: 088 (countrywide). International Help Line: +36/1-2125136. Parking ... Gas/petrol (benzin) comes in both leaded and unleaded, called 'natural'. Both may come in 2 'flavors' as well: Super and Special.

Left Luggage

Public left luggage facilities are located at the three main train stations and the central bus station. Opening hours:

Keleti pályaudvar (Eastern train station): open 24 hours; 3 x 50 HUF coins needed for 24 hours; up to 48 hours 480 HUF.

Nyugati pályaudvar (Western train station): near the main ticket counter; open 24 hours; 6 hours: 120 HUF, 24 hours: 240 HUF, 48 hours: 480 HUF.

Nepiiget bus station: Ulloi utca (219 80 80)

Nepstadion (215 01 25)

Déli pályaudvar (South train station): 24 hours, www.mav.hu 120 HUF for one day.

Travel in Budapest

Map of Budapest

Budapest is divided to two parts by the Danube: Buda (the hilly side) and Pest (the lively city center). All gay bars, cafes, and clubs are on the Pest side. The city consists of districts ('kerület', abbrev. 'ker.')

arranged in a spiral, and numbered in Roman numerals starting at the center (so, I. and II. are the most central districts on the Buda side, V., VI., VII. and VIII the most central districts on the Pest side.) Hungarian postal codes always consist of 4 digits. The first digit for Budapest is a 1, the second and third are the district number (e.g. 1077 would be in the VII. district). [Click here to enlarge the map](#)

Public Transport

Information telephone of the Budapest public transport company (BKV): 06 80 40 66 88 (only Hungarian), ticket office: 461 65 00. Budapest has a very good public transport system: Three Metro (= subway) lines meeting at Deak Ter for transfers. Subways run every 2 to 15 minutes from 4:30 am to 11:10 pm.

M1 - (yellow line): Vörösmarty tér-Mexikói út. M1 is the Millenium Underground was the first metro line on the Continent built at the end of the 19th century (the second in the world after the London underground).

M2 - (red line): Déli pályaudvar - Örs vezér tere

M3 - (blue line): Újpest, Városcsöport - Kobánya-Kispest

Trams run from 4:30 am until 11:45 pm.

Busses and Trolley busses (electric busses) are on duty almost continually.

Important: Budapest transportation requires tickets for every change of line! There are many inspectors. We recommend a day, 3-day, week, bi-weekly or 30-day ticket. You can purchase them at Metro stations.

The night bus system is very good too. (Night buses have an „é” as a suffix after their number, e.g.: 78é).

On 24th of December there is public service only until 4 p.m. Local train services (HÉV) operate from Budapest to Csepel Island in the south of the city and to the nearby towns of Szentendre, Gödöllő and Ráckeve. Before getting on the HÉV supplementary tickets are also needed and can be purchased in the ticket office for the journey. The ticket will cover the end boundary of Budapest and the mentioned towns.

Fares (valid since 1st of January 2005) See BKV Website

All Vehicles

Single Ticket: 160 HUF/170 HUF

Single Ticket Purchased On The Vehicle: 180 HUF/200 HUF (Only on certain marked lines)

Discount Coupon Book (10 Ps): 1.375 HUF/1450 HUF

Discount Coupon Book (20 Ps): HUF 2.650/HUF 2.800

Transfer Ticket: HUF 275/HUF 290

One-Day Ticket: HUF 1.275/HUF 1.350

Tourist Ticket (For 3 days): HUF 2.550/HUF 2.700

Seven-Day Travelcard: HUF 3.000/HUF 3.100

Suburban Railway (Hév) Ticket: HUF 90/HUF 94

Metro Tickets

Metro Section Ticket: HUF 115/HUF 120

Metro Section Transfer Ticket: HUF 175/HUF 185

Metro Transfer Ticket: HUF 260/HUF 270

Budapest Cards

For an adult and a child under 14 for 2 days: 4.350 HUF
 For an adult and a child under 14 for 3 days: 5.450 HUF

