



BUDAPEST FINANCIAL SUMMIT
2026
GUIDE

Dear Distinguished Guest,

It is our great pleasure to welcome you to Budapest for the 2026
Budapest Financial Summit.

This guide contains useful information to help you navigate your
stay and make the most of your time in the Hungarian capital.

We wish you an enjoyable, memorable visit to Budapest.

The Organising Team



GENERAL INFORMATION



OVERVIEW OF THE CONFERENCE

The Magyar Nemzeti Bank is launching a new international flagship conference series, the Budapest Financial Summit, that aims to serve as a high-level, recurring platform for substantive exchange, convening central bankers, financial leaders, policymakers, and academic experts from both Eastern and Western economies.

Under the overarching theme “*Central Banking in a Fragmented World*,” the 2026 Budapest Financial Summit will examine the ongoing transformation of the international monetary system, including the potential and limitations of alternative reserve assets, as well as the fragmentation of global capital flows and its implications for financial stability. In addition, it will address how artificial intelligence is reshaping central banking; the use of supervisory technologies and financial education in combating cybercrime and fraud; and the integration of sustainability into central bank monetary and prudential frameworks.

DATE & VENUE

DATE:

Conference: 16-17 September

VENUE

Central Bank of Hungary Buda Centre



The Magyar Nemzeti Bank (MNB), the central bank of Hungary operates several buildings across Budapest. The 2026 Budapest Financial Summit will be held at the MNB Buda Centre.

Address: 1013 Budapest, Krisztina krt. 55.

Conference dress code: Business formal

ARRIVAL IN BUDAPEST

The Budapest Liszt Ferenc International Airport is located approximately 25 km from the city centre.

For further information visit the following [website](#).

Call Center: +36 1 296 7000

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION FROM THE AIRPORT

Taxi

If you would like to travel to the city centre by taxi, we recommend either pre-booking a taxi by phone or using one of the official Főtaxi vehicles available at the airport taxi rank outside the terminal. Főtaxi is the official taxi company of Liszt Ferenc International Airport. They have a stand at both terminals (2A and 2B). The company operates at a fixed tariff of 440 HUF/Km (1.15 EUR/Km) in addition to the one-off basic fee of 1100 HUF (3.04 EUR) and waiting fee. At the taxi stands you can find a map showing tariffs. The estimated travel time to the city center is 40 minutes, depending on traffic.

- **transfer fee: approx. HUF 12,000** (from the airport to the inner city)
- **for further information see the following [website](#).**
- **phone: +36 1 222 2222**

miniBUD

miniBUD is the official airport shuttle service at Budapest Airport. This shared-door-to-door transfer service operates with minibuses carrying up to 8–10 passengers and provides transportation between the airport and passengers' accommodation. The service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

miniBUD service desks are located in the arrivals area of both terminals, where tickets can be purchased by cash or credit card. Transfers can also be booked online in advance. Depending on traffic conditions, the journey to hotels in central Budapest typically takes around one hour.

- **transfer fee: approx. HUF 12,000** (from the airport to the inner city)
- **for further information see the following [website](#).**
- **Call Center: +36 1 550 0000**

Public transportation

For public transport, take the 100E Airport Express bus, which provides a direct connection between Budapest Airport and the city centre (Astoria and Deák Ferenc Square). The service operates 24/7, and a special airport shuttle ticket is required.

Tickets can be purchased from ticket machines at the airport, at BKK Customer Service Points, or via the BudapestGO mobile app. Payment by cash or card is accepted at most sales points. The journey to the city centre typically takes 35–45 minutes, depending on traffic conditions.

Please note that tickets have to be validated (paper tickets have to be punched):

- prior to the start of travel on metro lines M1, M2, M3 and M4 upon entering the station,
- immediately after boarding on other vehicles inside the vehicle.

For tickets and passes visit the following [website](#).

For general information visit the following [website](#).

PRACTICAL INFORMATION



CURRENCY AND PAYMENTS

The official currency of Hungary is the Hungarian Forint (HUF, local abbreviation: Ft).

Credit and debit cards are widely accepted in hotels, restaurants, shops, taxis, and other service providers. ATMs are readily available throughout Budapest, including at the airport.

Visitors wishing to exchange currency are advised to use accredited exchange offices or banks. Exchange rates may vary between providers and are required to be clearly displayed. For official daily exchange rates, please consult the website of the Magyar Nemzeti Bank (MNB):

View on the MNB's [website](#).

