



Client: Sample program

Destination: Budapest

Date: 2018

Theme: Incentive group

Duration: 4 days / 3 nights

Participants: 40 pax (20 double rooms)



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Often described as the "Little Paris of Middle Europe", Budapest is famous not only for the monuments reflecting its own 1,000-year-old culture, but also for the relics of others who settled here. The capital has two sides, Buda and Pest, stretching along the banks of the Danube, representing two different characters of the city. Suburban Buda and its historic castle district offer medieval streets and houses, museums, caves and Roman ruins. The dynamic Pest side boasts the largest parliament building in Europe, riverside promenades, flea markets, bookstores, antique stores and café houses.

Budapest has a lot to offer. Museums and galleries, churches and synagogues, palaces and historic buildings, baths and pools are presented together with the influence of Secession in the city.

Experience Budapest!



Suggested itinerary

Day 1

- Arrival at Budapest airport
- Meet & greet English-speaking guide
- Check-in at hotel
- Afternoon visit of Pest Side
- Splash bus River Ride
- Dinner at local restaurant
- Overnight in Budapest

Day 2

- Breakfast at hotel
- Morning visit of Parliament and Buda Castle
- Lunch at local restaurant
- Afternoon beer bike tour
- Dinner at local restaurant
- Overnight in Budapest

Day 3

- Breakfast at hotel
- Full day Danube bend tour
- Lunch at local restaurant
- Dinner at local restaurant
- Overnight in Budapest

Day 4

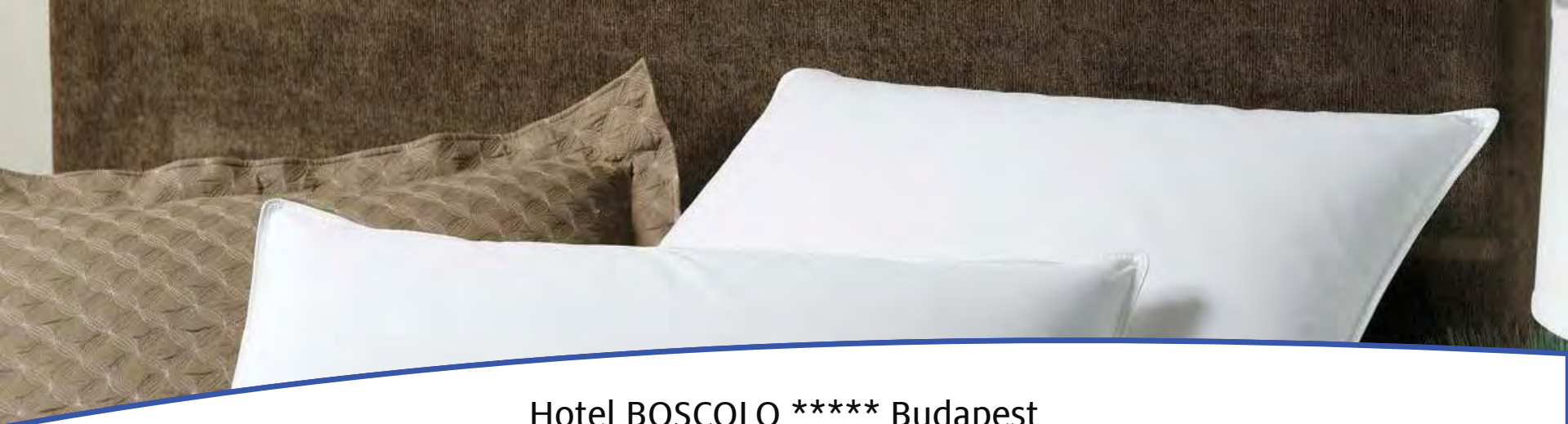
- Breakfast at hotel
- Visit of Gellert Spa including treatment
- Lunch at local restaurant
- Transfer to Airport
- Departure





