



EXETER
INTERNATIONAL

ESSENTIAL BUDAPEST





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DAY 1



ARRIVAL INTO BUDAPEST

Upon arrival into Budapest, you will be met and privately transferred to your hotel in central Budapest.

On the way to the hotel, you will pass by sights of historical significance, including St. Stephen's Basilica, a cross between Neo-Classical and Renaissance-style architecture completed in the late 19th century and one of Budapest's noteworthy landmarks.

Over the centuries, Budapest flourished as a crossroads where East meets West in the heart of Europe. Ancient cultures, such as the Magyars, the Mongols, and the Turks, have all left an indelible mark on this magical city. Buda and Pest, separated by the Danube River, are characterized by an assortment of monuments, elegant streets, wine taverns, coffee houses, and Turkish baths.

EXETER SERVICES

Arrival Transfer

HOTEL

Four Seasons Gresham Palace

DAY 2



BUDAPEST

This morning, after meeting your driver and guide in the hotel lobby, drive along the Danube to see the imposing hills of Buda and catch a glimpse of the Budapest Royal Palace. If you like, today you can stop at the moving memorial of the Shoes on the Danube Promenade. Located near the parliament, this memorial honors the Jews who fell victim to the fascist militiamen during WWII.

Then drive across the lovely 19th-century Chain Bridge to the Budapest Funicular (vertical rail car), which will take you up the side of Buda's historic Royal Palace, the former Hapsburg palace during the 19th century and rebuilt in the Neo-Classical style after it was destroyed during World War II. Today the castle holds the Hungarian National Gallery, featuring the best of Hungarian art.

A stroll through the castle area, known as Varhegy, will take you to the Fisherman's Bastion for the most impressive views over Pest, across the Danube. Here you'll see the Matyas Church, a Neo-Gothic reconstruction dating from 1874 and in which many organ and choral concerts can be heard. The entire cobble-stoned area, lined with cafés and small shops, is perfect for spending the remaining afternoon. Also, in Varhegy is the excavated Medieval Synagogue, a Jewish historical sight dating to the 15th century.

Afterward, you will visit the Budapest Market Hall. Built in the 19th century, the covered market boasts soaring metal columns, high walkways, and beautiful produce shops. More than just a place where one can purchase some handcrafted and typical Hungarian souvenirs, it's a market where locals go to purchase their produce and meats—a meeting place for many and a place where you can enjoy authentic local flavor.

EXETER SERVICES

Vehicle, Driver, & Guide (6 Hours)

HOTEL

Four Seasons Gresham Palace

DAY 3



BUDAPEST

Meet your guide and driver today in the hotel lobby for an exploration of the beauty of Central Pest.

First, your guide will take you to the Jewish Quarter. The highlight is a visit to the Great Synagogue (Dohany Street Synagogue), the largest in Europe (and second largest in the world) - impressive in its Byzantine and Moorish style architecture. Today it's still in use for Budapest's Jewish Community. You can visit the Jewish Museum that is part of the synagogue, and afterwards, walk over to the Holocaust Memorial. The sculpture of a weeping willow designed in memory of the 600,000 Hungarian Jews who died under the Nazis in World War II.

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Today you will have a behind-the-scenes tour of the Dohany Street Synagogue. A synagogue security official will accompany you on the tour. Highlights today include a visit to the Groom's Room behind the Ark of the Torah. Today this is a library of the synagogue. You'll also be able to see the old pulpit before heading to the Queen's Box on the upper circle, where you have the best view of the building. You'll see the back of the organ, the special Torahs and the Ark of the Torah's Curtains and the safe deposit box of the synagogue. Afterwards, enjoy a small snack of Kosher Flodni cake along with coffee, tea or water.

From here, you can drive to Hero's Square and see the Millennium Monument, designed to commemorate Hungary's Millennium Celebrations in 1896, though not completed until 1929. It marked Budapest's high point of its development in the history of the Austro-Hungarian monarchy.

Afterwards, spend the remainder of your afternoon at your leisure. This evening at **6:45PM** you will meet your driver for your transfer to the port for an evening boat tour.

EXETER SERVICES

Vehicle, Driver, & Guide (5 Hours); Roundtrip Evening Transfers

HOTEL

Four Seasons Gresham Palace

DAY 4



ETYEK

You will drive to the closest wine region to Budapest and one of the country's youngest. The Etyek region is noted for its sparkling wine production and today your tour will focus on the area's small family-run wineries and food producers. The village is located only 30 minutes or so outside the city.

Today you will head to one of our favorite vintners – Kalna. This family-owned operation focuses on sparkling wines and whites. You'll learn all about the owner's passion project and taste the best from his vineyards. Your wine tasting will have accompaniments from local food producers, including fresh cheese, ham, vegetables and more.

Afterward, if you like, there may be time for lunch in the countryside, payable locally, before heading back to Budapest.

Return to the city this afternoon and enjoy your afternoon at leisure.

EXETER SERVICES

Vehicle, Driver, & Guide (6 Hours)

HOTEL

Four Seasons Gresham Palace

DAY 5



DEPART BUDAPEST

After checking out, meet your private car and driver for your transfer to the airport. *Cost of flight is not included in your program.*

EXETER SERVICES

Departure Transfer

WHAT'S INCLUDED



Cost of the Program:

For two (2) Guests traveling together	Jan. 2-March; Dec. 1-27	From: \$4,450 per person
	April-November; Dec. 28-Jan. 1	From: \$4,625 per person
For Four (4) Guests traveling together	Jan. 2-March; Dec. 1-27	From: \$3,575 per person
	April-November; Dec. 28-Jan. 1	From: \$3,725 per person

All pricing is per person and based on double occupancy. Airfare is not included. Inquire for pricing on other hotels available.

