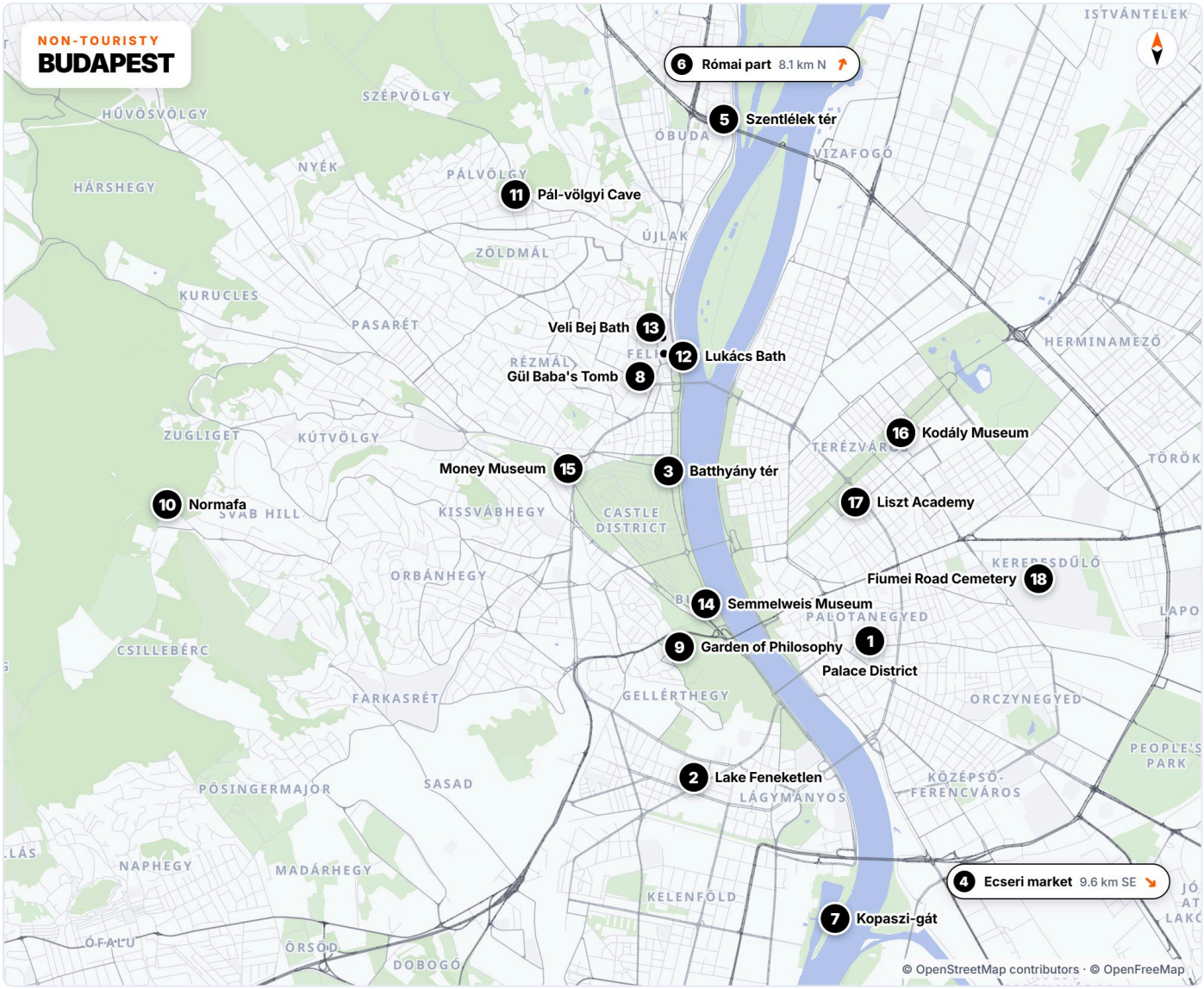
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18 Non-Touristy Things to Do in Budapest

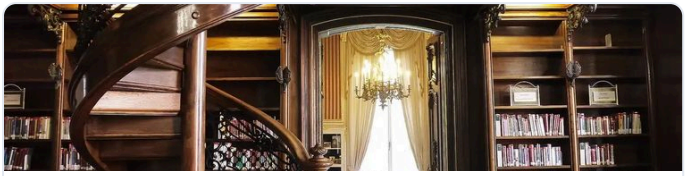
Neighbourhood squares and markets, the river and the Buda Hills, a cave, two local baths, small museums and a cemetery. The numbers on the map match the plans on the next pages.



