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# Lions Clubs International Resolutions for consideration at Europa Forum – Klagenfurt 2023

# **Resolution 10**

APPLICATION by D 119 - Hungary to EUROPA FORUM 2023

Acceptance of the candidacy to host the Europa Forum 2028 in Budapest

#### To be voted

Please see attached documents

Signed on, 30<sup>th</sup> of July 2023



# Draft Resolution submitted by District 119 Hungary to the European Council at the Europa Forum Klagenfurt 2023

#### **Subject:**

District 119 Hungary's candidacy to organize a Europa Forum in Budapest, on October 26-28 2028.

#### **Explanation:**

District 119 Hungary, at its District Convention organized in Kecskemét on May 20, 2023 decided to submit an application to the European Council at the Europa Forum in Klagenfurt 2023 to organize a Europa Forum in Budapest in 2028, 30 years after a very successful Europa Forum held in Budapest in 1998, the first ever Europa Forum organized in Central and Eastern Europe.

See the exerpt of the official Minutes of the District Convention of District 119 Hungary held on May 20, in Kecskemét (Hungary).

#### **Financial impact:**

See the Preliminary Budget of the planned Europa Forum 2028 in attachement.

#### **Proposed text:**

D 119 Hungary, having submitted a valid application according to the Rules of Procedure, applies to organize a Europa Forum in 2028 in Budapest that the 3<sup>rd</sup> European Council meeting at the Europa Forum Klagenfurt 2023 approved of by ......number of votes.

#### Submitted by

István KONCSIK
District Governor
District 119 Hungary

#### **ENCL.:**

- The exerpt of the official Minutes of the District Convention of District 119 Hungary held on May 20, in Kecskemét (Hungary).
- The Preliminary Budget of the planned Europa Forum 2028
- Budapest sights to see
- Millenáris the Convention Venue





#### THE CONVENTION VENUE

**Millenáris**, one of Budapest's most significant event venues, which used to be a giant industrial site, offers outstanding features and facilities to host numerous popular international events. One of the largest recreation parks in Central Europe, with a three-dimensional hanging garden, a cherry tree grove, a forest field pond trio, spectacularly designed solar panels and 355 new trees. The 26,000 square meters Széllkapu increased significantly the green spaces in the capital.

The park features a fish pond surrounded by sunbeds, a programmable water feature with humidifier jets and a digital water curtain from Margit Boulevard.

The Millenáris, beside the Mammut mall in Buda, is a park and building complex with venues for exhibitions, plays, concerts and performances. You'll also find the new National Dance Theatre, which opened in February 2019. The whole location is actually the reconstructed site of the one-time Ganz Works factory complex, and you can still see parts of machinery that were used here.

#### **LOCATION**

Millenáris is a few minutes' walk away from Széll Kálmán tér, Széna tér, Mechwart Liget. Many buses, subways, trams and night buses run at these transport junctions, and there are also several Bubi docks in these areas.

Distance from the airport: 25 km Distance from city centre: 5 km

Metro: M2

Trams: 4, 6, 17, 56, 56A, 59, 59A, 59B, 61

Buses: 5, 16, 39, 91, 128, 129, 139, 149, 155, 156, R158, 1 91, 291

**Night vehicles:** tram 6, 916, 922, 956, 960, 990

By car: There are two underground garages in the Millenáris area, which can be accessed from Kis

Rókus utca.

#### **Adress**

1024 Budapest, Kis Rókus utca 16-20 Budapest, Hungary

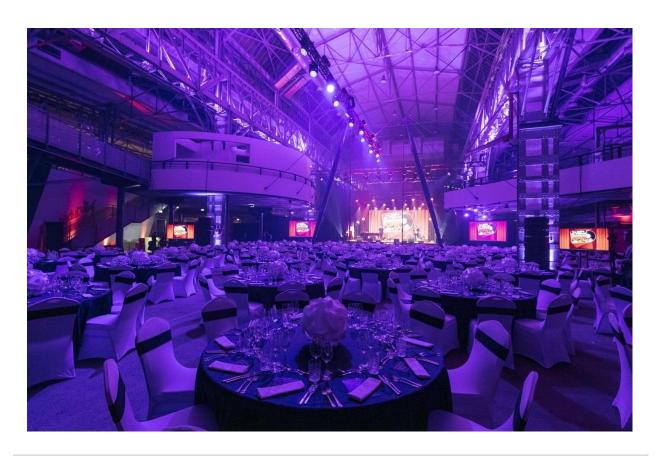
YouTube: <a href="https://youtu.be/lcpy5RIrviU">https://youtu.be/lcpy5RIrviU</a>