Major credit/debit cards can be used to get cash from ATMs in banks and on the streets as well as to pay bills in hotels, restaurants, taxis and shops.

TIME ZONE

Budapest operates on Central European Time (CET, UTC+1) and Central European Summer Time (CEST, UTC+2) during the daylight saving period.

OTHER PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Emergency number: 112 (police, fire brigade, ambulance)

Electricity: 230V, 50 Hz

Country code: +36

Recommended weather forecast [website](#).

Tap water: Tap water in Hungary is safe to drink and is regularly tested for quality.

Smoking: Smoking is permitted only at designated outdoor areas at the conference venues and event locations.

TOURIST ATTRACTIONS



Budapest is widely regarded as one of the most romantic and vibrant capitals in the world. The city enchants visitors with its grand boulevards, lush green parks, elegant Art Nouveau buildings, and beautifully decorated churches. Its lively café culture and rich musical scene further contribute to its unique atmosphere. The Danube River divides the city into two parts, connected by a series of iconic and striking bridges.

On the eastern, flatter side lies Pest, the country's political and economic centre and the livelier half of the city. It is home to the majority of Budapest's restaurants, bars, and cafés, as well as stylish boutiques and impressive 19th-century architecture. A walk along the tree-lined Andrassy Avenue offers a glimpse into the city's historic grandeur, with stops such as the House of Terror providing powerful insights into Hungary's past. Across the river, the hills of Buda offer a more tranquil, historic atmosphere. Here, visitors can explore the charming cobblestone streets of the Castle District, perched atop Castle Hill. Whether reaching the top via the historic funicular or on foot along winding pathways, the reward is a breathtaking panoramic view over the city and the Danube.

PARLIAMENT

The Hungarian Parliament Building, one of Budapest's most iconic landmarks, is located on the Pest bank of the Danube between Margaret Bridge and Chain Bridge. Designed by architect Imre Steindl in Neo-Gothic style, its construction began in 1885 and was completed in 1904.

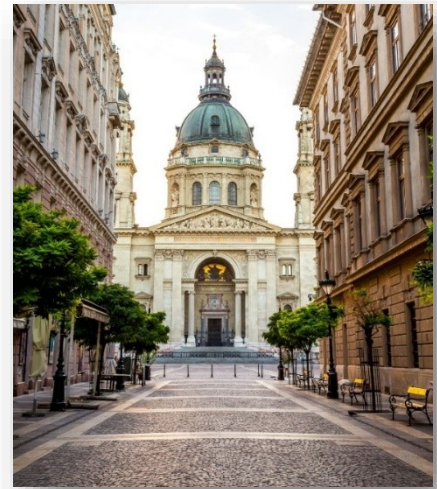
Today, the Parliament serves as the seat of Hungary's National Assembly. Since 2000, it has also been home to the Hungarian Crown Jewels, including the Holy Crown, the sceptre, the orb, and the sword. The building features nearly 700 rooms and is crowned by a distinctive 96-metre-high central dome. [Official website.](#)



ST. STEPHEN'S BASILICA

St. Stephen's Basilica is one of Budapest's most prominent landmarks and the largest church in the Hungarian capital. Located in the heart of Pest, the Basilica is dedicated to Hungary's first king, St. Stephen, whose mummified right hand, known as the Holy Right, is preserved here as a revered relic.

Built between 1851 and 1905 in a predominantly Neoclassical style, the Basilica is crowned by a 96-metre-high dome that offers spectacular 360-degree panoramic views of Budapest. Today, it remains both an important place of worship and one of the city's most popular tourist attractions. [Official website](#).



CITADEL

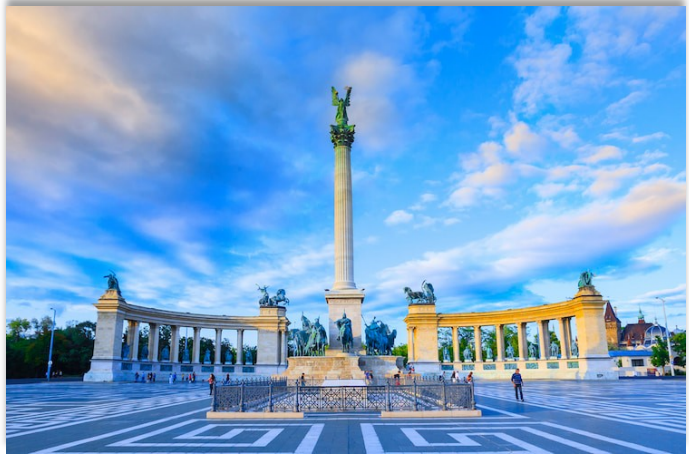
Perched atop Gellért Hill on the Buda side of the city, the Citadella is one of Budapest's most iconic landmarks, offering breathtaking panoramic views over the Danube and the entire city. The fortress was built by the Habsburgs in 1854 following the Hungarian War of Independence, symbolising imperial control over the capital.



