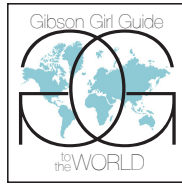


# Your Pocket Guide to Budapest



## Things to Do:

- **Lady liberty of Hungary:** A statue for the people on top of the Citadel. Great for a bottle of wine.
- **Little Princess Statue:** Sitting on the Danube. It is tradition to rub her knees for good luck.
- **Elizabeth square** (erzsebet square): Great park with an open-aired market on Sundays.
- **Budapest Eye:** Just like the London Eye only smaller and only here in the summer.
- **Heroes square**
- **Baths :** Hungary is known for their baths. Large, therapeutic, and social pools to relax in. Zechenyi is the biggest and oldest.
- **The Jewish district:** In this district is where you will find the ruins bars and best restaurants
- **St. Stephens basilica:** The largest Roman Catholic Church in Budapest named after the father of the city.
- **Charlie:** A statue of a 1900 police officer. Rub his belly to find the best meal in Hungary.
- **The Chain Bridge:** This bridge is the first connector of the two cities Buda and Pest
- **Parliament:** The most iconic view of Budapest. It was designed like the British parliament and houses the crown jewels.
- **The Castle District:** Here you will find the royal palace and the ruins of the

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old castle, Hungarian White House office of the president.

- **The Church of Our Lady or King Mathias:** This church is the oldest church in Buda. During the Turks the churches were changed to mosques so the inside is painted with oriental designs. 1000 ft entrance fee you can go to the top of fisherman a tower for free after 7.

## Where to Eat:

- **Simplaz Cafe:** Not to be confused with Simplaz Kert, Ruins Bar, this cafe is nothing short of perfection. Great coffee, morning snacks, and drinks in the evening.
- **Cafe Avian:** They have mimosas! A great place to go for brunch, as well as dinner. They have everything from typical Goulash to cold fruit soup.
- **District 7:** Not just one restaurant here. This is the spot in Budapest to eat out. Tons of amazing restaurants with typical Hungarian food and many other types as well. You will not go hungry here.
- **Retro Buffet:** Communist Pizza. This is deep fried dough with sour cream and garlic and a tradition here in Budapest, and Retro Buffet is the best place to get one.
- **Fritzzy Papa:** Here is where you go if you are really hungry. The portions here are large compared to the rest of Europe and you will leave stuffed.
- **Fortuna at Cantine:** Around 1pm Cantine turns into a self service style place called Fortuna. You can find all the locals here on a weekend, especially on a Saturday.

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## Where to Drink:

- **Ruins Pubs:** The Kertz, or Ruins Pubs, are the highlights of Budapest. After the war, the old communist buildings were not maintained causing them to practically crumble to pieces. Then, a group of artists went inside one and turned it into something crazy. Themed rooms with TV's on the walls, furniture on the ceiling, and old cars just sitting in the middle of the room turning these old buildings into some of the most famous bars in the world. There are over 21 Ruins Pubs.
  - **Simplaz Kert** is the oldest and first ruins pub ever and undoubtedly the most popular. Definitely take a look around, but remember, there are 20 other amazing places.
  - **Durer Kert** is a garden style ruins pub built out of an old faculty sector of a communist university. This runs with the garden theme and is definitely down the hipster isle.
  - **Fogaz Haz** is located in an old dentist building. Literally translating to "House of Teeth" this place really hypes up the dentist theme. You can find it by looking for the big red lips outside.

## Quick Tips:

Don't eat on the Buda side, it is way over priced. Do not eat or buy anything in the Central Market it is overpriced and not authentic. Tram 2 is the cheapest way to see the city. Take the free walking tour, and haggle for your taxis.