

WAKO YOUTH WORLD KICKBOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2024

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INVITATION LETTER WAKO YOUTH WORLD KICKBOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2024 BUDAPEST HUNGARY



Dear National Federation Presidents and Members,

It is my great honor and pleasure to invite you to the World Youth Kickboxing Championships, which will be held in Budapest, Hungary, in August. This prestigious event is the culmination of four years of hard work, dedication, and passion for our sport, and it will showcase the best young talents from all over the world.

Kickboxing is more than just a sport; it is a way of life, a culture, and a community. It teaches us valuable lessons such as respect, discipline, courage, and solidarity. It also promotes health, fitness, and well-being for both body and mind. And most importantly, it brings us joy, excitement, and friendship.

As the World President of WAKO, I am proud of the achievements and progress that we have made as a global family. We have grown in numbers, diversity, and quality, and we have gained recognition and support from various international organizations and authorities. We have also faced many challenges and difficulties, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, but we have overcome them with resilience and solidarity.

But none of this would have been possible without you, the national federation presidents and members, who are the backbone and the driving force of our movement. You are the ones who organize, promote, and develop kickboxing in your countries and regions. You are the ones who nurture, train, and support the athletes, coaches, referees, and officials. You are the ones who represent and embody the values and spirit of WAKO.

And among you, there is a special group that deserves our utmost attention and appreciation: the youth. The young kickboxers are not only the future of our sport, but also the future of our society. They are the ones who will carry on our legacy, our vision, and our mission. They are the ones who will face new challenges and opportunities, and who will shape the world with their actions and ideas.

That is why this World Kickboxing Championships are so important and meaningful, they are not only a competition, but also a celebration of our youth. They are an opportunity to showcase their skills, talents, and personalities, and to reward their efforts and achievements. They are also a platform to exchange knowledge, experience, and culture, and to foster friendship, cooperation, and peace among different nations and regions.

Therefore, I urge you to join me in Budapest in August 2024, and to bring your best junior and cadet kickboxers to this magnificent event. Let us make this a memorable and successful occasion for everyone involved, and let us show the world the beauty and the power of kickboxing.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Yours sincerely,

Roy Baker

WAKO President



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Dear Friends in WAKO,

The phrase of “WAKO Family” is often mentioned among us. Indeed, those of us who love, practice, manage this great sport are serious about it, therefore, we truly consider ourselves a Family in the sport of kickboxing.

And when we look for the answer to the question of who the most important parts in a family are, we immediately answer, certainly, the children, the young ones. We educate them to love the sport of kickboxing, for mutual respect for each other, moreover, teach them to compete following the rules of Fair Play. They are our future, who will, one day, take our place and carry on the development of our sport.

Being well aware of the vast responsibility, WAKO Hungary has gladly undertook to organize the WAKO Youth World Kickboxing Championships 2024 in Budapest.

Come to, participate in, and enjoy our event, we look forward to welcome you all!

Péter Galambos

WAKO Hungary President



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MAIN INFORMATION

Event Name: WAKO Youth World Kickboxing Championships 2024 Budapest Hungary

Date: 23 August – 1 September 2024

Please be kindly informed and well aware that the Arrival and Registration of Delegations must be on Friday or Saturday ONLY!

Venue: BOK Sports Hall

Address: H-1114 Budapest, Dózsa György út 1.

Please be kindly informed that REGISTRATION, WEIGH-IN & MEDICAL CONTROL, ACCREDITATION, CONTROL WEIGH-IN (also in certain hotels) and COMPETITION will take place in BOK Sports Hall as well.

Main Hotel: Danubius Hotel Arena

Address: H-1148 Budapest, Ifjúság útja 1-3.

RULES

The rules of the event is fully sanctioned by WAKO. You can find the WAKO Rules and Regulations, moreover, the WAKO Equipment Book on www.wako.sport/rules.

VISA SUPPORT

If it is needed to have visa to enter Hungary from your country, it is necessary to directly contact the closest Hungarian Embassy or Consulate General in your country. WAKO Hungary supports the National Federations by providing official invitation letters by request.

To request invitation letter, National Federations will need to contact WAKO Hungary via email on kick-box@kick-box.hu. It is fully the National Federations responsibility to contact and request visa at the competent authority on time.



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REGISTRATION & ENTRY FEE & ACCREDITATION

The registration for the event must be made through the WAKO Membership System on Sportdata. In case of any technical issues regarding the registration, please do not hesitate to directly contact Rsportz or Sportdata.

The REGISTRATION DEADLINE is 10:00 AM CET FRIDAY, 16 AUGUST 2024.

Individuals 83 EUR/registration

Teams 200 EUR/registration

All the participants (athletes, coaches, referees, officials) must be registered for the event through the WAKO Membership System on Sportdata, otherwise, participation will not be allowed and accreditation will not be handed over! Please be kindly informed that registrations will be accepted and accreditations will be handed over ONLY IF the participants have passport photos uploaded in their profile in the WAKO Membership System!

ANTI-DOPING

WAKO implements all protocols of the WADA Code as an integral part of the fight against doping. During the event, doping tests will be carried out on randomly selected participants. Any participant found positive in the test will be sanctioned according to the WAKO Rules and the WADA Code.

LIABILITY

Neither the Local Organizing Committee, nor WAKO Hungary (nor any of its officials or members) will be liable or responsible for any personal injury nor for any loss or damage to any property arising out of the participation and travelling in connection with this event.

FLAG & NATIONAL ANTHEM

Each participating country must bring 2 flags (90 x 130 cm) and a pendrive or portable drive with the audio file of the National Anthem. The flags and the pendrive or portable drive are needed to be handed over at the on-site registration and will be returned to each participating countries after the competition.



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A blue-tinted photograph of a karate match in progress. Two fighters are in a dynamic pose, with one attempting a high kick. The background shows a blurred crowd of spectators in a gymnasium.

