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Shopping

Shops in Budapest are well stocked and the quality of the products is generally high. Traditional markets stand side by side with mammoth shopping malls and old-style umbrella or button makers can be found next to cutting-edge fashion boutiques.

Books and folk-music tapes and CDs are affordable, and there's an excellent selection, especially of popular classical music. Traditional items include folk embroidery and ceramics, pottery, wall hangings, painted wooden toys and boxes, dolls, all types of basketry, and porcelain (especially from Herend and Zsolnay). Feather or goose-down pillows and duvets (comforters) are of exceptionally high quality and are second only to the Siberian variety.

Foodstuffs that are expensive or difficult to buy elsewhere – goose liver (both fresh and potted), saffron, dried forest mushrooms, jam (especially the apricot variety), prepared meats like Pick salami, the many types of paprika – make nice gifts (as long as you're allowed to take them home). Some of Hungary's 'boutique' wines (p30) make good and relatively inexpensive gifts. A bottle of six-*puttonyos* Tokaji Aszú dessert wine always goes down a treat. Fruit-flavoured *pálinka* (brandies) are a stronger option.

Shopping Streets & Areas

Some streets or areas in Budapest specialise in certain goods or products. For example, antique shops line V Falk Miksa utca (Map p222) in Pest and, to a lesser extent, II Frankel Leó út (Map pp218–19) in Buda. V Múzeum körút (Map p224) in Pest has a string of antiquarian and secondhand bookshops. Central (and very high-rent) V Váci utca (Map p224) is chock-a-block with both top-end boutiques and tourist schlock.

In the mid-1990s Budapest began to go mall crazy, and at last count the city had at least a dozen, both in the centre of town and on the fringes. However, 'mall' may not properly describe what the Hungarians call *bevásárló és szórakoztató központ* (shopping and amusement centres); here you'll find everything from designer salons, more traditional shops and dry cleaners to food courts, casinos, cinemas and live bands. It's a place to spend the entire day, much as you would just about anywhere in the globalised world of the third millennium.

Some people consider a visit to one of Budapest's flea markets – the famous Ecseri Piac (p150) or the smaller one in City Park (p150) – a highlight, not just as a place to indulge their consumer vices but as the consummate Budapest experience. If you don't have time to get to either or it's the wrong day of the week, check any of the BAV stores (p147).

Opening Hours

Very generally speaking, retail shops and department stores are open 10am to 6pm Monday to Friday and 10am to 1pm on Saturday. In summer, some private retail shops close early on Friday and at least part of August.

BUDA

CASTLE HILL

HEREND Map p220 Porcelain & Glassware
☎ 225 1050; www.herend.com; I Szentháromság utca 5; ☎ 10am–6pm Mon–Fri, 9am–1pm Sat & Sun; 🚗 16 or Várbusz

For both contemporary and traditional fine porcelain, there is no other place to go but

Herend, Hungary's answer to Wedgwood. Among the most popular motifs produced by the company is the Victoria pattern of butterflies and wildflowers designed for the eponymous British queen during the mid-19th century. There's also a more central Belváros branch (Map p224; ☎ 317 2622; V József nádor tér 11; ☎ 10am–6pm Mon–Fri, 9am–1pm Sat; 🚗 M1 Vörösmarty tér) of this Hungarian icon.

HOUSE OF HUNGARIAN WINES

Map p220 Food & Drink
Magyar Borok Háza; ☎ 212 1030, 212 1031; www.winehouse.hu; I Szentháromság tér 6; ☎ noon–8pm; 🚗 16 or Várbusz

This popular tourist attraction (p54) in the Castle District also has a huge selection of wines to buy.

HUNGARICUM Map p220 Folk Art & Souvenirs

☎ 487 7306; I Fortuna utca 1; ☎ 9am–9pm; 🚗 16 or Várbusz

This shop, conveniently located in the Castle District, sells quality Hungarian handicrafts as well as foodstuffs (eg potted goose liver and honey), wines and brandies.

