

In The Heart Of Europe, Budapest Offers You More Beauty And History Than You Can Imagine



Budapest is a city that is both new and old, as well as peaceful and dynamic. Its beautifully tuned rhythm creates harmony for visitors and residents alike. The River Danube divides the city into two parts, much like its name is split into Buda and Pest. If you between them, one side immerses you in the modern pulse of the city, while the other carries you back through centuries of rich history.

The Spirit of Budapest



The known history of Budapest begins with the Roman city-colony of Aquincum, founded around 89 A.D. The area was conquered by the Hungarians around 900 A.D., who established the Kingdom of Hungary a century later. When the Mongols destroyed it in 1241, Pest was already a significant settlement, and it was quickly rebuilt. However, Buda became the seat of the royal court in 1247, and in 1361, it became the capital of Hungary. The Renaissance period greatly influenced the development of the city. With the merging of Buda and Pest in 1873, along with the annexation of nearby smaller settlements, the city took on its present shape, which continues to evolve every day. A testament to this is the fact that Budapest is home to the oldest functioning metro station in continental Europe.

On the Right Side of the Danube River



Exploring the city can be done in various ways, as the local transportation system offers numerous options. If you board a boat and sail down the Danube, countless landmarks defining the city will appear on both sides, with majestic bridges overhead. Sipping sparkling wine and feeling the breeze along the river, if you turn your gaze toward Buda, you cannot help but notice the magnificent castle.



The impressions begin with the former royal palace, surrounded by masterfully sculpted statues. Nearby, two impressive museums and the National Library of Hungary catch the eye. Immaculately maintained paths lead to the neighboring Sándor Palace, captivating with its appearance. In close proximity is the Church of St. Matthias, about 700 years old. Right next to it is a monument to St. Stephen, the first Hungarian king and founder, as grand as the city itself. While shopping for souvenirs from the many stores, you'll feel the urge for a panoramic view of the city, which will lead you to the complex known as Fisherman's Bastion, built in its unique style and color that distinguishes this region. The panoramic view will surely result in many clicks on your camera.

On the Left Side of the Danube River



In Pest, the most notable attraction is the grand Andrassy Avenue. The prominent Kodály Avenue and Oktogon Avenue, lined with developed tree canopies on both sides and flanked by branded stores, converge at Heroes' Square, where statues of all Hungarian kings and notable figures in Hungary's history dominate, along with the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Your hand will likely rise to your forehead in awe of its grandeur. On either side are the Museum of Fine Arts and the Palace of Arts, with City Park just behind, where Vajdahunyad Castle, as if drawn from a picture book, awaits. You can continue enjoying the park's shade or take a dip in the thermal baths, which are unlike any others in the world. One of the gems of Andrassy Avenue is the Hungarian Opera House, with its unique style.

Magnets for Your Time in Budapest



Drinking coffee is part of Hungarian culture, and you can enjoy yours on bustling Váci Street or on a bench facing the iconic Hungarian Parliament Building, built in an imposing neo-Gothic style, making it the third-largest parliament in the world. Don't miss the recommendation for Hungarian goulash, which you can try at one of the restaurants along the banks of the Danube or near St. Stephen's Basilica, a 96-meter-high neoclassical structure.

Whether it's summer or winter, you can relax at Széchenyi Thermal Bath, one of the largest bath complexes in Europe. The Ferris wheel offers panoramic views of the city daily. If you want to escape the city for a moment, stroll through Margaret Island, a 3-km stretch in the middle of the Danube River.



Make sure not to miss a panoramic shot of the Széchenyi Chain Bridge, perhaps the most iconic image of Budapest.

Budapest is a city you can't say goodbye to. It will always be waiting for you, and you will surely visit again.