● Plan, numbered as in the list ⬭ Farther out: distance and direction from Deák Ferenc tér

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The 18 plans, one by one

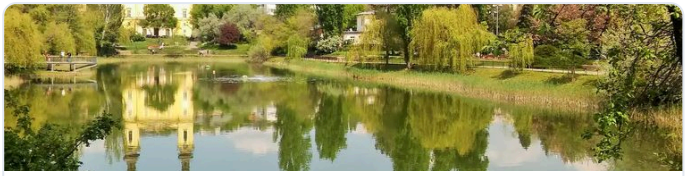


1 Browse the Palace District and the reading rooms of the Szabó Ervin Library

Aristocratic palaces of the 19th century, the used bookstores of Múzeum körút and Mikszáth Square, then the ceremonial halls of the Szabó Ervin Library in the Wenckheim Palace, open with a day ticket.

Access	Public space; library with a day ticket
When	Streets at any time; library Monday to Friday 10:00 to 20:00, Saturday 10:00 to 16:00, closed on Sundays
Getting there	Kálvin tér, Astoria, Blaha Lujza tér or Corvin-negyed metro stations

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2 Walk Bartók Béla út to Lake Feneketlen

A Buda boulevard of galleries, antique shops and cafés, from the Figaro Magic Shop of 1969 to the Hadik Coffee House, ending at the park around Lake Feneketlen.

Access	Public space; cafés free with a drink or meal
When	Any day; cafés and galleries keep their own hours
Getting there	Szent Gellért tér metro station, at the start of the walk



3 Shop the Batthyány tér market hall and walk Víziváros

The market hall on Batthyány tér, with a view across the Danube to the Parliament, and the Reformed church on Szilágyi Dezső tér, open for Sunday services at 10:00 and 18:00.

Access	Public space
When	Market hall hours vary by shop, closed on public holidays; church services on Sundays at 10:00 and 18:00
Getting there	Batthyány tér (metro line 2, H5 suburban railway, trams 19 and 41)

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4 Hunt for socialist relics at the Ecseri flea market

The largest second-hand market in Budapest, on Nagykőrösi út since 1964 and run by the city's market company: socialist relics, furniture and records. Saturday opens at 05:00.

Access	Free admission
When	Monday to Friday 08:00 to 16:00, Saturday 05:00 to 15:00, Sunday 08:00 to 13:00; closed on public holidays
Getting there	Buses 54, 55, 84E, 89E or 294E



5 Spend an afternoon in the museums of Szentlélek tér in Óbuda

A small museum quarter in Óbuda: the Vasarely Museum, with optical games to borrow, and the Hungarian Museum of Trade and Tourism. Vasarely closes Monday and Tuesday.

Access	Square public; museums ticketed
When	Vasarely Museum Wednesday to Sunday 10:00 to 18:00; Museum of Trade and Tourism Tuesday to Sunday 10:00 to 18:00
Getting there	Szentlélek tér (tram 1, H5 suburban railway, buses 106, 118 and 134)



6 Walk the Danube bank at Római part

A Danube riverside on the edge of the city with deckchairs, a sandy shore and lángos stands, boat rental from April to October and a farmers' market on Saturday mornings.

Access	Public space
When	Any day; boat rental from April to October; farmers' market on Saturdays from 08:00 to 13:00
Getting there	Nánási út 47-49 for the farmers' market

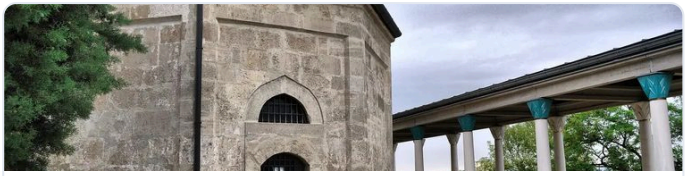
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7 Spend a slow afternoon at Kopaszi-gát

A park on the Lágymányos Bay with bistros, a sandy beach and summer pedal boats and paddleboards, next to the 143-metre MOL Campus tower.

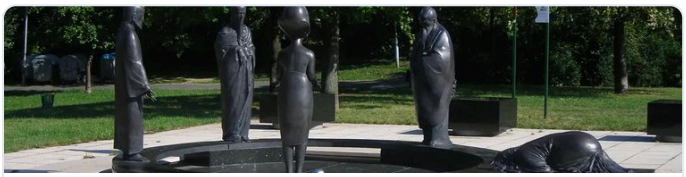
Access Public space; bistros free with a drink or meal
When Any day; water activities in summer
Getting there A short walk from tram line 1 or buses 107 and 154



8 Climb Gül Baba Street to the tomb and rose garden of Gül Baba

The octagonal 16th-century tomb of a dervish poet, up steep, cobbled Gül Baba Street, with a hanging rose garden over Pest. Free entry, closed on Mondays.

