

BUDAPEST from a TOURIST viewpoint collected by Gábor Misi

‘In the Castle’

Did you know that the coronation of the last Hungarian King took place in the Matthias Church in 1916?

He was a member of the Austrian Habsburg family towards the end of the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy.

Did you know that Fisherman's Bastion was never a fortress for defense? It is not medieval building.

<i>Place of interest</i>	Matthias Church	<i>Reference code</i>	IC1
<i>Short description</i>	A Neo-Gothic catholic church with a crypt under it. It was rebuilt after the devastation of Second World War. The roof tiles and four bells were refurbished in 2010.	<i>Opening hours</i>	Mon-Fri 9-17 Sat 9-13 Sun 13-17
<i>Address</i>	I. Szentháromság tér 2.	<i>Nearest metro stop</i>	M2 Széll K. tér
<i>Homepage</i>	http://www.matyas-templom.hu	<i>Nearest other places</i>	IC2, UC1

<i>Place of interest</i>	Fisherman's Bastion	<i>Reference code</i>	IC2
<i>Short description</i>	Neo-Roman and Neo-Gothic walls. A panoramic view of the Pest side of the capital.	<i>Opening hours</i>	Mon-Sun 9-22
<i>Address</i>	I. Szentháromság tér	<i>Nearest metro stop</i>	M2 Széll K. tér
<i>Homepage</i>	-	<i>Nearest other places</i>	IC1, UC1

<i>Place of interest</i>	Sándor Palace	<i>Reference code</i>	IC3
<i>Short description</i>	The office of the President of Hungary. His status is independent from the Prime Minister.	<i>Opening hours</i>	No
<i>Address</i>	I. Szent György tér 1.	<i>Nearest metro stop</i>	M2 Batthyány tér
<i>Homepage</i>	-	<i>Nearest other places</i>	FA2, UC3

‘Under the Castle’

Did you know that water has dug mile-long caves in the limestone of the Castle hill?

Did you know that the ‘0 km’ stone is a statue at the eastern end of the Tunnel end?

The motorway kilometers in Hungary were calculated from here.

<i>Place of interest</i>	Labyrinth of Buda Castle	<i>Reference code</i>	UC1
<i>Short description</i>	A night tour, illuminated by oil lamps, can be interesting between 18:00 and 19:30	<i>Opening hours</i>	Mon-Sun 0-24
<i>Address</i>	I. Lovas út 4/a, I. Úri utca 9.	<i>Nearest metro stop</i>	M2 Széll K. tér
<i>Homepage</i>	http://www.labirintus.com	<i>Nearest other places</i>	IC1, UC2

<i>Place of interest</i>	Hospital in the Rock Museum	<i>Reference code</i>	UC2
<i>Short description</i>	A safe working hospital and atomic bunker at the end of the Second World War and during the cold war.	<i>Opening hours</i>	Tue-Sun 10-19
<i>Address</i>	I. Lovas út 4/c	<i>Nearest metro stop</i>	M2 Széll K. tér
<i>Homepage</i>	http://www.sziklakorhaz.hu	<i>Nearest other places</i>	IC1, UC1

<i>Place of interest</i>	Tunnel under the Castle hill	<i>Reference code</i>	UC3
<i>Short description</i>	Tunnel to the Chain Bridge. The square is named after Adam Clark, a British engineer who was the designer of the Chain Bridge.	<i>Opening hours</i>	Mon-Sun 0-24
<i>Address</i>	I. Clark Ádám tér	<i>Nearest metro stop</i>	M2 Batthyány tér
<i>Homepage</i>	-	<i>Nearest other places</i>	FA2, OT3

‘Great Buildings’

Did you know that only the half of the houses of Parliament is used by politicians?

It was modeled after the British Parliament but the Hungarian political system does not have an ‘Upper House’.

Did you know the legend that angels are singing around the 21-ton gilded chandelier of the Opera House at night?

Did you know that the tomb of the best-known Hungarian person is in the crypt of the Basilica?

He is the football player Ferenc Puskás.

