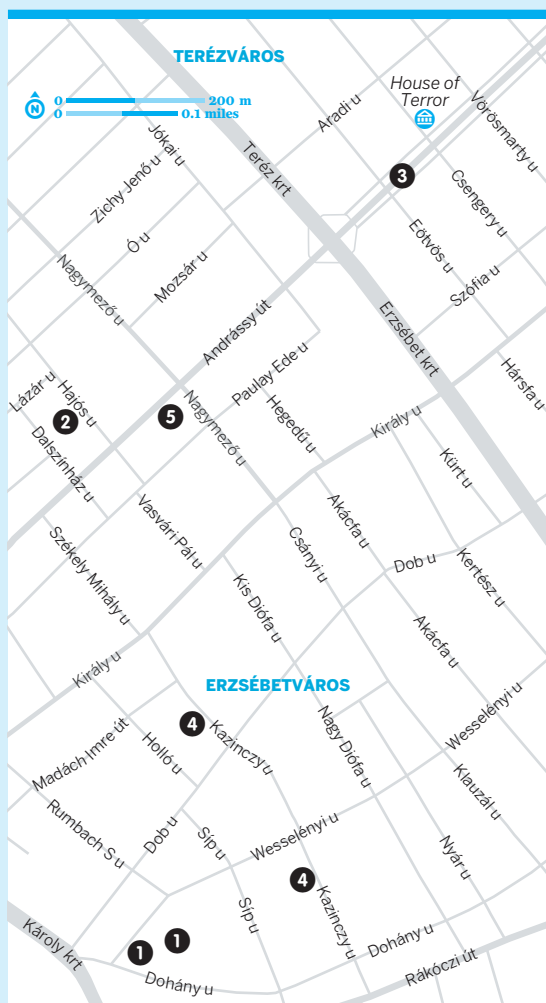


Erzsébetváros & the Jewish Quarter

ERZSÉBETVÁROS | ANDRÁSSY ÚT | TERÉZVÁROS (EAST)



Neighbourhood Top Five

- 1** Marvelling at the exotic architecture of the **Great Synagogue** (p114), the largest Jewish house of worship in Europe, and accompanying the Jews on a 2000-year tour of their history in Hungary at the **Hungarian Jewish Museum** (p114).
- 2** Enjoying a performance at the **Hungarian State Opera House** (p125), the capital's sumptuously appointed temple to classical music.
- 3** Strolling along **Andrássy út** (p117), the gracious tree-, shop- and sight-lined boulevard that appears on Unesco's World Heritage List.
- 4** Drinking and/or dancing the night away at any of central Pest's *tertek* (outdoor garden clubs), such as **Szimpla Kert** (p124) or **Ellátó Kert** (p124).
- 5** Tasting something sweet along with something warm on the terrace of a traditional cafe like the **Művész Kávéház** (p124) on Andrassy út.

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The Nagy körút – the Big Ring Rd, consisting of Teréz körút and Erzsébet körút in this neighbourhood – slices district VI (Terézváros) and district VII (Erzsébetváros; Elizabeth Town) in half, the latter between two busy squares: Oktogon and Blaha Lujza tér. While Terézváros continues on merrily up to Városliget (Pest's sprawling 'City Park', seemingly just an extension of Andrásy út), Erzsébetváros is quite different on either side of the Big Ring Rd. The eastern side is rather run-down, with little of interest to travellers except the Keleti train station on Baross tér. The western side, bounded by the Little Ring Rd, has always been predominantly Jewish, and this was the ghetto where Jews were forced to live when the Nazis occupied Hungary in 1944.

Andrásy út, listed as a Unesco World Heritage Site, starts a short distance north of Deák Ferenc tér and stretches for 2.5km to the northeast, ending at Heroes' Square (Hősök tere) and City Park. Andrásy út is such a pretty boulevard and there's so much to see, do and enjoy en route that the best way to see it is on foot (p119).

Local Life

- ➔ **Architecture** Don't hesitate to explore the inner courtyards like the Gozdsu Udvar (p116) in Erzsébetváros – if Dublin is celebrated for its doorways and London for its squares, Budapest is known for its lovely *udvarok* (courtyards).
- ➔ **Classical Music** It's hard to imagine a better way to start a Saturday than a classical music performance at the Franz Liszt Memorial Museum (p118).
- ➔ **Museum** The Hungarian Electrical Engineering Museum (p115) is one of the quirkiest museums in town, and its guides as enthusiastic as you'll find anywhere.

Getting There & Away

- ➔ **Metro** Oktogon is on the M1 metro line and Blaha Lujza tér on the M2; also useful are the M2 Astoria & Keleti pályaudvar stations.
- ➔ **Tram** VII Erzsébet körút for No 4 or 6 to Buda or rest of the Big Ring Rd in Pest.
- ➔ **Trolleybus** VII Wesselényi utca & Dohány utca for No 74 to Little Ring Rd or City Park.

Lonely Planet's Top Tip

It may not be immediately apparent, but the M1 metro, also known as the Kis Metró (Little Metro), which runs just below Andrásy út from Deák Ferenc tér as far as the City Park, sticks to its side of the road underground and there is no interchange down below. So if you are heading north, board the trains on the east side of Andrásy út. For points south, it's the west side. Another possible source of confusion on the M1 is that one station is called Vörösmarty tér and another, five stops away, is Vörösmarty utca.

Best Places to Eat

- ➔ Kádár (p121)
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- ➔ Klassz (p122)
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- ➔ Baraka (p122)

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Best Places to Drink

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- ➔ Billerbeck (p126)

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