

2-Day Budapest walking itinerary

Explore Budapest's most iconic sights in just two days with this walking-friendly itinerary. This guide focuses on the city center and highlights top attractions on both the Buda and Pest sides of the Danube.

Day 1: Buda Side – Castle hill & riverside

- **Buda Castle & Royal Palace** – Stroll through the castle courtyards (free, open 24/7). Visit the Hungarian National Gallery and Budapest History Museum (Tue–Sun, 10:00–18:00; Tickets from ≈€14.50).
- **Fisherman's Bastion & Matthias Church** – Enjoy panoramic views (free). Matthias Church is ticketed and open during castle hours.
- **Castle Hill Funicular** – From Adam Clark Square to Castle Hill; runs daily, approx. 07:30–22:00.
- **Walk across Széchenyi Chain Bridge**, visit the Shoes on the Danube memorial.
- **St. Stephen's Basilica** – Visit the church & panoramic terrace (Mon–Sat 09:00–17:45; Sun 13:00–17:45; Terrace open until 18:30; Entry fee ≈€6–7).
- Evening: **Sunset Danube stroll or cruise**, followed by dinner along the riverfront.

Day 2: Pest Side – Grand Architecture & city life

- **Hungarian Parliament Tour** – The 45-minute guided tour of the Parliament building is available with an audioguide or a professional tour guide in Hungarian, English, French, German, Italian and Spanish. Pre-booking recommended.
<https://jegymester.hu/event-host/900/parlament>
- **Walk through Liberty Square**, past the U.S. Embassy and Gresham Palace.
- **Central Market Hall & Váci Street** – Try local street food and explore vibrant shops.
- **Heroes' Square & City Park** – Visit the Millennium Monument, [House of Music](#), [Museum of Ethnography](#), [Vajdahunyad Castle](#), and [Széchenyi Baths](#) (ticketed).
- **Andrassy Avenue** – Elegant walk past the [State Opera](#) ending at Bajcsy-Zsilinszky út.
- **Evening: Rooftop drinks and dinner near Deák tér** (e.g., [St. Andrea Bar](#), [Leo Bistro](#), [360 Bar](#)).

Extra Program Recommendation – Budapest Thermal Spas

- **Széchenyi Baths** – Largest medicinal bath in Europe; located in City Park. Open daily 07:00–20:00. Website: <https://www.szechenyibath.hu>
- **Gellért Baths** – Art Nouveau-style spa next to Liberty Bridge. Open daily 09:00–19:00. Website: <https://www.gellertbath.hu>
- **Rudas Baths** – Historic Turkish baths with rooftop pool and panoramic views. Open daily 06:00–20:00. Website: <https://www.rudasbaths.com>