VÍZIVÁROS

BUDAPEST WINE SOCIETY

Map pp218–19 Food & Drink
☎ 212 2569; www.bortarsasag.hu; I Batthyány utca 59; ☎ 10am–8pm Mon–Fri, 10am–6pm Sat; 🚗 M2 Moszkva tér

The society has several retail outlets, including one on trendy IX Ráday utca (Map p224; ☎ 219 5647; IX Ráday utca 7; ☎ noon–8pm Mon–Fri, 10am–3pm Sat; 🚗 M2 Moszkva tér), where serious oenophiles should head. No-one but no-one knows Hungarian wines like these guys do. There are free tastings on Saturday afternoon.

HEREND VILLAGE POTTERY

Map pp218–19 Porcelain & Glassware
☎ 356 7899; II Bem rakpart 37; ☎ 9am–5pm Mon–Fri, 9am–noon Sat; 🚗 M2 Batthyány tér

An alternative to what some might call prissy and overwrought Herend porcelain is the hard-wearing Herend pottery and dishes decorated with bold fruit patterns sold here. You can also enter from II Fő utca 61.

MAMMUT Map pp218–19 Shopping Mall

☎ 345 8020; II Lövház utca; ☎ 8am–11pm; 🚗 M2 Moszkva tér

The two 'Mammoths' (Mammut I and Mammut II) – side by side in Buda – are true 'shopping and amusement centres', with almost as many fitness centres, billiard parlours, dance clubs and cafés as shops. They attract the Buda middle class in droves.

TAXES & REFUNDS

If you're not a resident of the EU, you can get a ÁFA (VAT or sales tax) refund, provided you have spent more than 50,000Ft in any one shop and take the goods out of the country (and the EU) within 90 days. For more information see p193.

SPORTHORGÁSZ

Map pp218–19 Sporting Goods
Sport Angler; ☎ 06 70 383 8825; II Bem József utca 8; ☎ 8am–6pm Mon–Fri, 8am–1pm Sat; 🚗 86, 🚗 4 or 6

This is the place to come for rods, reels, flies and anything else it takes to get you out fishing.

TIMPANON Map pp226–7 Antiques

☎ 250 5547; III Nagyszombat utca 3; ☎ 10am–6pm Mon–Fri; HÉV Timár utca, 🚗 60
This seldom noticed shop in Óbuda sells antique Hungarian folk art of every shape and size: mangle boards, woodcarvings, chests etc. But don't expect any bargains. An early 19th-century *tulipán láda* (trousseau chest with tulips painted on it) from the Félvidék area of Transylvania will cost you around 130,000Ft. There's a Buda branch called Almárium (Map p220; ☎ 250 5547; I Attila utca 65; 🚗 5).

OUTER BUDA DISTRICTS

MOM PARK Map pp218–19 Shopping Mall

☎ 487 5501; XII Alkotás út 53; ☎ 8am–11pm; 🚗 61

South Buda's biggest mall has both office and retail space, including a nine-screen cinema, recreation centre and in-house brewery pub.

PEST

INNER TOWN

ARTEN STÚDIÓ Map p224 Fine Art

☎ 266 3127; V Váci utca 25; ☎ 10am–6.30pm Mon–Fri, 10am–6pm Sat; 🚗 M3 Ferenciek tere
This fine-art gallery is somewhat commercial with lots of bric-a-brac but also shows works by such modern Hungarian artists as Ápád Müller and Endre Szász. Enter from Pesti Barnabás utca.

TOP FIVE SHOPS FOR FOLK ART

- Timpanon (p143)
- Holló Atelier (right)
- Intuita (right)
- Hungaricum (p143)
- Folkart Centrum (below)

BABAKLINIKA Map p224 Toys

☎ 267 2445; V Múzeum körút 5; ☎ 10am-5pm Mon-Fri, 9.30am-12.30pm Sat; **M** M2-Astoria
Just down the street from the Astoria metro station, the 'Doll Clinic' specialises in selling (and repairing) handmade dolls and other toys.

BALOGH KESTYŰ

Map p224 Fashion & Clothing
☎ 266 1942; V Haris köz 2; ☎ 10am-6pm Mon-Fri, 10.30am-1pm Sat; **M** M3 Ferenciek tere
If he can have a pair of bespoke shoes (p146), why can't she have a pair of custom-made gloves (and remember, ladies – the longer, the sexier)? You'll get them here at 'Balogh Gloves' – and there's any number of materials to choose from.