Season Passes

Monthly pass: HUF 5.950/HUF 6.250
 30-Day pass: HUF 5.950/HUF 6.250
 Fortnight Pass for 14 consecutive days: HUF 3.850/HUF 4.050
 Yearly pass with a photo (monthly price): HUF 5.950/HUF 6.250
 Yearly pass without a photo (monthly Price): HUF 14.875/HUF 15.625
 Héví-pass: HUF 3.780/HUF 3.950

Chair Lift Single Ticket

Adults: 450 HUF
 Students, Pensioners (Student/Identity card is requested): 300 HUF
 Children (Between 2-10 years of age): 200 HUF

Chair Lift Return Ticket

Adults: 900 HUF
 Students, Pensioners (Student/Identity card is requested): 600 HUF
 Children (Between 2-10 years of age): 400 HUF

Funicular

Uphill: 600 HUF
 Downhill: 500 HUF
 Children: 350 HUF
 Group of more than 10 students over 18 years of age: 350 HUF
 For passengers with disabilities - Free of Charge

Other Charges

Price of pass form: 120 HUF

Tickets purchased in advance must be punched at the start of the journey: There are small red punchers at the entrance of stations and in trams and busses. On HÉV, tickets are valid only within the boundary of Budapest (crossing the boundary a supplementary ticket is needed). Tickets can be obtained in tobacconists, metro stations and from ticket machines (or in a few trams and busses) but it is worth buying tickets at metro stations because of the wider range of tickets sold there.

Big maps are located at the entrances of metro stations showing the whole network of public transport of Budapest.

Special vehicles:

Boat services operate from May to September from the southern end to the northern end of Budapest from Boráros tér to Pünkösdfürdő. Information: 369-1359
 The Funicular (Sikló) from the Buda side of the Chain Bridge to Buda Castle Palace has been operating since the turn of the century every day from 7.30 a.m. til 10 p.m. (201 91 28) Tariff for adults 500 HUF up the hill and 400 HUF

downhill, 300 HUF children.

Opening hours from 7:30 am until 10 pm. They will not operate every second Monday of the month because of technical maintenance.

There are three possibilities for exploring the Buda Hills around the city:

the Cogwheel Railway (Fogaskerekű) from Városmajor (2 stops from Moszkva tér (The M2 line) the No. 18 or 56 trams) to Széchenyi Hill (342 23 35);
 the Chair-lift (Libegő) from Zugliget (at the terminus of No. 158 bus from Moszkva tér, M2) to the look-out on János Hill (Budapest's highest point: 526 m), (394 37 64); Opening hours from 10 am till 5 pm, Tariff: adult one way 400 HUF, return 750 HUF; students and seniors 300 HUF, return 550 HUF; childrens (2-6) 200 HUF, return 350 HUF.

the Children's Railway (Gyermekvasút; with children aged 10 -14 years on duty) from Huvösvölgy (at the terminus of No. 56 tram from Moszkva tér) to Széchenyi Hill. The narrow-gauge railway runs a distance of 11.2 kilometers through the Buda forests with a 20 km/h speed. The trip takes 45 minutes. (information: 395 54 20, head office: 397 53 96). Adult tariff one way 200 HUF, return 400 HUF; children (6-14) 65 HUF, return 130 HUF. nostalgia train one way adult 300 HUF, return 500 HUF; children one way 115 HUF, return 185 HUF).

Special pedal-operated vehicles for 2-6 persons (bringó-hintó) can be hired and ridden in Budapest's most attractive parks - Margaret Island and Városliget (City Park).

Taxis

Taxi drivers are obliged to provide a printed receipt or bill that mentions the fare and the amount of kilometers. Therefore, they have to use the taxi meter.

If you call a taxi, it is cheaper than if you stop a taxi on the street.

If you arrive at Keleti or Nyugati train station, don't take the taxis waiting directly in front of the main entrance. We advise you to use one of the taxi companies listed below; they clearly charge below the maximum rates.

The rates for airport transfers listed below were last updated on 6th of September 2004.

