

5 not-to-miss ARTISAN BAKERS

91 JACQUES LISZT

V. Apáczai Csere
János utca 7.
Belváros ①
+36 30 506 5968

The master baker who runs this artisan bakery used to work as a lawyer in a bank, and then turned his life around under the spell of a TV-programme. After closing time you can see the bakers at work, making all the bread and pastries from additive-free ingredients. The name Jacques Liszt in Hungarian means ‘a sack of flower’.

92 ARTIZÁN BAKERY BUDAPEST

V. Hold utca 3.
Lipótváros ②
+36 30 856 5122
artizan.hu

For Gergő Fekete it all started with a blog (in English) about his hobby – baking. Now he runs a lovely and busy split-level bakery and cafe, where everything is prepared on the spot. You’ll find some of the tastiest sandwiches in town here, and good coffee made with their own beans.

93 BUTTER BROTHERS

IX. Lónyay utca 22.
Ferencváros ⑥
+36 30 456 4019
butter-brothers.com

A lovely breakfast place and bakery in one, very close to the Central Market. On offer: among other things, a variety of pastries, excellent coffee, and some craft beers. At lunch time they serve a daily soup with sandwiches, and all day long you can order super fresh milk from the owner’s very own cows.

94 HÁROM TARKA MACSKA

XIII. Pozsonyi út 41.
Újlipótváros ⑨
+36 1 785 7892

‘Three Mottled Cats’ is a busy artisan bakery on the corner of a street in the middle-class neighbourhood New Leopold Town. It opened in 2017, and was an instant success, even though there are lots of other bakeries nearby. On weekend mornings it’s very hard to find a spot to sit and eat a sandwich because it’s so crowded, but at any other time this is a peaceful place with a nice décor.

95 BRÓT

AT: VILLA BAGATELLE
Németvölgyi út 17.
Hegyvidék ③
+36 1 213 4191
[villa-bagatelle.com/hu/
brotpekseg](http://villa-bagatelle.com/hu/brotpekseg)

This nice cafe is housed in a villa from the 1920s, with a bakery on the ground floor. It used to be a red lamp house in the 1990s. The place was renovated and is now run by a German-Hungarian couple, who personally watch over the quality of their goods. Everything is made by hand here, without the use of unnatural additives.





151 FIRST CRAFT BEER

5 bars that offer SMALL-SCALE BEER LABELS

151 **FIRST CRAFT BEER**

IV. Váci út 83.
Újpest
+36 30 349 6052
firstcraftbeer.com

Be careful when you're looking for this place: the house numbers of Váci út start back from 1 in District IV.; it would cost you a 20-minute taxi drive. This is an open brewery, meaning that you can see everything through windows – the people working and the workshop, which is as clean as a surgical theatre. Eight varieties are offered in the taproom, none of them very strong.

152 **HUNYADI LAKÁSBISZTRÓ ÉS KÉZMŰVES SÖRÖZŐ**

**I. Hunyadi János
utca 15.**
Várnegyed ④
+36 70 881 8100
lakasbisztro.hu

This 'apartment bistro and artisanal brewery' is on the slopes of Castle Hill. It takes up the entire ground floor of a 200-year-old block, overlooking a small square. The focus is on beer, but there's also something for wine-lovers. There's a small private room for smaller groups, called the apartment. There are also beer-related events.

The 5 best shops for VINTAGE CLOTHING

231 LUDOVIKA VINTAGE

VII. Rumbach
Sebestyén utca 15.
Erzsébetváros ⑦
[ludovika-shop.tumblr.com](#)

For most people this enchanted street is off the beaten path. You'll find some very special, unique shops here, like this one, run by Krisztina and Dóra. It's a treasure-trove filled with bags and small objects from the good old days, and also shirts, pullovers, jackets, shoes, and even all kinds of wristwatches.

232 LOVEBUG VINTAGE

II. Margit körút 62.
Hegyvidék ③④
+36 30 233 4739
[lovebugvintage.com](#)

This 'Hungarian vintage home shop' was started in 2010 by a fashion journalist. It's an inner Buda favourite, and they specialise in T-shirts with funny texts on them and also unicorn-related things. Lovebug also launched the first online vintage shop in Hungary.

233 ANTIFACTORY VINTAGE SHOP

VI. Paulay Ede
utca 43.
Terézváros ⑦
+36 20 255 6228
[antifactoryvintage.tumblr.com](#)

Run by vegan blogger Fanni Stefánkovits, this vintage shop sells 'quirky clothes'. Time seems to have stood still here, and they don't care about trends – one comes here to add a little spice to his or her mainstream attire. The other customers are the main asset of the shop: they're quite a sight.

234 SZPUTNYIK SHOP

VII. Dohány utca 20.
Erzsébetváros ⑦
+36 1 321 3730
[szputnyikshop.hu](#)

This is a large, unusual shop selling a combination of vintage clothing and new items. It encourages both men and women to mix the two, and to find themselves a fitting personal style. Their slogan is 'different is beautiful'. The name refers to the title of a Murakami novel (and only indirectly to the Soviet satellite).

