



Parliament Building, Budapest

West Kent Medico-Chirurgical Society Trip to Budapest 20 - 24 May 2027

Post Tour Extension to Bratislava
24 - 26 May

Please note that this tour is exclusively
open to members of the West Kent
Medico-Chirurgical Society.



Level 3
MODERATE





St. Matthew's Cathedral and Calvin's Church, Budapest

Budapest straddles the Danube River, with the Buda Hills to the west and the Great Plain to the east. Its stunning natural setting is complemented by an architectural heritage that includes Baroque, Neoclassical and Art Nouveau styles, giving the city its distinctive fin de-siècle character.

See the Danube spectacularly illuminated on an evening river cruise as it neatly divides stately Buda from bohemian Pest. Experience each side's distinct identity and the shared cultural influences that combine to create Budapest's simmering goulash of a personality.

Visit fascinating museums that reveal Hungary's unique medical history, from medieval alchemy to Semmelweis and the secret military hospital hidden deep beneath Buda Castle. Learn about the time-honoured healing traditions of Budapest's thermal baths before relaxing in their restorative waters.

You will enjoy comfortable accommodation on Andrassy Avenue, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and sample traditional flavours throughout, including on a visit to Etyek, the "Vineyard of Budapest".

Take the option to extend your journey with two nights in Bratislava, tracing the Danube through Visegrád and Esztergom to Slovakia's capital, a city layered with Roman roots, centuries of Hungarian history, Baroque charm, and Eastern Bloc Brutalism alongside Viennese cafés.

THIS TOUR IS CLASSED AS:

Level 3 | Moderate



Regular walking at destinations, extended standing and /or increased travel distances. Good fitness is required.

4 nights Budapest



Day 1: Budapest (Thurs, 20 May) **D**

Pm: Arrive in magnificent Budapest, the undisputed 'Queen of the Danube', and transfer to the Hotel Oktogon in the vibrant heart of the city.

Eve: Enjoy a welcome dinner at the hotel.

Day 2: Budapest (Fri, 21 May) **B D**

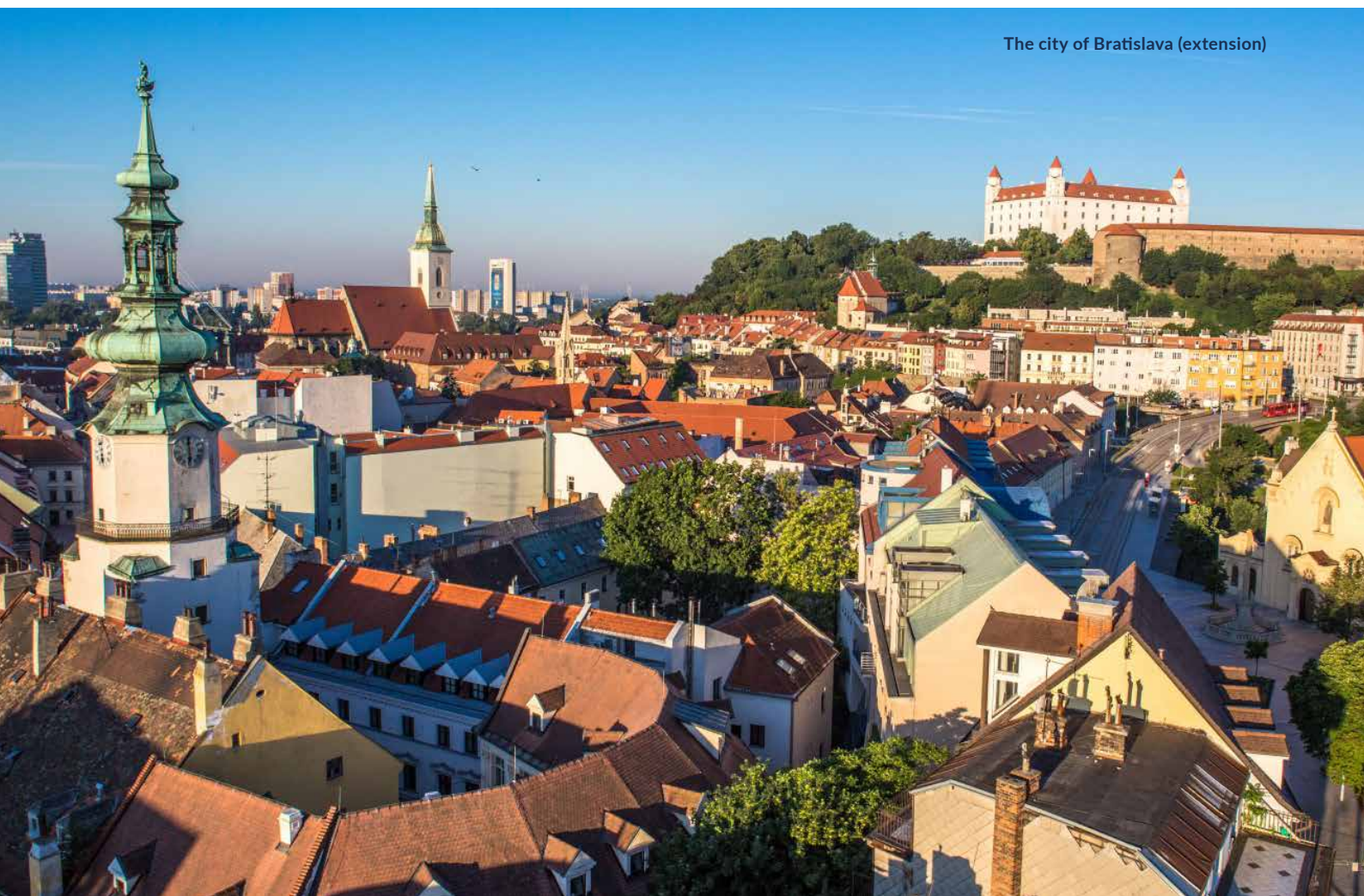
Am: Spend the day discovering the Pest side of the city, with its endless boulevards, elegant squares, and classical architecture. Enjoy a guided tour encompassing The Grand Parliament, St Stephens Basilica and Heroes' Square. Time will be made for lunch.