Fô Taxi

You can recognize this company from the red & white checkers and the phone number 222-2222 displayed on the cabs! Airport transfer is 4000 from the Buda side and 3500 HUF from the Pest side. Phone: 222-2222 or 06 80

222 222 (free call)

Web: Go online to visit this link

When ordered by a phone call the basic fees are 300 HUF, 180 HUF/km, 45 HUF waiting

On the street the basic fees are 300 HUF, 180 HUF/km, 45 HUF waiting

Volán Taxi

A dice and the telephone number on the back window: 266-6666; Airport transfer is ??? from the Buda side and ??? HUF from the Pest side.

Phone: 266 6666

When ordered by a phone call the basic fees are 300 HUF, ??? HUF/km, ?? HUF waiting

On the street the basic fees are 300 HUF, ??? HUF/km, ?? HUF waiting

Taxi 2000

Check the sticker 200-0000 in a red and black chequered field. Airport transfer is 3500 from the Buda side and 3000 HUF from the Pest side.

Phone: 200-0000

Web: Go online to visit this link

When ordered by a phone call the basic fees are 300 HUF, 180 HUF/km, 45 HUF waiting

On the street the basic fees are 300 HUF, 220 HUF/km, 55 HUF waiting

Tele5Taxi

The No 5 is stuck on the door ...

No special airport transfer rates.

Phone: 5 555 555

Web: Go online to visit this link

When ordered by a phone call the basic fees are 300

When ordered by a phone call the basic fees are 300 HUF, 180 HUF/km, 40 HUF waiting

On the street the basic fees are 300 HUF, 240 HUF/km, 60 HUF waiting

Radiotaxi

The phonenumber 3 777 777 is on the frontdoors...

No special airport transfer rates.

Phone: 3 777 777 + 36 209 777 777 or + 36 309 777 777

Web: Go online to visit this link

Ordering by phone call the basic fees are 300 HUF, 176 HUF/km, 44 HUF waiting. On the street the basic fees are 300 HUF, 240 HUF/km, 60 HUF waiting

Rent a Car

Go online to rent a car in Budapest

Lost and Found

Lost & found office (public transport): Phone: 267 52 98

Communication

Telecom & Internet

The Hungarian Telecom has an Online Information desk for phone numbers.

All public phones in Budapest are callable. (You'll find the number at the phone box.) Hungary's country code is +36 , 1 is the area code for Budapest.

Most of the public phones operate with telephone cards, very few accept coins. Phone cards are available for 800 HUF (50 units card) or for 1800 HUF (120 units card) at central Metro stations and news stands. For international calls you may purchase a Telecard, see www.telecard.hu and save up to to 70%. Toll-Free dial-in number, no incidental expenses, ready to use after purchasing, 0-24 available helpdesk. You get the Telecard in many shops all over Budapest and you can use it on every landline phone, including public phone booths. Other low cost phone card providers are Neophone, www.neophone.hu and www.ezphone.hu/english.

Important phone numbers

Police: 107

Budapest Police Headquarters: 343 0034

Fire and Emergency: 105

Ambulance: 104

If 104 does not answer: 311 1666

Phone Directory Hungary: 198

Phone Directory Hungary in English: 191

Online Information desk on Phone numbers

Phone Information International (if you tell a subscriber's name and address they can tell you the number): 199

Telegrams: 192

International collect calls: 190

Long Distance Calls

Inside Hungary dial 06 and the region code, for international calls dial 00 and country code. If you call Hungary from the US, dial 011 first, then 36 for Hungary, regional code (e.g. 1 for Budapest), and then the phone number.

Faxes

The public fax station is at the office of Hungarian Telecom Company MATÁV: District V., Petöfi Sándor utca 17/19; Monday to Friday 8 am. until 8 pm. Some Internet cafes provide fax services.

