

# SKOOL MEETS BUDAPEST 🕶️

## TRANSPORT 🚌

- For public transport, download the Budapest GO app:
  - [iPhone](#)
  - [Android](#)
- You can use single tickets or even get a 24h/48h/72h pass
- More info and prices here: [Tickets and passes - bkk.hu](https://bkk.hu/tickets-and-passes)
- There is an [airport shuttle](#) that takes you to the city center, so unless you arrive/leave in the middle of the night you can take that, or you can take a Taxi, but they can be expensive from the airport
- We actually have a reliable transportation system (even during the night), so I'd recommend using that as much as you can/feel comfortable with, but it also depends on how much you want to walk (the weather is pretty hot in summertime, and some of the sights are quite far from each other)

## FOOD 😋

### Brunch 🥐

- [Franziska](#) – this one has 2 locations, one on the Buda and another on the Pest side of the city (the Buda one is in a nicer area) – the food is good, but I'd mostly recommend it for the design and the atmosphere; it's pretty cute and instagrammable :D
- [A table](#) – this one's a franchise, I think they have about 4 locations, really nice French-style breakfast
- [Kaptafa](#) – they serve fried pickles :D
- [Anyám szerint](#) - the American pancakes with bacon and fruit are sooo good

## Coffee

- [Espresso Embassy](#)
- [Madal](#)
- [My Little Melbourne](#)

## Lunch/Dinner

### Hungarian(ish)

- [Retro Langos](#) – you might have heard of “Lángos” already, it’s a typical Hungarian fast food, basically a deep fried flatbread; this place has a wild variety of toppings but the absolute classic is sour cream and cheese; it might not look much, but it’s quite a heavy dish, so make sure you are hungry when you go there
- [Gettó Gulyás](#) – this place specializes in stews, and they also have a wide selection of Pálinka (a really strong Hungarian liquor) – the beetroot flavour is for the truly brave
- [Vakvarjú](#) – another franchise, if you stay in the city center, the one in Paulay Ede utca would probably be the most convenient; really nice food, maybe on the fancier side
- [Menza](#) – again, really nice food, maybe fancier side

### Other cuisines for the sake of variety

- [Dobrumba](#) – Middle Eastern/Mediterranean „just order a lot of small plates and share” type of place
- [Twentysix](#) – similar cuisine to Dobrumba, but fancier, also very nice cocktails!
- [Kandalló](#) – cool burger and craft beer place
- Biang Bistro – they don’t have an English website (they definitely have an English menu at the place...) but this one is a Chinese restaurant with mainly noodle dishes, and it is good (the lesser-known and hence less crowded restaurant is here: 1095 Budapest, Vámház krt. 5.)
- [Ramenka](#) – lovely ramen
- [MANU+ Pizza - Offbeat Budapest](#) / [Pizzica](#) – both great pizza places, at Pizzica you can buy by the slice, and there are a lot of different toppings

## Cake/other sweet stuff

- Chimney cake (or kürtöskalács) - very-very classic Hungarian cake, tbh the version with the different fillings is mostly for the tourists; you can have the original here [Molnár's](#) / or this one I think has both the filled and the original: [Gallery - Kató Néni Finomságai \(katonenifinomsagai.hu\)](#) – the cinnamon covered is the best one in my humble opinion
- [Gerbaud](#) – one of Budapest's historical bakeries/confectioneries located in a beautiful building; it's expensive, so I wouldn't recommend having a full meal there, but trying one of their cakes is defo worth it and they have very typical Hungarian cakes
- [New York Kávéház](#) – not gonna lie, this one is probably a bit of a tourist trap, BUT it is in a beautiful building as well and the café itself has a lot of history (it used to be a meeting/working place for a lot of famous writers and poets in the early 1900s), so if you feel like it, have some dessert there too
- [Strudel House](#) – they have proper food, but I'd go straight for the strudel, because it's another local dessert (mostly with a fruity filling, so it's a bit lighter than our other creamy, chocolaty things); I think the curd one is the best, but anyone outside of Hungary is usually a little weirded out by curd, so I'm not pushing you to try it

## Drinks

- [Schrodinger macskája](#) – very nice cocktails and spirits
- [Kisüzem](#)/[Hintaló](#)/[Pótkulcs](#) – so Budapest is pretty famous for the ruined pubs and these are some of my favourites where locals go as well, they may look dodgy at first and Hintalo and Potkulcs are a bit hard to find
- [Élesztőház](#)/[Keg](#)/[Madhouse](#)/[First](#)/[Csakajósör](#) – these are all nice craft beer places (the last one is both a shop AND a pub, confusingly)
- [Kóstolom Borbár](#)/[Palack Borbár](#) – if you feel like tasting some local wine

## SIGHTS

- [Buda Castle](#) – I love just walking around there, even if you don't buy a ticket and go inside the buildings, the whole area is gorgeous, but the Matthias Church, the Fisherman's Bastion and the Arpad Toth Promenade are especially nice (definitely look at the view of the city from each side)

- [Parliament](#) – you can actually book a guided tour and go inside but walking around outside is also great
- Chain Bridge – this is the first and most famous bridge in Budapest
- Margaret Island – lovely park-y area with lots of trees, and a musical fountain, but the weather might not be nice enough to stroll around (and the fountain probably doesn't work during the winter either)
- [Pinball Museum](#) – you can try out a lot of old pinball machines here, be prepared for lot of noises and flashing lights but it's fun
- [Market Hall](#) – this is a classic market, with fresh produce on the ground floor and restaurants upstairs (I think there are some guided tours, too, but I'm not sure if they are worth the money)
- [Europe's oldest subway line](#) – it's super noisy and old but worth a try and I think it's very cute (although I'm happy that I don't have to use it on a daily basis); you can just buy a regular pass/ticket to use it, there's no need for anything special – I wrote a bit about the transportation system below
- Check out one of the thermal baths! This one is my fave: [Rudas Thermal Bath - \[Official website\] \(rudasfurdo.hu\)](#) (especially the old Turkish bath area and you can also go out on the roof, there is another jacuzzi there) – sometimes they only let in men or women in certain days, so that's something to be mindful of if you want to visit; here's another famous one: [Széchenyi Thermal Bath - \[Official website\] \(szechenyibath.hu\)](#)
- Heroes Square – Vajdahunyad Castle – City Park – another nice area to walk around in, depending on how cold the weather will be; there is an [ice rink](#) there too
- [National Gallery](#)/[National Museum](#)/[Museum of Fine Arts](#) – if you're in the mood for classical art, either of these is a solid choice
- [Basilica of St Stephen](#), [Synagogue](#) – two beautiful places of worship for two different religions
- [Tomb of Gül Baba](#) – this one requires a bit of climbing as it's located on a top of a hill but you can see an awesome view of the city; you can buy a ticket and look around the building itself, but walking around should be free (I've actually never been inside but I really love that area)
- I would recommend a walk on the Pest side of the Danube riverbank if the weather allows: specifically visiting these spots: [Shoes on the Danube Bank](#)

[- Wikipedia](#); [Little Princess statue - Wikipedia](#); [Ignác Roskovics Statue - All You Need to Know BEFORE You Go \(with Photos\) \(tripadvisor.com\)](#)

- [Andrássy út - Wikipedia](#) – you can take a nice stroll along Budapest's first boulevard
- [Váci Street](#) – this one is pretty classic „shopping street”, if you want some souvenirs etc, you'll definitely find a LOT of shops here