BELVÁROSI AUKCIÓSHÁZ

Map p224 Antiques & Auction House
☎ 267 3539; V Váci utca 36; ☎ 10am-6pm Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm Sat; **M** M3 Ferenciek tere
The 'Inner Town Auction House' usually has themed auctions (jewellery, artwork and graphics, furniture and carpets etc) at 5pm on Monday from September to June but is open for viewing throughout the week.

FOLKART CENTRUM

Map p224 Folk Art & Souvenirs
☎ 318 5840; V Váci utca 58; ☎ 10am-7pm; ☎ 15, ☎ 47 or 49
Also called 'Népművészet', the Folkart is a large shop where everything Magyar-made is available – folk costumes, dolls, painted eggs, embroidered tablecloths – and prices are clearly labelled. The staff are helpful and will advise. A similar place but even bigger is the Folkart Kézművészház (Folkart Artisan House; Map p224; ☎ 318 5143; V Régi posta utca 12; ☎ 10am-7pm Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm Sat; **M** M3 Ferenciek tere) further north on the same street.

HEPHAISTOS Map p224 Household Goods

☎ 266 1550; V Molnár utca 27; ☎ 11am-6pm Mon-Fri, 10am-2pm Sat; ☎ 47 or 49
Named after the Greek god of smiths and metalworkers, this shop has a zany collection of furniture, fittings and household goods, including many made of wrought iron, a medium in which the Hungarians have traditionally excelled.

HOLLÓ ATELIER Map p224 Folk Art & Souvenirs

☎ 317 8103; V Vitkovics Mihály utca 12; ☎ 10am-6pm Mon-Fri, 10am-noon Sat; **M** M1/2/3 Deák Ferenc tér
Off the northern end of Váci utca, this place has attractive folk art with a modern look and remains a personal favourite for buying gifts.

INTUITA Map p224 Folk Art & Souvenirs

☎ 266 5864; V Váci utca 67; ☎ 11am-6pm Mon-Fri, 10am-2pm Sat; ☎ 15
You're not likely to find painted eggs and *pálinka* (brandy) at this gift shop, but it does stock handmade glass, ceramics, bound books etc that are all modern versions of traditional Hungarian folk craft.

KÖZPONTI ANTIKVÁRIUM

Map p224 Antiquarian & Secondhand Books
☎ 317 3514; V Múzeum körút 13-15; ☎ 10am-6.30pm Mon-Fri, 10am-2pm Sat; **M** M2 Astoria
For antique and secondhand books in Hungarian, German and English, try the 'Central Antiquarian Bookshop', which was established in 1885 and is the largest of its kind in Budapest.

MAGMA Map p224 Household Goods

☎ 235 0277; V Petőfi Sándor utca 11; ☎ 10am-5pm Mon-Fri, 10am-3pm Sat; **M** M3 Ferenciek tere
In the centre of the Belváros, this showroom focuses on Hungarian design and designers – with everything from glassware and porcelain to textiles and furniture.

MONARCHIA Map p224 Fashion & Clothing

☎ 318 3146; V Szabadsajtó út 6; **M** M3 Ferenciek tere
This fashion house stocks funky one-off and made-to-measure items that have a distinctly Magyar stamp. There are branches in the West End City Centre (☎ 238 7172; p148) and Duna Plaza (☎ 239 4248; p150) malls.

NÁRAY TAMÁS Map p224 Fashion & Clothing

☎ 266 2473; V Károlyi Mihály utca 12; ☎ noon-8pm Mon-Fri, 10am-2pm Sat; **M** M3 Ferenciek tere
The principal outlet for Hungary's most celebrated and controversial designer, the Paris-trained Tamás Náray, stocks elegant ready-to-wear fashion and accessories for women and also accepts tailoring orders.

PORCELÁNHÁZ Map p224 Porcelain & Glassware

☎ 266 3165; V Váci utca 45; ☎ 10am-6pm Mon-Fri, 10am-3pm Sat; **M** M3 Ferenciek tere
This is the shop to source colourful pottery from Hódmezővásárhely in southeastern Hungary, a centre of that craft for hundreds of years.

RED BUS SECONDHAND BOOKSTORE

Map p224 Antiquarian & Secondhand Books
☎ 337 7453; V Semmelweis utca 14; www.redbusbudapest.hu; ☎ 11am-6pm Mon-Fri, 10am-2pm Sat; **M** M2 Astoria
Below the popular hostel of that name is the top shop in town for used (as opposed to antiquarian) English-language books.