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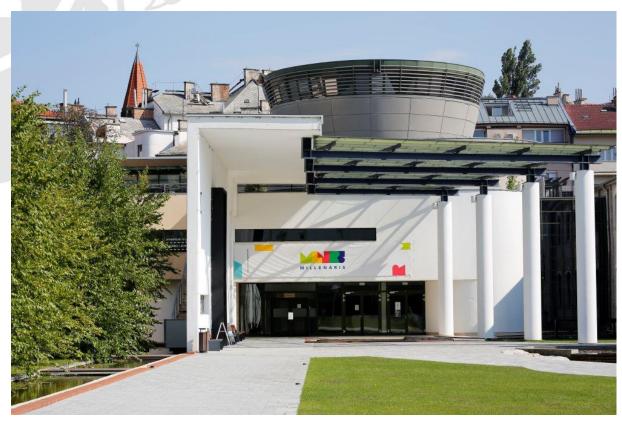
























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# MILLENARIS OUR VENUES





Dankó Virág managing director

# **INTRODUCTION**

Twenty years ago, Millenáris opened its doors as a beautiful jewellery box. The intertwining of the monumental buildings of the former industrial citadel, the Ganz factory, with the modern metropolitan environment has created a unique atmosphere that has quickly become a favourite of many. The now 7-hectare site of award-winning buildings and park areas has

continued to expand and develop in recent years and is once again hosting a wide range of events, including team-building events, fashion shows, professional conferences, cultural events, scientific exhibitions, and outdoor concerts. Millenáris is a high-quality, peopleand nature-friendly place for encounters and shared experiences. We welcome our old and new partners!