Official PROGRAM

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FRIDAY, 23 AUGUST

10:00 – 22:00 Arrival of Delegations
Registration, Weigh In & Medical Control, Accreditation

SATURDAY, 24 AUGUST

10:00 – 22:00 Arrival of Delegations
Registration, Weigh In & Medical Control, Accreditation

SUNDAY, 25 AUGUST

08:30 – 09:00 Accreditation for the WAKO Ordinary General Assembly
09:00 – 11:00 WAKO Ordinary General Assembly
12:00 – 14:00 OFFICIAL DRAWING
14:30 – 16:00 Mandatory International Coach Development Conference
16:00 – 17:00 Mandatory International Referee Seminar (Ring Sports)
17:00 – 18:00 Mandatory International Referee Seminar (Tatami Sports)

Please be kindly informed and well aware that if the coaches and referees do not attend the mandatory conference and seminars, their accreditation will be withdrawn for the entire duration of the Championship!

MONDAY, 26 AUGUST

08:30 – 09:00 Arrival of Teams – FOR ALL TEAMS – BOK SPORTS HALL („A”)
09:00 – 10:00 Opening Ceremony – FOR ALL TEAMS – BOK SPORTS HALL („A”)
10:30 – 19:00 Qualifications Part 1
19:30 Departure to the WAKO President Dinner | Only by Invitation
20:00 WAKO President Dinner at the House of Parliament

- **For Maximum 2 Members from Each NF Delegations**
(Only President, Vice President or General Secretary are Allowed to Participate)
- **RSVP is Mandatory (Deadline: 1 August by Email to WAKO Hungary)**
- **Strict Dress Code: Business Professional (Suit&Tie)**
- **Passport is Mandatory**



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TUESDAY, 27 AUGUST

- 07:00 – 08:00 Control Weigh In – BOK SPORTS HALL („B”) & Hotels | Only for Ring Sports
10:00 – 19:00 Qualifications Part 2
13:00 Forms
20:00 Departure to the WAKO Executive Board of Directors' Dinner | Only by Invitation

WEDNESDAY, 28 AUGUST

- 07:00 – 08:00 Control Weigh In – BOK SPORTS HALL („B”) & Hotels | Only for Ring Sports
10:00 – 18:00 Qualifications Part 3
13:00 Forms

THURSDAY, 29 AUGUST

- 07:00 – 08:00 Control Weigh In – BOK SPORTS HALL („B”) & Hotels | Only for Ring Sports
10:00 – 18:00 Qualifications Part 4
13:00 Forms

FRIDAY, 30 AUGUST

- 07:00 – 08:00 Control Weigh In – BOK SPORTS HALL („B”) & Hotels | Only for Ring Sports
10:00 – 18:00 Finals Part 1

Immediately Followed by Award Ceremony – BOK SPORTS HALL („A”)

SATURDAY, 31 AUGUST

- 07:00 – 08:00 Control Weigh In – BOK SPORTS HALL („B”) & Hotels | Only for Ring Sports
10:00 Finals Part 2

Immediately Followed by Award Ceremony – BOK SPORTS HALL („A”)

SUNDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER

Departure of Delegations



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OFFICIAL ACCOMMODATIONS WHERE TO STAY IN BUDAPEST?

We kindly offer you to arrange accommodation from a large selection of hotels for minimum 7 nights stay with half board and airport transfer reservations on the following booking system of our official Travel Agency

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Due to the very high interest and the popularity of the city during this period the availability of the hotel rooms are limited; therefore to make your reservation as soon as possible is highly recommended!

We kindly ask you to read the Terms and Conditions carefully, it can be found on the online booking page.

Scheduled shuttle service between the official hotels and the venue of the event will be provided for free of charge.

Transportation between Budapest Airport and the official hotels can be added to the reservation.

Please be kindly informed that ALL the participants MUST stay in any of the official hotels of the event, otherwise participating cannot be guaranteed!

If you may have any further question or request please contact Well Travel Travel Agency directly:

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We are looking forward to meeting you all soon in the beautiful Budapest!



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Hotel Budapest***

Address: H-1026 Budapest, Szilágyi Erzsébet fasor 47.

Distance from BOK Hall: ~ 8,3 km

Distance from city center: ~ 2,9 km

Towering over the city in a green residential area at the foot of the Buda Hills near the Royal Castle district, Hotel Budapest offers breathtaking panoramic views over the city.

A full breakfast buffet is available on request. Guests can choose from fully equipped and nicely furnished rooms with superb views.

Hotel Budapest's restaurant, which is opened during lunch and dinner time, serves Hungarian and international cuisine. It also features a seasonal terrace.

All attractions of the Hungarian capital can be easily reached from the Szell Kalman tér Metro Station, a 10-minute walk away. Private parking is available on site for a surcharge.

ROOM PRICES WITH HALF BOARD in EURO/night:

Room type	Room price / room / night
Single room	132 €
Double/Twin room	160 €
Triple rooms	225 €

The above prices include half board and all taxes.



The Aquincum Hotel Budapest****

Address: H-1036 Budapest, Árpád fejedelem útja 94.

Distance from BOK Hall: ~ 8,6 km

Distance from city center: ~ 4,8 km

The outstanding Aquincum Hotel Budapest - where inspiration meets tradition - is located in a prime area alongside the Danube on the Buda side of the city, facing Margaret Island. The Aquincum Hotel Budapest offers easy access to the city centre. The hotel is surrounded by medieval streets, wine bars, restaurants and its own green park.

All bedrooms are air-conditioned and come with free wired and wireless internet access, and bathrobes in each bathroom.

The Aquincum Hotel Budapest provides a fine restaurant which offers Hungarian and international cuisine, and a bar is also available.

Aronia Wellness Centre & Spa offers relaxation in thermal pools, and a selection of unique treatments. The spa provides facilities such as an indoor pool, two thermal pools and saunas.

Guests can also get active in the fitness room.

ROOM PRICES WITH HALF BOARD in EURO/night:

Room type	Room price / room / night
Single room	150 €
Double/Twin room	190 €
Triple rooms	270 €

The above prices include half board and all taxes.



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Hotel Bara***

Address: H-1118 Budapest, Hegyalja út 34-36.

Distance from BOK Hall: ~ 7,2 km

Distance from city center: ~ 4,2 km

Located in the green part of Buda at the foot of the Gellért hill next to the Citadella and Buda Castle, this hotel offers easy access to the centre, with the bus stop just 50 metres away.