RÓZSAVÖLGYI ÉS TÁRSA Map p224 Music

☎ 318 3312; V Szervita tér 5; ☎ 9.30am-7pm Mon, Tue, Thu & Fri, 10am-7pm Wed, 10am-5pm Sat; **M** M1/2/3 Deák Ferenc tér
This music shop is a good choice for CDs and tapes of traditional folk music.

SELENE LOVAS BOLT

Map p224 Sporting Goods
☎ 266 0143; V Irányi utca 7; ☎ 10am-6pm Mon-Fri, 9am-1pm Sat; **M** M3 Ferenciek tere
Selene sells everything and anything you might need to kit both you and a horse out for riding.

SZÁMOS MARCIPÁN Map p224 Food & Drink

☎ 317 3643; V Párizsi utca 3; ☎ 10am-7pm; **M** M3 Ferenciek tere
'Many Kinds of Marzipan' sells just that – in every shape and size imaginable. Its ice cream (100Ft per scoop) is another major draw here.

TANGÓ CLASSIC Map p224 Fashion & Clothing

☎ 267 6647; www.tangoclassic.hu; V Váci utca 8; **M** M1 Vörösmarty tér
Tangó stocks exclusive women's suits, blazers, jackets, evening attire and accessories with a Hungarian twist. There's also a district V branch (Map p224; ☎ 318 4394; V Apáczai Csere János utca 3; **M** M1 Vörösmarty tér) nearby.

THOMAS SABO Map p224 Jewellery

☎ 328 0557; www.thomassabo.com; V Kristóf tér 6; ☎ 10am-7pm; **M** M1 Vörösmarty tér
This Germany-based jewellery design company with Hungarian roots specialises in exquisite modern pieces in sterling silver.

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VASS Map p224 **Fashion & Clothing**

☎ 318 2375; www.vass-shoes.hu; V Haris köz 2;

🕒 10am-6pm Mon-Fri, 10am-2pm Sat; 📄 M3

Ferenciek tere

A traditional shoemaker that stocks both ready-to-wear and cobbles to order, Vass has a reputation that goes back to 1896 and some people travel to Hungary just to have their footwear made here.

ZSOLNAY Map p224 **Porcelain & Glassware**

☎ 266 6305; V Váci utca 19-21; 🕒 10am-7pm;

📄 M3 **Ferenciek tere**

For both contemporary and traditional fine eosin porcelain from Pécs, try this place.

NORTHERN INNER TOWN

BESTSELLERS Map p224 **Books**

☎ 312 1295; V Október 6 utca 11; 🕒 9am-

6.30pm Mon-Fri, 10am-5pm Sat, 10am-4pm Sun;

📄 M1/2/3 **Deák Ferenc tér**

Still top of the pops for English-language bookshops in Budapest is the recently expanded Bestsellers, which has novels, travel guides and lots of Hungarica as well as a large selection of magazines and newspapers.

PERMISSION GRANTED

Budapest's antique shops and auction houses are magnets for bargain hunters. Those with a trained eye may find the treasures of tomorrow at some of the modern galleries today, but purchases still require you to reach deep into the pocket – at least for the credit card.

Any item over 50 years old requires a permit from the Ministry of Culture for export; this involves a visit to a museum expert (see the following), photos of the piece and a National Bank form with proof-of-purchase receipts. Companies that will take care of all this for you and ship the piece(s) include **First European Shipping** (☎ 06 20 933 5240, 06 20 264 0424; www.firsteuropeanshipping.com) and **Move One** (☎ 213 0018; www.moveone.info). Be aware that most art shippers won't take a job for under US\$450, so if the piece is small enough and not really valuable, consider taking it in your suitcase. First European Shipping quotes a price of about US\$850 for obtaining export customs clearance, crating and air-freighting a small chest of drawers to JFK International Airport in New York.

If you're in a DIY mood, the following are the museums and other offices you must contact for valuations and permits in order for your purchase to be allowed out of the country.

Applied Arts Museum (Map pp218–19; ☎ 217 5222; IX Üllői út 33-37) For antique furniture, porcelain, glass and carpets.

Ethnography Museum (Map p222; ☎ 473 2400; V Kossuth Lajos tér 12) For folk art and handicraft items.