Day 1

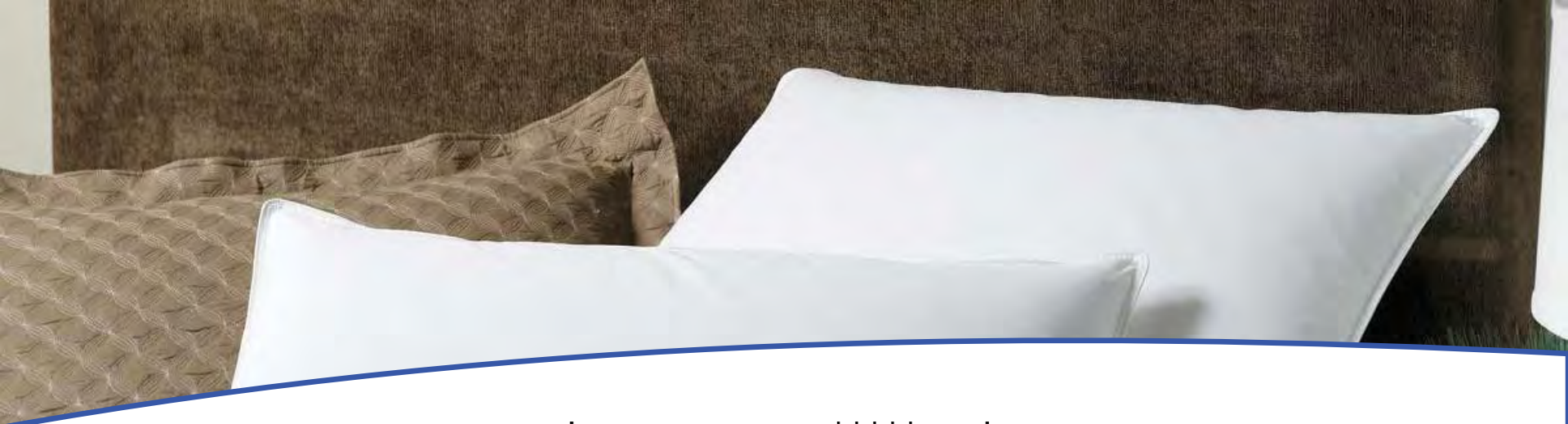
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| AM | Flight arrival to Budapest
Meet & greet at the airport |
| | Transfer by coach to the hotel |
| PM | Check-in at the hotel |
| 16.00 | Afternoon visit of Pest Side – ride with Splash Bus |
| 17.30 | End of the tour, time at leisure |
| 19.00 | Transfer by coach to the restaurant for dinner |
| 19.30 | Dinner at the restaurant Mátyás Pince |
| 22.00 | End of the dinner
Transfer by coach back to the hotel
Overnight at the hotel |



Hotel BOSCOLO ***** Budapest

The 5-star luxury hotel Boscolo is located close to the city center of Budapest. Built in the 19th century, this New York Palace promotes the “luxurious lifestyle”, complete with Italian furniture and fabrics, the highest quality marble, Murano chandeliers, and silk wallpaper. The hotel's heart is the world famous New York Café with its wonderful frescoes and gilded stucco columns. The Salon Fine Dining Restaurant offers a fantastic gourmet experience, while the elegant bar provides refreshing drinks and live piano music. The unique Boscolo Spa offers the most relaxing experience after a long day.

