



SIGHTSEEING WALKS IN BUDAPEST

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SPECIAL SIGHTSEEING WALKS IN THE CENTER OF BUDAPEST

Budapest is a big city with many places to see, but discovering it by walking with a guide can be a special experience. We offer you three thematic walks in the center of Budapest.

These walks are 2 hours long and led by an English-speaking guide

Art nouveau treasures of Budapest

Explore the colorful art nouveau style of Budapest: an international trend with an authentic Hungarian twist! On this tour, we show you that Art Nouveau has always been more than just a style: it was a worldview.

The latest international trends of the 19th century, combined with local traditions created a special style which is unique to Budapest. We start our tour at Liberty Square, rich in history and stately buildings. After learning about the historical context of art nouveau, we walk to our first apartment building. We explore the importance of animal and floral motifs in the rapidly developing 19th century Budapest, then walk to the Postal Savings Bank, where even the rooftop is special- the architect believed that he designed for the birds of the sky as well. We continue our tour to another apartment building, where we explore how art nouveau architects aimed to design more modern and comfortable spaces. We take a look at the old Parisiana Dance Hall, where we can observe the impact of the Austrian art nouveau and its geometrical shapes in Hungary. We finish our walk at the Kazinczy Synagogue, where orthodox Jews combined traditions with cutting-edge architectural solutions.

Explore the hidden art nouveau gems of Budapest and experience how history and dreams were carved on to the facades of the city!

Main sights:

- Liberty Square
- Bedó House - House of Hungarian Art Nouveau
- Parisiana Dance Hall
- Kazinczy Synagogue

Price: 40 euros

Golden Age Budapest

Discover the shiniest years of Budapest, when a new metropolis emerged along the banks of the Danube. Towers, domes, gold and marble from an era of unbelievable optimism and the bright times of peace and prosperity.

This was the time when Budapest became an important hub of the Monarchy, with representative buildings to match. On this tour, we won't only explore some of the most photographed landmarks of Budapest, but we will also give you the historical context that inspired them.

We kick off our tour in front of one of the largest parliament buildings in the world and learn the neo-gothic building's fascinating story and why a contemporary writer compared it to a "Turkish Bath". We move on to Szabadság (Liberty) Square, a charming,

semi-hidden green square of downtown Budapest, which had been occupied by a huge military prison, and later became the first public park of the city. We explore 19th-century shopping habits at the gorgeous Hold Market Hall and take a look at Saint Stephen's Cathedral. This massive church is one of the most well-known buildings in downtown, and home of Hungary's first king's right arm. We visit Hungarian State Opera House where the most famous opera singers, conductors and ballet dancers of the world have performed, then finish our tour at the Napóleon-udvar with its breathtaking, colourful windows.

Immerse yourself in the glittering era and its buildings, and explore some of the most spectacular spots in Budapest!

Main sights:

- The House of Parliament
- St. Stephen's Basilica
- Andrassy Avenue
- Hungarian State Opera House

Price: 40 euros

Jewish roots and revival

Explore the rich Jewish history and present of Budapest! From hidden synagogues to kosher-style restaurants and the Jewish roots of contemporary Budapest nightlife.

This walk explores Jewish life in Budapest from the 19th century until nowadays. We explore the remains of the Jewish golden age, learn the story of Orczy House, a close-knit Jewish community living in a massive downtown building, containing several kosher restaurants, a butchery and coffee shops, two synagogues and a ritual bath. After entering the largest synagogue of Europe, we revisit the dark heritage of the 20th century, such as the infamous ghetto wall during the Second World War, and learn how the children and grand-children of victims and survivors face this multi-generation drama.

We finish our tour by celebrating the contemporary Jewish renaissance of downtown Budapest. We explore how an old kosher salami factory metamorphosed into a kosher-style restaurant, learn to read Jewish motifs on secular buildings and feel the multicultural pulsation of this lively neighborhood.

Main sights:

- Dohány Street Synagogue
- Kazinczy Street Synagogue
- Jewish Quarter
- Party District

Price: 58 euros (with entrance fees to the synagogue of Kazinczy street and the Jewish History Museum of Erzsébetváros)