Hungarian National Gallery (Map p220; ☎ 201 9082; Wings B & D, Royal Palace, I Szent György tér) For pictorial works by Hungarian artists.

Museum of Fine Arts office (Map pp218–19; ☎ 302 1785; VI Szondi utca 77) For foreign paintings, sculptures and other works of art.

National Széchenyi Library (Map p220; ☎ 224 3700; Wing F, Royal Palace, I Szent György tér) For books, printed matter, written music, hand-written items dating from before 1957.

CENTRAL EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY BOOKSHOP Map p224 **Books**

☎ 327 3096; V Nádor utca 9; 🕒 10am-6pm Mon-Fri; 📄 15

Under the same management as Pen-dragon (opposite), the two-floor bookshop at the Central European University has a good selection of academic and business titles with a regional focus as well as some secondhand stock.

KÓDEX Map p222 **Books**

☎ 428 1010; V Honvéd utca 5; 🕒 9am-6pm Mon-Fri; 📄 M2 **Kossuth Lajos tér**

At Kódex you'll find Hungarian books on the ground floor and foreign books on the 1st floor, along with a decent selection of classical and jazz CDs.

LA BOUTIQUE DES VINS Map p224 **Food & Drink**

☎ 317 5919; www.malatinszky.hu; V József Attila utca 12; 🕒 10am-6pm Mon-Fri, 10am-3pm Sat;

📄 M1/2/3 **Deák Ferenc tér**

Owned and operated by the former sommelier at the exclusive Gundel restaurant, 'The Wine Shop' has an excellent selection

of Hungarian wines. Ask the staff to recommend a bottle.

NÁDORTEX Map p224 **Household Goods**

☎ 317 0030; V József nádor tér 12; 🕒 10am-6pm Mon-Fri; 📄 M1 **Vörösmarty tér**

Goose-feather or down products such as pillows (from 12,000Ft) or duvets (comforters; from 22,000Ft) are of excellent quality in Hungary and a highly recommended purchase. Nádortex, small but reliable, has some of the best prices; a pure down 'summer' (ie 500g per sq metre) measuring 200cm x 220cm costs 38,000Ft.

NYUGAT ANTIKVÁRIUM Map p222 **Antiquarian & Secondhand Books**

☎ 311 9023; V Bajcsy-Zsilinszky út 34; 🕒 10am-5.30pm Mon-Fri; 📄 M3 **Arany János utca**

The 'West Antiquarian Bookshop' stocks both foreign- and Hungarian-language titles.

SZENT ISTVÁN KÖRÚT & TERÉZVÁROS

AJKA KRISTÁLY Map p222 **Porcelain & Glassware**

☎ 332 4541; VI Teréz körút 50; 📄 M3 **Nyugati pályaudvar**

Established in 1878, Ajka has Hungarian-made lead-crystal pieces and stemware. Most of it is very old fashioned but there are some more-contemporary pieces.

ANNA ANTIKVITÁS Map p222 **Antiques**

☎ 302 5461; V Falk Miksa utca 18-20; 🕒 4 or 6

Anna is the place to go if you're in the market for embroidered antique tablecloths and bed linen. They're stacked up all over the shop.

BÁV Map p222 **Antiques**

☎ 2600, 473 0666; www.bav.hu; XIII Szent István körút 3; 🕒 10am-6pm Mon-Fri, 9am-1pm Sat; 🕒 4 or 6

This chain of pawn and secondhand shops, with a number of branches around town, is always a fun place to comb for trinkets and treasures; check out this branch for chinaware, textiles and artwork. Other stores include the **VI Andrassy út branch** (Map p222; ☎ 342 9143; VI Andrassy út 43; 📄 M1

TOP FIVE BOOKSHOPS

- Bestsellers (opposite)
- Szőnyi Antikvárium (p148)
- Libri Könyvpalota (p149)
- Központi Antikvárium (p144)
- Írók Boltja (Writers' Bookshop; p150)

Opera) for old jewellery, watches and silver; the **V Bécsi utca branch** (Map p224; ☎ 318 4403; V Bécsi utca 1-3; 📄 M1/2/3 **Deák Ferenc tér**) for knick-knacks, porcelain and glassware; and the **II Margit körút branch** (Map pp218–19; ☎ 315 0417; II Margit körút 4; 🕒 4 or 6) for furniture, lamps and fine porcelain.

