



Budapest Summer University

Booklet of leisure activities

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Dohány Street Synagogue

Also known as the Great Synagogue, it is a historical building on Dohány Street in Erzsébetváros, the 7th district of Budapest. It is the largest synagogue in Europe, and is a centre of Neolog Judaism. The complex consists of the Great Synagogue, the Heroes' Temple, the graveyard, the Memorial, and the Jewish Museum. Remember to wear appropriate clothes to our visit, as it is a holy place. And if you are a man, you must cover your head to be let inside.

Hungarian folk dance lesson

Hungary is known for its rich cultural traditions, including music, dance, and folk art. Traditional Hungarian folk dance is one of the country's most cherished cultural treasures. At this introductory lesson, you will get to learn the basic steps and dances, and enjoy the company of your fellow Summer University students. All you need to bring with yourself is your enthusiasm!



Lukács Thermal Bath

We invite you to an afternoon of relaxation and healing at one of the oldest thermal baths of Budapest. The history of the pools of Lukács Bath stretches back as far as the 12th century. Presently, it offers three indoor thermal pools, two swimming pools, an outdoor leisure pool, a refreshing plunge pool, a Kneipp-pool, and various saunas to its visitors. Don't forget to bring your swimming costume, towel, and sunscreen!



Guided tour of Budapest

Upon your first internet search, it might be difficult to decide where to start discovering the plentiful sights of Budapest. Our experienced tour guide will not only lead you through the city so that you can take photos of buildings that you have previously only seen on your screen, but she will also tell you about their histories, share a plethora of interesting facts, and introduce you to some hidden gems. Make sure to put on sunscreen, and wear comfortable shoes!





Kayak, canoe, stand-up paddle

You will have the chance to get closely acquainted with the Danube, the second-longest river in Europe after the Volga, at ELTE's watersports facility. You can try various methods of paddling: kayaking, canoeing, paddleboarding—and pretend that you are a professional athlete preparing to compete at the Olympic Games. We recommend that you wear sporty clothes in which you wouldn't mind accidentally falling into the water, and bring a towel to dry yourself.

Yoga at ELTE Botanical Garden

De-stress your mind and connect with your body at Hungary's oldest botanical garden with the help of our qualified instructor. This special, scenic location in the middle of the capital city's concrete jungle will create the perfect environment for a relaxing yoga session after a full day of lectures and seminars. Make sure that you wear sunscreen and comfortable clothes!



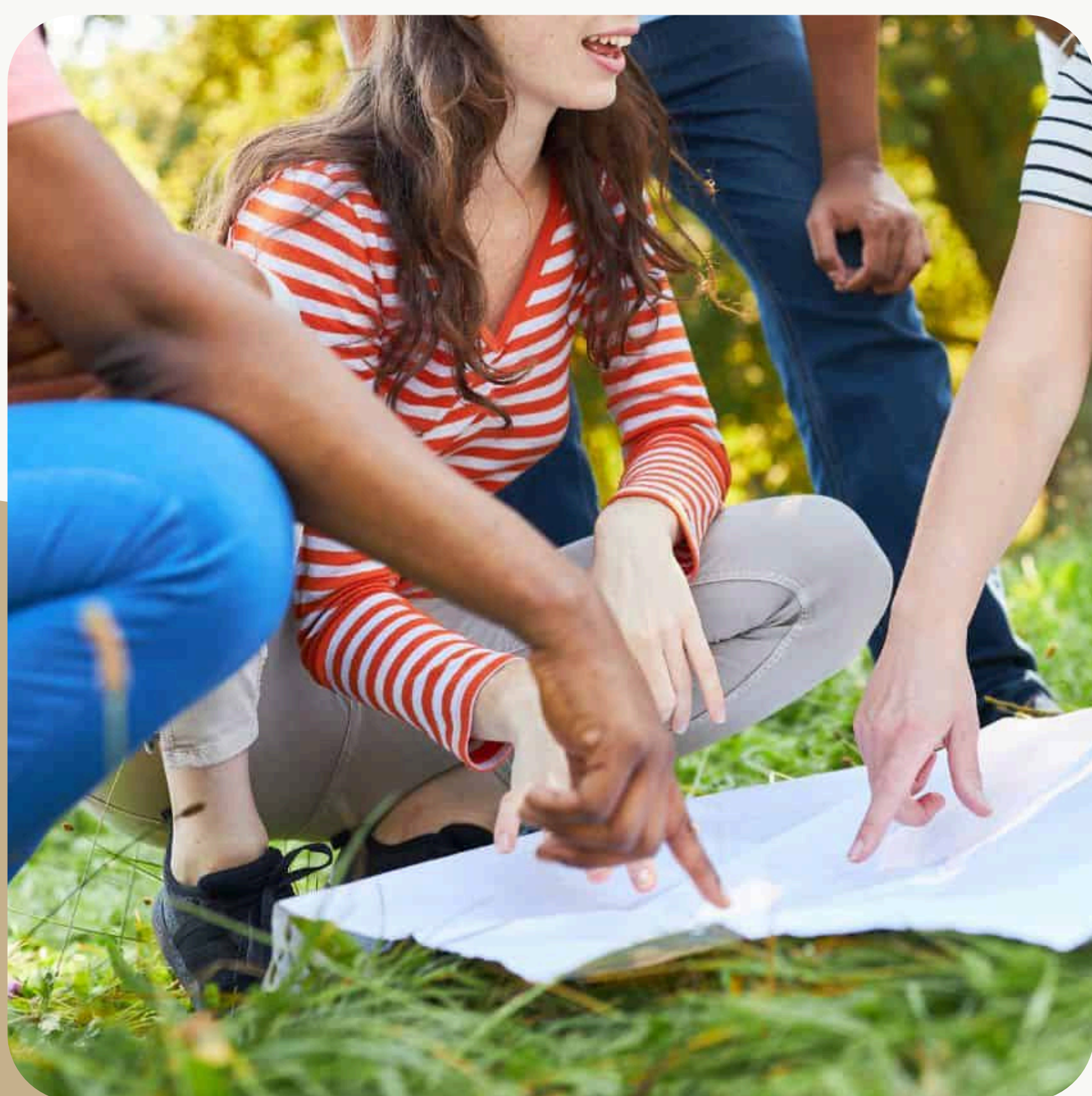
Money Talks: Decode the Dollars in Your Daily Life