All rooms at the Hotel Bara have a private bathroom, a satellite TV and a minibar.

Hungarian and international cuisine is served in the restaurant.

Garage parking is available on site at an additional cost. Storage, All Spaces Non-Smoking (Public and Private), Air Conditioning, Restaurant With Dining Menu.

ROOM PRICES WITH HALF BOARD in EURO/night:

Room type	Room price / room / night
Single room	125 €
Double/Twin room	150 €
Triple rooms	210 €
4 bed rooms	260 €

The above prices include half board and all taxes.



ibis Budapest Castle Hill***

Address: H-1013 Budapest, Krisztina körút 41-43.

Distance from BOK Hall: ~ 7,1 km

Distance from city center: ~ 1,8 km

Set in Budapest and with Budapest History Museum reachable within 1.2 km, ibis Budapest Castle Hill offers express check-in and check-out, non-smoking rooms, a restaurant, free WiFi throughout the property and a bar. This 3-star hotel offers a concierge service and ticket service. The accommodation features a 24-hour front desk, a business centre and currency exchange for guests.

At the hotel, every room has a desk, a flat-screen TV and a private bathroom. The units at ibis Budapest Castle Hill feature air conditioning and a wardrobe.

Guests at the accommodation can enjoy a buffet breakfast.

You can play table tennis at ibis Budapest Castle Hill, and bike hire is available.

Popular points of interest near the hotel include Chain Bridge, Buda Castle and Matthias Church. The nearest airport is Budapest Ferenc Liszt International, 23 km from ibis Budapest Castle Hill.

ROOM PRICES WITH HALF BOARD in EURO/night:

Room type	Room price / room / night
Single room	140 €
Double/Twin room	175 €

The above prices include half board and all taxes.



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Mercure Budapest Castle Hill ****

Address: H-1013 Budapest, Krisztina körút 41-43.

Distance from BOK Hall: ~ 7,1 km

Distance from city center: ~ 1,8 km

Centrally located, 4-star Hotel Mercure Budapest Castle Hill, 5 minute walk through a nice park from the Castle District, 4 metro stations from the city center (Deák tér station), direct access to public transport (Déli pu. station). Easy to reach from M1/M7 motorway. Hotel Mercure Budapest Buda is perfect for a weekend or business travel. Conference capacity of up to 300 persons. FREE WIFI, Privilege floor, two restaurants, lobby bar, souvenir shops, friendly staff.

Hotel Mercure Budapest Castle Hill is located in the neighbourhood of the historical Castle District. Walking and shopping district of the city can be reached in some minutes.

ROOM PRICES WITH HALF BOARD in EURO/night:

Room type	Room price / room / night
Single room	146 €
Double/Twin room	190 €

The above prices include half board and all taxes.



Akeah Verdi Budapest Hotel ****

Address: H-1096 Budapest, 89 Üllői út

Distance from BOK Hall: ~ 4 km

Distance from city center: ~ 4,3 km

Akeah Verdi Budapest Hotel is located in Budapest, a 20-minute walk from Hungarian National Museum. Among the various facilities are a garden and a terrace. Free WiFi is available and Great Market Hall is 1.8 km away.

The rooms are equipped with a flat-screen TV with satellite channels, fridge, a electric tea pot, a hot tub and a desk. The private bathroom is equipped with a bath, free toiletries and a hair dryer. All rooms feature a seating area.

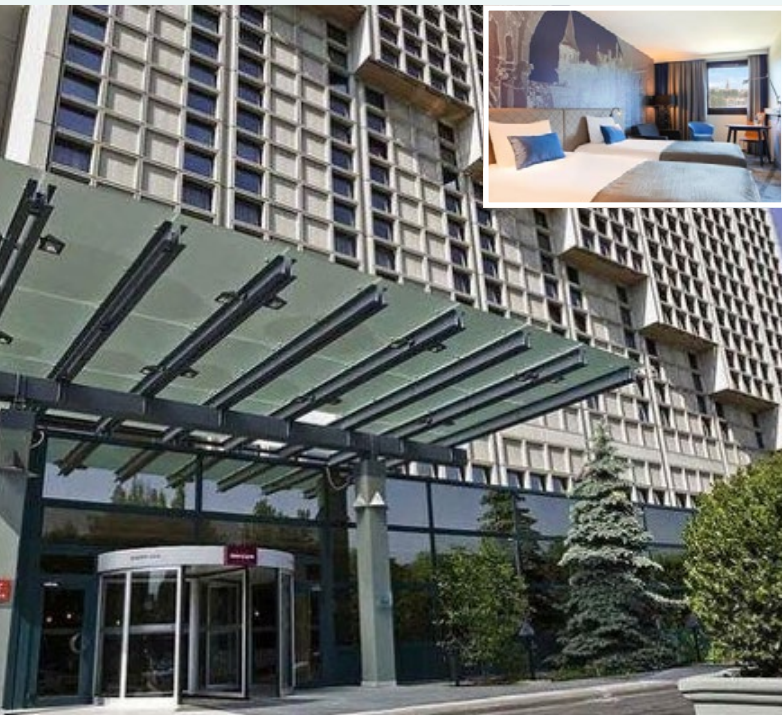
A buffet breakfast is served each morning at the property. There's an on-site restaurant, which specializes in international cuisine.

Speaking Hebrew, Hungarian, German and Italian, staff will be happy to provide guests with practical advice on the area at the 24-hour front desk.

ROOM PRICES WITH HALF BOARD in EURO/night:

Room type	Room price / room / night
Single room	146 €
Double/Twin room	185 €
Triple rooms	260 €

The above prices include half board and all taxes.



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Di Verdi Imperial Hotel****

Address: H-1096 Budapest, Thaly Kálmán utca 43.

Distance from BOK Hall: ~ 5,6 km

Distance from city center: ~ 6,1 km

Offering a terrace and views of the garden, Di Verdi Imperial Hotel is located in Budapest. Private parking is available on site, while free WiFi is provided throughout the property.