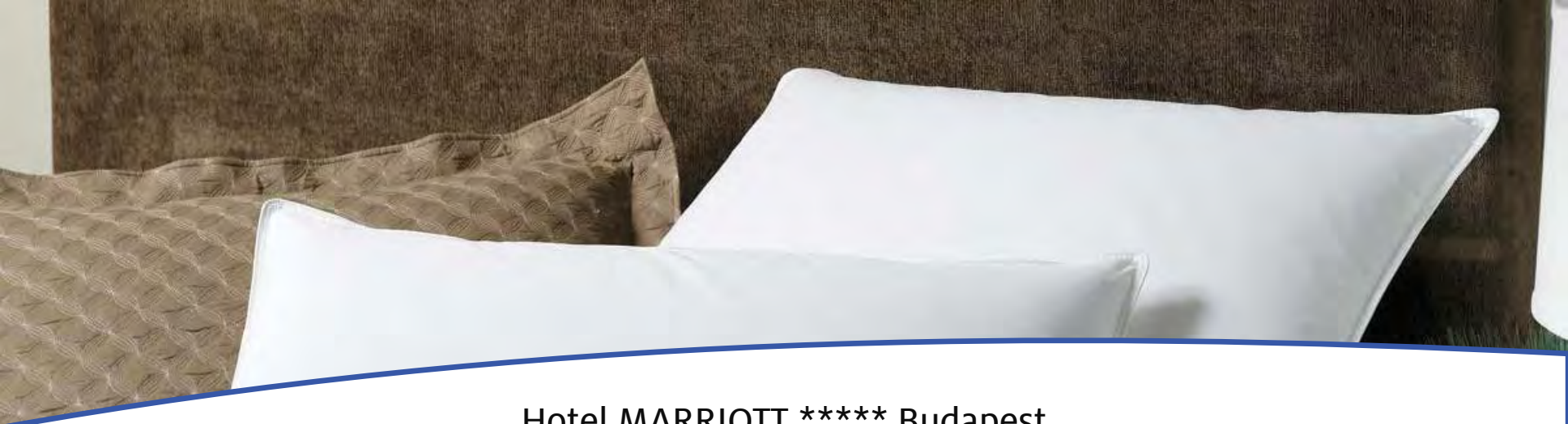




Hotel RITZ-CARLTON ***** Budapest

The Hotel Ritz-Carlton is situated in the very heart of the city, right next to Budapest's central square. There are a range of Art deco guest rooms and suites to choose from. There are 170 rooms and 30 luxurious suites. Blue and beige accents dominate the interior color palette. You can relax in the hotel spa or the indoor pool, or take advantage of the various massage services offered by the hotel. The hotel restaurant features French cuisine, but there are also traditional Hungarian dishes on offer.





Hotel MARRIOTT ***** Budapest

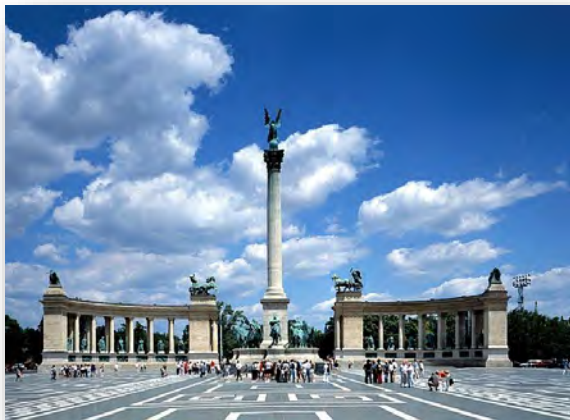
The Budapest Marriott Hotel is the only hotel in Budapest offering magnificent Danube river views from all of its 364 rooms, boasting a prime location in the heart of the city. Apart from spectacular river views, the rooms offer an extraordinary combination of style, innovation, and comfort, featuring ergonomically designed furniture. Peppers! Mediterranean Grill is a contemporary all-day restaurant with an exciting show kitchen and a dining deli counter offering the best produce of Hungary: all prepared with a light Mediterranean touch. The menu offers simple and healthy food made with high-quality ingredients.





Pest Side of Budapest

We pass through the most important streets of the city and arrive at the City Park, then we pass the Vajdahunyad Castle and march towards Heroes Square. Here you will see monumental statues demonstrating Hungarian history. We continue on to Andrassy Avenue, one of Budapest's main shopping boulevards, lined with elegant 19th-century mansions and townhouses, and itself a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Finally, we pass by the Opera House and St. Stephen's Basilica.





Splash Bus River Ride

How does RiverRide's floating bus resemble the Millennium Underground line? Well, both are yellow, both operate in Budapest, and both were the first of their kind in continental Europe! Our floating bus started its conquering journey 113 years after the "little" underground began. Many people think that our greatest advantage is that we can enter the Danube, but we believe that it's even more important to be able to also get OUT of it! Therefore, we ask you not to panic and call the emergency services when you see our yellow bus floating in the river, because that's just what we do!





Dinner @ Matyas Pince restaurant

Mátyás Pince Restaurant was founded at the foot of Elisabeth Bridge on the Pest side in 1904, and was named after the great Hungarian Renaissance ruler, Mátyás. The restaurant is famous for its traditional Hungarian flavors accompanied by the finest wines of the country, as well as Gypsy music performed by members of the Lakatos dynasty. Waiters and waitresses are dressed in period costumes. Beautiful stained glass windows and frescoes, as well as the work of artists Jeno Haranghy and Gyula Bozo, recount scenes from the life of King Matthias.





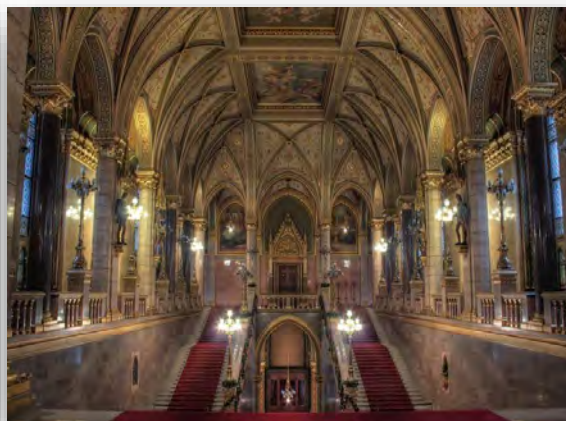
Day 2

- 08.00 Breakfast at the hotel
- 09.00 Morning visit of the Budapest Parliament and Buda Castle - Fisherman 's Bastion and Matthias Church
- 13.00 Lunch at the Strudel House
- 15.00 Afternoon activity – beer bike tor
- 17.00 End of the activity, free time at leisure
- 19.00 Transfer by coach to the restaurant for dinner
- 19.30 Dinner at the Gundel restaurant
- 22.00 End of the dinner
Transfer by coach back to the hotel
Overnight at the hotel