Today, it stands as a historic monument rather than a military stronghold. Adjacent to the Citadella is the Statue of Liberty (Szabadság-szobor), erected in 1947 to commemorate Hungary's liberation, and now regarded as a powerful symbol of freedom. The area is a popular destination for visitors and locals alike, especially for its sweeping views of landmarks such as the Parliament, Chain Bridge, and Buda Castle. Scenic walking paths wind up the hill, making the Citadella not only a historical site but also a perfect location for a leisurely stroll and unforgettable vistas of Budapest.

HEROES' SQUARE

This Heroes' Square (Hősök tere) is one of Budapest's most iconic public spaces and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The square was built in 1896 to commemorate the 1,000th anniversary of the Hungarian Conquest of the Carpathian Basin. Its most prominent feature is the Millennium Monument, featuring the statues of the seven Hungarian chieftains who led the Magyar tribes into the Carpathian Basin in 896 AD.



The square is bordered by two major cultural institutions: the Museum of Fine Arts and the Hall of Art (Műcsarnok), both hosting important permanent and temporary exhibitions. Directly behind Heroes' Square lies City Park (Városliget), one of Budapest's largest green spaces, home to numerous attractions including Vajdahunyad Castle, Budapest Zoo, and the Budapest Circus.

THE BUDA CASTLE DISTRICT

The Danube riverbanks and the Buda Castle District form part of Budapest's UNESCO World Heritage Site and are among the city's most popular attractions.

Perched above the Danube on the Buda side of the city, the Castle District offers visitors a unique historic atmosphere, with its cobbled streets, Baroque townhouses, medieval monuments, and picturesque squares.



At the heart of the district stands Buda Castle, the former royal residence of Hungarian kings. Together with its surrounding historic buildings and courtyards, the castle complex reflects centuries of Hungarian history and offers magnificent panoramic views of the Danube and the Pest side of the city.

MATTHIAS CHURCH

Matthias Church, located in the heart of the Buda Castle District, is one of Budapest's most iconic landmarks and a must-see attraction for visitors. First mentioned in historical records in 1247, the church has played a central role in Hungarian history for centuries.

Originally built in Gothic style, the church has undergone several reconstructions and extensions over the course of its more than 700-year history. During the Ottoman occupation of Hungary, it served as a mosque before being restored to Christian worship. Between 1874 and 1896, architect Frigyes Schulek led a comprehensive Neo-Gothic reconstruction, giving the church the distinctive appearance visitors admire today.

With its richly decorated interior, colourful tiled roof, and prominent location overlooking Budapest, Matthias Church remains one of the capital's most treasured historical and architectural landmarks.



FISHERMAN'S BASTION

Fisherman's Bastion, located in the heart of the Buda Castle District, is one of Budapest's most iconic landmarks and a popular destination for visitors. Built in the Neo-Romanesque style between 1895 and 1902 based on the designs of architect Frigyes Schulek, the monument is renowned for its elegant towers, arcades, and terraces.

Its panoramic viewpoints offer some of the most spectacular views of Budapest, overlooking the Danube, the Hungarian Parliament Building, and the Pest side of the city.

Severely damaged during the Second World War, Fisherman's Bastion was later restored under the direction of János Schulek, continuing the work of his father and preserving one of the city's most cherished architectural landmarks.



THE HOUSE OF MUSIC

The House of Music Hungary, located in Budapest's City Park (Városliget), is one of the city's most remarkable contemporary cultural attractions. Designed by internationally renowned Japanese architect Sou Fujimoto, the building is celebrated for its innovative architecture and its seamless integration with the surrounding park environment.