Every room at this hotel is air conditioned and is fitted with a flat-screen TV with satellite channels. Certain units have a seating area to relax in after a busy day. You will find a kettle in the room.

You will find a cash machine at the property.

Hungarian National Museum is 1.6 km from Di Verdi Imperial Hotel, while Great Market Hall is 1.6 km away. The nearest airport is Budapest Liszt Ferenc Airport, 15 km from the property.

ROOM PRICES WITH HALF BOARD in EURO/night:

Room type	Room price / room / night
Single room	146 €
Double/Twin room	180 €
Triple rooms	255 €

The above prices include half board and all taxes.



Actor Hotel Budapest****

Address: H-1094 Budapest, Viola 10-14.

Distance from the BOK Hall: ~ 6 km

Distance from city center: ~ 4,7 km

Close to the Danube River, Actor Hotel is 650 metres from the Gran Boulevard and the Klinikák Metro Station. The historic Old Town is easily reachable as well from the nearby metro, bus and tram stations.

Spend peaceful nights in the elegantly furnished and air-conditioned rooms before you set out for doing business or sightseeing in Budapest. All rooms are fitted with underfloor heating.

Wireless internet is available in the entire Actor Business Hotel free of charge.

ROOM PRICES WITH HALF BOARD in EURO/night:

Room type	Room price / room / night
Single room	146 €
Double/Twin room	180 €
Triple rooms	255 €

The above prices include half board and all taxes.



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Green Hotel****

Address: H-1148 Budapest, Kerepesi út 34.

Distance from BOK Hall: ~ 850 m

Distance from city center: ~ 5,8 km

Only steps away from the Puskás Ferenc Stadion M2 Metro Station, this unique 4-star design hotel is next to the Hungexpo, the BOK Exhibition Hall, and the Papp Arena. Free Wi-Fi is available.

The spacious, individually designed rooms at Green Hotel Budapest feature a flat-screen satellite TV, a small fridge, and a bathroom with hairdryer. In some rooms, air conditioning is available on request.

The Green Hotel's restaurant serves Hungarian and international cuisine. In the warmer months, guests can dine on the courtyard terrace. There is also a bar and a 24-hour front desk.

ROOM PRICES WITH HALF BOARD in EURO/night:

Room type	Room price / room / night
Single room	144 €
Double/Twin room	176 €
Triple rooms	246 €

The above prices include half board and all taxes.



Expo Congress Hotel****

Address: H-1101 Budapest, Expo tér 2 – Albertirsai út 10.

Distance from BOK Hall: ~ 2,2 km

Distance from city center: ~ 5 km

Featuring a free sauna and a free fitness centre the Expo Congress Hotel, next to the Hungexpo/ Budapest Exhibition Centre, is located in the green belt of Budapest. The property with its 160 rooms is easily accessible with a private shuttle service. Free WiFi access is available and free public parking is possible on site.

Each unit comes with a telephone and a TV, while the bathroom is fitted with a shower or a bath.

You can enjoy delicious Hungarian cuisine at the Expo Brasserie on the ground floor and have a drink at the Sky Bar on the 12th floor or in the inviting lobby bar on the ground floor. The hotel also provides 24-hour reception services.

The Kincsem park horse-riding center, a popular venue for concerts and outdoor events, is less than 300 m away from the Expo Congress Hotel.

ROOM PRICES WITH HALF BOARD in EURO/night:

Room type	Room price / room / night
Single room	146 €
Double/Twin room	180 €
Triple rooms	255 €

The above prices include half board and all taxes.



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PAYMENT AND CANCELLATION POLICIES

The room prices at all offered and available hotels in our Reservation System include all taxes.

Price categories:

For the WAKO Youth World Championships 2024, we offer different hotel categories, and those categories all have similar prices.

The categories include:

Five-star (*****)

Four-star superior (****S) *

Four-star (****)

Three-star (***)

**Superior category includes higher-quality (recently refurbished, modernized, or newly opened, with better catering options and hospitality) hotels OR hotels with better location compared to the event venue (within walking distance).*

In each price category, prices can only vary by small margins, due to the quality of the hotel or to the distance between the event venue.

This will help all participants to choose the most suitable type of accommodations, according to their needs. Please note, that hotel prices in Budapest can change rapidly, since in 2024, the city is the second most popular tourist attraction in the world, hence these prices can only be guaranteed until the 1st of March, or until the hotel's capacity allows. Also, it is impossible to guarantee the same price with each hotel category because it depends on the positioning of the hotel, which is why we created the price categories for the event.

1. Payment & Cancellation policy for the Danubius Hotels

Danubius Arena**S, Danubius Hungaria**** and Danubius Helia******

Payment Policy

Danubius Hotel Arena**S & Danubius Hotel Hungaria City Center******

- **Deposit:** participants of the 2024 Cadets & Juniors World Championships, Budapest, Hungary are requested to pre-pay a **30% deposit** of all ordered services against our proforma invoice, within 5 working days after the booking was made. Afterwards, our Travel Agency will invoice a **further 40%** deposit until the 14th of April payment deadline, the latest, on the reservations which have already been made. In case any of these payment obligations are not completed by the payment deadline – because of the strict reservation policy of the hotel- the booking will be cancelled automatically.
- **The remaining 30%** of the total amount of the booking must be paid by 1st of July.
- The deposit can be paid via bank transfer or credit card upon booking against our confirmation and proforma invoice.



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Danubius Hotel Helia****

- Deposit: participants of the 2024 Cadets & Juniors World Championships, Budapest, Hungary are requested to pre-pay a **30% deposit** of all ordered services against our proforma invoice, within 5 working days after the booking was made. Afterwards, our Travel Agency will invoice a **further 30%** deposit until the 15th of May payment deadline, the latest, on the reservations which have already been made. In case any of these payment obligations are not completed by the payment deadline – because of the strict reservation policy of the hotel- the booking will be cancelled automatically.
- **The remaining 40%** of the total amount of the booking must be paid by 1st of July.
- The deposit can be paid via bank transfer or credit card upon booking against our confirmation and proforma invoice.

