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# Sleeping ■

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Accommodation in Budapest runs the gamut from hostels in converted flats and private rooms in far-flung housing estates to luxury *pensions* in the Buda Hills and five-star properties charging upwards of €300 a night for a double. The low season for hotels runs roughly from mid-October or November to March (not including the Christmas and New Year holidays). The high season is the rest of the year – a lengthy seven months or so – when prices can increase substantially. Almost without exception the rate quoted for hostel and hotel accommodation includes breakfast. If you're driving, parking at many of the central Pest hotels will be difficult.

## Accommodation Styles

### HOSTELS

Accommodation at Budapest's *ifjúsági szállók* (youth hostels) is available year-round, but during the university summer holidays (generally mid-June or July to late August) the number of hostels increase exponentially. During this time, private outfits rent vacant dormitories from the universities and turn them into hostels. Competition is fierce and there are several hostel operators, so you can afford to shop around a bit.

Dormitory accommodation in both year-round and summer hostels cost from 2000Ft to 5000Ft per person, depending on room size; doubles are 6000Ft to 12,000Ft. High season usually means April to October. A Hostelling International (HI) card or equivalent (p187) is not required at any hostel in Budapest, but it will sometimes get you a discount of up to 10% or an extra night's stay; make sure to ask beforehand.

Hostels usually provide laundry facilities (between 1000Ft and 1500Ft for a wash and dry), a fully equipped kitchen, storage lockers, TV lounge, no curfew or age limit and computers for accessing the Internet (free or about 10Ft per minute). A useful website is [www.youthhostels.hu](http://www.youthhostels.hu).

While you can go directly to all the hostels mentioned under Cheap Sleeps in this chapter, the Express (p195) and Mellow Mood (p195) travel agencies are the best outfits for information about budget accommodation. In fact, the latter, which is affiliated with HI, runs three hostels and five budget hotels year-round as well as a half-dozen hostels that are open in summer only, mostly in Buda. It also maintains three kiosks at Keleti train station (Map pp218–19): **Platform 9 kiosk** (☎ 353 2722; ☎ 7am–6pm); **Rail/bus office** (☎ 461 0948; ☎ 6am–10pm) along platform 6; and **U Tours travel agency** (☎ 303 9818; ☎ 7am–8pm) at the end of platform 6. Staff make bookings and can advise you about or arrange transport from there.

Another major player in the competitive world of Budapest summer hostels is **Universum** (☎ 06-28 558 900; [www.universumyouthhostels.hu](http://www.universumyouthhostels.hu)), which has accommodation at one year-round hotel and hostel in Pest and three hostels – all with fridges in the rooms, safes and washer-dryers – in the vicinity of the University of Technology and Economic Sciences (Map pp228–9) in Buda and a **Keleti train station booking office** (☎ 7am to 8pm) next to platform 9.

### HOTELS

Hotels, called *szállók* or *szállodák*, can be anything from the rapidly disappearing run-down old socialist-era hovels to luxurious five-star palaces.

A cheap hotel will usually be more expensive than a private room in Budapest, but it may be the answer if you're only staying one night or if you arrive too late to get a private

room through an agency. Two-star hotels usually have rooms with a private bathroom; it's almost always on the hall in a one-star place. Three- and four-star hotels can be excellent value compared with those in other European countries.

### PENSIONS

Budapest has scores of *panziók* (*pensions*), most of them are in the outskirts of Pest or in the Buda Hills and not very convenient unless you have your own (motorised) transport. *Pensions* are popular with Germans and Austrians who like the homey atmosphere and the better breakfasts. Often *pensions* can cost as much as a moderate hotel, although there are some worthwhile exceptions.

### PRIVATE ROOMS

Hungary's *fizetővendég szolgálat* ('paying-guest service') is a great deal and still relatively cheap, but with the advent of *pensions* it's not as widespread as it once was. Private rooms in Budapest generally cost from 4500Ft to 6000Ft for a single, 6500Ft to 8000Ft a double, and 8000Ft to 15,000Ft for a small apartment. There's usually a 30% supplement on the first night if you stay less than three nights. To get a room in the centre of town, you may have to try several offices. You might need an indexed city map (p190) to find the block where your room is located, though.

Individuals on the streets outside the main train stations may offer you a private room, but their prices are usually higher than those asked by the agencies, and there is no quality control. They vary considerably and cases of travellers being promised an idyllic room in the centre of town, only to be taken to a dreary, cramped flat in some distant suburb are not unknown. On the other hand, we've received dozens of letters extolling the virtues of the landlords who readers have dealt with directly in this way. You really have to use your own judgment here. Until you suss out the pitfalls, you're probably better off getting a room from an agency.

The tourist offices in Budapest do not arrange private accommodation, but will send you to a travel agency like **To-Ma** (Map p224; ☎ 353 0819; [www.tomatour.hu](http://www.tomatour.hu); V Október 6 utca 22; ☎ 9am-noon & 1-8pm Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm Sat-Sun; 🚶 M1/2/3 Deák Ferenc tér). Among the best places to try for private rooms are **Ibusz** (p195) and **Vista** (p195) as well as **U Tours** (opposite) in Keleti train station.

After hours, try the mostly unhelpful **Non-stop Hotel Service** (Map p224; ☎ 266 8042, 318 3925; [www.non-stophotelservice.hu](http://www.non-stophotelservice.hu); V Apáczai Csere János utca 1; ☎ 9am-10pm; 🚶 M1 Vörösmarty tér) near the Budapest Marriott Hotel.

### SERVICED APARTMENTS

Budapest is chock-a-block with serviced apartments and apartment hotels. They all have private bathrooms and usually kitchens – at the very least. Some are positively luxurious (eg Millennium Court in Pest; p159) while others are bare-bones (eg Peter's Apartments in Pest; p161).