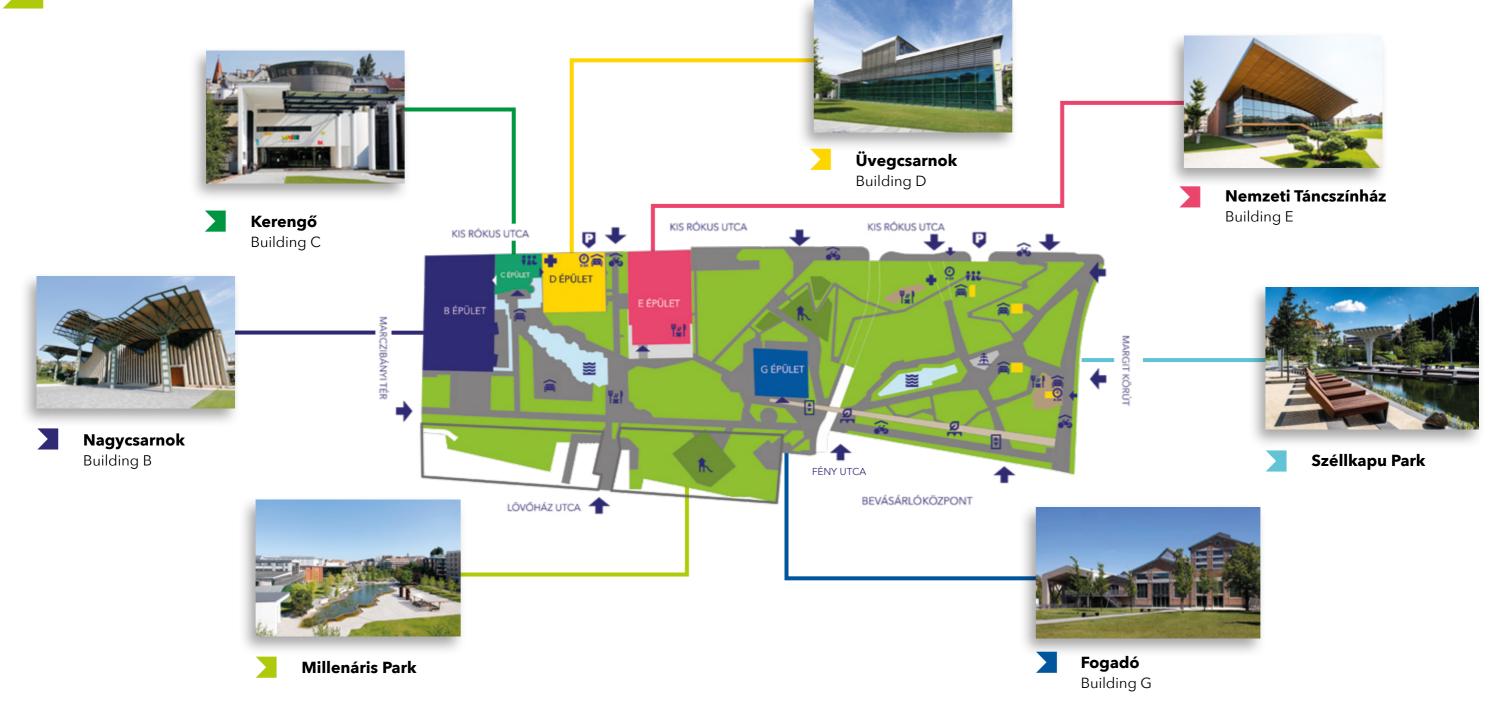


# THE SPIRIT OF THE PLACE

Renewed in every detail, Millenáris is a community and event venue that supports innovation and lifelong learning, hosting a variety of programmes, including science exhibitions, festivals, and concerts. All the buildings have been renovated in recent years, Nagycsarnok, Üvegcsarnok, and the Kerengő building awaits its visitors with a modern design, and the Fogadó was reopened to our partners in spring 2022 after a complete reconstruction and renovation. In addition to its impressive buildings, the state-of-the-art cultural and leisure park offers a full range of services for corporate events, with two underground car parks, themed playgrounds, and numerous catering facilities. Thanks to its excellent location in the centre of Buda and its huge capacity, it is an unrivalled venue for events.



# **OUR EVENT VENUES**





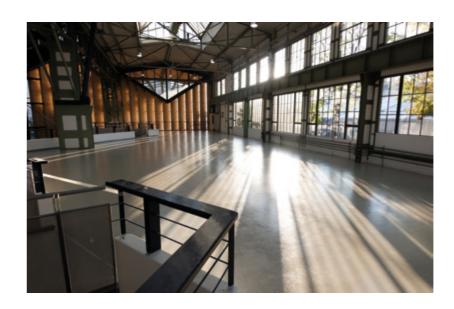
### **NAGYCSARNOK** - BUILDING B

The Nagycsarnok is Millenáris' largest historic building, with a unique atmosphere and an industrial feel, which still preserves the architectural features of the former Ganz assembly hall. The iconic building creates a breath-taking ambience with its ground-breaking floor plan, 15-meter-high ceilings and a system of bridges spanning across the galleries. It offers a unique venue for large-scale exhibitions, corporate events, gala dinners and conferences. The ground floor of 3640 m2 can be extended with a gallery of 1880 m2 and has three large separate rooms. During the recent renovation of the Nagycsarnok, back-up rooms (hinterland, dressing rooms, staff rooms) were created to serve the operational processes.

	area	rows of chairs	round tables	reception	natural light
net event area	5200 m²	<b>1500</b> people	<b>1500</b> people	<b>1500</b> people	<b>✓</b>
ground floor event area	3640 m²	<b>1500</b> people	<b>1200</b> people	<b>1500</b> people	✓
rectangular gallery area	820 m²				✓
arched gallery area	1060 m²				<b>✓</b>







1500

people can be expanded to 1700 people with Building C

6000 m<sup>2</sup>

gross floor area

15+ m

height

**3** section rooms

**back rooms:** hinterland, dressing rooms, staff rooms, storage room, toilets **loading:** freight gate



# KERENGŐ - BUILDING C

The Kerengő is a Guggenheim-inspired orientation space linking the Nagycsarnok and the Üvegcsarnok, which, despite its small size, offers a lot of potential. The ground floor is mainly used as a reception area (with information desk, cash desk, and cloakroom); the upstairs areas are ideal for separate receptions, press conferences, and even smaller events. A separate terrace with its own entrance adds to the uniqueness of this venue with a special atmosphere. The capacity of the Nagycsarnok and the Üvegcsarnok can be significantly increased with the addition of the Kerengő building. The resulting triple unit can also be connected to the Nemzeti Táncszínház, offering a unique, complex event space for thousands of people in the heart of the city.