DÁRIUS Map p222 **Antiques**

☎ 311 2603; V Falk Miksa utca 24-26; 🕒 4 or 6

This shop, which handles furniture, paintings, glass and porcelain, is among the best on V Falk Miksa utca.

HAAS & CZIZEK Map p222 **Porcelain & Glassware**

☎ 311 4094; www.porcelan.hu; VI Bajcsy-Zsilinszky út 23; 🕒 10am-7pm Mon-Fri, 10am-3pm Sat; 📄 M3 **Arany János utca**

In the vicinity of the Basilica of St Stephen, this chinaware and crystal shop sells Zsolnay as well as more affordable Hungarian-made Hollóháza and Alföldi porcelain.

JÁTÉKSZEREK ANNO Map p222 **Toys**

☎ 302 6234; VI Teréz körút 54; 🕒 10am-6pm Mon-Fri, 9am-1pm Sat; 📄 M3 **Nyugati pályaudvar**

The wonderful little 'Anno Playthings' shop near Nyugati train station sells finely made reproductions of antique wind-up and other old-fashioned toys.

KIESELBACH GALÉRIA Map p222 **Fine Art**

☎ 269 3148; www.kieselbach.hu; V Szent István körút 5; 🕒 10am-6pm Mon-Sat; 🕒 4 or 6

This is without a doubt the best source in the city for Hungarian painting and there are frequent auctions.

PENDRAGON Map pp218-19 **Books**

☎ 340 4426; XIII Pozsonyi út 21-23; 🕒 10am-6pm Mon-Fri, 10am-2pm Sat; 🕒 4 or 6, trolleybus 76 or 79

While this 'English bookshop', which takes its name from the legend of King Arthur,

has an excellent selection of English books and guides (including Lonely Planet titles), most Anglophones will have a hard time making themselves understood here.

PINTÉR ANTIK Map p222 Antiques

☎ 311 3030; www.pinterantik.hu; V Falk Miksa utca 10; ☎ 10am-6pm Mon-Fri, 10am-2pm Sat; ☎ 4 or 6

With a positively enormous antique showroom measuring 1800 sq metres in a series of cellars near the Parliament, Pintér has everything from furniture and chandeliers to oil paintings and china, and is the best around for browsing.

SZÖNYI ANTIKVÁRIUMA

Map p222 Antiquarian & Secondhand Books

☎ 311 6431; www.szonyi.hu; V Szent István körút 3; ☎ 10am-6pm Mon-Fri, 9am-1pm Sat; ☎ 4 or 6
This long-established antiquarian bookshop has an excellent selection of antique prints and maps (look in the drawers) as well as books.

WAVE MUSIC Map p224 Music

☎ 331 0718; VI Révay köz 2; ☎ 11am-7pm Mon-Fri, 11am-3pm Sat; ☎ M1 Bajcsy-Zsilinszky út
Wave is another excellent outlet for both Hungarian and international indie music.

WEST END CITY CENTRE

Map p222 Shopping Mall

☎ 238 7777; VI Váci út 1; ☎ 8am-11pm; ☎ M3 Nyugati pályaudvar

In central Pest, this Goliath of a shopping complex has everything you could possibly want or need, with 400 shops, telecom outlets, large indoor fountains, the hair-raising Budapest Eye (p73) and the 230-room Hilton West End (p160).

ERZSÉBETVÁROS

Map p222 Household Goods

☎ 322 3606; www.billerbeck.hu; VII Dob utca 49; ☎ 10am-6pm Mon-Fri, 9.30am-1pm Sat; ☎ 4 or 6
With several branches around town, Billerbeck has a large selection of feather and goose-down duvets and other bedding and helpful staff.

Map pp218-19 Fashion & Clothing

☎ 341 0540; www.majomketrec.hu; VII Dohány utca 94; ☎ 10am-7pm Mon-Fri, 10am-2pm Sat; trolleybus 74

Whatever your 'drag' of choice happens to be – 1960s camp to leather or military – the folks at this antifashion emporium of used and vintage clothes will have you kitted out before you can say 'Trick or Treat!'