## Price Ranges

In this book budget accommodation – hostels, private rooms, some *pensions* and cheap hotels – is anything for two people (double or twin) under 12,000Ft (€49), midrange (usually *pensions* and hotels) is 12,500Ft (€50) to 25,000Ft (€102) and top end is anything over 25,500Ft (€104). Because of the changing value of the forint, many hotels quote their rates in euros. In such cases, we have followed suit. We quote the high-season rates here, but during the low season tariffs can be as much as 30% less.

The price quoted should be the price you pay, but it's not as cut-and-dried in Budapest. Travel agencies generally charge a small fee for booking a private room or other accommodation, and there's usually a surcharge if you stay for less than three nights (at least on the first night). Budapest levies a 3% local tourist tax on those aged 18 to 70. Some top-end hotels in Budapest do not include the 15% VAT in their listed rack rates; make sure you read the fine print.

### BOOK ACCOMMODATION ONLINE

For more accommodation reviews and recommendations by Lonely Planet authors, check out the online booking service at [www.lonelyplanet.com](http://www.lonelyplanet.com). You'll find the true, insider lowdown on the best places to stay. Reviews are thorough and independent. Best of all, you can book online.

## Longer-Term Rentals

After the changes of 1989, many families in Budapest were given the opportunity to buy – at very low rates – the flats they had been renting from the state since the 1950s. As a result, Budapest is full of fully paid-up flats waiting to be let.

Rental prices vary according to the condition of the property (naturally) and the district it's located in; the most expensive areas for renting are districts I, II and XII in Buda and districts V and XIII in Pest. Expect to pay at least 2000Ft per square metre in the leafy, sought-after neighbourhoods of Buda. In Pest, a flat in central district V will cost from 1500Ft to 2000Ft per square metre and from 1000Ft to 1500Ft in districts VI or VII. The diplomatic quarter west of City Park will cost as much as districts II and XII in Buda. The cheapest flats are to be found in the housing blocks of some of the more outlying districts (eg districts III and XXII in Buda and almost everything that is situated east of the Big Ring Road in Pest).

Your best source of information is the daily classifieds-only newspaper *Expressz* (99Ft), available from newsstands everywhere. These days, however, many of the advertisements are from agencies, which usually require you to pay 3000Ft up front for the address of the property. Monthly property magazines include *Ingatlan Magazin* (480Ft) and *Ingatlan Kavalkád* (296Ft). Since ads are always in Hungarian only – and the landlord is likely to be monolingual – you'll have to get a native speaker to help you. Some good websites for searching are the bilingual [www.ingatlan.com](http://www.ingatlan.com) and [www.alfapartments.com](http://www.alfapartments.com); [www.alberlet.lap.hu](http://www.alberlet.lap.hu) is in Hungarian only.

## BUDA

Options for accommodation in the Buda district are more limited than on the other side of the Danube River, but you will find a quite a few luxurious big-name hotels along with some small, atmospheric *pensions* and many hostels, especially the summer-only type.

## CASTLE HILL

**BURG HOTEL** Map p220 Hotel

☎ 212 0269; [www.burghotelbudapest.com](http://www.burghotelbudapest.com);  
I Szentháromság tér 7-8; s/d €105/115, 2-person ste  
€127; ☎ 16 or Várbusz

This place with all the mod cons is in the Castle District, just opposite Matthias Church. The 26 rooms are no more than just ordinary but, as they say, location is everything.

**HILTON BUDAPEST** Map p220 Hotel

☎ 889 6600; [www.budapest.hilton.com](http://www.budapest.hilton.com); I Hess  
András tér 1-3; s & d €130-190, with Danube view  
€160-210; ☎ 16 or Várbusz

Perched above the Danube on Castle Hill, the Hilton was built carefully in and around a 14th-century church and baroque college (though it still has its detractors). It has 322 disappointingly sombre rooms, with dark carpeting and low lighting but great views.

**HOTEL ASTRA** Map p220 Hotel

☎ 214 1906; [www.hotelastra.hu](http://www.hotelastra.hu); I Vám utca 6;  
s/d/ste €90/105/135; M M2 Batthyány tér, ☎ 86  
Tucked away in a small street just west of Fő  
utca and just below the castle is this hotel-  
cum-guesthouse, housed in a centuries-old  
townhouse. It has seven double rooms and  
three suites.

**HOTEL KULTURINNOV** Map p220 Hotel

☎ 224 8102, 06 20 544 5396; [www.mka.hu](http://www.mka.hu);  
I Szentháromság tér 6; s/d/tr €64/80/100; ☎ 16  
or Várbusz

A 16-room hotel in the neo-Gothic former  
Finance Ministry (1904), the Kulturinnov  
can't be beaten for location or price in the  
Castle District. The guestrooms, though  
clean and with private bathrooms, are not  
as nice as the opulent public areas of the  
hotel.

## GELLÉRT HILL & THE TABÁN

**CITADELLA HOTEL** Map pp228-9 Hotel & Hostel

☎ 466 5794; [www.citadella.hu](http://www.citadella.hu); XI Citadella  
sétány; s & d with shared shower/shower/bathroom  
10,000/11,000/12,000Ft; ☎ 27

This hotel in the fortress atop Gellért-  
hegy is pretty threadbare and though  
most of the dozen dark-wood guestrooms  
share facilities, they are extra large and  
retain some of their original features. The

one dorm room with 14 beds is usually  
booked in advance. Be warned: this area is  
something of a tourist trap and you may  
feel more like a prisoner than a prince or  
princess here.

**DANUBIUS GELLÉRT HOTEL**

Map pp228-9 Hotel

☎ 889 5500; [www.danubiugroup.com/gellert](http://www.danubiugroup.com/gellert);  
XI Szent Gellért tér 1; s €75-130, d €170-210, ste  
€270; ☎ 18, 19, 47 or 49

Budapest's *grande dame* is a 234-room four-  
star hotel with loads of character. Designed  
by Armin Hegeđús in 1909 and completed  
in 1918, the hotel contains examples of the  
late Art Nouveau, notably the thermal spa  
with its enormous arched glass entrance  
hall and Zsolnay ceramic fountains in the  
bathing pools. The baths are free for guests,  
but overall its other facilities are forgettable.  
Prices depend on which way your room  
faces and what sort of bathroom it has.