Accommodations

Budapest

Three Gresham Rooms for Four (4) nights at the Four Seasons Gresham Palace; tax and breakfast included.

The Four Seasons Gresham Palace is the product of a painstaking 110 million Euro restoration and is the most opulent hotel in all of Budapest. The hotel is housed in a historic landmark palace on the banks of the Danube River and has lived a rich history entertaining celebrities as they pass through Budapest.

This is a destination hotel of historical significance and an art nouveau masterpiece. This 179-room hotel was badly damaged in WWII when the Germans detonated the Chain Bridge in front of the building. However, thanks to the work of numerous artists, masons, and talented metal workers, today guests may once again enjoy what has always been Budapest's most prestigious address. This is simply, without question, the finest hotel in the city.

All guestrooms offer very spacious accommodations, featuring marble bathrooms that include a deep soaking tub, separate glass-walled shower and large vanity mirror. Most offer the WC in a separate alcove with a third telephone. Rooms offer sumptuous down duvets and pillows.

Gresham Room: Gresham Rooms are located throughout the hotel and feature 409 to 506 square feet of space, allowing them to have a small sitting area. Rooms may feature one king bed or two twin beds. They offer views of the courtyard or the neighboring streets.

Meals

No meals included, other than breakfast as described above. *Your guides will recommend restaurants that fit your exact needs daily.*

Gratuities

Gratuities are not included in your tour price and are at your own discretion. We recommend \$50 - \$60 (or equivalent in local currency) per day for your guide for a full day of touring. For a half-day, half of this amount is recommended. For your driver, we recommend \$30 - \$40 (or equivalent in local currency) per day for a full day of services. For a half-day, half of this amount is recommended.

For your airport or station transfer, a gratuity of \$10 - \$20 (or equivalent in local currency) is customary, based on service. Dollars, Euros and any local currency are all accepted. In restaurants, please plan to leave a gratuity in cash (local currency, Euro or USD). Some restaurants now have a line on the bill for gratuities on a credit card, but, of course, service staff prefers cash. A tip of about 10% is average.

Services

Private vehicle, driver and guide at your service as described. The timing for each day is noted in your program.

Exeter International's local offices are available for your assistance 24 hours per day while you are traveling. Our local staff may also assist you with restaurant reservations and purchasing of additional theater and museum tickets at your request.

Transportation

Transportation is included as noted. Unless otherwise noted, all transfer service is with a driver only, not a guide. In general, drivers have limited English-speaking skills. Timing for each day is noted in your program.

Guides

Hand chosen for their knowledge on local history, art, and architecture. Guides are at your disposal as noted in your itinerary.

Tickets

All entrance tickets as described in the program.

Exeter International Travel Information

BAGGAGE

The vehicles reserved for your itinerary can accommodate up to two medium-sized suitcases per person. If you intend to travel with additional luggage, please advise your travel consultant so appropriate arrangements may be made. In general, we schedule a sedan for parties of two, a minivan for parties of three to four, and a minibus for parties of five or more.

SIGHTSEEING

Sightseeing arrangements have been made with your special interests in mind. Your drivers and guides are at your disposal as indicated in the itinerary. Within those time and mileage guidelines, you are free to modify your program as you please. Should you require additional time or mileage, the costs will be quoted on request and may be paid for locally in the local currency or U.S. Dollars.

Every effort has been made to confirm that scheduled sightseeing venues will be open at the time you plan to visit them. However, individual estates, museums, gardens and other points of interest can change their hours of operation at short notice. In the event that a particular attraction is closed on the day or time of your visit, your guide will offer alternative arrangements or rearrange your sightseeing to accommodate these unexpected events.

OPTIONAL EXPENSES

Charges for extra meals, transport, sightseeing services or other optional additions to your established itinerary are your responsibility and must be paid locally in the local currency.

DINING WITH YOUR GUIDE

On days when dinner and lunch costs have not been included in your itinerary (or in your tour cost), you may, at your discretion, choose to invite your guide to dine with your party. You are under no obligation to do so but, if you do extend such an invitation, the guide is your guest and you will be responsible for the cost of his/her meal.

Booking Conditions

PAYMENTS

Exeter International must receive a deposit of 25% of the total program cost before reservations for your independent travel program can be initiated. The balance of payment is due 60 days prior to departure. **No reservations are made on your behalf until this deposit has been received.** Availability and pricing are subject to change until this deposit is received. **All deposits are nonrefundable.**

CANCELLATION

Written cancellations received fewer than 60 days prior to departure are subject to the following forfeit of tour cost:

- 59–14 days prior to departure, 50% of total tour cost
- 14 or less days prior to departure, 100% of tour cost

REFUNDS

We regret that refunds cannot be issued for arrangements confirmed on your itinerary but unused once your tour has begun.

INSURANCE

Exeter International strongly recommends the purchase of travel insurance to protect your investment. You will find insurance costs noted on your invoice and insurance coverage information in your original booking packet.

PRICES AND ARRANGEMENTS

The tour price includes planning, handling and operational charges. Rates are quoted in U.S. Dollars on the current rate of exchange and tariff as of 2020. Exeter International reserves the right to increase tour prices to cover increased costs, tariffs, and taxes, and to reflect fluctuations in foreign exchange markets. Devaluation of a foreign currency will be weighed against any tariff increases imposed. **Exeter International does not breakdown costs involved in any Small Group or Individual Travel Program.**

*All arrangements are subject to availability and modification if necessary.
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