Dülk Marcell's lecture on Wednesday at 18:00 aims to guide young adults through the maze of everyday finances. We'll explore the key topics of investment, borrowing, and taxation. What financial instruments can we use, and what does diversification have to do with risk and return? What is borrowing for, and what constraints do we have? How does taxation come into play? These are a few questions we'll try to answer along with much class discussion. Get ready to unravel the concepts!



Crossword puzzle quest at the Castle District

Explore the city's historic Castle District at the top of the Castle Hill in Buda—in an untraditional manner! Our list of playful (sometimes tricky) questions will make you pay attention to aspects of this area that may be overlooked by ordinary tourists. Team up with your friends, solve the crossword puzzle together, and keep in mind that this is a contest, so there is a prize for the winners...



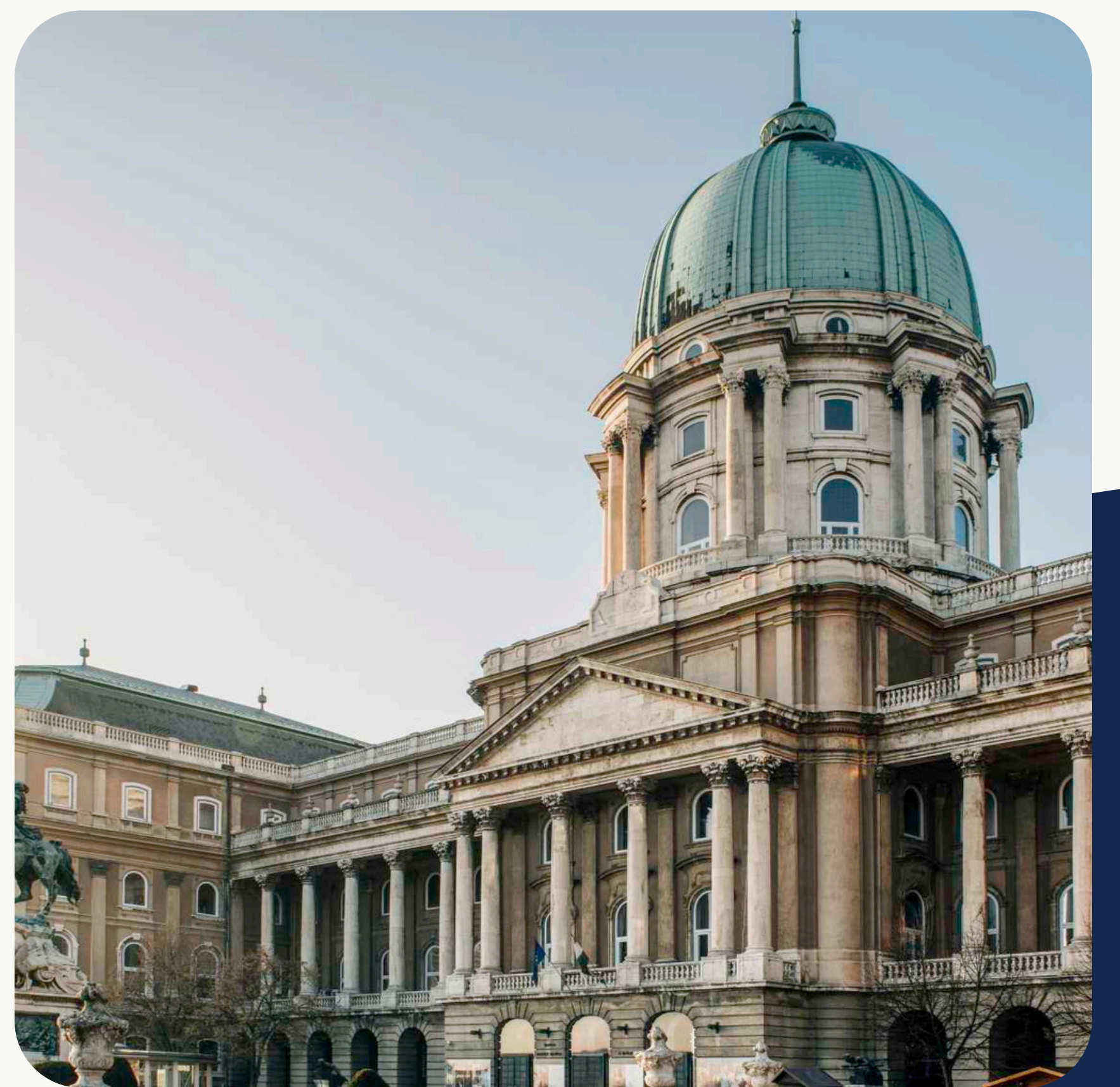


Sound Dome

The Sound Dome at the House of Music is essentially a projection screen with a sound system behind it. Anyone sitting in the comfortable bean bags in the middle will hear sounds coming from all directions. The 25-minute show on Friday at 18:30 titled '*DOME 009 – Cloudbitects: Point Cloud Budapest*' will be a spectacularly immersive visual and auditory journey through the abstracted sights of Budapest.

Hungarian National Gallery

We invite all amateur and seasoned art-lovers to a tour of the '*Selected masterpieces*' at the Hungarian National Gallery. During the one-hour visit, your expert guide will introduce you to the most outstanding works of Hungarian fine art from the most remarkable Gothic winged altarpieces to the greatest artworks of the twentieth century. We kindly ask you to please arrive on time as we are visiting in the late afternoon, and the museum has a strict closing schedule!



Karaoke Party

This event will be organised in collaboration with ELTE's Faculty of Economics, and it will take place at Könyvtár Klub (*The Library Club*)—an atmospheric, cosy pub on Múzeum Boulevard—on Friday from 19:00 to 22:00. Celebrate the end of the week and the completion of your summer course by singing your favourite songs with your friends!



Day trip to Visegrád

On Saturday morning, we will head to Visegrád on a day trip. The town is the site of the remains of the Early Renaissance summer palace of King Matthias Corvinus of Hungary and a medieval citadel, and it is a popular destination for the picturesque view it provides of the Danube Bend. After a hearty lunch and some more sightseeing, we will make our way back to Budapest, and arrive in the late afternoon. Our journey will consist of a train, a ferry, and a boat ride.