Access Free admission
When Tuesday to Sunday 10:00 to 18:00; closed on Mondays
Getting there Mecset utca 14, Rózsadomb; Margaret Bridge is nearby

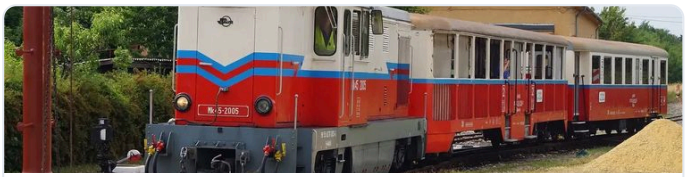


9 Follow the Gellért Hill trails to the Garden of Philosophy

Marked trails up Gellért Hill from Gellért tér, past viewpoints over Liberty and Elizabeth Bridges, to the Garden of Philosophy and its view of the Buda Palace.

Access Public space
When Daytime, any day
Getting there On foot from Szent Gellért tér

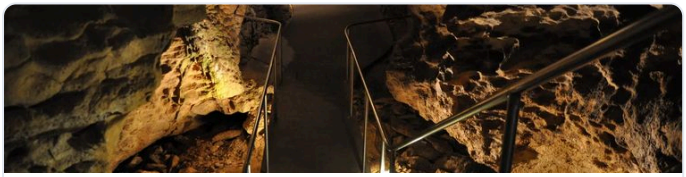
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10 Ride the Children's Railway through the Buda Hills to Normafa

A forest railway run by children since 1948, from Széchenyihegy to Hűvösvölgy via Normafa, about 40 to 50 minutes. No trains on Mondays from September to April.

Access Train ticketed; the forest is public space
When Daily, except Mondays from the beginning of September to the end of April
Getting there Széchenyihegy or Hűvösvölgy terminal stations



11 Squeeze through the passages of Pál-völgyi Cave

A guided hour through 500 metres of dripstones and calcite crystals, with more than 400 stairs and a ladder, at a steady 11 °C. Not for children under five.

Access Ticketed, guided tour only
When Tuesday to Sunday, tours every hour from 10:15 to 16:15; closed on Mondays
Getting there Bus 65 from Kolosy tér to the Pál-völgyi cseppkőbarlang stop



12 Soak in the thermal pools of Lukács Bath

One of the oldest baths in Budapest, fed by the Molnár János Cave: three hot thermal pools, outdoor swimming pools and marble plaques of thanks in the courtyard.

Access Ticketed
When Daily 7:00 to 19:00, Tuesday to 22:00
Getting there Trams 4, 6, 17 and 19, buses 9 and 109, or the H5 suburban railway to the Margit Bridge stop



13 Bathe in the Ottoman pools of Veli Bej

An Ottoman bath of 1574 inside the Brothers Hospitallers' hospital, with a cap on bathers, tickets only at the desk and no children under 14. Closed 12:00 to 15:00.

Access Ticketed; tickets at the desk only; no children under 14
When Mornings 6:00 to 12:00 Wednesday to Sunday; afternoons 15:00 to 21:00 every day; closed 12:00 to 15:00
Getting there Árpád fejedelem útja 7, next to Lukács Bath



14 Visit the Semmelweis Museum of Medical History in the doctor's birthplace

Western medicine from ancient Egypt onwards, in the house where Ignác Semmelweis was born, with a memorial room. Closed on Mondays.

Access Ticketed
When Winter hours: Tuesday to Friday 10:00 to 16:00, weekends and holidays 10:00 to 18:00; summer hours: Tuesday to Sunday 10:00 to 18:00; closed on Mondays
Getting there Apród utca 1-3, District I

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15 Book a free visit to the Money Museum in the Postal Palace

Five interactive rooms on the functions of money inside the 1920s Postal Palace, free with advance booking, and a café terrace on the roof. Closed on Tuesdays.

Access	Free admission, advance booking required
When	Monday and Wednesday to Friday 8:00 to 17:00, weekends 9:00 to 17:00; closed on Tuesdays
Getting there	Széll Kálmán tér



16 Ring the bell at the Zoltán Kodály Memorial Museum

The flat where Zoltán Kodály lived from 1924 to 1967, kept as he left it. Ring doorbell 30; Saturday by appointment, closed on Tuesdays.

Access	Ticketed; ring doorbell 30
When	Monday and Wednesday to Friday 10:00 to 17:00; Saturday 11:00 to 14:00 by appointment; closed on Tuesdays
Getting there	Andrássy út 87-89, at Kodály körönd

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17 Tour the Liszt Academy and stay for a student's mini-concert

A 50-minute tour of the Art Nouveau concert hall restored to its 1907 state, with the Fountain of Art fresco, ending with a mini-concert by a student.

Access	Ticketed
When	Guided tours on the days listed in the Academy's programme
Getting there	Main building of the Liszt Academy, Terézváros

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18 Walk among the mausoleums of the Fiumei Road Cemetery

The national memorial cemetery of 1849, with the mausoleums of Batthyány, Deák and Kossuth and the Apponyi funeral coach. Free entry, mausoleums on guided walks.

Access	Free admission; mausoleums on guided walks only
When	Opens at 7:00 or 7:30; closes at 17:00 from October to February and at 20:00 from May to July
Getting there	Main entrance at Fiumei út 16-18, District VIII

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