<i>Place of interest</i>	The House of the Parliament	<i>Reference code</i>	GB1
<i>Short description</i>	Marvelous interior. The Holy Crown of Hungary on display. Guided tours in English.	<i>Opening hours</i>	Mon-Fri 8-18 Sat 8 -16 Sun 8-14
<i>Address</i>	V. Kossuth tér	<i>Nearest metro stop</i>	M2 Kossuth tér
<i>Homepage</i>	www.parlament.hu	<i>Nearest other places</i>	RH3, SA1

<i>Place of interest</i>	Hungarian State Opera	<i>Reference code</i>	GB2
<i>Short description</i>	Marvelous interior. Guided tours in English.	<i>Opening hours</i>	Mon-Fri 10– 17
<i>Address</i>	VI. Andrásy út 22.	<i>Nearest metro stop</i>	M1 Opera
<i>Homepage</i>	www.opera.hu	<i>Nearest other places</i>	GB3, SA3

<i>Place of interest</i>	Basilica named ‘Szent István’	<i>Reference code</i>	GB3
<i>Short description</i>	The largest Catholic church in Budapest. The national pantheon.	<i>Opening hours</i>	Mon-Fri 9-17 Sat 9-13 Sun 13-17
<i>Address</i>	V. Szent István tér 1.	<i>Nearest metro stop</i>	M3 Arany J. u.
<i>Homepage</i>	http://bazilika.biz	<i>Nearest other places</i>	GB2, SA1

‘Really Hungarian’

Did you know that most of the great buildings in Budapest were built in 1896?

Hungary celebrated the 1000th anniversary of the foundation of the Hungarian State in that year.

Did you know that the last four statues in the Millennium Monument were replaced?

Originally four Austrian Habsburg kings were placed there.

Did you know that the Millennium Monument represents Hungary in a Chinese park?

<i>Place of interest</i>	Millennium Monument and Vajdahunyad castle	<i>Reference code</i>	RH1
<i>Short description</i>	A statue group including the seven captains of the Hungarian tribes during the settlement of Hungary and 14 important politicians in the history of Hungary. Behind the monument buildings copied from famous Hungarian towns: Vajdahunyad castle, Ják church	<i>Opening hours</i>	Mon-Sun 0-24
<i>Address</i>	XIV. Hősök tere	<i>Nearest metro stop</i>	M1 Hősök tere
<i>Homepage</i>	-	<i>Nearest other places</i>	FA1, TP1

<i>Place of interest</i>	Hungarian National Museum	<i>Reference code</i>	RH2
<i>Short description</i>	The history of Hungarian State century by century, including exhibits of valuable furniture and costumes.	<i>Opening hours</i>	Tue-Sun 10-18
<i>Address</i>	VIII. Múzeum krt. 14-16.	<i>Nearest metro stop</i>	M3 Kálvin tér
<i>Homepage</i>	http://www.hnm.hu	<i>Nearest other places</i>	DC1, AE1

<i>Place of interest</i>	Museum of Ethnography	<i>Reference code</i>	RH3
<i>Short description</i>	Traditional culture in Hungary as a permanent exhibition. Temporary exhibitions as well.	<i>Opening hours</i>	Tue-Sun 10-18
<i>Address</i>	V. Kossuth Lajos tér 12.	<i>Nearest metro stop</i>	M2 Kossuth tér
<i>Homepage</i>	http://www.neprajz.hu	<i>Nearest other places</i>	GB1, SA1

‘Fine Arts’

Did you know that seven paintings were stolen from the Museum of Fine Arts in 1983?

One of them is Esterhazy Madonna painted by Raphael. It was returned to the museum in the same year.

<i>Place of interest</i>	Museum of Fine Arts	<i>Reference code</i>	FA1
<i>Short description</i>	Ancient Egyptian, Greek and Roman art, Dürer, Bruegel, Rembrandt, Rubens, Van Dyck, Raphael, Titian, Veronese, Tintoretto, El Greco, Velazquez, Goya, Pissarro, Gauguin, Monet, Renoir, Cezanne, Picasso, etc.	<i>Opening hours</i>	Tue–Sun 10–17:30
<i>Address</i>	XIV. Dózsa György út 41.	<i>Nearest metro stop</i>	M1 Hősök tere
<i>Homepage</i>	http://www.szepmuveszeti.hu	<i>Nearest other places</i>	RH1, TP1