**HOTEL ORION** Map p220 Hotel

☎ 356 8583; [www.bestwestern-ce.com/orion](http://www.bestwestern-ce.com/orion);  
I Döbrentei utca 13; s/d/tr/ste €88/112/132/150;  
☎ 18 or 19

Hidden away in the Tabán district, the  
Orion is a cosy place with a relaxed atmos-  
phere and within easy walking distance of

## TOP FIVE GRAND HOTELS

- Four Seasons Gresham Palace Hotel (p159)
- Danubius Gellért Hotel (left)
- Corinthia Grand Hotel Royal (p162)
- Le Meridien Budapest (p158)
- Danubius Grand Hotel Margitsziget (p158)

the castle. The 30 rooms are bright and of  
a good size.

## Cheap Sleeps

**HOSTEL HILL** Map pp228-9 Hostel

XI Ménési út 5; r with 1/2/3 beds per person  
6000/4000/3600Ft; ☎ early Jul-Aug; ☎ 18, 19, 47  
or 49, ☎ 7 or 7/a

On the way up to leafy Gellért Hill, this  
institutional-looking building has 170 beds, a  
sports ground and a swimming pool (admis-  
sion 600Ft). It's a Mellow Mood hostel (p195).

**HOSTEL LANDLER** Map pp228-9 Hostel

☎ 463 3621; XI Bartók Béla út 17; dm 3400-3600Ft,  
d per person 3900Ft  
At the foot of Gellért Hill with 280 beds,  
Universum's Landler has basic rooms for  
two to four people with washbasins and  
shared showers.

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**HOSTEL RÓZSA** Map pp228-9 Hostel

☎ 463 4250; XI Bercsényi utca 28-30; d per person 3900Ft

Rózsa is another of the Universum group of hostels and has 111 double rooms with washbasins and shared showers.

**HOSTEL SCHÖNHERZ** Map pp228-9 Hostel

XI Irinyi József utca 42; r with 1/2/3 & 4 beds per person 5000/3000/2500Ft; ☎ early Jul-Aug; ☎ 4 or 6

In an 18-storey block with 600 beds, this Mellow Mood property (p195) has rooms with one to four beds, all with their own shower; toilets are on the hall.

**HOSTEL UNIVERSITAS** Map pp228-9 Hostel

XI Irinyi József utca 9-11; s/d per person 4000/2500Ft; ☎ early Jul-Aug; ☎ 4 or 6

With 500 beds, this Mellow Mood hostel is much more basic than the Schönherz, with just washbasins in the room and communal showers in the hallway. It has a real party atmosphere, though.

**HOSTEL VÁSÁRHELYI** Map pp228-9 Hostel

☎ 463 4326; XI Kruspér utca 2-4; dm 3800Ft, d per person 4200Ft

With a total of 500 beds, Universum's Hostel Vásárhelyi has rooms with two to four beds, all of which have private showers.

**MARTOS HOSTEL** Map pp228-9 Hostel

☎ 209 4883, 06 30 911 5755; reception@hotel.martos.bme.hu; XI Szotczek József utca 5-7; s/d/tr/q/apt 4000/5000/7500/10,000/15,000Ft; ☎ 4 or 6  
Though primarily a summer hostel with 200 beds, the independent Martos has around 20 beds available year-round. It's reasonably well located, near the Danube, and just a few minutes' walk from Petőfi Bridge.

**VÍZIVÁROS****ART'OTEL BUDAPEST** Map p220 Hotel

☎ 487 9487; www.artotel.hu; I Bem rakpart 16-19; s/d/ste €198/218/298, with Danube view €218/238/318; ☎ 19, ☎ 86

The Art'otel is a minimalist hotel that would not look out of place in London or New York. But what makes this 165-room place unique is that it cobbles together a seven-storey modern building (views of the castle and the Danube) and an 18th-century baroque building; they're separated by a leafy courtyard-cum-atrium.

**CARLTON HOTEL** Map p220 Hotel

☎ 224 0999; www.carltonhotel.hu; I Apor Péter utca 3; s/d/tr €90/115/126; ☎ 86

A total revamp at the start of 2005 has given this 95-room hotel at the foot of Castle Hill and at the end of a narrow cul-de-sac in Watertown (Víziváros) a cleaner, fresher look and an extra star.

**HOTEL CSÁSZÁR** Map pp218-19 Hotel

☎ 336 2640; www.csaszarhotel.hu; II Frankel Leó utca 35; s/d/q €42/53/84, ste €116; ☎ 17, ☎ 86

The 'Emperor' started life as a convent in the 1850s, which might explain the size of the 34 cell-like rooms. Request one of the larger superior rooms that look onto the outdoor Olympic-size pools of the huge Béla Komjádi swimming complex (p137).

**HOTEL VICTORIA** Map p220 Hotel

☎ 457 8080; www.victoria.hu; I Bem rakpart 11; s/d/tr €102/107/148; ☎ 19, ☎ 86

This hotel has 27 comfortable and spacious rooms with larger-than-life views of Parliament and the Danube. It gets special mention for its friendly service and facilities, despite its small size. The best rooms are on floors 7 to 9.

**Cheap Sleeps****BÜRO PANZIÓ** Map pp218-19 Pension

☎ 212 2929; http://buro-panzio.Internettudakozo.hu; II Dékán utca 3; s/d/tr/q 8000/12,000/16,000/20,000Ft; ☎ M2 Moszkva tér

Just off the northern side of Moszkva tér, this *pension* looks basic from the outside, but its 10 rooms are comfortable and have TVs and telephones. They were renovated in early 2005 so they still have that just-off-the-assembly-line look.