	capacity
Building B	<b>1500</b> people
Building D	<b>800</b> people
Building C	<b>300</b> people
Nemzeti Táncszínház	<b>1100</b> people

	capacity
Building B + C	<b>1700</b> people
Building D + C	<b>1000</b> people
Building B + D + C	<b>2500</b> people
Building B + D + C + Nemzeti Táncszínház	<b>3600</b> people







300 people capacity

505 m<sup>2</sup>

370 m<sup>2</sup> upper floors

**back rooms:** hinterland, dressing

rooms, toilets

loading: freight gate



# **ÜVEGCSARNOK** - BUILDING D

The Üvegcsarnok is a unique venue where the greenery of the park and the indoor community space breathe together, almost touching. The huge glass façade overlooking the park and lakeside makes the former factory loft feel intimate and close to nature. This versatile venue, which can accommodate conferences, receptions, exhibitions, and concerts, has a floor area of 1100 m2 and 15 m headroom, providing stunning views and natural light through its glass surfaces. There are two section rooms suitable for small workshops, round tables, and press conferences. The cinema room is cheerful, equipped with colourful rows of chairs, built-in sound system, projector, and screen.

	area	capacity	rows of chairs	round tables	reception	natural light	built-in technology
net event area	1680 m²	<b>800</b> people				<b>✓</b>	×
ground floor event area	1100 m²	<b>800</b> people	<b>500</b> people	<b>450</b> people	<b>800</b> people	<b>✓</b>	×
gallery event area	320 m²	<b>150</b> people			100 people	<b>✓</b>	×
cinema	150 m²	<b>120</b> people	<b>120</b> people			<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
seminar hall	110 m²	<b>60</b> people	<b>60</b> people		<b>60</b> people	×	1







800

people capacity- expandable to 1000 people with Building C

1800 m<sup>2</sup> gross floor area

9,4-15 m

height

2

section rooms

**back rooms:** hinterland, dressing rooms, staff rooms, storage room, toilets **loading:** freight gate



# **NEMZETI TÁNCSZÍNHÁZ** - BUILDING E

The fully renovated building of the Nemzeti Táncszínház, inaugurated in 2019, exudes elegance and dynamism in every way. The imposing wood-panelled canopy, which rises above the park and undulates in a wavy curve, glowing mysteriously in the evening light, the wide terrace, and the glass surface enclosed in steel frames radiate openness and welcome the public as a continuation of the park. The spacious and bright foyer is a masterpiece of interior design, with an imposing staircase that can double as a grandstand. The stunning architecture, combined with the multi-storey gallery, creates a space that is solemn, intimate, and playful at the same time. The interior of the complex, which covers thousands of square metres, has retained the character of the former industrial complex, combining it with the latest theatre technology. The built-in auditorium can be further extended as required, but the room can also be furnished with other furniture without the auditorium. In addition to the main hall, there is a 120-seat small hall, two rehearsal rooms, a chamber hall, and the associated service rooms and dressing rooms.

	area	capacity	rows of chairs	round tables	natural light
net event area	2300 m²	<b>1100</b> people			
great hall event area	870 m²	<b>530</b> people	<b>530</b> people	<b>350</b> people	×
mobile grandstand + gallery			<b>304+74</b> people		×
lobby	630 m²	<b>350</b> people		<b>100</b> people	<b>~</b>
small hall	330 m²	<b>120</b> people	<b>120</b> people		×
chamber hall	100 m²	<b>50</b> people	<b>50</b> people		4







1100 people capacity

2500 m<sup>2</sup>

gross floor area

**2** section rooms

**back rooms:** hinterland, dressing rooms, toilets, staff rooms, storage room **loading:** freight gate



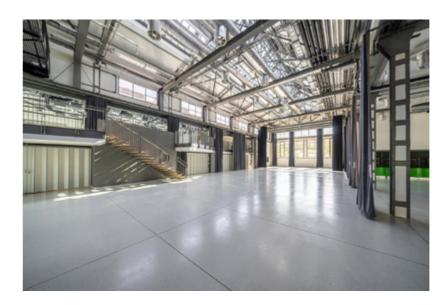
# FOGADÓ - BUILDING G

Building G, the Fogadó, is located in the heart of Millenáris, and after its full renovation, is once again a popular venue for family and children's activities, cultural and business events, concerts. The former floor area of the historic building with a modern exterior has been extended with an events hall and conference room. On the ground floor there is a stage and event area, information desk, cloakroom, and buffet area. The modern and innovative, multifunctional spaces can be partitioned in a variety of ways. The gallery has an event room, which is also accessible by a separate entrance and can be split by a mobile wall.

