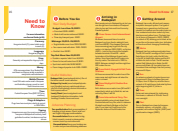


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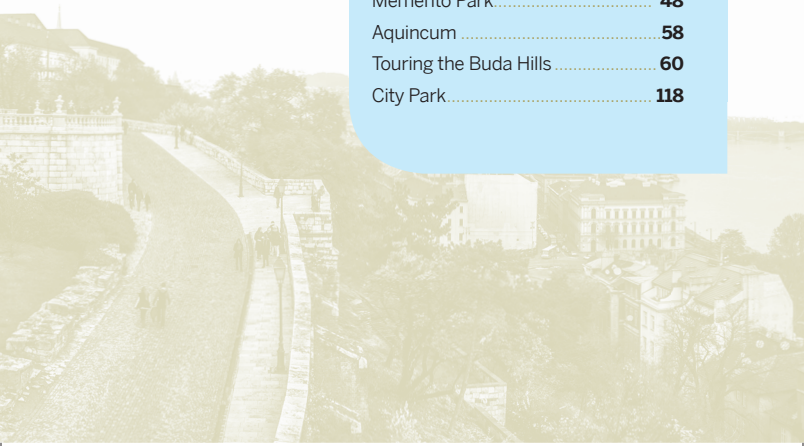
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## Welcome to Budapest

Straddling the Danube with the Buda Hills as backdrop and boasting enough baroque, neoclassical and art nouveau architecture to satisfy anyone, Budapest is plentifully endowed with natural and human-made beauty. But the Queen of the Danube is not just a pretty face. At night she frocks up to become what is now the region's premier party town.

Szechenyi Baths (p119)

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# Budapest Top Sights

## Royal Palace (p24)

The focal point of Castle Hill in Buda and the city's most visited sight, the enormous Royal Palace contains two important museums, the national library and an abundance of notable statues and monuments.



## Memento Park (p48)

Containing garish statues and over-the-top memorials from the Communist period, Memento Park could be described as both a cemetery of socialist mistakes and a well-manicured trash heap of history.



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## Aquincum (p58)

Today's Budapest was settled by the Romans at the end of the 1st century AD and Aquincum, the most complete civilian Roman town in Hungary, now contains an enclosed museum and an open-air archaeological park.



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## City Park (p118)

Pest's green lung, City Park is an open space measuring almost exactly a square kilometre and contains museums, galleries, a zoo, a permanent circus and one of the best thermal baths in the city.



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## Great Synagogue (p94)

The largest Jewish temple in Europe, the Moorish-style Great Synagogue with its iconic copper dome is one of Budapest's most eye-catching and beloved buildings.