Parliament

As the millennial celebrations of 1896 approached, the nation's demand for representation inspired the conception of a one of its kind Parliament building. Westminster Palace was part of the inspiration, but a well-known Hungarian architect, Imre Steindl, laid out the unique plans in their entirety. The building stretches 268 meters in length along the Danube embankment. Ornamented with white Neo-gothic turrets and arches, it forms the most outstanding landmark of the Pest side horizon. The unique interior design includes huge halls, over 12.5 miles of corridors, a 96-meter high central dome, and 691 rooms. When the Parliament is not in session, all of these can be visited (cameras are allowed). Tours are offered in English, French, German, Russian, Hebrew, Japanese, Italian, and Spanish.





Buda Side of Budapest

We cross the Danube, pass by the Turkish baths, and drive to the Castle District on the Buda side of town. We walk through the streets of the historical city centre, and arrive at the Holy Trinity Square where we find Matthias Church. After an interior visit of the church, we walk to Fishermen's Bastion which offers a breathtaking panoramic view of the city.





Fisherman's Bastion

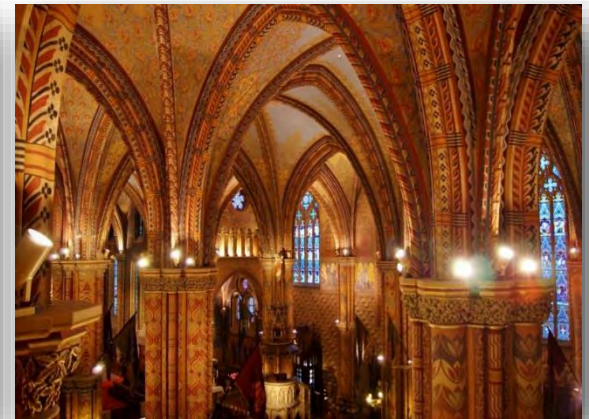
Fisherman's Bastion is a terrace in neo-Gothic and neo-Romanesque style situated on the Buda bank of the Danube, on Castle Hill in Budapest. It was designed and built between 1895 and 1902. Between 1947 and 1948, restoration was conducted after its near destruction during World War II. From the towers and the terrace, one can take in a panoramic view of the Danube, Margaret Island, Pest to the east, and Gellért Hill. Its seven towers represent the seven Magyar tribes that settled in the Carpathian Basin in 896. The Bastion takes its name from the guild of fishermen that was responsible for defending this stretch of the city walls in the Middle Ages.





Matthias Church

Matthias Church is a church located in front of the Fisherman's Bastion in the heart of Buda's Castle District. According to church tradition, it was originally built in Romanesque style in 1015. The current building was constructed in the florid late Gothic style in the second half of the 14th century, and was extensively restored during the late 19th century. It was the second largest church of medieval Buda, and the seventh largest church of the medieval Hungarian Kingdom.





Lunch @ Strudel House

The First Strudel House of Pest started its operation in 2007, uniquely in Hungary, in the heart of Budapest, in a historical building built in 1812, with the mission to preserve, hand down and popularize this real Hungarian tradition; the experience gained in preparing and consuming strudels in order to provide guests with gastronomic adventures that carry weight, history and values. The First Strudel House of Pest believes that quality and content are essential in all fields of life. Taste our strudels prepared with all due care and you will understand and feel the values hiding among the layers.





Beer Bike Budapest

Could you imagine a better way to explore Budapest than on a rolling beer bar sipping beer for two hours? Hydrate yourself with ice-cold premium beer while you get a taste of some of the most famous sights of Budapest including Andrassy Avenue, St. Stephen's Cathedral, and Heroes Square. The bike is the largest and most modern beer bike creation in Budapest with room for up to 18 people. Enjoy a tremendous party, sing and laugh with your mates, and pedal a huge beer cycle round the city.





Dinner @ Gundel Restaurant

Gundel has a great history and a well-earned international reputation. The first restaurant opened here in 1894. Karoly Gundel took over in 1910 and transformed it into the most luxurious restaurant in Budapest. Gundel has won several awards since its opening, and many celebrities and heads of state have dined here. The menu in the Gundel is based on traditional Hungarian cuisine, as once practiced by Karoly Gundel and his staff. The Gundel Band plays to satisfy the highest expectations in a hall decorated with the finest paintings of the best Hungarian masters.