	area	capacity	rows of chairs	round tables	reception	natural light
net event area	1600 m²	<b>660</b> people				~
ground floor event area	510 m²	<b>300</b> people	<b>300</b> people	<b>230</b> people	<b>300</b> people	~
ground floor event area lobby	160 m²					~
ground floor consumer area	80 m²					✓
gallery conference hall	280 m²	240	<b>240</b> people	<b>100</b> people	<b>240</b> people	~
gallery conference hall lobby	250 m²	people				✓
ground floor side hall	330 m²	<b>250</b> people	<b>200</b> people	<b>120</b> people	<b>200</b> people	<b>*</b>







660 people capacity

1800 m<sup>2</sup>

gross floor area

7+ m

height

section rooms

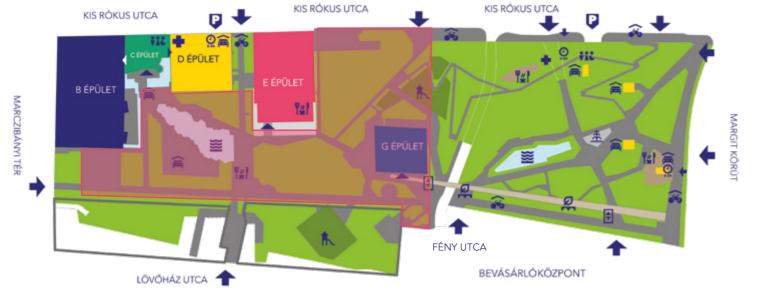
back rooms: hinterland, staff room, dressing rooms, storage room loading: freight gate





# MILLENÁRIS PARK

The park, which was awarded the Europa Nostra prize in 2002 and has been revitalised and beautified in recent years, is one of the most successful examples of brownfield redevelopment in Hungary. Its downtown, hub location and good accessibility are combined with a landscaped suburban appearance with lakeside and groves. The recreational park can host events for thousands of people, making it the perfect venue for multi-day themed festivals, leisure and sporting events, family days, corporate events, fairs, and concerts.





**5000** people expandable to 10 000 people

45 000 m<sup>2</sup>

area

park closure available on request





# SZÉLLKAPU PARK

A three-dimensional hanging garden, spectacular solar panels, cherry groves, a fishpond surrounded by a pier and sunbeds, a programmable water feature, and a digital water curtain from the Margit körút side make this park special. These 26 000 m2 of new green space in the capital offer limitless opportunities for events. As a modern, green urban space, Széllkapu can be an excellent venue for film shootings, fashion shows, forward-looking and innovative projects, cultural and corporate events, leisure activities.





2500 people capacity

26 000 m<sup>2</sup>

green space

park closure available on request





## **UNDERGROUND CAR PARK**

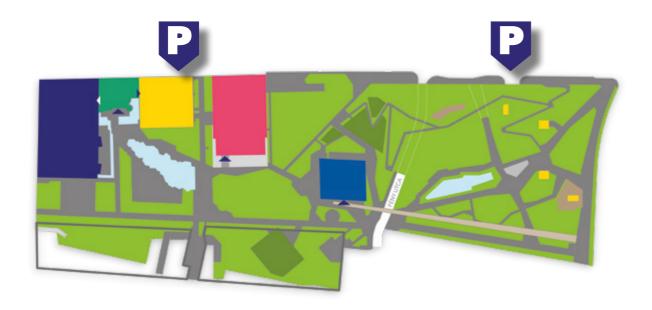
#### MILLENÁRIS UNDERGROUND CAR PARK

Number of parking spaces: 270 Available for events by prior arrangement. Headroom: 2.1 m.

#### ■ SZÉLLKAPU UNDERGROUND CAR PARK

A modern car park with electric charging facilities and car wash, inaugurated in 2020. Day, night, and combined parking pass available. Number of parking spaces: 500 Available for events by prior arrangement. Headroom: 2.7 - 2.5 m.

■ Both underground car parks can be accessed via the exits from Kis Rókus Street. Opening hours: 0-24 h.