<i>Place of interest</i>	Hungarian National Gallery	<i>Reference code</i>	FA2
<i>Short description</i>	The best Hungarian painters: Székely, Benczúr, Madarász, Szinyei-Merse, Munkácsy, Lotz, Rippl-Rónai, Ferenczy, Csontváry-Kosztka, Czóbel, Derkovics	<i>Opening hours</i>	Tue-Sun 10-18
<i>Address</i>	I. Szent György tér 2	<i>Nearest metro stop</i>	M2 Batthyány tér
<i>Homepage</i>	http://www.mng.hu	<i>Nearest other places</i>	IC3, UC3

<i>Place of interest</i>	Ludwig Museum	<i>Reference code</i>	FA3
<i>Short description</i>	Moderns from Picasso to Warhol. Interesting temporary exhibitions.	<i>Opening hours</i>	Tue-Sun 10-20
<i>Address</i>	IX: Komor Marcell u. 1.	<i>Nearest metro stop</i>	Tram 2
<i>Homepage</i>	http://www.ludwigmuseum.hu	<i>Nearest other places</i>	DC1, AW1

‘Special Arts’

Did you know that Art Nouveau in Hungary has a different name: szecesszió?

Did you know that the building of Stamp Museum was built specifically for that purpose in Bauhaus?

<i>Place of interest</i>	The House of Art Nouveau	<i>Reference code</i>	SA1
<i>Short description</i>	Applied art. Fin de siècle furniture and everyday objects.	<i>Opening hours</i>	Mon-Sat 10-17
<i>Address</i>	V. Honvéd u.3	<i>Nearest metro stop</i>	M2 Kossuth tér
<i>Homepage</i>	http://www.magyarszecessziohaza.hu	<i>Nearest other places</i>	GB3, RH3

<i>Place of interest</i>	Vasarely Museum	<i>Reference code</i>	SA2
<i>Short description</i>	Geometric op-art paintings by Victor Vasarely who was born in Hungary and worked mainly in France.	<i>Opening hours</i>	Tue-Sun 10-17:30
<i>Address</i>	III. Szentlélek tér 6.	<i>Nearest metro stop</i>	M2 Batthyányi tér + local train No.5
<i>Homepage</i>	http://www.vasarely.hu/	<i>Nearest other places</i>	FC1, AW3

<i>Place of interest</i>	Stamp Museum	<i>Reference code</i>	SA3
<i>Short description</i>	Stamps of all countries, all types. Full collection. 13 million pieces in special exhibition-cases.	<i>Opening hours</i>	Tue-Sun 10-18
<i>Address</i>		<i>Nearest metro stop</i>	M1 Oktogon
<i>Homepage</i>	http://www.belyegmuzeum.hu	<i>Nearest other places</i>	GB2, DC2

‘Foreign cultures’

Did you know that the Danube River was the eastern border of the Roman Empire?

Did you know that the Hungarian capital, Buda was under Ottoman-Turkish occupation for 145 years?

Did you know that the second largest synagogue in the world is in Budapest? The largest one is in New York.

<i>Place of interest</i>	Aquincum Roman area	<i>Reference code</i>	FC1
<i>Short description</i>	Ruins of the Roman guard town. Ancient museum.	<i>Opening hours</i>	Tue-Sun 9-18 Museum 10-18
<i>Address</i>	III. Szentendrei út 135.	<i>Nearest metro stop</i>	M2 Batthyány tér + local train No.5
<i>Homepage</i>	http://www.aquincum.hu/	<i>Nearest other places</i>	SA2, AW3

<i>Place of interest</i>	Király Turkish Thermal Bath	<i>Reference code</i>	FC2
<i>Short description</i>	An indoor swimming pool and massage rooms.	<i>Opening hours</i>	Mon-Sun 9-20
<i>Address</i>	II. Budapest, Fő u. 84.	<i>Nearest metro stop</i>	M2 Batthyány tér
<i>Homepage</i>	http://www.budapestgyogyfurdoi.hu/	<i>Nearest other places</i>	OT3, TP2

<i>Place of interest</i>	Dohány-street Synagogue and the Jewish quater	<i>Reference code</i>	FC3
<i>Short description</i>	Working synagogue. Tombstones of rabbis in the garden. Museum with valuable objects.	<i>Opening hours</i>	Tue-Thu 10-18 Fri 10-15 Sun 10-18
<i>Address</i>	VII. Dohány u. 2-8	<i>Nearest metro stop</i>	M2 Astoria
<i>Homepage</i>	http://www.dohanyutcaizsinagoga.hu	<i>Nearest other places</i>	AE1, AE3

‘The dark 20th century’

Did you know that nearly 50 percent of the Jewish population of Budapest died during the Holocaust?

