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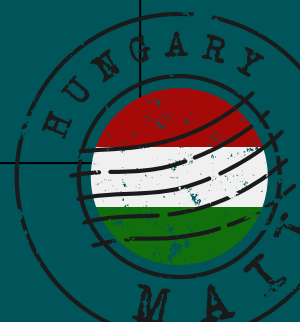
06 JULY - 19 JULY 2026



# BUDAPEST SUMMMER UNIVERSITY 2026

*Explore, Connect, Experience*

**SOCIAL, CULTURAL & LEISURE  
PROGRAMME GUIDE**



# PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

*Two Weeks at a Glance*

## WEEK 1

Mon 07.06	Tue 07.07	Wed 07.08	Thu 07.09	Fri 07.10	Sat 07.11
Guided City Tour 1	Guided City Tour 2	Yoga in the Botanical Garden 1	Museum of Fine Arts 1	Treasure hunt at Citadella	Visegrád Castle Excursion
	Budapest History Museum 1	Buda Castle District visit with Danube Boat Tour	Museum of Ethnography	House of Music	

## WEEK 2

Mon 07.13	Tue 07.14	Wed 07.15	Thu 07.16	Fri 07.17	Sat 07.18
Yoga in the Botanical Garden 2	Hungarian National Gallery	Tracking in the mountains & Csillaghegyi Bath	Museum of Fine Arts 2	Farewell Party at Margaret Island with beer garden and open-air cinema	Trip to Szentendre
Guided City Tour 3			Budapest History Museum 2 Hungarian National Museum		

Take some time to recharge! Sundays are intentionally left free, allowing participants to relax, discover Budapest independently, or simply enjoy a well-deserved break between programmes.

# PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

## WELCOME SESSION



Meet your fellow BSU participants and start your summer adventure in Budapest. During this welcoming event, you will have the opportunity to get to know students from around the world, learn more about the programme, and connect with the BSU community. It is the perfect occasion to make new friends, ask questions, and begin your international experience in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere.

## CITY TOUR

Explore Budapest through a guided walk across some of its most iconic locations. From historic landmarks to vibrant city squares, this tour offers an introduction to the rich history, architecture, and culture of Hungary's capital. It is an excellent opportunity to get familiar with the city while spending time with fellow participants.



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## BUDAPEST HISTORY MUSEUM

Step into the past and discover the story of Hungary's capital. Located within the historic Buda Castle complex, the Budapest History Museum takes visitors on a journey through centuries of the city's development. Through fascinating exhibitions, archaeological treasures, and historical artefacts, participants can gain a deeper understanding of Budapest's rich cultural heritage and its role in Hungarian history.



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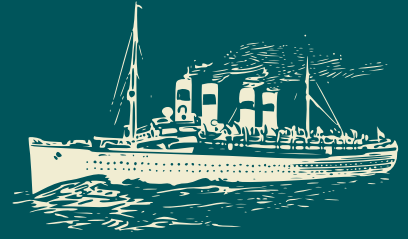
## YOGA IN THE BOTANICAL GARDEN

Take a break from the city's hustle and reconnect with nature. This relaxing yoga session takes place in the beautiful ELTE Botanical Garden, one of Budapest's hidden gems. Surrounded by greenery and peaceful surroundings, participants can recharge both body and mind while enjoying a unique outdoor experience suitable for all skill levels.