Recommended activities

The underlined words are links to the relevant web pages.

Keep in mind that these are merely suggested activities, so you are solely responsible for acquiring your own tickets if you are interested in any of them.

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ESSENCE by the Feledi Project

National Dance Theatre, 20:30–21:30

A contemporary dance performance that takes a partly traditional and partly experimental approach, with the music of Bartók's 15 peasant songs adapted to percussion, double bass and piano.

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From game to mastery

Hungarian Heritage House, open until 18:00

An exhibition of the masterpieces of the students of the Hungarian Heritage House's traditional handicraft courses in felt-making, basket-weaving, weaving, carpet-weaving, rush-matting, husk and straw-work.

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Divas & Icons

House of Music, 17:30–19:00

A guided tour of the temporary exhibition that showcases the extraordinary power and creativity of divas through the personal stories and original performance costumes of influential artists, in English, led by expert theatre historian Zsolt Péter.

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The World of Banksy: the street is a canvas

Király Street 26, open until 20:00 on THU/FRI/SAT

An exhibition of Banksy's most famous street art works in one place that will help you understand his exploration of political themes such as war, imperialism, peace, individualism, greed, poverty, capitalism, consumerism, and hypocrisy.

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Friday organ concert

St. Stephen's Basilica, 20:00–21:00

An organ concert where the audience can enjoy breathtakingly beautiful classical music while admiring the wonderful frescoes and works of art in the sanctuary of St. Stephen's Basilica.

Raklap

House of Music, 20:00–21:30

A free open-air concert by the neo-psychedelic Hungarian band *Raklap* ('pallet' in English), who describe themselves as "sickeningly young and brazenly talented", and whose average age is only 17.8 years.

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Gozsdu Weekend Market

Gozsdu Courtyard, 10:00–17:00

A buzzing street market that is open every weekend (from Friday to Monday) of the year, where you could find the perfect handmade gift, souvenir, or decor item, surrounded by great bars and restaurants.

Redbreast Wilson

House of Music, 20:00–21:30

A free open-air concert by *Redbreast Wilson*—a compelling figure in Hungary's small but all the more active blues scene—who will be accompanied by his band *Mad Dog Margaritas*, and Tamás Szabó on harmonica.