Day 3

- 08.00 Breakfast at the hotel
- 09.00 Full day „Danube bend tour“ - visit of Esztergom, Visegrad and Szentendre
- 13.00 Lunch at the restaurant Renaissance in Visegrad
- 17.00 Return to the hotel
- 19.00 Transfer by coach to the restaurant for dinner
- 19.30 Dinner at the Spoon restaurant
- 22.00 End of the dinner
Transfer by coach back to the hotel
Overnight at the hotel



Esztergom

Esztergom is a city in Northern Hungary lying on the right bank of the Danube, forming the border with Slovakia at that point. Esztergom was the capital of Hungary from the 10th to the mid-13th century, when King Béla IV of Hungary moved the royal seat to Buda. Esztergom is also the seat of the primates of the Roman Catholic Church in Hungary, and the former seat of the Constitutional Court of Hungary. The city is home to the Keresztény Múzeum, which houses the largest ecclesiastical collection in Hungary. The Esztergom Basilica is also the largest church in Hungary.





Visegrád

Visegrád is a small castle town, north of Budapest on the right bank of the Danube. Visegrád is famous for the remains of the Early Renaissance summer palace of King Matthias Corvinus of Hungary, and the medieval citadel. The name Visegrád is of Slavic origin, meaning acropolis, literally "the upper castle" or "the upper settlement". Visegrád was first mentioned in 1009 as a county town, as well as the primary town of an archdeaconry. King Charles I of Hungary made Visegrád, his hometown, the royal seat of Hungary in 1325.





Lunch @ Renaissance

Visegrád's golden age arrived during the reign of King Matthias, when the royal castle was renewed in Renaissance style. Honoring this period with its interior, costumes, traditional dishes, and drinks served in ceramic bowls, the Renaissance Restaurant invites guests on a unique medieval journey. On weekends, live lute music plays and seasonal specialties are served. When the weather allows, a knights' tournament presentation is held near the restaurant at lunchtime every Wednesday and Saturday. The restaurant offers 460 seats in 5 different rooms and a terrace with a panoramic view of the Danube.





Szentendre

This is Szentendre, a fairy tale town situated on the Danube. It is not only famous for its museums, but also for being a virtual museum itself, placed in a picturesque setting of cascading hills. This ancient village was founded in the 11th century. After a stroll through the baroque center of the city, one can visit the famous Kovacs Margit Ceramic Museum. You will also have time for yourself to do some shopping, visiting some of the famous art galleries, or enjoying coffee and cake at one of the traditional confectioners!





Dinner @ Spoon

At the foot of Chain Bridge, just in front of the Buda Castle, you will find a specially designed, 75-metre-long boat restaurant called Spoon. The fusion cuisine tends to mirror current national trends, but also offers a wide range of meals from the Far East as well. The restaurant, thanks to its 600 seats, offers various possibilities for special events such as weddings, conferences, press conferences, corporate and private parties, fashion shows, balls, and other small and large events.





Day 4

- 08.00 Breakfast at the hotel
- 09.30 Check-out at the reception
Store luggage in the storage room
- 10.00 Morning visit of Gellert Spa incl. treatment (20min massage)
- 13.00 Lunch at the restaurant Kaltenberg
- 15.00 Departure transfer to the airport
- PM Flight departure back home



Gellert Spa

Gellert Spa is one of the most famous thermal spa baths in Europe and a leading natural hot spring spa bath in Hungary. The Gellert thermal pools, swimming pool, wave pool, and spa treatments offer great relaxation and entertainment all year round. Visit Gellert Spa & Bath and experience high quality relaxation at a fraction of the cost for comparable treatments in Western Europe! Gellert Bath opened in 1918, offering medicinal water treatments using the same deep underground springs the Knights of St John used in the 12th century, and the Turks soon also discovered the invigorating powers of the mineral rich waters. Elegance awaits you in the Art Nouveau building of the 100-year old Gellert Bath.





Lunch @ Kaltenberg

Kaltenberg is a restaurant located next to the Museum of Applied Arts in Budapest. On the site of today's restaurant, a barracks had been in operation in the 19th century. Later, the building was turned into a tobacco factory, and its cellar was used as storing room for years. The house was renovated 25 years ago, establishing today's restaurant with a capacity of up to 390 guests. This restaurant has its own brewery. You can get traditional Hungarian food, but also international cuisine is served. From 6 o'clock in the evening on, good vibes are guaranteed by a live band.

