



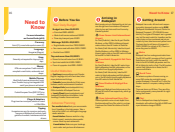
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BUDAPEST
TOP SIGHTS • LOCAL LIFE • MADE EASY

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In This Book

QuickStart Guide

Your keys to understanding the city – we help you decide what to do and how to do it



Need to Know

Tips for a smooth trip



Neighbourhoods

What's where

Explore Budapest

The best things to see and do, neighbourhood by neighbourhood



Top Sights

Make the most of your visit



Local Life

The insider's city

The Best of Budapest

The city's highlights in handy lists to help you plan



Best Walks

See the city on foot



Budapest's Best...

The best experiences

Survival Guide

Tips and tricks for a seamless, hassle-free city experience



Getting Around

Travel like a local



Essential Information

Including where to stay

Our selection of the city's best places to eat, drink and experience:

 **Sights**

















 **Eating**

 **Drinking**

 **Entertainment**

 **Shopping**

These symbols give you the vital information for each listing:

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|  Telephone Numbers |  Family-Friendly |
|  Opening Hours |  Pet-Friendly |
|  Parking |  Bus |
|  Nonsmoking |  Ferry |
|  Internet Access |  Metro |
|  Wi-Fi Access |  Subway |
|  Vegetarian Selection |  Tram |
|  English-Language Menu |  Train |

Find each listing quickly on maps for each neighbourhood:



Bar Hemingway

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Legend has it that Hemingway, wielding a machine gun, created this timber-paneled bar during his Paris showpiece is a favorite hangout for Papa and his friends. Dress code: smart casual. hemingwaybar.com; Hôtel Ritz Paris; 6.30pm-2a

Lonely Planet's Budapest

Lonely Planet Pocket Guides are designed to get you straight to the heart of the city.

Inside you'll find all the must-see sights, plus tips to make your visit to each one really memorable. We've split the city into easy-to-navigate neighbourhoods and provided clear maps so you'll find your way around with ease. Our expert authors have searched out the best of the city: walks, food, nightlife and shopping, to name a few. Because you want to explore, our 'Local Life' pages will take you to some of the most exciting areas to experience the real Budapest.

And of course you'll find all the practical tips you need for a smooth trip: itineraries for short visits, how to get around, and how much to tip the guy who serves you a drink at the end of a long day's exploration.

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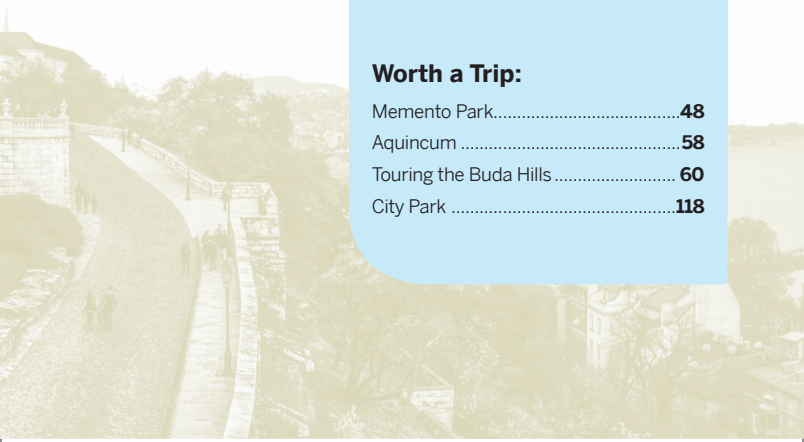
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Welcome to Budapest

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.

Széchenyi 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.



Basilica of St Stephen (p76)

Budapest's most important Christian house of worship is a gem of neoclassical architecture that took more than half a century to complete and contains the nation's most sacred object: the holy right hand of King St Stephen.



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Gellért Baths (p40)

‘Taking the waters’ is very much a part of everyday life in Budapest and soaking in the Art Nouveau Gellért Baths, with temperatures of up to 38°C, has been likened to bathing in a cathedral.