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## DANUBE BOAT TOUR

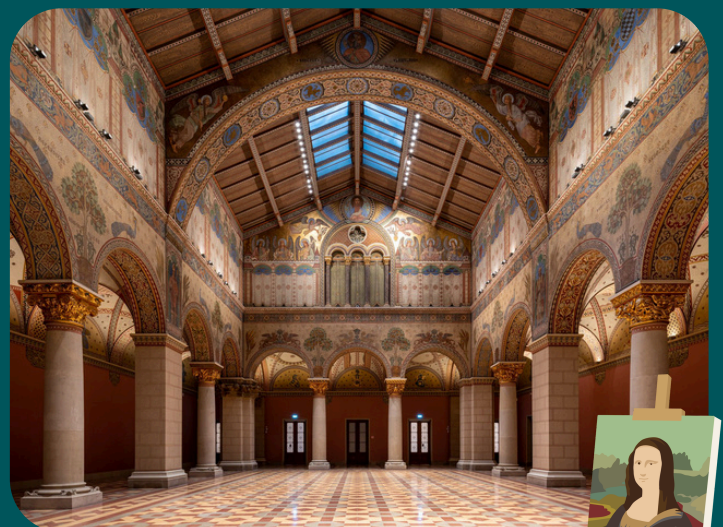
See Budapest from a completely different perspective. As the boat glides along the Danube, participants can admire some of the city's most famous landmarks, including the Parliament, Buda Castle, and Chain Bridge. The tour combines sightseeing, relaxation, and unforgettable views of Budapest's beautiful riverside panorama.



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## MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS

Explore one of Hungary's most renowned art institutions. The museum's rich collections include works from ancient civilizations, the Renaissance, and some of Europe's most celebrated artists. Whether you are an art enthusiast or simply curious, the visit offers an inspiring cultural experience.



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## VISIT TO THE HUNGARIAN HOUSE OF MUSIC



Discover one of Budapest's most innovative cultural attractions. The House of Music combines striking contemporary architecture with engaging exhibitions and interactive experiences. During the visit, participants can explore the fascinating history of music and learn how it connects cultures and communities across the world.



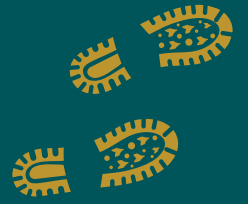
## VISEGRÁD CASTLE EXCURSION

Step back in time and explore one of Hungary's most famous medieval sites. Located above the spectacular Danube Bend, Visegrád Castle offers breathtaking views and fascinating historical stories. This excursion combines culture, history, and nature, making it one of the highlights of the programme.



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## TREKKING IN THE MOUNTAINS & RELAXATION AT CSILLAGHEGY BATH



Discover the natural beauty surrounding Budapest through a day of adventure and relaxation. The programme begins with a scenic hike in the hills near Pilisborosjenő, where participants can enjoy beautiful landscapes, fresh air, and impressive views along the trails. One of the highlights of the excursion is the famous Teve-szikla (Camel Rock), a unique natural formation that has become a symbol of the area.

After the hike, the group will head to the Csillaghegy Bath and Aquatic Centre to relax and recharge. Whether swimming in the pools, enjoying the summer sunshine, or spending time with fellow participants, it is the perfect way to unwind after an active day outdoors and experience another side of Budapest beyond the city centre.



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## MUSEUM OF ETHNOGRAPHY

Discover cultures, traditions, and everyday life from Hungary and beyond. The Museum of Ethnography presents fascinating exhibitions that showcase the diversity of human societies through art, objects, and stories. This visit offers valuable insights into cultural heritage and the ways communities preserve their traditions over time.



## HUNGARIAN NATIONAL GALLERY

Experience Hungarian art in the historic surroundings of Buda Castle. The gallery houses an impressive collection spanning several centuries, from medieval works to modern masterpieces. Alongside the exhibitions, visitors can enjoy stunning views overlooking the Danube and the city of Budapest.



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## BUDA CASTLE DISTRICT

Discover one of Budapest's most historic and picturesque areas. The Castle District is home to some of the city's most famous landmarks, including the magnificent Buda Castle, the iconic Fisherman's Bastion, and the beautiful Matthias Church. As you stroll through its charming cobblestone streets and historic squares, you will be surrounded by centuries of Hungarian history while enjoying breathtaking views over the Danube and the Pest side of the city.