CONCERTO HANGLEMEZBOLT

Map p224 Music

☎ 268 9631; VII Dob utca 33; ☎ noon-7pm Mon-Fri, noon-4pm Sun; ☎ M2 Astoria
For classical CDs, tapes and vinyl, try the wonderful 'Concerto Record Shop', which is always full of hard-to-find treasures.

Map p222 Food & Drink

☎ 321 6543; VII Dohány utca 39; ☎ 10am-6pm Mon-Fri, 10am-2pm Sat; ☎ M2 Blaha Lujza tér
This little speciality shop stocks homemade jams, bottled fruit and honey, wine from the Kislók and Villány regions of southern Hungary and fruit-flavoured brandies. It is the place to visit if you haven't been able to pick up a jar or two of Hungary's greatest edible contribution to humanity – traditionally made *lekvár* (fruit jam), especially the apricot variety – at a food market (p93).

Map p222 Books

☎ 267 4844; VII Rákóczi út 12; ☎ 10am-7.30pm Mon-Fri, 10am-3pm Sat; ☎ M2 Astoria
Spread over two floors, the huge 'Book Palace' has a selection of English-language novels, art books, guidebooks, maps, music, and a café and Internet access on the 1st floor. For books in English and other languages specifically on Hungarian subjects, a more useful branch is *Libri Stúdió* (Map p224; ☎ 318 5680; V Váci utca 22; ☎ 10am-7pm Mon-Fri, 10am-3pm Sat & Sun; ☎ M3 Ferenciek tere).

JÓZSEFVÁROS & FERENCVÁROS

Map p222 Fashion & Clothing

☎ 317 1627; VIII Krúdy utca 9; ☎ 10am-7pm Mon-Fri, 10am-2pm Sat; ☎ 4 or 6
Iguana sells vintage leather, suede and velvet pieces from the 1950s, '60s and '70s, plus its own trousers, skirts and shirts. There's a district IX branch (Map pp228-9; ☎ 215 3475; IX Tompa utca 1; ☎ 10am-7pm Mon-Fri, 10am-2pm Sat; ☎ M3 Ferenc körút).

MAGYAR PÁLINKA HÁZ

Map p222 Food & Drink

Hungarian Pálinka House; ☎ 338 4219; www.magyarpalinkahaza.hu; VIII Rákóczi út 17; ☎ 9am-7pm Mon-Sat; ☎ M2 Astoria
If you're into Hungarian *pálinka*, the exquisite brandy flavoured with everything from

CLOTHING SIZES

Measurements approximate only, try before you buy

Women's Clothing

Aus/UK	8	10	12	14	16	18
Europe	36	38	40	42	44	46
Japan	5	7	9	11	13	15
USA	6	8	10	12	14	16

Women's Shoes

Aus/USA	5	6	7	8	9	10
Europe	35	36	37	38	39	40
France only	35	36	38	39	40	42
Japan	22	23	24	25	26	27
UK	3½	4½	5½	6½	7½	8½

Men's Clothing

Aus	92	96	100	104	108	112
Europe	46	48	50	52	54	56
Japan	S	M	M	L		
UK/USA	35	36	37	38	39	40

Men's Shirts (Collar Sizes)

Aus/Japan	38	39	40	41	42	43
Europe	38	39	40	41	42	43
UK/USA	15	15½	16	16½	17	17½

Men's Shoes

Aus/UK	7	8	9	10	11	12
Europe	41	42	43	44½	46	47
Japan	26	27	27½	28	29	30
USA	7½	8½	9½	10½	11½	12½

apricot and sour cherry to raspberry, make a beeline for this place. They stock hundreds of varieties.

MONARCHIA BORÁSZATI

Map pp218-19 Food & Drink

☎ 456 9817; www.magyarborok.hu; IX Kinizsi utca 30-36; ☎ noon-7pm Mon-Fri, 10am-6pm Sat; ☎ M3 Ferenc körút

Just opposite the Applied Arts Museum, Monarchia has an extensive selection from both established and new Hungarian vintners, but the best on offer are those bottled under its own label.

