

Budapest, Central Hungary, Hungary

The Pearl of the Danube delivers palace-crowned hills, neo-Gothic Parliament spires, and steaming thermal baths — all within easy walking distance of your ship's berth.

Docked (Danube quayside piers)

Typical call: full day or overnight

Hungarian Forint (HUF)

Hungarian (English widely spoken in tourist areas)

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Arrive: All aboard:

Excursion: Notes:

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Multiple quayside piers on the Pest bank of the Danube; ships typically dock at Akadémia, MAHART International, or Vigadó piers near the city center

Best For: Architecture, history, thermal baths, river panoramas, Central European cuisine

Walk to Center: Most piers are within 5–15 min walk of the Chain Bridge and Váci Street shopping area

Don't Miss: Fisherman's Bastion at sunrise and a sunset view of the floodlit Parliament from the Danube

Getting around: Taxi ✓ ~€5–€15 · Rideshare ✓ Uber, Bolt · Hop-on hop-off ✓ Hop-on hop-off

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Buda Castle & Castle District** — UNESCO World Heritage hilltop quarter with Buda Castle, Fisherman's Bastion, Matthias Church, and sweeping views over the Danube and Parliament.
- Hungarian Parliament Building** — One of Europe's largest and most ornate parliament buildings, viewable in full glory from the river.
- Széchenyi Thermal Baths** — Budapest's most famous thermal complex in City Park, with large outdoor and indoor pools fed by natural hot springs.
- Jewish Quarter & Dohány Street Synagogue** — The Great Synagogue on Dohány Street is the largest in Europe and anchor of Budapest's historic Jewish district.
- Great Market Hall & Hungarian Food** — The ornate 1897 Neo-Gothic market hall on Fővám Square stocks fresh paprika, sausages, lángos, and Tokaj wine.

BEST WALKS

- Pest Embankment to Chain Bridge & St. Stephen's Basilica** 2.5 km · ~1 hr · Easy — Stroll north along the riverside promenade past the MAHART piers, up to the Széchenyi Chain Bridge for iconic Danube panoramas, then cut inland two blocks to St.
- Castle Hill Loop** 3 km · ~2 hrs · Moderate — Cross the Chain Bridge, ride the funicular to the top, explore Fisherman's Bastion, Matthias Church, and the courtyards of Buda Castle, then descend via the Castle...
- Andrássy Avenue to Heroes' Square** ~1.5 km one-way · ~30 min · Easy — From the Opera House on Andrássy Avenue, walk the grand UNESCO-listed boulevard past Art Nouveau mansions and embassy buildings to Heroes' Square and the entrance of...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		62°	43°	10d
Jun		79°	61°	10d
Aug		82°	64°	9d
Sep		72°	56°	8d
Oct		62°	47°	8d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 5:55AM–7:33PM · Jun 4:46AM–8:42PM · Aug 5:40AM–7:55PM · Sep 6:21AM–6:55PM · Oct 7:02AM–5:55PM