International direct access providers (updated)

January 2004)

AT&T World Connect Service: 06 80 001111
 MCI WorldPhone Service: 06 80 001411
 Sprint: 06 80 001411
 Australia Direct: 06 80 006111
 Canada Direct: 06 80 001211
 France: 06 80 003311
 Germany Direct: 06 80 004911

Mobile phones

In Hungary, the GSM mobile phone network is operating.
 Providers:
 T-Mobile Home page: (Prefix is 06 30) V., Petöfi Sándor utca 12. Phone: 06 309 30 30 30 or 266 57 23,
 Pannon GSM Home page: (Prefix is 06 20) Center: 2040 Budaörs, Baross utca 165.
 Shop: 1134 Budapest, Fáy utca 4.
 Shop close to Astoria: VII. Károly krt. 3/a. Phone: 344 26 10
 Customer Service Phone: 46 46 020.
 Vodafone 1800 GSM Home page Home page: (Prefix is 06 70)
 Mobile phones from North America do not work on the GSM Network.

Internet cafés

Astorianet Internet Café closed.
 Cafe Eckermann (belonging to Goethe Institute), VI.,
 Andrásy út 24, Phone: 353 22 33, Mon-Fri 2 til 10 pm,
 Sa 10 til 10 pm (M1 Opera)
 Budapest Net Internet Café, V., Kecskeméti út 5; Phone 328 02 92; daily 10 am til 10 pm (M3 Kálvin tér)
 Narancs VII., Akacfa út (moved from house number 16 to ?) ; Phone ; daily 10 am til midnight (M2 Blaha L tér)

Access for Notebooks

Please be aware that electricity is 220 volts in Hungary and you may need a different power-pack.

Dial Up Connections If you bring your own laptop to Hungary and you want to be connected to the Internet, you may purchase a CD distributed by www.nextra.hu, that you can get in most computer shops as well as Media Markt Branches. You can choose between 10 or 25 hours access. For sure this is a more reasonable solution than using access/providers like AOL or Compuserve, since they charge approx. 5 USD surcharge for global access.

WiFi Connections Budapest has a few places where you can have free WiFi internet access. The one that we prefer is the Szoda Cafe (Wesslennyi utca 18, 7th district, phone +36/1/4610007 +36/703896463 or +36/705613798 (mobile), close to the Synagoge and metro stop Astoria). They are open from 9 am until midnight (seldom do they close earlier). Sometimes they close without notice or open earlier or close earlier. If you go there and its closed there is another coffee shop with free wifi internet connection near to Szoda (walk 3-4 minutes): The cafe that belongs to

the Uránia cinema (1st floor, in Rákóczi út 21, 8th district, phone +36/1/4863400, also close to metro station Astoria, bus 7 black). We use a wifi adapter with 802.11 standard and this works. They are open from 10 am until 10 pm. Both places are maintained by a WiFi provider called HuWiCo, their webpage is in Hungarian only and the opening hours listed at their website are wrong: www.hotspots.huwico.hu

DSL Connections If you are a long-term resident, www.freestart.hu provides a DSL line for 10300 HUF/month as a flat rate with a 1 year contract and without any further charges and It is faster than any modem connection. www.axelero.hu provides the same DSL line, but is a bit more expensive. We are not sure if Freestart has English speaking support staff available, but Axelero has it 24 hours.

Language & Dictionary

If you do not know what it means ... use a free online dictionary (interactive)

Translations & Interpreter

If you need a text to be translated or an interpreter for meetings let us know and we will try to find someone who is available.

Foreign Language Media

Further resources for tourists are newspapers & magazines in foreign languages, purchasable at train stations and newsstands downtown. Practically all the well known international press publications can be purchased in the larger hotels and from news-agents. Some of the foreign language press published in Hungary:

- Budapest Week
- Budapest Sun
- In your Pocket Budapest Web site with general info where to eat, straight nightlife locations, shopping, business, sports etc. Updated 5 times a year. They also publish a printed guide. Their staff really verifies the listings each time before publishing. 750 HUF, available at major hotels.
- Where Budapest is a free monthly printed publication that focus on shopping, dining, entertainment & maps. You may get it at major hotels.
- The Hungarian Times
- The Hungarian Observer
- Budapest Business Journal
- Pester Lloyd (in German)
- Budapester Zeitung (in German)
- Also Russian and Chinese papers are published

A large second hand bookstore for English books (you'll love it!) is Red Bus Bookstoe, located in V., Szerb utca 21-23. Open weekdays from 12 noon until 7 pm., phone: 266 98 33 / 2226.