# **SERVICES**

**EVENT COORDINATION** 

CATERING

AV EQUIPMENT & SERVICE

IT SERVICES

**EVENT EQUIPMENT** 

**DECORATIONS** 

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**SECURITY SERVICE** 

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#### HATÁROZATOK TÁRA

# A Lions Clubok Magyarországi Szövetsége Küldöttgyűlésének 19/2023. számú határozata (2023.05.20.)

#### 19/2023 Konvenciós határozat:

A Küldöttgyűlés egyetért azzal, hogy a D-119 megpályázza a 2027-es vagy 2028-as Európa Fórum rendezési jogát, amennyiben az elkészítendő kalkuláció megfelel az Európa Fórum előírásainak és a Hazai Szövetség lehetőségeinek.

#### A REPOSITORY OF DECISIONS

# The Convention's decision No. 19/2023 of the LIONS Clubs Association of Hungary (20 May 2023.)

#### Convention's decision No. 19/2023:

The Convention confirms that D-119 will apply for the right to host Europa Forum in 2027 or 2028, in case the related calculation corresponds with the regulations of Europa Forum and with the resources of the Hungarian Association

The Preliminary Budget of th	ne planned Europa Forum	2028	
	Participants		
Income	1		
Registration fees	800	300€	240 000 €
Early Bird	100	270€	27 000 €
Registration fees LEO -3d	50	130 €	6 500 €
Registration fees LEO -1d	30	50€	1 500 €
Registration fees 1 d	90	120€	10 800 €
Total registration			285 800 €
Lunches (3d)	900	110€	99 000 €
Hungarian Evening	600	80 €	48 000 €
Social Events Gala Dinner	600	100 €	60 000 €
Total catering	300	100 C	207 000 €
Sponsoring			20 000 €
add. income			20 000 €
contribution Hungarian (1 1000 members)			10 000 €
contribution Fungarian (1 1000 members.)	240000	0,15 €	36 000 €
Contribution Europa (*-240.000 members.)	240000	0,15 €	30 000 C
Total contribution			46 000 €
Total income			558 800 €
Expenses			
Get together Party	600	30€	18 000 €
Hungarian Evening	600	65€	39 000 €
Social Events Gala Dinner	600	90€	54 000 €
Lunches (3d)	900	100€	90 000 €
CoffeeBreaks (3d)	900	23 €	20 700 €
Catering costs			221 700 €
Shuttle			15 000 €
VIPs Hospitality and parking			40 000 €
MusicAward			16 000 €
Young Ambassador Award			11 000 €
Printing (Brochures, Folders)			15 000 €
Technical support			35 000 €
Rental fee			80 000 €
Agora			18 000 €
Simultaneous Translations (for 5 languages)			22 700 €
Marketing (Banner, Flags, Advertising)			23 500 €
Homepage			1 500 €
Registration page			1 500 €
Office	+ +		13 500 €
Travel	+ +		10 500 €
Logistics			4 500 €
Bankingcosts	+ +		2 800 €
Security, Office, Registration			9 500 €
Phone, mail, photocopies			4 000 €
Photo, Video	+ +		8 500 €
Translations (other than sim.)	+ +		4 500 €
Various expenses			337 000 €
Total expenses			558 700 €
Net result			100 €
			100 €



#### **TOP 13 THINGS TO DO IN BUDAPEST**

Budapest, Hungary's capital, is bisected by the River Danube. Its 19th-century Chain Bridge connects the hilly Buda district with flat Pest. A funicular runs up Castle Hill to Buda's Old Town, where the Budapest History Museum traces city life from Roman times onward. Trinity Square is home to 13th-century Matthias Church and the turrets of the Fishermen's Bastion, which offer sweeping views. The city has many museums, three opera houses, and thermal baths. Buda Castle, the Danube River embankments and the whole of Andrássy Avenue have been recognized as an UNESCO World Heritage Site. Hungary has an estimated 1,300 thermal springs, a third of which are used as spas across the country. Budapest is one of the most stunning cities in Europe. The combination of beautiful Budapest architecture, the spectacular views from Fisherman's Bastion and the Buda side, and the stunning River Danube makes it a fantastic place to explore.

Budapest was voted as the second most beautiful city in the world by readers of the prestigious Condé Nast Traveler travel magazine. Only Florence preceded the Hungarian capital city on the 28th annual reader vote of Condé Nast Traveler, in which more than 128,000 had voted for their vote.