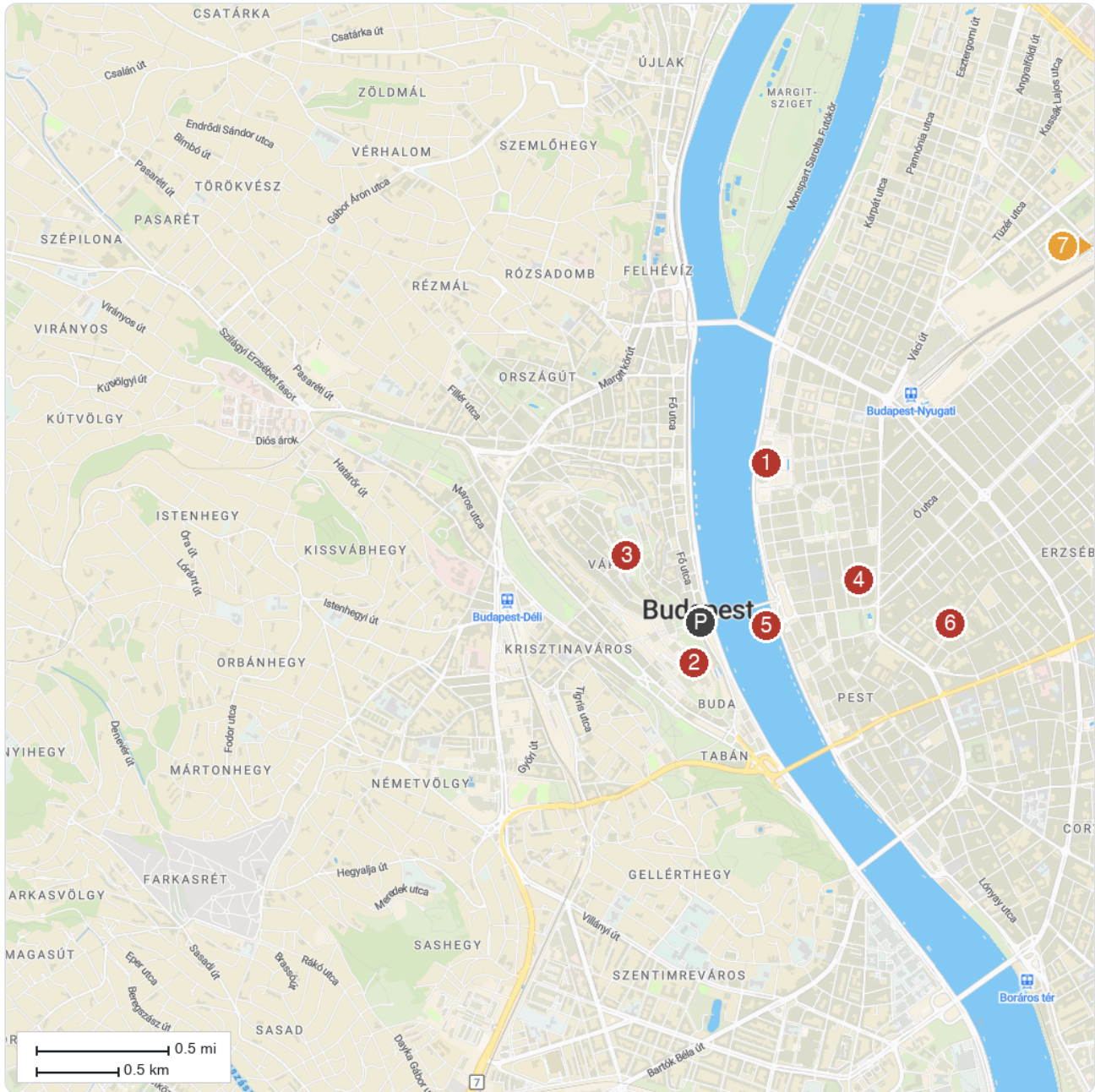
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Use Forints for small purchases. The Hungarian Forint (HUF) is the currency — avoid exchanging at airport-style booths near piers. ATMs on Váci Street or near Deák Ferenc Square give fair rates. Cards accepted almost everywhere.
- Pre-book Parliament & Széchenyi. The Parliament interior tour sells out by mid-morning on busy cruise days. Book online the night before or ask your ship's shore-excursion desk.
- Hit Castle Hill early. Fisherman's Bastion is free before 10 AM. The views are best at sunrise and the crowds are thin — a dramatic start to the day before the tour groups arrive.
- Tram 2 is your friend. The riverside tram runs from central piers all the way to the Great Market Hall. Validate your ticket the moment you board — inspectors check regularly.
- Thermal baths require planning. Bring a swimsuit, flip-flops, and a towel, or rent all three at Széchenyi. Lockers are included in the entry fee. Allow at least 2 hours to soak properly.
- Eat on Pest, not near the piers.

Budapest, Central Hungary, Hungary — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



- 1 Országház
- 3 Halászbástya
- 5 Széchenyi Lánchíd
- 7 Széchenyi gyógyfürdő

- 2 Budavári Palota
- 4 Szent István-bazilika
- 6 Dohány utcai Zsinagóga
- P Cruise port / terminal