„Videomania“, a video rental store offers a large selection of English language videos. (Andrassy út 33, corner Nagymező utca, Phone: 269 68 12. Opening hours: Sun-Thu 10 a.m. til 10 pm; Fri & Sat 10 a.m. til midnight) Also foreigners can get a member card - a refundable sum of 2000 HUF deposit and your passport or ID are required.

Radio & TV

There are a lot of American, British, German, Austrian, French, English, Italian and Spanish channels on the Budapest TV cable networks. In some districts CNN and BBC are the only English cable channels. BBC News shown on the Hungarian TV channel MTV1 every night. English news can be listened to on every full hour between 5 am. and 10 pm. at Radio Bridge (FM 102.1 MHz).

Useful Addresses

Embassies

AR Argentina: II., Vérhalom utca 12-16, Phone: 326 04 92 & 326 04 93

AT Austria: VI., Benczúr utca 16, Phone: 351 67 00

AU Australia: XII., Királyhagó tér 8-9, Phone: 457 97 77

BE Belgium: I., Toldi Ferenc utca 13, Phone: 201 71 62

BA Bosnia-Hercegovina: II., Pasaréti út 48, Phone: 212 01 06 & 212 01 07

BR Brazil: VI., Délibáb utca 30, Phone: 351 00 61 XI., Somlói út 3, Phone: 466 60 44

CA Canada: XII., Budakeszi út 32, Phone: 392 33 60

CL Chile: II., Józsefhegyi út 28-3, Phone: 212 00 59

CN China: VI., Benczur utca 17, Phone: 322 48 72

CO Columbia: II., Józsefhegyi út 28-30, 212 4099 & 325 76 17/18 & 335 72 10

HR Croatia: XI., Munkacs M utca 15, Phone: 354 1315

CU Cuba: II., Harangvirág utca 7, Phone: 200 89 16 & 275 21 08

CY Cyprus: V., Dorottya utca 3, Phone: 266 13 30 & 266 60 43 & 266 60 44

CZ Czech Republic: VI., Rózsa utca 61, Phone: 351 05 39

DK Denmark: XII., Határőr út 37, Phone: 487 90 00

EC Ecuador: II., Budakeszi út 55/p, Phone: 200 86 82

EG Egypt: I., Bérc utca 16, Phone: 381 04 75

EE Estonia: V., Lendvai utca 12, Phone: 312 47 25

FI Finland: XI., Kelenhegyi út 16/a, Phone: 385 07 00 & 385 08 43

FR France: VI., Lendvay utca 27, Phone: 374 11 00

DE Germany: I, Uri ut 64, Phone: 488 35 00

GH Ghana: XI., Hengermalom 49-51, Phone: 463 77 22

UK Great Britain: V., Harmincad u. 6, Phone: 266 28 88 & 266 30 04

GR Greece: VI., Szegfü utca 3, Phone: 413 26 00

IN India: II., Búzavirág utca 14, Phone: 325 77 42

ID Indonesia: VI., Városligeti fasor 26, Phone: 322 86 69 & 342 63 01 & 342 85 08/49

IQ Iraq: XIV., Hermina út 41, Phone: 343 00 71 & 343 00 72 & 343 02 77

IR Iran: II., Budakeszi út 27-29, Phone: 200 89 50

IE Ireland: V., Szabadság tér 7-9, Phone: 302 96 00

IL Israel: II., Fullánk utca 8, Phone: 200 07 81

IT Italy: XIV., Stefánia ut 95, Phone: 364 60 65

JP Japan: XII., Zalai út 7, Phone: 275 12 75

Yemen: II., Józsefhegyi út 28-30, Phone: 212 38 83 & 212 39 91

KZ Kazakhstan: II Kapy utca 59, Phone: 275 13 00 & 275 13 01

KP North-Korea: XIV., Kopja utca 7, Phone: 251 73 41 & 252 89 66

KR South-Korea: VI., Andrassy út 109, Phone: 351 11 79 & 351 11 83 & 351 11 84/85