Cancellation policy**Danubius Hotel Arena****S & Danubius Hotel Hungaria City Center******

- Cancellation and modifications are accepted until 31st March 2024. for free of charge.
- After this deadline, the hotel allocation and price cannot be guaranteed.
- For cancellations occurring between 01st April 2024 and 30th May 2024, the 15% deposit will be refunded.
- For cancellations occurring between 31st May 2024 and 30th June 2024, 5% of the reserved rooms and services which belong to one reservation number can be cancelled once for free of charge. During this period, in case of cancellation which belongs to the same reservation number, the cancellation fee equals 95% of the prepaid total amount.
- Cancellation made after 01st July 2024 is subject to no refund.
- In case of late cancellation or no-show, a 100% penalty applies.

Danubius Hotel Helia****

- Cancellation and modifications are accepted until 15th May 2024. for free of charge.
- After this deadline, the hotel allocation and price cannot be guaranteed.
- For cancellations occurring between 16th May 2024 and 21st June 2024, the 40% deposit will be refunded.
- For cancellations occurring between 22nd June 2024 and 30th June 2024, 15% of the reserved rooms and services which belong to one reservation number can be cancelled once for free of charge. During this period, in case of cancellation which belongs to the same reservation number, the cancellation fee equals 85% of the prepaid total amount.
- Cancellation made after 01st July 2024 is subject to no refund.
- In case of late cancellation or no-show, a 100% penalty applies.



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The Aquincum Hotel Budapest****

- Cancellation and modifications are accepted until 10th June 2024. for free of charge.
- After this deadline, the hotel allocation and price cannot be guaranteed. For cancellations occurring between 11th June 2024 and 30th June 2024, the 15% deposit will be refunded.
- For cancellations occurring between 01st July 2024 and 20th July 2024, 5% of the reserved rooms and services which belong to one reservation number can be cancelled once for free of charge. During this period, in case of cancellation which belongs to the same reservation number, the cancellation fee equals 95% of the prepaid total amount.
- Cancellation made after 21st July 2024 is subject to no refund.
- In case of late cancellation or no-show, a 100% penalty applies.
- The rest of the offered hotels in our booking system must be paid against our proforma invoice by the specified payment deadline which will be no later than 31 days before arrival (except the Danubius Hotel Hungaria City Center**** and Danubius Hotel Arena**** and Danubius Hotel Helia**** The Aquincum Hotel Budapest****).

2. Payment & Cancellation policy for the hotels, except the Hotels above

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Transfer		Car			Van		Bus
From	To	1 person	2 persons	3 persons	4-8 persons	9-18 persons	19-50 persons
Budapest Airport	Budapest Hotels	40 €	33 €	30 €	28 €	23 €	20 €

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THE HOST CITY, **BUDAPEST**

ATTRACTIONS IN BUDAPEST CITY

Budapest, the capital of Hungary, is considered by many to be the “Paris of the East.” Not only is this beautiful city one of the most culturally important metropolises in Eastern Europe, it’s also home to numerous UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

Hungarian Parliament Building

Straddling the River Danube, Budapest is famous for its thermal springs, some of which have been used for therapeutic purposes since prehistory. In fact, Budapest has so many things to do that you’ll want to spend at least a few days exploring this dynamic city. Popular attractions range from impressive architecture and poignant reminders of 20th-century history to its vibrant cultural and entertainment scene, with everything from street buskers to classical concerts in beautiful churches.

Budapest is also a shopper’s paradise, from the traditional wares and foodstuffs available at the grand old Central Market Hall to Vaci Street, noted for its mix of luxury boutique stores and big brand names.

Whatever your sightseeing preferences, get the most out of your Hungary travel itinerary with our guide to the top tourist attractions in Budapest, Hungary.



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1. Buda Castle & Castle Hill

Towering over the Danube, Budapest's Castle Hill (Várhegy) contains many of the city's most important medieval monuments and museums. Topping the list of these impressive structures is the 18th-century **Buda Castle** (Budavári Palota), a massive 200-room palace that replaced a 13th-century castle built to protect the stronghold from Mongol and Tartar attacks.

Although badly damaged in World War II, much of the exterior has been restored, along with sections of the interior, which now houses a number of important museums. These include the **Hungarian National Gallery** in the main wing, while in the south wing, the **Budapest History Museum** occupies four floors.

In front of the castle, overlooking the Danube, stands a bronze equestrian statue of Prince Eugene of Savoy, a hero of Turkish attacks on the city. Castle Hill is worth exploring for its medieval lanes and its Romanesque, Gothic, and Baroque architecture. This entire historic complex is a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**.

Like much of the city, Buda Castle is spectacularly illuminated at night, and the castle courtyards remain open 24 hours a day. You can reach the castle on the restored **historic Castle Funicular Railway**, which departs from the Buda end of the Chain Bridge.

Address: 1014 Budapest, Szent György tér 2.



2. Hungarian Parliament Building & Crown Jewels

A highlight of a walk around Budapest's lovely pedestrian-friendly cobbled streets is the area around the country's architecturally pleasing Parliament building (Országház). Along with its neighbors, the Museum of Ethnography and the Ministry of Agriculture, it's perhaps one of the city's most attractive quarters architecturally.

The world's third largest parliament building, this Neo-Gothic building was inaugurated in 1886 to mark the country's 1,000th anniversary. (Hungary was then part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire.) This impressive structure boasts 691 rooms, as well as an impressive 19 kilometers of corridors and stairs.

Guided tours last approximately 45 minutes and are available whenever the government is not sitting, and include many of the building's highlights, such as the main entrance hall, various lobbies, and the Hungarian Crown Jewels. Most tickets sell out a week in advance, so make your reservations as early as possible.

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3. St. Stephen's Basilica

Budapest's St. Stephen's Basilica (Szent István-bazilika) is a popular attraction for its impressive architecture, the beauty of its interior, and the panoramic views from its dome. The cathedral is dedicated to St. Stephen, Hungary's holy king and the founder of the Hungarian state, and construction began in 1851, but after several construction setbacks—including the collapse of its unfinished dome—it was not dedicated until 1905.