Did you know that the statues reflecting Soviet ideology were not destroyed in Budapest but collected in a statue park?

<i>Place of interest</i>	Holocaust Memorial Center	<i>Reference code</i>	DC1
<i>Short description</i>	A synagogue and memorial walls with thousands of names of Jewish people.	<i>Opening hours</i>	Tue-Sun 10-18
<i>Address</i>	IX. Páva u. 39.	<i>Nearest metro stop</i>	M3 Ferenc krt.
<i>Homepage</i>	http://www.hdke.hu	<i>Nearest other places</i>	FA3, AW1

<i>Place of interest</i>	House of Terror	<i>Reference code</i>	DC2
<i>Short description</i>	A multimedia exhibition about life in Hungary in the Nazi and the Communist era.	<i>Opening hours</i>	Tue-Sun 10-18
<i>Address</i>	VI. Andrásy út 60.	<i>Nearest metro stop</i>	M1 Oktogon
<i>Homepage</i>	http://www.terrorhaza.hu	<i>Nearest other places</i>	GB2, SA3

<i>Place of interest</i>	Memento Statue Park	<i>Reference code</i>	DC3
<i>Short description</i>	An open air collection of huge statues designed in the Communist era.	<i>Opening hours</i>	Mon-Sun 10-dsk
<i>Address</i>	XXII. Balatoni út	<i>Nearest metro stop</i>	Bus No.150
<i>Homepage</i>	http://www.szoborpark.hu	<i>Nearest other places</i>	-

‘Old transportation’

Did you know that the Hungarian underground train was the second metro in the world? The first one was the London Tube.

Did you know that the first Railway Station in Budapest has an iron construction designed by the French Gustave Eiffel?

Did you know the legend that the sculptor of the lion statues on the Chain Bridge committed suicide because the lions have no tongues?

Did you know that the architectural students visit Budapest because the bridges have seven different construction types?

<i>Place of interest</i>	Underground-train museum	<i>Reference code</i>	OT1
<i>Short description</i>	The history of the Budapest underground with old objects	<i>Opening hours</i>	Tue-Sun 10-17
<i>Address</i>	V. Deák F. tér underpass	<i>Nearest metro stop</i>	M1, M2, M3 Deák F. tér
<i>Homepage</i>	http://www.bkv.hu/hu/muzeumok/foldalatti_vasuti_muzeum_budapest	<i>Nearest other places</i>	GB3, FC3

<i>Place of interest</i>	Budapest Western Railway Station	<i>Reference code</i>	OT2
<i>Short description</i>	The oldest railway station in Budapest.	<i>Opening hours</i>	Mon-Sun 0-24
<i>Address</i>	VI. Teréz krt. 55-57.	<i>Nearest metro stop</i>	M3 Nyugati pu.
<i>Homepage</i>	http://www.mav.hu/english/services.php	<i>Nearest other places</i>	DC2, AE3

<i>Place of interest</i>	Chain Bridge	<i>Reference code</i>	OT3
<i>Short description</i>	The oldest permanent bridge in Budapest. Four lion statues on it.	<i>Opening hours</i>	Mon-Sun 0-24
<i>Address</i>	V. Széchenyi tér, I. Clark Ádám tér	<i>Nearest metro stop</i>	M1 Vörösmarty u.
<i>Homepage</i>	http://www.bridgesofbudapest.com	<i>Nearest other places</i>	FC2, UC3

‘The parks’

Did you know that many animals live in Art Nouveau buildings in the Budapest Zoo?

Did you know that Budapest has a park occupying a whole Danube island on 1 square kilometer?

Did you know that the Margit Bridge holds the European record for the sharpest bend? Its path has a 30-degree turn.