Pm: Return to the hotel mid-afternoon and at leisure.

Eve: Dinner cruise along the Danube River to see Budapest gloriously lit up.

Day 3: Budapest (Sat, 22 May) **B**

Am: Discover the Buda side of Budapest, famous for its royal history, Ottoman-style thermal baths and steep hills that offer panoramic views. See magnificent Buda Castle, the fairy-tale towers of Fisherman's Bastion, and the historic Matthias Church. Visit the Semmelweis



The city of Bratislava (extension)

4 nights Budapest

Museum, located at the birthplace of Ignác Semmelweis, which focuses on the history of Western medicine.

Pm: After lunch, visit the Golden Eagle Pharmacy Museum, a fascinating medieval alchemy laboratory housing a collection of antique medical instruments. Continue to the Hospital in the Rock Nuclear Bunker Museum, hidden deep within the caves beneath Buda Castle. Once a secret hospital and later converted into a nuclear bunker, it is now a museum showcasing a unique medical and military history.

Eve: At leisure.

Day 4: Budapest (Sun, 23 May) **B L D**

Am: Enjoy a specialist-led visit to one of Budapest's famous thermal baths. Learn about the therapeutic benefits of thermal water and its role in rehabilitation, exploring a healing tradition that began with the Roman settlers, flourished during the Ottoman occupation, and continues to the present day. Experience the restorative thermal baths for yourself (optional).

Pm: Continue to Etyek, a quaint village renowned for its white wines and premium sparkling wine production. Often called the "Vineyard of Budapest", it serves as the city's green escape and its most elegant wine cellar. Enjoy a tasting of wines that showcase the region's limestone-rich soils and elegant character, accompanied by a light lunch.

Eve: Farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 5: Budapest (Mon, 24 May) **B**

Am: Check out of the hotel and transfer to the airport or join the post tour extension.

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Day 5: Budapest – Visegrad – Esztergom – Győr – Bratislava (Mon, 24 May) **B**

Am: Check out of the hotel and transfer to Visegrad, known for its medieval citadel, Danube views, and royal history. Enjoy a panoramic tour. Continue to Esztergom and visit The Basilica, Hungary's largest church standing majestically on the banks of the Danube. Depart for Győr. At leisure for lunch.