**HOSTEL BAKFARK** Map pp218-19 Hostel

II Bakfark Bálint utca 1-3; dm 3000Ft; ☎ mid-Jun-Aug; ☎ M2 Moszkva tér, ☎ 4 or 6

In a solid brick pile near Moszkva tér and below Castle Hill, this 80-bed Mellow Mood place has accommodation in dorm rooms with six beds.

**BUDA HILLS****BEATRIX PANZIÓ** Map p216 Pension

☎ 275 0550; www.beatrixhotel.hu; II Széher út 3; s/d/tr €60/65/75, apt €75-90; ☎ 56, ☎ 5

On the way up to the Buda Hills but still easily accessible by public transport, this is an attractive *pension* with 18 rooms available. Surrounding the *pension* is a lovely garden with a fish pond, sun terraces and a grill.

**IBS GARDEN HOTEL** Map p216 Hotel

☎ 274 2088; www.ibsgardenhotel.hu; II Tárogató út 2-4; s & d €59; ☎ 56, ☎ 29

This recently opened midrange hotel is west of the Danube as you head towards the Buda Hills. It has 100 rooms spread over five floors, and is an excellent option for those who want to be very close to the city but not exactly in it.

**Cheap Sleeps****PAPILLON HOTEL** Map pp218-19 Hotel

☎ 212 4750; www.hotels.hu/papillon; II Rózsahegy utca 3/b; s/d/tr €38/48/58, apt for 3/5 people per person €68/78; ☎ 4 or 6

One of Buda's best-kept accommodation secrets, this small 20-room hotel in Rózsadomb has a delightful back garden with a small swimming pool. There are also two apartments available in the block just across the road.

**OUTER BUDA DISTRICTS****CHARLES HOTEL & APARTMENT**

Map p220 Serviced Apartment

☎ 212 9169; www.charleshotel.hu; I Hegyalja út 23; standard studio s €44-49, d €52-66, tr €64-90, executive studio €64-72, €72-89, €92-114, apt €72-158; ☎ 8 or 112

On the Buda side of the river and somewhat on the beaten track (a train line actually runs right past the place), the Charles has 70 'studios' (larger-than-average rooms) with tiny kitchens and weary-looking furniture, as well as two-room apartments. It also has bikes available for rent at 2000Ft per day.

**CONGRESS PARK HOTEL FLAMENCO**

Map pp228-9 Hotel

☎ 889 5600; www.danubiusgroup.com/flamenco; XI Tas vezér utca 7; s & d €95-120, ste €150-220; ☎ 19 or 49

A rambling 355-room place, the Flamenco really has little to recommend it (faceless rectangular block, smallish rooms) except for its leafy location overlooking a park with Buda's 'Bottomless Lake' (Feneketlen-tó) and an excellent gym and fitness centre.

**HOTEL VENTURA** Map pp228-9 Hotel

☎ 208 1232; fax 208 1234; www.gerandhotels.hu/ventura.php; XI Fehérvári út 179; s €49-62, d €62-78, tr €81-99; ☎ 47 or 18

This hotel, all done up in various shades of blue, green and purple and with what can only be described as an enormous umbrella cage in the lobby, has 149 rooms spread over two buildings and a modern gym. It's off the beaten track but transport is good.

**Cheap Sleeps****BACK PACK GUESTHOUSE**

Map pp228-9 Hostel

☎ 385 8946; www.backpackbudapest.hu; XI Takács Menyhért utca 33; dm 2500-3000Ft, d 7000Ft; ☎ black-numbered 7 or 7A, ☎ 19 or 49

A laid-back hostel in a colourfully painted suburban 'villa' in south Buda, the Back Pack Guesthouse is relatively small, with a mere 50 beds (large dormitories with between seven and 11 beds and small ones with four to five). There is a super garden in the back and a friendly, much-travelled manager.

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**HOTEL GRIFF JUNIOR**

Map pp228-9

Hotel

☎ 203 2398; [www.gerandhotels.hu/griff.php](http://www.gerandhotels.hu/griff.php);  
XI Bartók Béla út 152; s/d/tr/q with washbasin &  
toilet €25/29/38/43, with shower €28/38/48/58;  
☎ 19 or 49, 🚗 red-numbered 7

With 126 rooms – a quarter of them with their own shower – at rock-bottom prices in a low-rise office block, this hotel next to the much larger and pricier Hotel Griff, with which it has no connection (except a confusion factor), is a great choice for those on a tight budget.

**MARGARET ISLAND**

Margaret Island has never done things by halves. Here you will have to make a choice between top-end luxury or, at the other end of the scale, budget accommodation.

**DANUBIUS GRAND HOTEL****MARGITSZIGET** Map pp226-7

Hotel

☎ 889 4700; [www.danubiusgroup.com/grandhotel](http://www.danubiusgroup.com/grandhotel);  
XIII Margit-sziget; s/d/ste €153/168/198; 🚗 26  
Constructed in the late 19th century, this comfortable (rather than grand) and tranquil hotel has 164 rooms that boast all the mod cons you would want and is connected to the Danubius Thermal Hotel Margitsziget via a heated underground corridor, where you can take the waters for free.

**Cheap Sleeps****HOTEL MARGITSZIGET** Map pp218-19

Hotel

☎ 329 2949; [www.hotelmzs.hu](http://www.hotelmzs.hu); XIII Margit-sziget;  
s €43-53, d €45-55; 🚗 26

This 11-room budget hotel in the centre of the island is surrounded by greenery and feels almost like a resort. Guests can use the tennis courts, swimming pool and sauna for free. Rooms 11 to 14 have balconies.

**TOP FIVE BOUTIQUE & SMALLER HOTELS**

- Art'otel Budapest (p156)
- Residence Izabella (p165)
- Andrássy Hotel (p164)
- Hotel Domina Fiesta (p162)
- Hotel Astra (p154)

**PEST**

Pest has the lion's share of accommodation in Budapest – with everything ranging from the five-star, palatial Four Seasons Gresham Palace Hotel to most of the city's cheapest hostels.