The roof, towers, and external walls were badly damaged in World War II, and the church's precious mosaics fell from the walls. However, these were successfully restored to their original place and are the highlight of the richly decorated interior. The most impressive of these, the five-part Venetian mosaic is in the sanctuary and represents the allegories of the mass.

The cathedral's most precious holy relic, the mummified right hand of the church's patron saint, the first king of Hungary, is displayed under glass in the chapel to the left of the high altar.

One of the best things to do here, if time permits, is to take one of the two elevators that carry visitors up to the cupola for sweeping 360-degree views over the city and the Danube (alternatively, you can climb the 364 steps). Guided tours of the basilica are available on weekdays. Also, be sure to check the cathedral's website for details of one of its frequent organ and classical music concerts.

Address: 1051 Budapest, Szent István tér



4. Fisherman's Bastion

Overlooking the Danube, on the spot where the city's fishermen's guild built their defence walls in the Middle Ages, stands the impressive Fisherman's Bastion (Halászbástya). This exquisite collection of Neo-Romanesque towers, courtyards, colonnades, and walls was built between 1895 and 1902, and is one of the most popular points in the city for tourists, largely for its spectacular views over the city and the Danube.

While here, be sure to look for the bronze equestrian statue of St. Stephen, the first King of Hungary, in the south courtyard. The reliefs on the sides of the base depict scenes from Stephen's life, and make for an incredible selfie backdrop.

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5. The Danube Promenade

The Danube (or “Duna” in Hungarian) flows through Budapest from north to south, and in some places within city boundaries is as much as 640 meters wide. One of the top free things to do in Budapest is strolling along the Danube Promenade (Dunakorzó), a pleasant century-old riverside walk that extends between the Elisabeth and Széchenyi Chain Bridges.

Although there are many places from which to enjoy views of the majestic river as you stroll its banks (either the Buda or Pest sides, they’re both good), the Danube Promenade is definitely one of the best vantage points to take in views of the city’s stunning architecture.

It’s also on the banks of the Danube (the northeast side, close to the Hungarian Parliament buildings) that you’ll find the chilling Shoes on the Danube Bank memorial. It consists of a series of 60 pairs of steel sculpted shoes memorializing Jews shot here by the Nazis, and is a poignant and moving reminder of the Nazi atrocities suffered by Hungary in World War II.

Another great way to view the city is via a boat cruise along the Danube. Numerous tourist excursions depart regularly from the landing stages at Vigadó tér on the Pest bank and Bem József tér on the Buda bank, and are highly recommended. It’s also fun watching these sturdy vessels from the historic Freedom Bridge as they whip down river only to have to struggle back against the current.

Alternatively, you could enjoy incredible views on a budget by taking a ride on the number 2 tram. Skirting the eastern bank of the Danube, it’s considered to be one of the most beautiful tram lines in the world.



6. Matthias Church (Church of Our Lady)

Matthias Church, also known as The Church of Our Lady (Nagyboldogasszony-templom), is a prominent landmark on Castle Hill. It was completed in 1269, and its magnificent south doorway with its relief depicting the Death of Mary was added in the 1300s.

During the Turkish occupation of 1541-1699, the church was used as a mosque, and was later renovated in the Baroque style. It has been the scene of several historic events, including the coronation of King Charles I of Hungary in 1309 and the coronation of Emperor Franz Joseph I of Austria and his consort Elisabeth (Sissy) as rulers of Hungary. It was for this event that Franz Liszt composed his coronation mass.

The free organ concerts held here on some Sunday evenings are well worth attending (check the website for specific dates).

Also worth checking out, the Ecclesiastical Art Museum is located on the church’s medieval crypt and features a collection of sacred relics, stone carvings, and replicas of the Hungarian crown jewels.



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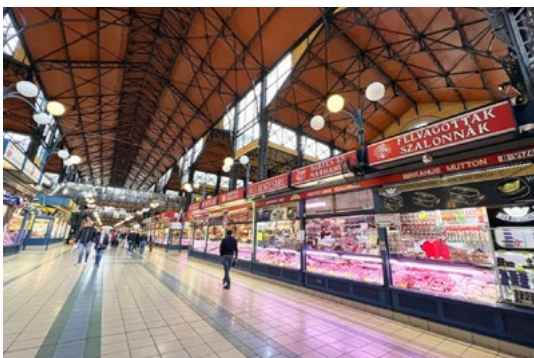
7. Exploring Gellért Hill

Another of Budapest's most striking features is the panoramic Gellért Hill (Gellért-hegy), a 235-meter block of dolomite that falls steeply down to the Danube. It's here along the hill's geological fault line that several of the city's most famous medicinal springs emerge to supply the Gellért Spa and Rudas Baths, which have lured visitors from far and wide since the 13th century.

The Rudas Baths are one of a handful of buildings remaining from the Turkish occupation, and are among the few original Turkish bathhouses in the world still in use that date back to the 1600s.

On the hill's northeast slope is the Gellért Monument, a tribute to Hungary's beloved famous saint, a Benedictine monk who died in 1046 and after whom the hill is named. Perched high above a man-made waterfall, it offers magnificent views over the city. The Citadel on the summit was built by the Austrians in 1851, and the Liberation Monument was erected in 1947 in memory of the Soviet soldiers who died fighting in WWII.

Finally, if you have energy left, take a stroll around Jubilee Park. Laid out to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the October Revolution, it's home to many charming walkways, beautiful flowerbeds, and sculptures.



8. Central Market Hall

Located just across the Freedom Bridge from the Gellért Spa is Budapest's Central Market Hall (Nagyvásárcsarnok), also known as the Great Market Hall. You can't miss it for its central location and its roof of colorful Zsolnay tiles from the town of Pécs.

Built in 1897 and the largest and oldest of Budapest's many markets, it's as interesting to view from the inside as it is on the outside – particularly if you enjoy people watching. As cavernous as any major rail terminal in Europe, this popular indoor marketplace encompasses an area of over 10,000 square meters and is as popular with the locals as it is with tourists, here for the abundance of fresh produce, food stuffs, and other goods being traded across its many levels.