<i>Place of interest</i>	‘Városliget’ City Park	<i>Reference code</i>	TP1
<i>Short description</i>	The large park contains the Big Circus, the Budapest Zoo, ‘Vidámpark’ Amusement Park and the Széchenyi Bath.	<i>Opening hours</i>	Park Mon-Sun 0-24 Zoo Mon-Sun 9-19 A.P.: Mon-Sun 10-20
<i>Address</i>	XIV. Állatkerti krt. 12, 14, 16	<i>Nearest metro stop</i>	M1 Széchenyi fürdő
<i>Homepage</i>	Circus http://www.fnc.hu Zoo http://www.zoobudapest.com Amusement http://www.vidampark.hu	<i>Nearest other places</i>	RH1, FA1

<i>Place of interest</i>	Margit Island	<i>Reference code</i>	TP2
<i>Short description</i>	A 2.5 km long and 500 meters wide island, It contains the popular ‘Palatinus’ open bath.	<i>Opening hours</i>	Mon-Sun 0-24
<i>Address</i>	XIII. Margitsziget	<i>Nearest metro stop</i>	M2 Batthyány tér
<i>Homepage</i>	-	<i>Nearest other places</i>	GB1, FC2

<i>Place of interest</i>	Citadella	<i>Reference code</i>	TP3
<i>Short description</i>	The top of the Gellért hill where the Statue of Freedom is located. A bird’s eye view of Budapest. Little museums on local history.	<i>Opening hours</i>	Mon-Sun 8-23
<i>Address</i>	XI. Citadella sétány 1.	<i>Nearest metro stop</i>	Bus No.27
<i>Homepage</i>	http://www.citadella.hu	<i>Nearest other places</i>	-

‘Atmosphere for walking’

Did you know that Budapest is a union of three old towns: Pest, Buda, and Óbuda?

<i>Place of interest</i>	statue Little Princess	<i>Reference code</i>	AW1
<i>Short description</i>	A sitting girl in a promenade along the Danube.	<i>Opening hours</i>	Mon-Sun 0-24
<i>Address</i>	V. Duna korzó	<i>Nearest metro stop</i>	M1 Vörösmarty tér
<i>Homepage</i>	-	<i>Nearest other places</i>	FA3, DC1

<i>Place of interest</i>	statue Policeman	<i>Reference code</i>	AW2
<i>Short description</i>	A policeman wearing an old costume and helmet.	<i>Opening hours</i>	Mon-Sun 0-24
<i>Address</i>	V. Zrínyi u. 14.	<i>Nearest metro stop</i>	M3 Arany János u.
<i>Homepage</i>	-	<i>Nearest other places</i>	GB3, GB1

<i>Place of interest</i>	statue Girls with umbrellas	<i>Reference code</i>	AW3
<i>Short description</i>	A rainy moment in an Óbuda square.	<i>Opening hours</i>	Mon-Sun 0-24
<i>Address</i>	III. Szentlélek tér	<i>Nearest metro stop</i>	M2 Batthyány tér + local train No.5.
<i>Homepage</i>	-	<i>Nearest other places</i>	SA2, FC1

‘Atmosphere for eating’

Did you know that ‘gulyás’ is a soup rather than a heavy stew (which would be called ‘pörkölt’ in Hungarian)?

Did you know that Tokaji ‘Aszú’ is one of the finest sweet wines in the world?

<i>Place of interest</i>	Kispipa Étterem Restaurant	<i>Reference code</i>	AE1
<i>Short description</i>	A little restaurant with delicious meals. A pianist plays there.	<i>Opening hours</i>	Mon-Sat 12-24
<i>Address</i>	VII. Akácfa utca 38.	<i>Nearest metro stop</i>	M2 Blaha L. tér
<i>Homepage</i>	www.kispipa.hu	<i>Nearest other places</i>	AE2, FC3

<i>Place of interest</i>	New York Cafe in the New York Palace	<i>Reference code</i>	AE2
<i>Short description</i>	The main gathering place for Hungarian writers for generations. A beautiful interior.	<i>Opening hours</i>	Mon-Sun 9-24
<i>Address</i>	VII. Erzsébet körút 9-11	<i>Nearest metro stop</i>	M2 Blaha L. tér
<i>Homepage</i>	http://www.boscolohotels.com/ita/hotels/new-york-palace/hotel-5-stelle-budapest.htm	<i>Nearest other places</i>	AE1, FC3

<i>Place of interest</i>	Parisi Nagyruház Store	<i>Reference code</i>	AE3
<i>Short description</i>	One hundred years old, built in 1911. Currently a large book store. A cafe with murals and mirrors in the second floor.	<i>Opening hours</i>	Mon-Sun 10-22
<i>Address</i>	VI. Andrassy út 39	<i>Nearest metro stop</i>	M1 Opera
<i>Homepage</i>	http://www.alexandra.hu	<i>Nearest other places</i>	GB2, FC3