The venue hosts concerts, exhibitions, workshops, and interactive experiences celebrating the world of music. Since its

opening, the House of Music Hungary has received several prestigious international architectural awards and has become a landmark of Budapest's cultural life. [Official website.](#)

HUNGARIAN STATE OPERA HOUSE

The Hungarian State Opera House is one of Budapest's architectural and cultural treasures. Located on Andrásy Avenue, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Neo-Renaissance building was designed by the renowned Hungarian architect Miklós Ybl and opened to the public in 1884. Widely regarded as one of the most beautiful opera houses in Europe, the Opera House is celebrated for its richly decorated interiors, outstanding acoustics, and prestigious programme of opera and ballet performances. Following a comprehensive restoration, it continues to serve as a leading venue for classical music and performing arts in Hungary. [Official website.](#)



BATHS

SZÉCHENYI THERMAL BATH

Széchenyi Thermal Bath, located in Budapest's City Park (Városliget), is one of the largest and most famous spa complexes in Europe. Opened in 1913, it is renowned for its impressive Neo-Baroque architecture, indoor and outdoor thermal pools, and traditional Hungarian spa culture.

The bath is supplied by natural thermal springs from deep beneath the city, with mineral-rich waters used for relaxation and wellness. In addition to its thermal pools, Széchenyi offers a wide range of spa and wellness services, making it one of Budapest's most popular attractions for both locals and visitors.

Please note that Széchenyi Thermal Bath is currently undergoing renovation works, and some facilities may be temporarily unavailable. Visitors are advised to check the official website for the latest information before planning their visit. [Official website](#).



RUDAS THERMAL BATH



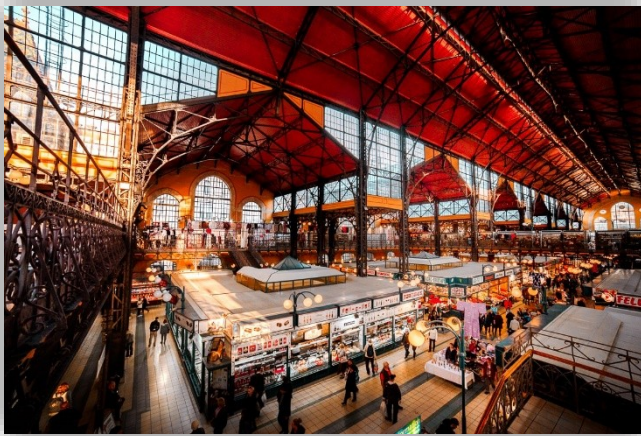
Rudas Thermal Bath is one of Budapest's most historic spa complexes, with its iconic central Turkish bath dating back to the 16th century during the Ottoman era. The bath's octagonal pool and distinctive dome remain among the finest examples of Turkish bath architecture in Hungary.

Today, Rudas combines centuries-old bathing traditions with modern wellness facilities. Visitors can enjoy

thermal pools, saunas, wellness services, and the popular rooftop wellness area, which offers panoramic views of the Danube and the city skyline. The bath is also known for its mineral-rich thermal waters, which have long been used for relaxation and therapeutic purposes. [Official website](#).

SHOPPING

CENTRAL MARKET HALL



Visit the Central Market Hall at end of Liberty Bridge to combine shopping with Pest-side sightseeing. Most of the stalls on the ground floor offer popular souvenirs such as paprika and wine from Tokaj.

Address: Vámház körút 1-3., H-1093 Budapest

[Official website](#)

ANDRÁSSY AVENUE – LUXURY SHOPS

Andrássy Avenue, a part of the UNESCO World Heritage, is an iconic boulevard in Budapest dating back to 1872. It is one of Budapest's main shopping streets, with fine cafés, restaurants, and luxury boutiques. Most of the buildings which are located on the avenue, were built in the Eclectic and Neo-renaissance styles; probably, the most outstanding structure is the Opera House. One of the Avenue's greatest attractions is the Millennium Underground Railway, also known as metro line M1. This was the second underground railway to be built world-wide, and the first in the continent.

VÁCI STREET – VÖRÖSMARTY SQUARE

The centrally located Vörösmarty Square (Vörösmarty tér) is unmissable since it is located in the inner city of Budapest (district V.), just for a moment walk from the Danube. The city's famous shopping street, Váci utca starts here stretching all the way to the Central Market Hall at Fővám Square. The square hosts large-scale events liked very much both by locals and travellers visiting Budapest (for example Christmas Market, Easter & Spring Fair). Europe's first underground line (built in the late 19th century and commonly known as [Kisföldalatti](#) or metro line M1 in



Hungary), connecting the downtown with the City Park/Heroes' Square (Városliget/Hősök tere) has a station here, right in front of Café Gerbeaud, which is known for its delicious cakes and pastries since its establishment in 1870.

