

ONE DAY IN BUDAPEST

Wombat's is in the absolute center of the city. If you simply walk outside, and take the 3rd street on the left, you will arrive at Andrássy Avenue – the most iconic (& fashion conscious) street in town. There you will see the Opera house, which dates back from 1884; Sometimes you can buy tickets for 3 euros worth of HUF.



Take a left at the end of the street. There you can see the back of St. Stephen's Basilica with its awe-inspiring facade. It was named in honor of the first King of Hungary (c 975–1038), whose right hand is housed in the reliquary!



Now, look behind you & go straight, then turn right on the second street. This street (Oktober six street) will take you directly to Szabadság square. This is where many Hungarians claimed their freedom in the 1956 uprising.



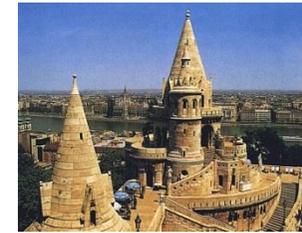
Take a look around, and then go back up Október 6 street to Zrínyi utca. At the end you will find the Chain bridge. In that region you will see beautiful buildings which include: The Hungarian Science Academy, and The Four Seasons Hotel. The latter is one of the most beautiful examples of Hungarian art nouveau.

Go across the river passing through the Chain bridge. There, you can enjoy the wind, and the vigor of the river. When you reach the end of the bridge, you will see a large tunnel – the oldest in Hungary. Walk up the aged stairs to the left side of the tunnel! There you may be tempted to go up by the funicular; the ticket price will be around 1500HUF.

You will then find yourself at the **Royal Palace**. Relax & enjoy the garden, fountain, and view of the Danube. Once you are ready, walk across the street near a white building. This is the actual place where The President of Hungary works.



Continue straight along the street as we head to The Matthias Church. This church survived many calamities, including wars that date back from 1015. Behind this church is the fisherman bastion. It was named to honor the fishermen whom defended this stretch of the city walls in



the middle ages. Now you will probably find the best view of Pest from the Buda side.

Go down the stairs to see under the bastion, and go left until you get to Batthyány ter. We will take the tram, but before do, don't forget to take a picture in front of the Hungarian Parliament. Take the tram number 41, and get off at Szent Gellért tér. At this point you may feel a bit hungry (which is not to be confused with "Hungary" :P). A good idea for lunch is to try some cheap Hungarian specialties at the Central Market Hall. Some suggestions are: **lángos, chicken paprika, or the famous goulash soup**. Also, don't forget to buy souvenirs, so you will remember your trip in our city.

Váci út is a long avenue you may enjoy a walk on. It takes you to Vörösmarty square. Along the avenue you will also find very interesting shops. This is arguably one of the most touristic places.



At Vörösmarty square you can find the river on the left. There you can see the bronze little princess statue which sits near the river. Near her, you can take a picture of the the **Fisherman's Bastion**, the **Mathias church** and the citadel (with the **Statue of Liberty** on top). Near

Vörösmarty you will find Erzsébet square. This is a meeting point for many people. This is especially true during the summer season, when the weather invites you to have a drink on the green grass.



As one crosses the square, Andrássy Avenue starts, and at its end, one can see Heroes square. There you can have a nice walk and see beautiful 19th century buildings. At this point, we are running out of time! So, we will take the number one metro line (yellow) to Bajcsy-Zsilinszky street. Welcoming you to this square, will be a representation of the seven tribes who formed Hungary. Here, you will get to know some of the most important kings and politicians of Hungarian history.

Take a look around the square. The museum of fine art is on the left, and the art gallery is on the right. Just behind the square, the city park invites you to go to a medieval castle. It is a mix of every architecture style in Hungary.

Not far from there, you will find one of the most known Hungarian traditions—the thermal baths. If you feel like relaxing for a couple of hours, the Széchenyi bath is a good idea. Forgot your swimsuit? It's OK! You may rent everything you need for a bath session.

After two hours bathing, your body will probably ask for a drink and rest. Let's get a drink in one of the most famous places in Budapest. But wait a bit, we need to take the number one metro line (yellow), and then change to the number two metro line (red) at Deák tér. From there, we get off at the Astoria stop.

Just a few hundred meters away, you can see the



impressive Grand Synagogue. It is the second largest in Europe, and hold up to 3000 people.

On your left side you will see Wesselenyi street. Go down this way, and turn right on Kazinczy street. **Szimpla kert** is the 3rd best pub of the world, and is waiting for you to try their special beers and the typical Hungarian spirit called "**pálinka**". Now you can relax and enjoy the magic environment of this place.

24 HOURS BUDAPEST GUIDE

HIGHLIGHTS:

- OPERA - ANDRASSY AVENUE
- ST.STEPHEN BASILICA
- LYBERTY SQUARE
- CHAIN BRIDGE
- ROYAL PALACE
- MATHIAS CHURCH
- FISHERMAN BASTION
- CENTRAL MARKET HALL
- VÖRÖSMARTY SQUARE
- HEROES SQUARE
- GRAND SINAGOGUE

TIME: 8 HOURS

YOU NEED: 3 TRANSPORT TICKETS