NAGYCSARNOK

Map p224 Folk Art & Souvenirs, Food & Drink

IX Várház körút 1-3; ☎ 6am-5pm Mon, 6am-6pm Tue-Fri, 6am-2pm Sat; ☎ 47 or 49

The 'Great Market' is Budapest's biggest food market but, because it has been attracting tourists ever since it was renovated for the millecentenary in 1996, it now has dozens of stalls on the 1st floor's south side selling

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Hungarian folk costumes, dolls, painted eggs, embroidered tablecloths, carved hunting knives and so on. At the same time, gourmets will appreciate the Hungarian and other treats – shrink-wrapped and potted foie gras and goose-liver pâté (2200/4400Ft for 100/200g), a good selection of dried mushrooms, garlands of dried paprika (600Ft to 800Ft), souvenir sacks and tins of paprika powder (290Ft to 650Ft), and as many kinds of honey (from 450Ft) and types of wine as you'd care to name – available on the ground floor at a fraction of what they would cost in the shops on nearby Váci utca.

ANDRÁSSY ÚT BIBLIOTÉKA ANTIKVÁRIUM

Map p224 [Antiquarian & Secondhand Books](#)
☎ 475 0240; www.bibliotekaantikvarium.hu;
VI Andrassy út 2; 🕒 10am-6pm Mon-Fri, 9am-1pm Sat; 🚶 M1/2/3 Deák Ferenc tér
The Bibliotéka at the start of VI Andrassy út is a bit of a jumble sale but always worth a once over for possible treasures.

ÍRÓK BOLTJA Map p222 [Books](#)
Writers' Bookshop; ☎ 322 1645; VI Andrassy út 45;
🚶 M1 Oktogon, 🕒 4 or 6
For Hungarian authors in translation, including many of those mentioned on p21, this is the place to go.

LISZT FERENC ZENEMŰBOLT [Music](#)
Map p222
☎ 322 4091; VI Andrassy út 45; 🚶 M1 Oktogon
Next to the Writers' Bookshop, the 'Ferenc Liszt Music Shop' has mostly classical CDs, tapes and vinyl as well as books of local interest and very scary staff.

CITY PARK CITY PARK FLEA MARKET

Map pp218-19 [Flea Market](#)
Városligeti Bolhapiac; ☎ 363 3730, 251 7266;
www.bolhapiac.com; XIV Zichy Mihály út; 🕒 7am-2pm Sat & Sun; 🚶 1 or 1/a, trolleybus 70, 72 or 74
This is a huge outdoor flea market – a kind of Hungarian boot or garage sale – held

next to the Petőfi Csarnok (p133) in City Park. The usual diamonds-to-rust stuff is on offer – from old records and draperies to candles, honey and herbs. Sunday is the better day.

OUTER PEST DISTRICTS

CHINESE MARKET Map pp226-7 [Flea Market](#)
Kinai piac; XIII Fáy utca 60; 🕒 7am-6pm; 🚶 14
A rather unusual place, this is essentially a series of stalls run by Chinese, Vietnamese and Thais that offer the usual array of knock-off designer clothing and cosmetics, cigarettes and liquor of dubious provenance. There are some decent (read authentic) Asian food stalls here too.

DUNA PLAZA Map pp226-7 [Shopping Mall](#)
☎ 465 1666; XIII Váci út 178; 🕒 8am-11pm;
🚶 M3 Gyöngyösi utca
This is second only to West End City Centre in size, with three floors of 120 clothing and shoe shops, a multiplex cinema with a dozen screens, bowling lanes, an ice-skating rink and the requisite Greek *taverna*.

ECSERI PIAC [Flea Market](#)
☎ 282 9563; XIX Nagykőrösi út; 🕒 8am-4pm Mon-Fri, 6am-3pm Sat, 8am-1pm Sun; 🚶 54
Often just called the *piac* (market), this is one of the biggest and best flea markets in Central Europe, selling everything from antique jewellery and Soviet army watches to old musical instruments and Fred Astaire-style top hats. Saturday is the best day to go. To get there, take bus 54 from Boráros tér in Pest near Petőfi Bridge or, better yet, the red express bus 54 from the Határ utca stop on the M3 metro line and get off at the Fiume utca stop. Then follow the crowds over the pedestrian bridge.

MOUNTEX Map pp218-19 [Sporting Goods](#)
☎ 239 6050; XIII Váci út 19; 🕒 10am-7pm Mon-Fri, 10am-2pm Sat; 🚶 M3 Lehel tér
This huge emporium on two levels with branches throughout the city (and country for that matter) carries all the gear you'll need for hiking, climbing, camping and so on.

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