Feeling peckish? Grab a bite to eat from one of the vendors on the second mezzanine level, or a pastry and coffee on the go as you continue to explore. There, you can try typical Hungarian street food, like lángos, a delicious deep-fried dough smothered in sour cream, cheese, and your choice of veggie and meat toppings.

While Saturdays are naturally the busiest days at the market (it's closed on Sundays), you can avoid the larger crowds with a weekday visit. If you're an early riser, get here for early morning; it opens at 6am, when it's fun watching the vendors setting up and prepping their produce for sale.

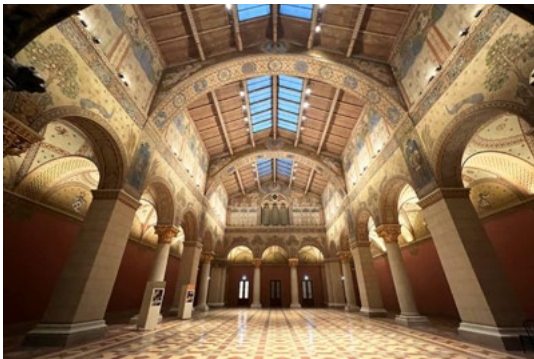
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9. The Museum of Fine Arts

The Museum of Fine Arts (Szépművészeti Múzeum) is not only Budapest's most important art gallery, it houses one of the largest collections of works by the Old Masters to be found in Europe.

The extensive array of Italian, Spanish, and Dutch paintings are on display in a spectacular, classically influenced 19th century building with long rooms for the larger paintings, cabinets for smaller and more intimate items, together with architecturally interesting space such as the Renaissance Hall.

Established in 1870 after Hungary inherited a fine collection of paintings, drawings, and prints, the museum is divided into six excellent departments: Egyptian Art, Ancient Art, the Old Sculpture Gallery, the Old Painter Gallery, the Modern Collection, and the Graphics Collection.

The adjacent Palace of Art is the city's leading contemporary art museum and hosts many temporary exhibits, so be sure to check for current offerings. (Note that this is not to be confused with the Palace of Arts, a high-tech arts center that houses the Ludwig Museum, a contemporary art collection with works by Picasso, David Hockney and numerous Hungarian Masters.)

Address: 1146 Budapest, Dózsa György út 41.



10. Heroes' Square and the Millennium Monument

The impressive Heroes' Square (Hősök tere) was largely the work of architect Albert Schickedanz, who was also responsible for the huge Museum of Fine Arts that flanks this large open space.

Highlights include the Millennium Monument, a 36-meter column crowned by a figure of the Archangel Gabriel and unveiled in the late 19th century. Around the plinth can be seen a group of bronze horsemen representing the conquering Magyar Prince Árpád and six of his fellow warriors.

On either side of the column, colonnades extend in a semi-circle, and between the individual pillars stand statues of Hungarian rulers. Above the corner pillars are beautiful works in bronze by Zala.

In front of the Millennium Monument stands a memorial to the Unknown Soldier. It's an especially nice place to visit at night when illuminated.

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11. Széchenyi Thermal Bath

Budapest is well-known worldwide for its incredible thermal springs, many of which have been harnessed to provide citizens, as well as visiting tourists, the opportunity to relax and rejuvenate in thermal baths.

Of the many such attractions Budapest, the best known is Széchenyi Thermal Bath (Széchenyi gyógyfürdő). Established in 1913, it's supplied by two thermal springs; it's also the biggest such facility in Europe, capable of handling thousands of bathers at a time in its three outdoor pools (including an adventure pool that's great for families) and 15 indoor pools.

In addition to its pools, guests can enjoy its saunas and steam rooms, as well as spa services including massages. For a special treat, pay a visit to the baths after nightfall. Day tickets, which include use of a locker, can be purchased online, or upon arrival. Don't forget to bring your bathing suit, a towel, and flip-flops!

Address: 1146 Budapest, Állatkerti krt. 9-11.



12. Hungarian State Opera House

As impressive inside as it is on the outside, the Hungarian State Opera House (Magyar Állami Operaház) is a must-see when in Budapest. The building's dimensions alone are impressive, and since it opened in 1884, it has commanded top spot on the city's cultural events calendar.

As delightful as its many performances (more on that in a minute) is the sumptuous interior of the building. Festooned with wonderful artwork and sculptures from the country's most significant artists, the Opera House can seat up to 1,300 people in its horseshoe-shaped (and acoustically pleasing) auditorium.

The Hungarian State Opera House is home to the Budapest Philharmonic Orchestra and the Hungarian National Ballet, and you'd certainly find attending a performance a crowning moment in your Budapest travel itinerary. The orchestra's season typically runs from September to June, and tickets can be purchased online. Daily guided English-language tours are also available.

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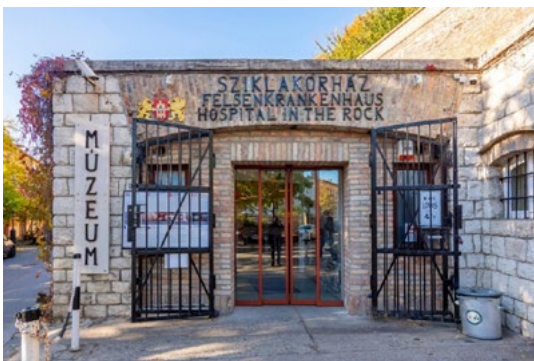


13. Budapest Zoo & Botanical Garden

Said to be one of the world's oldest still-operating zoos, Budapest Zoo & Botanical Garden (Fovárosi Állat- és Növénykert) is one of the top things for families to do when visiting the city. Established over 150 years ago, the park is home to over 1,070 different species of animals, and has the rare distinction of being located in the heart of its host city, just around the corner from the Museum of Fine Arts.

In addition to its well-preserved Art Nouveau animal homes, this top-notch zoo park features a nature reserve, themed animal enclosures, and a variety of kid-friendly programming including feeding opportunities. If you're not in a big hurry to leave, hang around for one of the regular evening concerts.

Address: 1146 Budapest, Állatkerti krt. 6-12.