Pm: Explore Győr's Old Town on a walking tour through its cobblestone streets, taking in layers of history and stunning architecture. Continue to Bratislava, arriving late afternoon. Check in to the Arcadia Boutique Hotel.

Eve: At leisure.

Day 6: Bratislava (Tues, 25 May) **B D**

Am: Walking tour of Bratislava's Old Town and its cultural landmarks, including the stately white-and-red castle, medieval St. Michael's Gate and the (very) Blue Church. Afterwards enjoy a wine tasting of local fine wines.

Pm: At leisure to further explore Bratislava independently or take an optional tour to Devin Castle, one of Slovakia's oldest castles.

Eve: Enjoy a Bratislava tasting dinner at Café Zylinder.

Day 7: Bratislava (Wed, 26 May) **B**

Am: Depart and transfer to the airport or make independent arrangements for an optional river ferry on to Vienna.



Esztergom, Hungary (extension)

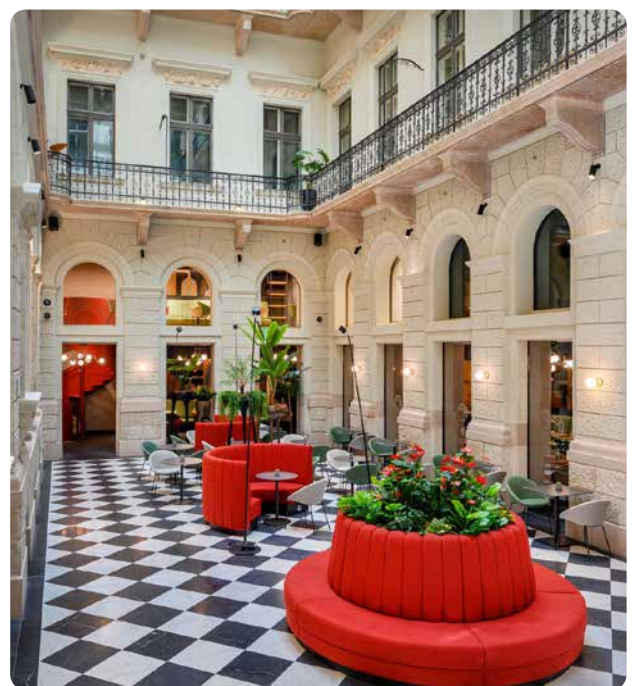
Hotels

Hotel Oktogon Haggemacher, Budapest

A beautiful Neo-Renaissance building on Budapest's vibrant Andrassy Avenue. Bright, contemporary rooms are complemented by elegant, shared spaces, including a bar, lounge, and breakfast room.

Arcadia Boutique Hotel, Bratislava (extension)

Right in the heart of historic Bratislava, this romantic boutique hotel has a long history and a friendly atmosphere. The cosy rooms feature comfortable, classic-style furnishings and modern amenities. There are also wellness and fitness facilities, along with a lovely restaurant and bar.



Hotel Oktogon Haggemacher, Budapest



Heroes' Square (top); Parliament Building, Budapest;
Thermal baths in Budapest (above)

The tour cost sharing a double or twin room is £1,048 per person

The tour cost with a room to yourself is £1,330

Cost includes:

- 4 nights' accommodation at a medium grade hotel in double or twin-bedded rooms
- Breakfast daily
- Meals as mentioned
- Specialist local guides throughout
- All internal transport
- A full programme of cultural visits
- All admission fees and tips

Cost excludes:

- International flights and airport transfers
- Meals and drinks not mentioned
- All optional excursions, tours and visits; all personal extras such as portage, laundry and inoculation fees; where applicable travel insurance and visas

The extension cost sharing a double or twin room is £598 per person

The extension cost with a room to yourself is £732

The extension cost includes:

- Transport from Budapest to Bratislava
- 2 nights' accommodation at a medium grade hotel in double or twin-bedded rooms
- Breakfast daily
- Meals as mentioned
- Specialist English-speaking local guides
- All internal transport
- A full programme of cultural visits
- All admission fees and tips

The extension cost excludes:

- As per main tour

NB: All itineraries are subject to change according to local conditions.

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Budapest Castle (top);
Etyek village with its typical traditional wine cellars;
Győr's old town (extension); Bratislava old town (extension) (above)



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