Elegant like Paris, cosmopolitan and alternative like Berlin, and a favourite amongst solo travellers – Budapest, the pearl of the Danube, is a magical city that should be at the top of every travel bucket list.

Here is a list of our **top 13 things to do in Budapest.** Forget the usual tourist traps and overpriced attractions. Head off the beaten path and discover Budapest's true personality and charm. Whether it's for a weekend away or a longer visit, you won't be stuck for things to do after reading this list!



#### 1. VISIT THE TERROR HAZ (HOUSE OF TERROR)



The House of Terror is as spine-tingling as the name suggests, but it is worth visiting when you're in Budapest. It was formerly a political prison which has now been converted into a museum. Learn more about the fascist and communist regimes of 20th-century Hungary, and pay your respects to the fallen. The museum is also a memorial to the victims of these regimes.

With regard to communism and fascism, the exhibition contains material on the nation's relationships to Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union. It also contains exhibits related to Hungarian organisations such as the fascist Arrow Cross Party and the communist ÁVH (which was similar to the Soviet Union KGB secret police). Part of the exhibition takes visitors to the basement, where they can see examples of the cells that the ÁVH used to break the will of their prisoners.

Much of the information and the exhibits are in Hungarian, although each room has an extensive information sheet in both English and Hungarian. Audio guides in English, German, Spanish, Russian and Italian are also available.

#### 2. SPEND A COUPLE OF HOURS RELAXING AT THE SPA



Budapestians are huge fans of thermal spas. It's quite normal for locals to spend a couple of hours a week relaxing in a spa. The Romans first colonized Budapest because of its proximity to **natural thermal springs**, and the city has kept its reputation of being the "City of Spas" ever since. Visiting a spa is perhaps one of the most relaxing things to do in Budapest! You'll find many of them scattered around the city but *Széchenyi*, *Rudas* and *Gellert* are by far the most popular.

The largest medicinal bath in Europe, Széchenyi conveys amazing architecture and boasts the coolest outdoor swimming pool ever (besides its hot thermal pools), with an endearing charm beyond comparison. It is famous for its smaller pools, and it's located in the middle of the City Park.



#### 3. LEARN HOW TO HUNGARIAN FOLK DANCE



Right foot, left foot...and twirl! Two-step into traditional Moldovan culture by learning the Csángó East Hungarian folk dance. **Dance amongst locals** at the Csángó Festival which takes place every year during the Carnival season (between Epiphany and Ash Wednesday). Let loose and enjoy this fun activity in Budapest.

#### 4. PARTY IN THE SKY AT CORVINTETŐ



Climb up the Corvin shopping centre, and enjoy a drink on the **magnificent terrace** that overlooks the city. The rooftop location hosts **legendary parties** and boasts an unparalleled view of the city. If you're looking to spend an evening in Budapest doing something a bit more low-key, they also host cinema nights.



#### 5. GO FOR A STROLL ALONG THE RIVER



The city comes alive at night, especially along the river. After dinner, use the river as your guide and head towards the beautifully lit building of the Parliament. It's the perfect way to spend a romantic evening in Budapest. The river was once seen as the separation of two places, Buda and Pest, but now it is the glue that holds Budapest together. If you don't fancy walking, you can rent a boat and cruise down the river in style.



#### 6. SPEND THE DAY EXPLORING BUDA CASTLE



The palatial Buda Castle is a sprawling royal complex made for the Hungarian Kings of Budapest. It's one of the best things to do in Budapest on a budget because the courtyards are **free to visit at any time**, and the gates are never closed. Not even at night. If you want to see the castle from afar, it looks much better when viewed from the Pest side of the city – especially after dark when the whole castle is lit up.

Buda Castle (Hungarian: Budavári Palota, German: Burgpalast) is the historical castle and palace complex of the Hungarian Kings in Budapest. It was first completed in 1265, although the massive Baroque palace today occupying most of the site was built between 1749 and 1769. The complex in the past was referred to as either the Royal Palace (Hungarian: Királyi-palota) or the Royal Castle (Hungarian: Királyi Vár, German: Königliche Burg). The castle now houses the Hungarian National Gallery and the Budapest Historical Museum.

Website: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Buda Castle



#### 7. STOP BY THE FISHERMAN'S BASTION



While you're visiting the Buda Castle (tip #7), head up to the Fisherman's Bastion inside the castle grounds. The **unique panorama and exquisite views of the city** below will make the walk up worth it – we promise!