**INNER TOWN****HOTEL ART** Map p224

Hotel

☎ 266 2166; [www.bestwestern.com](http://www.bestwestern.com); V Király Pál utca 12; s/d/tr €85/110/140; 🚗 M3 Kálvin tér  
This Best Western property has Art Deco touches (including a pink façade) in the public areas, fitness centre and sauna, but the 32 guestrooms are, on the whole, quite ordinary except for the few that have separate sitting and sleeping areas. Rooms that are located on the 5th floor have mansard roofs.

**HOTEL ERZSÉBET** Map p224

Hotel

☎ 889 3700; [www.danubiusgroup.com/erzsebet](http://www.danubiusgroup.com/erzsebet);  
V Károlyi Mihály utca 11-15; s €75-95, d €95-105;  
🚗 M2 Ferenciek tere  
One of Budapest's first independent hotels, the 'Elizabeth' is in a very good location in the centre of the university district and within easy walking distance of the pubs and bars of Ráday utca. But the 123 guestrooms – mostly twins spread across eight floors – are small and dark.

**KEMPINSKI HOTEL CORVINUS**

Map p224

Hotel

☎ 429 3777; [www.kempinski-budapest.com](http://www.kempinski-budapest.com);  
V Erzsébet tér 7-8; s €260-410, d €300-450, ste from €570; 🚗 M1/2/3 Deák Ferenc tér  
Essentially for business travellers on hefty expense accounts, the Kempinski has European service, American efficiency and Hungarian charm. A recent (and very thorough) renovation has given both the hotel's public areas and 369 guestrooms and suites a fresh new look and colour scheme.

**LE MERIDIEN BUDAPEST** Map p224

Hotel

☎ 429 5500; [www.budapest.lemeridien.com](http://www.budapest.lemeridien.com);  
V Erzsébet tér 9-10; s €235-385, d €275-425, ste from €360; 🚗 M1/2/3 Deák Ferenc tér  
Le Meridien's public areas and 218 guestrooms spread over seven floors are dripping in brocade and French polished furniture (think royalty over rock star), and many

consider it the city's top five-star property. It's next door to the Kempinski Corvinus.

**LEÓ PANZIÓ** Map p224

Pension

☎ 266 9041; [www.leopanzio.hu](http://www.leopanzio.hu); V Kossuth Lajos utca 2/a, 2nd fl; s/d/tr €66/82/08; 🚗 M3 Ferenciek tere

This place would be a 'find' just on the strength of its central location but when you factor in the low cost, this B&B is a true 'discovery'. A dozen of its 14 immaculate rooms look down on busy Kossuth Lajos utca, but they all have double-glazing and are quiet.

**MILLENNIUM COURT**

Map p224

Serviced Apartment

☎ 235 1800; [www.execapartments.com/buder](http://www.execapartments.com/buder);  
V Pesti Barnabás utca 4; 1-/2-bedroom apt from €145/195; 🚗 M3 Ferenciek tere

A rather flash serviced apartment outfit in Pest with 108 serviced studio apartments measuring about 60 sq metres, one-bed apartments of 32 to 64 sq metres and two-bedroom ones of 57 to 87 sq metres. Stays of eight nights and more earn huge discounts. As part of the package, guests staying here get to use the facilities of the Budapest Marriott Hotel, which is just a block to the northwest.

**Cheap Sleeps****DOWNTOWN HOSTEL** Map p224

Hotel

☎ 266 4151; [www.downtownhostel.com](http://www.downtownhostel.com); V Királyi Pál utca 7, 1st fl; dm €10-12, d/tr per person €18/14;  
🚗 M3 Kálvin tér, 🚗 47 or 49

Accommodation at this reader-recommended hostel, in the centre of the university district and close to everything, is in dorm rooms with four or six beds as well as in doubles and triples. There's also a great kitchen here open round the clock and the tea is free.

**GREEN BRIDGE HOSTEL** Map p224

Hotel

☎ 266 6922; [reservations@greenbridgehostel.com](mailto:reservations@greenbridgehostel.com);  
V Molnár utca 22-24; dm €11-17, d/tr/q per person €25/19/18; 🚗 M3 Kálvin tér

Few hostels truly stand out in terms of comfort, location and reception, but Green Bridge has it all – and in spades. With everything from doubles to an eight-person dormitory available, bunks are nowhere to

be seen, it's on a quiet street just one block in from the Danube and coffee is on offer gratis throughout the day.

**MELLOW MOOD CENTRAL****GUESTHOUSE** Map p224

Hostel

☎ 411 1310; [www.mellowmoodhostel.com](http://www.mellowmoodhostel.com);  
V Bécsi utca 2; dm 4500-5000Ft, d/tr/q per person 6800/5700/5400Ft; 🚗 M1/2/3 Deák Ferenc tér  
This place will put you right in the heart of town. With 179 beds on four floors, it is the largest year-round hostel in Budapest so don't expect the personal treatment. The dorms have six to eight beds. Still, it's clean, upbeat and there's a 24-hour bar.

**RED BUS HOSTEL** Map p224

Hostel

☎ 266 0136; [www.redbusbudapest.hu](http://www.redbusbudapest.hu); V Semmelweis utca 14, 1st fl; dm 2800-3000Ft, s & d/tr 7900/11,000Ft; 🚗 M2 Astoria

The Red Bus Hostel is a very friendly, central and well-managed place, with 28 beds in four large and airy rooms (four to five beds per room) as well as private rooms that sleep up to three people. The new branch, Red Bus 2 (Map pp218-19; ☎ 321 7100; VII Szövetség utca 2, 2nd fl; dm 2800Ft; trolleybus 73, 74 or 76) has four rooms of four to five beds.