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## CITADELLA

Rising above the city on Gellért Hill, the Citadella offers one of the most breathtaking views in Budapest. From this iconic viewpoint, visitors can admire the Danube, the city's famous bridges, and many of Budapest's most important landmarks. The area is not only known for its spectacular panorama but also for its historical significance, making it a favourite destination for both locals and visitors seeking the perfect view of the Hungarian capital.



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## MARGARET ISLAND

Nestled in the heart of the Danube, Margaret Island is one of Budapest's most beloved green retreats. Stretching between Buda and Pest, the island offers a peaceful escape from the city's busy streets with its beautiful parks, flower gardens, walking paths, and open green spaces. Whether you choose to take a leisurely stroll, relax by the famous Musical Fountain, or simply enjoy the tranquil atmosphere, Margaret Island provides a unique opportunity to experience Budapest's natural side while remaining in the very centre of the city.



## MARGARET ISLAND OPEN-AIR CINEMA

Experience a summer evening like a true local on Margaret Island. The island's open-air cinema is a popular gathering place where visitors can enjoy films surrounded by nature in the heart of Budapest. With the sounds of the city fading into the background and the atmosphere of a warm summer night all around, it offers a uniquely Budapest experience. After a day full of learning and discovery, the open-air cinema provides the perfect opportunity to slow down, relax, and enjoy a summer evening in one of Budapest's most beautiful settings.



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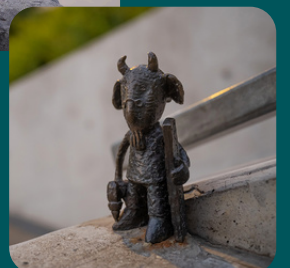
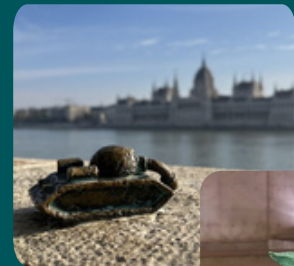
## SZENTENDRE – A CHARMING ARTISTIC TOWN NEAR BUDAPEST

Located just 40 minutes from Budapest, Szentendre is one of Hungary's most picturesque towns. Known for its colorful streets, Mediterranean atmosphere, art galleries, museums, and cozy cafés, it is a perfect destination for a half-day or full-day trip. The town's historic center is full of narrow cobblestone streets, baroque architecture, and unique local shops. Thanks to its location on the Danube River, visitors can also enjoy beautiful riverside walks and stunning views.



## DISCOVER THE HIDDEN KOLODKO MINI STATUES


While exploring Budapest and Szentendre, keep an eye out for the famous miniature sculptures created by Hungarian artist Mihály Kolodko. These tiny bronze statues are hidden throughout the city, often referencing Hungarian history, popular culture, cartoons, or international icons. Finding them has become a popular treasure hunt among both locals and tourists. Several Kolodko statues can also be found in Szentendre, making the town an ideal place to combine sightseeing with a fun sculpture hunt. Getting there: Take the H5 suburban railway (HÉV) from Batthyány tér in Budapest. The journey takes approximately 40 minutes.

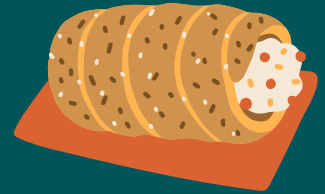



# READY FOR YOUR BUDAPEST ADVENTURE?


WE ARE EXCITED TO WELCOME YOU TO THE BUDAPEST SUMMER UNIVERSITY 2026!

TO HELP YOU MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR STAY, HERE ARE A FEW TIPS BEFORE  
YOU ARRIVE:

 Download BudapestGO – the easiest way to buy public transport tickets, plan routes, and travel around the city.




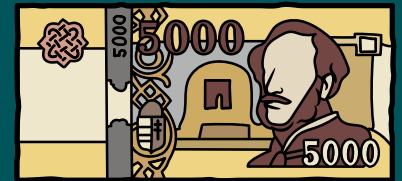
 Budapest summers can be very hot, so don't forget sunscreen, sunglasses, a hat, and a reusable water bottle.