LB Lebanon: II., Csévi utca 15/a, Phone: 394 45 95

LY Libya: XIV., Stefánia út 111, Phone: 343 12 14

MY Malaysia: II., Tapolcsányi utca 18, Phone: 326 84 13 & 326 83 12

MT Malta: I., Krisztina körút 99, Phone: 375 10 47

MA Morocco: II Törökvézi lejtő 12, Phone: 275 14 67 & 375 54 86

MX Mexico: II., Vérhalom utca 12-16, Phone: 326 04 47 & 326 04 86

MD Moldova: XI., Budafoki 9-11, Phone: 209 11 91

MG Mongolia: II., Bogár utca 14/c, Phone: 212 45 79

NL Netherlands: II., Füge utca 5-7, Phone: 336 63 00

NZ New-Zealand: VI., Teréz körút 38, Phone: 428 22 08

NO Norway: I., Ostrom 13, Phone: 212 94 00

PK Pakistan: XII., Adonis utca 3/a, Phone: 355 82 10

PY Paraguay: I., Szalag utca 11, Phone: 201 96 87

PE Peru: II., Józsefhegyi út 28-30, 355 10 19 & 355 40 19 & 355 19 52

PH Philippines: II., Józsefhegyi út 28-30, Teleon: 200 55 23 & 200 55 24

PL Poland: VI., Városligeti fasor 16, Phone: 351 13 00

PO Portugal: II, Roemer Floris utca 58, Phone: 316 26 45

RO Romania: XIV.,Thököly út 72, Phone: 352 02 71

RU Russia: VI., Bajza utca 35, Phone: 312 66 08

SL Sierra Leone: II., Pusztaszeri út 33/a, Phone: 325 97 52 & 325 97 54

SK Slovakia: XIV., Stefánia 22, Phone: 460 90 10

SI Slovenia: II., Csepkö utca 68, Phone: 438 56 00

S South-Africa: VIII., Rákóczi út 1-3, Phone: 267 45 66

ES Spain: VI., Eötvös utca 11/b, Phone: 342 99 92

SE Sweden: XIV., Ajtósi Dürer sor 27/a, Phone: 460 60 20

CH Switzerland: XIV., Stefánia ut 107, Phone: 460 70 40

SY Syria: II., Harangvirág utca 3, Phone: 200 81 38 & 200 80 46 & 393 10 01

TH Thailand: II., Verecke út 79, Phone: 438 40 20

TR Turkey: I., Uri utca 45, Phone: 344 50 25

TN Tunisia: II., Budakeszi út 55/d, Phone: 200 89 29

UA Ukraine: XII., Nógrádi utca 8, 355 24 43
 UY Uruguay: II., Vérhalom utca 12-16, Phone: 326 04 60 & 326 04 89 & 326 04 90
 US USA: V., Szabadság tér 12, Phone: 475 44 00
 VN Vietnam: VI., Benczúr utca 18, 342 55 83 & 342 99 22

Health

The Hungarian Health Security does not have a contract with similar foreign institutions about covering the costs of medical services provided for non-Hungarian citizens..This means that in most cases it is recommended to arrange some kind of travel/health insurance for yourself before visiting Hungary. First aid is free for everyone including tourists.

Pharmacies

It is sometimes difficult to get certain medicines without a prescription. Prescriptions brought from abroad are not accepted. Here are some pharmacies, which are open 24 hours, but you must ring the doorbell after opening hours. An extra fee of 100-200 HUF is charged in such cases.