235 RETROCK

VI. Anker köz 2-4.
Terézváros ⑦
+36 30 472 3636
[retrock.com](#)

This centrally-located shop is the biggest vintage shop in town. It mixes old and new clothes, made by Hungarian or international designers; they import some limited edition series from far-away countries like Korea, Thailand, Peru and Ecuador. You can find great ethno-inspired clothes here. They also sell 'dead stock', i.e. items that have never been worn.



234 SZPUTNYIK SHOP

HEART OF JESUS CHURCH



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5 things to know about the OPERA HOUSE

VI. Andrásy út 22.
Terézváros ⑦
+36 1 814 7100
opera.hu

296 THE FAÇADE

The Budapest Opera building was completed by 1884. The budget didn't allow for the building to be covered with limestone all around, so most of the sides and the back part were finished with plaster. Left and right of the entrance there are the two greatest composers of Hungary, Liszt and Erkel, although the latter is hardly known abroad.

297 TWO SETS OF STATUES OF COMPOSERS ON THE OPERA

Originally there were 16 statues of composers but they were removed in the late 1930s, because they were in such bad shape. In the 1960s new statues were commissioned, and apart from six obvious choices, ten new names appeared: Donizetti, Verdi, Bizet and three Russian composers, plus Smetana and Moniuszko – to flatter fellow communist countries.

297 TWO SETS OF STATUES OF COMPOSERS ON THE OPERA



The 5 most ECCENTRIC HOTELS

431 BRODY HOUSE

VIII. Bródy Sándor
utca 10.

Józsefváros ①⑥

+36 1 266 1211

brody.land

This eccentric 11-room hotel is filled to the brim with works of art. The rooms are named after artists who either stayed here or collaborated with the two British owners. These named their hotel after Hungarian writer Sandor Brody, who also gave his name to the street. Opposite Brody House is the garden of the National Museum.

432 KŐLEVES FOGADÓ

VII. Kazinczy utca 41.

Erzsébetváros ⑦

+36 1 322 1011

kolevesvendeglo.hu

Located behind the restaurant with the same name. You can choose to stay in one of three very different spaces: the Studio, the Quadruple Room, or Room No. 3. The building is right in the middle of the nightlife district, and is close to three metro lines.

433 HOTEL RUM

V. Királyi Pál utca 4.

Belváros ①

+36 1 424 9060

hotelrumbudapest.com

A highly original boutique hotel, specifically designed by an all-Hungarian team for 'modern urban explorers'. It has 38 rooms; they fall into four categories and are 15 to 30 square metres large. There's a fantastic roof bar, and also a celebrated Asian restaurant called Urban Tiger.

434 BOHEM ART HOTEL

V. Molnár utca 35.

Belváros ①

+36 1 327 9020

bohemarhotel.hu

This small hotel in the historic city centre claims to combine the best features of design and hip hotels. It takes up the two storeys of a former stationery factory; the four upper-floors were added later on. The rooms are a bit on the small side, but packed with the art of emerging Hungarian artists. A gay-friendly hotel.

435 THE HIVE PARTY HOSTEL

VII. Dob utca 19.

Erzsébetváros ⑦

+36 30 826 6197

thehive.hu

This meticulously restored old building houses an improbable 21st-century youth hostel. It resembles the inside of a spaceship, with about 300 all-white comfortable bunk beds, and toilets that look as if they were made for a four-star hotel. You don't need to leave the premises to enjoy a ruin bar: there is one in-house!





SZÉCHENYI BATH

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5 nice DAY TRIPS

436 SZENTENDRE

It takes 30 minutes by car or commuter train to get to this charming little 18th-century town north of Budapest, along the Danube. A former artists colony, it has great museums around the main square. Climb the hill to gaze at the half a dozen church spires; it's worth the effort.

437 NORTH OF LAKE BALATON

The dozen villages on the slopes of these hills are inhabited by thousands of intellectuals and business people who modernised old peasant mansions and added new villas. They patronise great wine cellars and some of the best restaurants in the country, and know which beaches to visit. Two hours by car from the city.

438 KECSKEMÉT

One hour by car from Budapest, this typical south-east small town has a great main square with a giant art nouveau town hall, and other fine buildings. You can eat some great food here, mainly traditional Hungarian cuisine, fit for the shepherds who are in the fields 7/7 for weeks. There's also a great photo museum in a small, former synagogue.

439 LAKE TISZA

Ninety minutes by car from Budapest, in the north-east of Hungary, you'll see this artificial pond. It was created by a dam in 1973 and it's a great place for nature lovers and bird watchers. You can rent rooms, boats, guides and bikes in the half a dozen small villages around the lake. Look for the Ecocentre in a village called Poroszló.

440 PÉCS

Two hours by car or train, this small town in the south of the country has a Mediterranean feel to it. It has many museums, and it's home to quite a number of students. There's a nice, well-kept main square, and a wonderful music hall completed in 2011 – the music scene here alone is worth the trip. There is also a cool and interesting cultural centre in a working china and porcelain manufactory called Zsolnay.