**NORTHERN INNER TOWN****FOUR SEASONS GRESHAM****PALACE HOTEL** Map p224

Hotel

☎ 268 6000; [www.fourseasons.com/budapest](http://www.fourseasons.com/budapest);  
V Roosevelt tér 5-6; s €250-740, d €280-770, ste from €950; 🚗 M1 Vörösmarty tér, 🚗 15

This magnificent 179-room hotel has been created out of the long-derelected Art Nouveau Gresham Palace (1907). No expense was spared to piece back together the palace's Zsolnay tiles, famous wrought-iron Peacock Gates and splendid mosaics; the hotel is truly worthy of its name.

**HOTEL HOLD** Map p222

Hotel

☎ 472 0480; [www.hotelhold.hu](http://www.hotelhold.hu); V Hold utca 5; s/d €88/99, ste €121-165; 🚗 M3 Arany János  
The 'Moon' is an excellent choice if you want to stay in an affordable and romantic hotel right in the centre of town. The 28 rooms on two floors – there is no lift – look down onto a central covered courtyard or onto Hold utca.

**STARLIGHT SUITEN HOTEL**

Map p224 Serviced Apartment  
 ☎ 484 3700; www.starlighthotels.com; V Mérleg utca 6; s/d ste €149/179; 🚗 M1 Vörösmarty tér, 🚏 15

This very luxurious suite hotel with 54 units is primarily aimed at the German and Austrian business markets. The suites, which are uniform in layout, consist of a bedroom, living room and bathroom and range from 40 to 60 sq metres. There are no kitchens; the suites have microwave ovens only.

**Cheap Sleeps**  
**GARIBALDI GUESTHOUSE**

Map p222 Guesthouse  
 ☎ 302 3457, 06 30 951 8763; garibaldigu@hot.com; V Garibaldi utca 5, 5th fl; s/d €28/32, apt per person €25-45; 🚗 M2 Kossuth Lajos tér  
 Arguably the most welcoming hostel-cum-guesthouse in Budapest, the Garibaldi has five rooms with shared bathrooms and kitchen in a flat just around the corner from Parliament. The gregarious owner has at least a half-dozen other apartments available in the same building.

**SZENT ISTVÁN KÖRÚT & TERÉZVÁROS****BOAT HOTEL FORTUNA**

Map pp218-19 Hotel  
 ☎ 288 8100; www.fortunahajo.hu; XIII Szent István Park, Pesti alsó rakpart; s/d/tr with washbasin €20/30/40, with shower €65/80/100; trolleybus 76 or 79

This 'boatel' in a one-time river ferry anchored in the Danube has 44 single and double rooms with shower and toilet at water level and 14 rooms with two or three beds and just washbasin below deck.

**CITY HOTEL RING** Map p222 Hotel

☎ 340 5450; www.taverna.hu/ring; XIII Szent István körút 22; s/d/tr €72/98/124; 🚗 M3 Nyugati pályaudvar  
 This small, almost motel-like place with 39 rooms is on two floors of a *fin-de-siècle* building, but you'd never know that from the inside looking out. Some of the rooms look onto the busy ring road, others onto an attractive and very quiet courtyard.

**HILTON WEST END** Map p222 Hotel

☎ 288 5500; www.hilton.com; VI Váci út 1-3; s & d €170-225, ste €205-245; 🚗 M3 Nyugati pályaudvar  
 The Hilton chain's more central 230-room property adjoins the massive West End City Centre shopping mall and offers every type of facility and food and beverage outlet imaginable (p148). The target here is very much the business market.

**K+K HOTEL OPERA** Map p224 Hotel

☎ 269 0222; www.kkhotels.com; VI Révay utca 24; s/d/ste from €168/209/336; 🚗 M1 Opera  
 This upbeat, Austrian-owned place just behind the Hungarian State Opera House has 206 rooms spread over seven floors. They're on the smallish side and decorated in unusually cheerful colours – predominantly yellows, blues and reds – which raises the tenor of the whole place.

**MEDOSZ HOTEL BUDAPEST** Map p222 Hotel

☎ 374 3000; www.medoszhotel.hu; VI Jókai tér 9; s/d/tr €55/65/75, ste from €93; 🚗 M1 Oktogon  
 One of the most central cheaper hotels in Pest, the Medosz is just opposite the restaurants and bars of Liszt Ferenc tér. The 67 rooms are well worn but clean and have private bathrooms and satellite TV.

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**GAY STAYS**

**Connection Guest House** (Map p224; ☎ 267 7104; www.connectionguesthouse.com; VII Király utca 41; s €45-60, d €50-70; 🚗 M1 Opera) This very central gay *pension* above a leafy courtyard attracts a young crowd due to its proximity to nightlife venues. Two of the seven rooms share facilities on the corridor and rooms 6 and 7 face partially pedestrianised Király utca.

**KM Saga Guest Residence** (Map pp218-19; ☎ 217 1934; www.km-saga.hu; IX Lónyay utca 17, 3rd fl; s €38-63, d €50-75; 🚗 M3 Kálvin tér, 🚏 15, 🚏 47 or 49) This unique place has five themed rooms, an eclectic mix of 19th-century furnishings and a hospitable, multilingual Hungarian-American owner. It's essentially a gay B&B but everyone is welcome. Two rooms share a bathroom. The **KM Saga II** (Map p224; ☎ 217 1934; IX Várház körút 11, 6th fl; 🚗 M3 Kálvin tér, 🚏 47 or 49) branch is somewhat more modern but less atmospheric and has three rooms with private bathrooms and a shared kitchen at the same rates.

**NH BUDAPEST** Map p222 Hotel

☎ 814 0000; www.nh-hotels.com; XIII Vígyszínház utca 3; s & d €119-182; 🚏 4 or 6  
 There are 160 rooms spread out over this eight-floor purpose-built hotel and three rooms on each floor have a balcony. We especially like the location, behind the Comedy Theatre, the minimalist but welcoming and very bright atrium lobby and the helpful staff dressed in attractive black designer togs.