Déli Gyógyszertár

XII. Alkotás u. 1/b, tel. (+36-1) 355 47 27. Open 08:00 - 20:00, Sat 08:00 - 14:00. Emergency pharmacy.

Teréz Patika

VI. Teréz krt. 41, tel. (+36-1) 311 44 39. Open 08:00 - 20:00, Sat 08:00 - 17:00, Sun 08:00 - 13:00. Emergency pharmacy.

Csillag Gyógyszertár

VII. Rákóczi út 39, tel. (+36-1) 314 36 94. Open 08:00 - 20:00, Sat 09:00 - 19:00. Closed Sun.

Solidago naturpatika

I. Hattyú u. 7, tel. (+36-1) 214 81 29. Open 07:00 - 19:00, Sat 09:00 - 13:00. Closed Sun. Pharmacy stocking natural herbal remedies like Grandma makes

Shopping

Opening hours

Opening hours vary greatly these days. In the case of supermarkets, food and grocery shops, regular opening hours are: Mondays until Fridays 7 am. until 7 pm., Saturdays 7 am. until 2 pm.. You'll find a lot of 24 hours groceries (where you can buy food), they are usually called „Nonstop-Bolt“.

Most other shops (fashion, books etc.) are open from 10 a.m. to 6 pm on weekdays and from 10 a.m. until 1 pm on Saturdays. You will find quite a few newly built shopping malls in Budapest which are usually open until late at night. (Eg: Duna Plaza at M3 Gyöngyösi utca, or Westend City Center at Nyugati Railway Station with tram 4/6).

Tax-free shopping

VAT in Hungary is 25%. No longer possible for EU citizens. Obtain information on Tax-free Shopping at:

Europe Tax free Shopping Magyarország Kft H-1022 Budapest II., Beg utca 3-5, Phone/Fax: 212 49 06

Interimport Kft H.- 1117 Budapest XI., Budafoki út 111, Phone: 204 43 55 Fax: 206 67 03

Also at several border crossings, at the airport, and at East (Keleti) train station.

Postal Service

A normal size letter (114x162 mm, 110x220 mm) up to 20 grams to other European countries costs 160 HUF; to countries outside Europe 180 HUF. To send postcards to other countries in Europe 100 HUF, all other countries 120 HUF. (Updated August 2004). More details at <http://www.posta.hu/>

At the East (Keleti) and West (Nyugati) train stations, there are post offices with long opening hours (7 a.m. to 9 pm) - except national holidays. Public post boxes are small and red.

Laundry

VIII., Blaha Lujza tér, at Corvin shopping center (Metro Blaha Lujza tér), Phone 338 29 24

IV., Bajcsy-Zsilinski út 4, inside Centrum Újpest shopping center (Metro Újpest Központ), Phone. 370 00 80

XIII., Váci út 178, inside Duna Plaza shopping center, (Gyöngyösi utca), Phone 465 10 37

Museums & Galleries

Opening hours of museums and galleries vary quite a lot, but they are usually closed on Mondays. Sometimes free entrance is possible on Saturdays. We advise you to call the gallery or museum before your visit and ask

about opening hours and also about any informational material in English or other languages. We list here only those museums and galleries that we think are interesting or important. For info on the current exhibitions in Budapest visit: Pesti Műsor or buy a copy of Budapest Sun, an English language magazine for tourists.

Museums

National Museum (Magyar Nemzeti Múzeum)
 VIII., Múzeum krt. 14-16.
 (M3 Kálvin tér)
 Phone: 338-2122

The history of Hungary from 1000 to present day.
 Permanent exhibit of the countries most important historical artifacts.
 Open: Tue-Sun: 10 a.m. until 5 pm

Museum of Fine Arts (Szépművészeti Múzeum)
 XIV., Hősök tere
 (M1 Hősök tere)
 Phone: 343-9759
 Permanent collection rich in 13th to 18th century European works. Egyptian collection, antique Roman and Greek collection, fin de siècle, symbolism, 20th century art.
 Open: Tue-Sun: 10 a.m. to 5.30 pm.

National Gallery (Magyar Nemzeti Galéria)
 Buda Castle bldg B,C,D,
 (take bus 16 from Deák tér or Castle Bus from Moszkva tér)
 Phone: 375-7533
 Hungarian art: Sacred medieval, baroque, romantic, 19th and 20th century. Recommended to everyone interested in the history of art and painting in Hungary.