RESTAURANTS

URBAN BETYÁR

Food and tradition come together at Urban Betyár, a restaurant, museum and event venue in the heart of the city centre. The small museum - called Ethnographical Visitors Centre - portrays Hungarian rural life in the 19th and early 20th centuries with original artefacts and modern interactive displays. Each room captures different aspects, eras and locations in Hungarian peasant culture, from carved and painted furniture and chests, original glazed ceramics and paintings to traditional costumes. With its unique interior design, open kitchen and cocktail bar, the restaurant is home to the best of Hungarian cuisine. Urban Betyár is a complex food and cultural hub in the city centre that is respectful of tradition but also open to experimentation.



Address: Október 6. utca 16-18.

[Official website](#)

ROYAL GUARD AND RIDING HALL

The Royal Guard, authentically restored in the National Hauszmann Program, has opened its gates for visitors on 14 May 2021 in the heart of the Castle district. On the first floor of the reborn Royal Guard building a long needed exhibition is displayed. Over five hundred paintings, lithographs and archive photographs, mostly displayed for the first time, showcase the 260-year history of the Hungarian guards with several interesting objects. We can sample the tastes of the Hungarian history, with coffee or some refreshments, in the atmospheric halls of the Royal Guard Café. Stroll in the castle and rest for a while on the Royal Guard's stately balcony, with some sparkling wine and dessert.



Address: Hunyadi-udvar (Hunyadi-courtyard), H-1014 Budapest

[Official website](#)

ARANYBÁSTYA ÉTTEREM - KÁVÉHÁZ



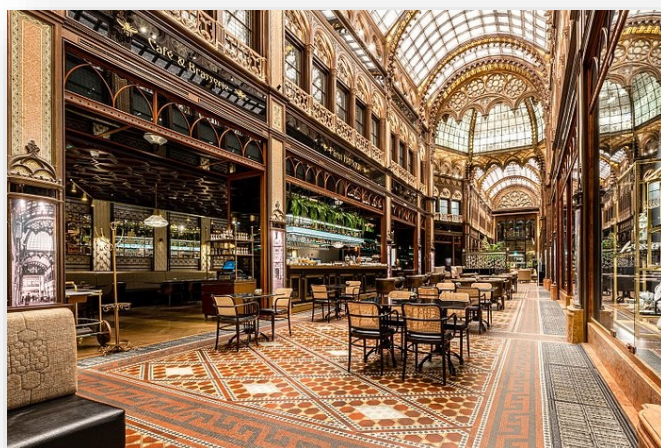
Aranybástya Cafe and Restaurant is the ideal venue of an unforgettable experience, bringing to life the wonderful memories and values of the past. The classicist palace was designed by Miklós Ybl. The room interior evokes the atmosphere of an exquisite salon, serving to foster exciting conversation. The design combines class and contemporary elements and is embraced by two terraces offering a uniquely beautiful panorama.

Address: Csónak utca 1., H-1015 Budapest

[Official website](#)

PÁRISI PASSAGE – CAFÉ & BRASSERIE

The Párisi Passage Café & Brasserie is located in the stunningly award-winning, magical building of the Párisi Udvar Hotel. The enchanting environment, reminiscent of the last century, immediately captivates everyone. The restaurant soon became a favourite place of the local public and is characterized by an endless, lively life. Recommended for those for whom high, uncompromising quality is as important as an effortless, relaxed dining experience. The head chef



of the Párisi Passage - Lajos Lutz, a member of the Hungarian Bocuse d'Or Academy - has created something extraordinary. The menu is an exciting fusion of traditional Hungarian, French and international cuisine. Quality and, wherever possible, the use of local seasonal ingredients are key to our operation. Our dishes are accompanied by a wide and varied drinks menu and an impressive champagne selection.

Address: Ferenciek tere 10., H-1053 Budapest

[Official website](#)

WHITE RAVEN SKYBAR & LOUNGE

The White Raven Skybar & Lounge offers an incomparable experience. Introduce your senses to our Signature Collection: an iconic environment at a unique location with exclusive drinks, fascinating gastronomy, and the most captivating panorama.

Address: Budapest, Hess András tér 1-3, 1014

[Official website](#)