**SYDNEY APARTMENT HOTEL** Map pp218-19 Serviced Apartment

☎ 236 8800, 236 8888; www.sydneyapartmenthotel.hu; XIII Hegedűs Gyula utca 52-54; studio €170, 1-bedroom apt €190-22, 2-bedroom apt €270-310; 🚗 M3 Lehel tér, trolleybus 76, 🚏 15 or 133  
 This lovely property, hard by Váci út and the West End City Centre mall, has 97 tastefully furnished units of between 45 and 110 sq metres, a gorgeous courtyard garden, marble finishings throughout, classical music in the lobby and an indoor swimming pool and fitness centre. Special rates are available at the weekend and after a month's stay.

**Cheap Sleeps****BEST HOSTEL** Map p222 Hostel

☎ 332 4934; www.besthostel.hu; VI Podmaniczky utca 27, 1st fl; dm 3000Ft, d/q per person 4200/3600Ft; 🚗 M3 Nyugati pályaudvar  
 This is a six-room hostel put together from several apartments with parquet floors, very high ceilings and big, airy rooms. It's a quiet place with a fair number of rules (no

drugs, booze or tobacco), so don't expect to party here.

**CATERINA HOSTEL** Map p222 Hostel

☎ 269 5990, 06 20 992 8854; www.caterinahostel.hu; VI Teréz körút 30, 3rd fl; dm 2500-2800Ft Apr-Oct, s/d/t per person 6800/3400/3400Ft, 5-bed apt per person 3200Ft; 🚗 M1 Oktogon  
 For a long time a key player on the Budapest budget accommodation scene, the Caterina Hostel has moved from Oktogon in the past year or so but continues to offer reliable and cheap accommodation in a 3rd-floor, 27-bed walk-up apartment that is above the celebrated Művész Cinema.

**EASTSIDE HOSTEL** Map p222 Hostel

☎ 06 70 574 0224; http://riversidebudapest.tripod.com; V Falk Miksa utca 24-26, 1st fl; dm €10, d €16; 🚏 4 or 6  
 This cosy hostel on Budapest's classy antique row is a wonderful place to stay and readers have highly recommended it. It has three rooms with between two and six beds (not a bunk bed in sight) and free Internet access. The six-bedded room has a small balcony and – wait for it – a sliver of a view of the Danube.

**PETER'S APARTMENTS**

Map pp218-19 Serviced Apartment  
 ☎ 06 30 520 0400; www.peters.hu; XIII Victor Hugó utca 25-27; s/d/tr €42/52/55; 🚗 M3 Lehel tér, 🚏 15, trolleybus 76  
 This budget place in Pest offers 20 studio apartments of approximately 20 sq metres in a basic but clean building at some rock-bottom prices. Some of the units have

air-conditioning (which costs €8 extra) and balconies; all have TV. Prices are negotiable, especially during the low season and at weekends.

## ERZSÉBETVÁROS

**CARMEN MINI HOTEL** Map p224 Pension  
☎ 352 0798; carmen@axelero.hu; Károly körút 5/b, 2nd fl; s/d/tr €50/60/75; M1/2/3 Deák Ferenc tér  
With nine rooms, the Carmen Mini Hotel is about the nearest you'll find to a B&B in Budapest. It's very close to Deák Ferenc tér and convenient to all forms of transport.

## CORINTHIA GRAND HOTEL ROYAL

Map p222 Hotel  
☎ 479 4000; www.corinthia.hu; VII Erzsébet körút 43-49; s €180-240, d €220-280, ste from €300; 4 or 6  
The erstwhile Hotel Royal on the Big Ring Road has reopened as a very grand 414-room five-star hotel, and its lobby – a double atrium with a massive marble staircase – is among the most impressive in the capital.

**HOTEL BAROSS** Map pp218-19 Hotel  
☎ 461 3010; www.barosshotel.hu; VII Baross tér 15; s/d/tr/q €78/90/102/114, apt for 4/6/8 people €120/145/160; M3 Keleti pályaudvar  
The flagship hotel of the Mellow Moods group of hostels (p195), the Baross is a comfortable, 40-room caravanserai conveni-

ently located directly opposite the Keleti train station. The bluer-than-blue inner courtyard is a delight, and reception, which is to be found on the 5th floor, is clean and bright with a dramatic central staircase.

**HOTEL DOMINA FIESTA** Map p224 Hotel  
☎ 328 3000; www.dominahotels.it; VI Király utca 20; s/d/tr/q €120/140/190/220; M1/2/3 Deák Ferenc tér  
This attractive boutique hotel, under the management of a small Italian hotel chain, has 112 tastefully furnished rooms and a vaulted wine-cellar restaurant just minutes from Pest's main square.

**KING'S HOTEL** Map p222 Hotel  
☎ 352 7675; www.kosherhotel.hu; VII Nagy Diófa utca 25-27; s €40-50, d €50-60, tr €60-70; M2 Blaha Lujza tér  
Budapest's only kosher hotel has 78 rooms and is within easy walking distance of both the orthodox and conservative synagogues. The hotel's restaurant is lemehadrin (or glatt) kosher and supervised by the chief rabbi of Budapest.

**MERCURE HOTEL BUDAPEST MUSEUM** Map p222 Hotel  
☎ 485 1080; www.mercure.com; VIII Trefort utca 2; s & d/tr €110/140; M2 Astoria, 7 or 78  
This hotel, though part of an expanding chain, is in a lovely building dating from

1890 that is interesting enough to warrant consideration. The 54 guestrooms (some two-thirds of which are reserved for non-smokers) are nothing special, however.