14. Hospital in the Rock Nuclear Bunker Museum

Underneath Castle Hill, the rock is a maze of caves and passageways that have been used for various purposes since prehistoric times. In World War II, some were fortified as an air raid shelter and emergency hospital. Now known as the Hospital in the Rock Nuclear Bunker Museum (Sziklakórház Atombunker Múzeum), this site was, at the time of the Cold War, further secured against nuclear contamination.

This former hospital and bunker is well worth exploring and features a variety of exhibitions on the kind of lifesaving efforts seen here during the Siege of Budapest in World War II. Another exhibit explores the devastating consequences of nuclear weapons. Admission is via guided tours only (English language tours available).

Address: Lovas 4/c, Budapest



15. City Park (Városliget)

With its pretty lake, the 302-acre heavily wooded City Park (Városliget) is a popular recreational site for both Budapest locals and visitors. Laid out in the 19th century, the park has had many additions over the years.

Sightseeing highlights include the Museum of Fine Arts and the Palace of Art; the Municipal Zoological and Botanical Garden; the excellent Transport Museum of Budapest; Tivoli Pleasure Park, with its kids' rides and arcades; and the massive open-air Széchenyi Medicinal Bath.

Also worth seeing are the fairy-tale Vajdahunyad Castle and the 100,000-seat People's Stadium.



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16. The University Church

Budapest's University Church (Kisboldogasszony-templom) is widely regarded as the most beautiful Baroque church in the city. Although somewhat hidden—it stands in the south of Pest away from the main shopping streets—its main front faces onto a narrow side street, which scarcely does it justice.

Built between 1725-42 (the two mighty towers were not completed until 1771), the principal façade incorporates a triangular tympanum with representations of St. Paul and St. Anthony, as well as the arms of the Pauline Order (a palm between two lions and a raven).

The church has a single nave with pilasters and enclosed side-chapels, and its walls are clad in artificial marble. Highlights include the frescoes on the barrel-vaulted ceilings depicting scenes from the life of Mary (1776), the choir-stalls, and the sculptures of St. Paul and St. Anthony on the High Altar (1746). Also of note is the Pauline Monastery near the church.

Address: 1053 Budapest, Papnövelde u. 8.



17. Hungarian National Museum

Although founded in 1802, the superb Hungarian National Museum (Magyar Nemzeti Múzeum) didn't move into its current home, a large classical building surrounding two courtyards, until 1847. In addition to its massive portico, a monument to the famous Hungarian poet János Arany impresses, as does its park-like gardens with their numerous busts of famous people.

Major exhibits comprise the Royal Regalia, including the magnificent Crown of St. Stephen with its precious stones and pearls, as well as Hungary's pre- and early history from the Stone Age through to Roman times and the early Middle Ages.

Also of interest are the exhibits and artifacts dealing with the country's many struggles for independence, as well as historic Hungarian and Turkish weapons.

For music buffs, Beethoven's grand piano, which later belonged to Franz Liszt, can be seen here.

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18. Margaret Island

Margaret Island (Margitsziget), barely 2.4 kilometers long and 503 meters wide, is Budapest's main recreation and recuperative center for locals. Thermal spring-fed medicinal baths, carefully tended gardens and paths, as well as the ruins of many historic buildings also serve to attract many tourists, too.

A highlight of any visit is the Palatinus Baths, a huge spa complex that covers more than 17 acres and includes a bath with artificial waves, together with various medicinal, swimming, and children's pools capable of accommodating up to 20,000 bathers at a time.

Other island highlights are the pretty Rose Garden (Rózsakert); the Union Monument, a metal sculpture by István Kiss (1972) in the form of a flower; ruins of the Dominican convent, once home to Princess Margaret, the daughter of King Béla IV; the 51-meter water-tower, built in 1911, with its excellent viewing platform; and a large open-air theater.

Other things to do here include bike rentals or enjoying a meal at one of the many restaurants. If visiting at night, be sure to head to the Margaret Island Musical Fountain for its illuminations.



19. Gellért Spa

Gellért Spa is another famous thermal bath in Budapest. The Art Nouveau bath palace has welcomed bathers to take to its medicinal waters, fed from deep underground springs, since 1918 (check out the vintage photos on display!).

Inside you can soak your muscles in five thermal baths, get a refreshing chill in two plunge pools, and take a few laps in the stunning swimming pool, flanked by tropical plants and columns. The spa also boasts lovely outdoor facilities, including a wave pool and thermal sitting pool.

Address: 1118 Budapest, Kelenhegyi út 4.



20. Labyrinth of Buda Castle

If you're looking for a unique thing to do in Budapest, check out the Labyrinth of Buda Castle.

Located in natural caves beneath Castle Hill, the underground attraction allows you to visit the dank chambers where the man now known as "Dracula" was imprisoned for many years during the 15th century.

You can also see a series of statues of historical Hungarian figures, and try your best to navigate the Maze of Darkness in pitch blackness. Whatever you do, don't let go of the garden hose flanking the wall – it's the key to finding your way around the maze.

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21. Ferris Wheel of Budapest

For the best views of the entire city, take a ride on the Ferris Wheel of Budapest in Erzsébet Square. Its 65-meter height allows you to get amazing vantage points of Buda Castle, St. Stephen's Basilica, and the Hungarian Parliament Building from any of the 42 partially open cabins.

You're guaranteed to take at least three full turns on the wheel for a ride that lasts up to 10 minutes.

Hot tip: Sunset is the best time to ride the Ferris Wheel of Budapest, so plan your visit accordingly.

Address: 1051 Budapest, Erzsébet tér



22. The Garden of Philosophers

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Atop Gellért Hill is a series of serene sculptures called the Garden of Philosophers. The installation was created in the 1990s by Hungarian sculptor Nándor Wagner who wanted his work to inspire a better understanding of the world's religions and philosophies.

It features Buddha, Abraham, Jesus, Laozi, and Akhenaten situated around a shiny orb. You can also see statues of Mahatma Gandhi, Saint Francis, and Bodhidharma along the sidelines.

The beautiful attraction offers the opportunity to take a few moments out of a day of sightseeing for quiet contemplation.



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