 Bring comfortable walking shoes – you'll probably walk much more than you expect while exploring the city.





 Tap water is safe to drink throughout Hungary.


 Card payments are widely accepted, but having a small amount of Hungarian Forints (HUF) can be useful..

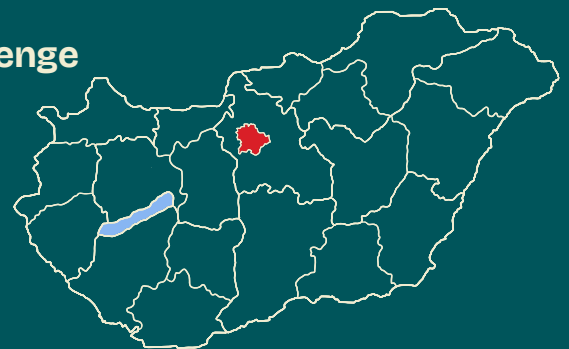


 Explore Budapest both during the day and at night – the illuminated Parliament, bridges, and riverfront are truly spectacular after sunset.

 Take a walk along the Danube or enjoy a sunset cruise for some of the city's best views.

 Look for the hidden Kolodko mini statues and challenge your friends to find as many as possible.

 Take a trip to Szentendre, a charming riverside town full of art galleries, colorful streets, and cafés.



 Don't leave Hungary without trying lángos, kürtőskalács (chimney cake), and goulash.

 Check whether you need a European plug adapter before travelling.

 Always validate your ticket and keep it with you while using public transport.

# HUNGARIAN MINI DICTIONARY

## GREETINGS

Szia! = Hi! / Bye!

Sziasztok! = Hi! (to a group)

Jó reggelt! = Good morning!

Jó napot! = Good afternoon!

Jó estét! = Good evening!

Viszlát! = Goodbye!

## POLITE EXPRESSIONS

Köszönöm! = Thank you!

Köszönöm szépen! = Thank you very much!

Kérem! = Please

Elnézést! = Excuse me / Sorry

Semmi baj! = No problem

Nincs mit! = You're welcome

## USEFUL QUESTIONS

Beszél angolul? = Do you speak English?

Merre van...? = Where is...?

Mennyibe kerül? = How much does it cost?

Segítené? = Could you help me?

Hol van a mosdó? = Where is the restroom?

Hol van a metró? = Where is the metro?

## AROUND THE CITY

Balra = Left

Jobbra = Right

Egyenesen = Straight ahead

Bejárat = Entrance

Kijárat = Exit

Nyitva = Open

Zárva = Closed

## FOOD & DRINKS

Víz = Water

Kávé = Coffee

Tea = Tea

Sör = Beer

Bor = Wine

Egészségedre! = Cheers!

Finom! = Delicious!

Kérhetném a számlát? = Could I get the bill?



## SURVIVAL HUNGARIAN

Igen = Yes

Nem = No

Talán = Maybe

Nem tudom = I don't know

Értem = I understand

Nem értem = I don't understand

## BUDAPEST EDITION

BKK = Budapest public transport

HÉV = Suburban railway

Fürdő = Thermal bath

Lángos = Fried flatbread

Kürtőskalács = Chimney cake

Gulyás = Goulash soup

## LOCAL FAVOURITES

Melyik a legjobb lángos? = Which is the best lángos place?

Hol van a legközelebbi kávézó? = Where is the nearest café?

Egy sört kérek! = One beer, please!

Nagyon szép Budapest! = Budapest is very beautiful!

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# MOST IMPORTANTLY...

Be curious. Try new things. Meet people from different cultures. Explore the city, get lost in its streets, and create memories that will stay with you long after the programme ends.

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**WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT YOU CHOSE BUDAPEST  
SUMMER UNIVERSITY AND WE CANNOT WAIT TO  
WELCOME YOU TO BUDAPEST THIS SUMMER.**

**SEE YOU SOON!** ✨ ✨

**THE BSU TEAM**