The Halászbástya or Fisherman's Bastion is one of the best known monuments in Budapest, located near the Buda Castle, in the 1st district of Budapest. It is one of the most important tourist attractions due to the unique panorama of Budapest from the Neo-Romanesque lookout terraces. The Fishermen's Bastion's main façade, parallel to the Danube, is approximately 140 meters long, of which the southern aisle is about 40 meters long, the north is 65 meters long, and the ornate central parapet is 35 meters long. Its seven high-pitched stone towers symbolize the seven chieftains of the Hungarians who founded Hungary in 895.

Website: <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fisherman%27s">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fisherman%27s</a> Bastion

#### 8. CHECK OUT THE HUNGARIAN NATIONAL MUSEUM



The <u>Hungarian National Museum</u> of history, art, and archaeology is worth spending a few hours in, if you have the time. The building contains an impressive sweeping staircase and is **architecturally stunning**. Once you've absorbed everything there is to see inside, head outside to the gardens to find the statue of Garibaldi.

The Hungarian National Museum (Hungarian: Magyar Nemzeti Múzeum) was founded in 1802 and is the national museum for the history, art, and archaeology of Hungary, including areas not within Hungary's modern borders, such as Transylvania; it is not to be confused with the collection of international art in the Hungarian National Gallery. The museum is in Budapest VIII in a Neoclassical building, purpose-built during 1837–47 by the architect Mihály Pollack.

Website: <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hungarian National Museum">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hungarian National Museum</a>



#### 9. SEE THE STATUES IN MEMENTO PARK



Just outside of the city is Memento Park, considered an open-air museum because of the statues and works of art in its grounds. This is an ideal thing to do in Budapest when the sun is behaving itself, as the open-air gardens are a beautiful spot for enjoying a walk. The statues are from Hungary's communist era, and are a complete contrast to the surrounding gardens. See if you can spot the statues of Lenin, Marx, and Engels while you're there.

Dedicated to monumental statues and sculpted plaques from Hungary's Communist period (1949–1989). There are statues of Lenin, Marx, and Engels, as well as several Hungarian Communist leaders. The park was designed by Hungarian architect Ákos Eleőd, who won the competition announced by the Budapest General Assembly (Fővárosi Közgyűlés) in 1991. On public transport diagrams and other documents the park is usually shown as Memorial Park.

A quote by the architect on the project: "This park is about dictatorship. And at the same time, because it can be talked about, described, built, this park is about



democracy. After all, only democracy is able to give the opportunity to let us think freely about dictatorship.

Website: <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Memento">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Memento</a> Park

#### 10. HOP ON A TRAM AND GO BACK AND FORTH ALONG THE DANUBE



Hopping on a tram is a wonderfully **peaceful way to travel through the city of Budapest**, at your own pace. Hop off whenever you see a sight or neighbourhood you want to explore, and then continue on your way! It's one of the best things to do in Budapest if you don't already have a plan in mind. Just see where the tram takes you!



# 11. GRAB A TRAIN OUT OF BUDAPEST AND SPEND A DAY IN SZENTENDRE



Want to escape all the noise and commotion of the city? Grab a train out of Budapest and spend a day in the charming village of Szentendre. A **truly magical day-trip from Budapest** — It's known for its baroque architecture, churches, colorful houses and narrow, cobbled streets.



#### 12. STROLL DOWN ANDRASSY UT.



Known as the Champs-Élysées of Budapest, this beautiful avenue is full of **retro cafés, high-end boutiques and fabulous restaurants**. Take your time strolling down Andrassy Ut, taking in the enormous villas and chic townhouses as you go. Whilst most of us won't be able to afford a house on this road, there are plenty of beautiful places to stop for a bite to eat without taking out an eye-watering mortgage.

#### 13. SPEND AN EVENING AT SZIMPLA



<u>Szimpla</u> is an old factory that has been converted into a huge pub (the third **most beautiful pub in the world** according to Lonely Planet). Its trendy décor of mismatched items makes this place an utterly unique place in Budapest. Colourful lamps swing from the ceiling, brass bath tubs line the walls waiting for people to climb inside, and a disused Trabant car is parked in the garden, with a table and chairs inside. If you're a lover of **alternative nightlife**, you'll love this place.

Website: https://szimpla.eu/