Ludwig Museum of Contemporary Art (Kortárs Művészeti Múzeum - Ludwig Múzeum) Buda Castle bldg A
 Szent György tér 2
 (take bus 16 from Deák tér or Castle Bus from Moszkva tér)
 Phone: 375-9175
 Contemporary international and Hungarian art is on permanent exhibit.

Specialized Museums

Applied Arts Museum (Iparművészeti Múzeum)
 IX., Üllői ut 33-34,
 Phone: 217-5252
 Temporary exhibitions are usually more exciting than the permanent exhibition. The building of the museum is one of the masterpieces of Hungarian art Nouveau style.
 Tue-Sun: 10 a.m. until 4 pm

Jewish Museum (Zsidó Múzeum)
 VII., Dohány u. 2., in the bldg of the synagogue.
 Phone: 342-8949
 Jewish culture in Hungary.
 Open daily from 10 a.m. to 3 pm, Sundays 10 a.m. to 1 pm, Saturdays closed.

Statue Park (Szoborpark Múzeum)
 XXII. kerület, corner of Balatoni út (Road 70) - Szabadkai út
 buses from Kosztolányi Dezso tér, Phone: 227-7446
 The final resting place of socialist statues that once adorned Budapest streets.
 Open Mon-Fri 10 a.m. until 7 pm, Sat-Sun 8 a.m. until 8 pm.

Budapest History Museum (Budapesti Történelmi Múzeum)
 Buda Castle National galleries bldg E,
 I., Szent György tér 2
 Phone: 375-7533
 Birth of a city, Buda Pest and Óbuda at the time of unification. History of the city until today, +workshop: secrets of the museum.

Galleries/Contemporary art
 Palace of Exhibitions/Kunsthalle (Műcsarnok)
 Hősök tere, (M1)
 Phone: 343-7401 The largest and most prestigious state-owned institution focusing on contemporary art in Hungary and abroad. Temporary exhibitions, large art bookshop.

Ernst Museum
 VI., Nagymező utca 8., (M1 Oktogon)
 Phone: 341-4355
 Belongs to the Palace of exhibitions, temporary exhibitions.
 Open Tue-Sun from 10 a.m. until 6 pm

Várfok Street Galleries
 I., Várfok utca 14. (M2 Moszkva tér)
 Phone: 213-5155
 Three small private galleries near each other. If you walk to the Castle area from Moszkva tér, it is worth a visit to them.
 Contemporary Hungarian artists.

Vigadó Gallery
 V., Vigadó tér 2., (M1 Vörösmarty tér)
 Phone: 318-7070
 Open: Tue-Sun 10 a.m. until 6 pm

Antiques, second hand bookshops

Instead of a long list here is a sample of streets where you will find lots of or at least some antique shops close to each other.

V., Falk Miksa utca (walk one stop or take tram 4 or 6 from Nyugati pályaudvar M3) This street is really the No 1. street of antique dealers and antique galleries.
 V., Váci utca Antique shops and second hand bookshops.
 V., Múzeum körút Some second hand bookshops.
 V., Kossuth Lajos utca Some antique shops between Ferenciek tere and Szép utca.

Flea market: In springtime and summertime every Sunday morning until 2pm at Petofi Csarnok in Városliget. Take trolley bus number 70 or tram number 1. It is real fun to visit this flea market, where you can buy everything you do not need.

Tourist Information

Besides GayGuide.Net Budapest, you can turn to Tourinform, a public tourist information service for all requests:

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H-1052 Budapest V., Sütô utca 2

Phone: 317 98 00, 438 80 80, 0680 66 00 44, 0680 63 08 00 (free call inside Hungary), Fax 488 86 61.

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Est Online – Web site with day by day info on Film, Theatre, Music, Events in Hungarian only, but up2date

Pesti Mûsor – a Budapest time out guide for concerts, parties, movies, ...

Hungarian for Travelers – English-Hungarian Dictionary including Audio-Voice-Function!

Dictionary Interactive – Hungarian - English - Hungarian