**STAR HOTEL** Map pp218-19 Hotel  
☎ 479 0400; www.starhotel.hu; VII István utca 14; s/d/tr/apt €64/80/90/120; trolleybus 74 or 79  
A recent addition to the Mellow Mood hostel group's stable is this 48-room midrange hotel just a few minutes' walk north of the Keleti train station. The ground-floor lobby is quite spacious and most of the guestrooms are doubles spread over four floors.

## Cheap Sleeps

**10 BEDS** Map p222 Hostel  
☎ 06 20 933 5965; adrianzador@hotmail.com; VII Erzsébet körút 15, 3rd fl; dm 3000Ft; 4 or 6 OK, it's misnamed: the place has a dozen beds (in three rooms). But that's about the only thing wrong with this hostel. It's a laid-back place with a great kitchen, free use of a washing machine and an Australian owner who trusts his guests enough to give them their own set of keys. Beg, borrow and/or steal to stay here.

**AQUARIUM YOUTH HOSTEL** Map pp218-19 Hostel  
☎ 344 6143, 321 8444; www.budapesthostel.com; VII Alsóerdősor utca 12, 2nd fl; dm/d 3000/8000Ft; M2 Keleti pályaudvar  
This sister hostel to the Museum Guest House is a mere 250m northwest of Keleti train station and has a total of 17 beds in four rooms. The kitchen is a good size, Internet access is free till 11pm and the natives are friendly, but this place should be a second choice after most of the other hostels in this section.

**MARCO POLO HOSTEL** Map p222 Hostel  
☎ 413 2555; www.marcopolohostel.com; VII Nyár utca 6; dm €20, s €54, d/tr/q per person €38/28/26; M2 Blaha Lujza tér  
The Mellow Mood group's flagship hostel, very central and open year-round is a swish, powder-blue, 47-room place, with telephones and TVs in all the rooms except the dorms and a lovely courtyard. Even the five spotless 12-bed dorm rooms (one reserved for women during the low season)

are 'private', with beds separated by lockers and curtains.

**MUSEUM GUEST HOUSE** Map p222 Hostel  
☎ 318 9508, 266 8879; www.budapesthostel.com; VIII Mikszáth Kálmán tér 4, 1st fl; dm 3200Ft; M3 Kálvin tér  
The Museum is a pokey but creatively decorated and friendly place, with mostly eight beds in three rooms (though there is one room with four beds). Its free Internet access, location on a lovely square and proximity to the nightlife of VIII Krúdy utca and IX Ráday utca are all pluses.

## JÓZSEFVÁROS & FERENCVÁROS

**ATLAS HOTEL** Map pp218-19 Hostel  
☎ 299 0256; www.atlashotelbudapest.com; VIII Népszíínház utca 39-41; dm €17, s/d/tr €60/75/80; 28 or 37  
This enormous, 136-room place in less-than-salubrious district VIII has very basic dormitory rooms with between five and six beds on the first five floors and more-comfortable singles, doubles and triples on the next three. It is said that you'll always find a room at the Atlas, which may (or may not) be a recommendation.

**CORVIN HOTEL** Map pp228-9 Hotel  
☎ 218 6566; corvin@mail.datanet.hu; IX Angyal utca 31; s/d/tr/ste €69/79/89/99 Apr-Oct; M3 Ferenc körút  
Close to the Danube, this newly built hotel in up-and-coming Ferencváros has 47 very comfortable rooms with all the mod cons and secure parking in a covered garage.

**GOLDEN PARK HOTEL** Map pp218-19 Hotel  
☎ 477 4777; www.goldenparkhotel.com; VIII Baross tér 10; s/d/tr from €60/70/90; M3 Keleti pályaudvar  
This old workhorse of a hotel has been completely de- and reconstructed, and today it is a shimmering four-star caravanserai number within spitting distance of the Keleti train station. We like the bright and airy lobby, the glass doors at either end of the corridors letting in light and some of the old features they managed to retain.

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## TOP FIVE HOSTELS & GUESTHOUSES

- KM Saga Guest Residence (p161)
- Back Pack Guesthouse (p157)
- Red Bus Hostel (p159)
- Green Bridge Hostel (p159)
- Station Guesthouse (p166)

the 139 rooms are comfortable (try to get one of the four with a bow window); there are four nonallergenic rooms, four of seven floors are for nonsmokers, and the service here is excellent.

## Cheap Sleeps

**DOMINIK PANZIÓ** Map pp218-19 **Pension**  
☎ 460 9428; dominikpanzio@axelero.hu; XIV Cházár András utca 3; s/d/€28/36, apt €75; 🚗 7 Close to Thököly út and beside a large church, this bare-bones *pension* is on a leafy street lined with 19th-century villas and just two stops northeast of Keleti train station by bus. The 36 rooms, which could use an upgrade, come with shared bathrooms and there is a five-person apartment available.

## OUTER PEST DISTRICTS

**HOTEL PLATÁNUS** Map pp228-9 **Hotel**  
☎ 333 6505, 210 2592; www.hunguesthotels.hu; VIII Könyves Kálmán körút 44; s/d/tr €90/110/120; 🚗 M3 Népliget Platánus, with 128 rooms on the noisy outer ring road, is moderately priced in the low season, but room prices jump in summer. It has a fitness centre with a well-equipped gym, sauna and aerobics room (8am to 10pm Monday to Friday, noon to 5pm Saturday and Sunday) and is a short distance from Népliget Park and the Népliget bus station.

**ORIENTAL HOTEL** Map pp226-7 **Hotel**  
☎ 239 2399; hoteloriental@euroweb.hu; XIII Fáy utca 61; s/d/tr €56/66/97; 🚗 14, 🚗 4 This 95-room hotel is the place to stay should the untouristed Angyalföld district of northern Pest and the Chinese market (p150) attract. There are a few Asian restaurants in the vicinity.

are wash in marble and gilt; the dining room's skylight of vintage stained glass is delightful. Among the 76 rooms those looking away from the ring road and onto a back courtyard are the most desirable.

## Cheap Sleeps

### FORTUNA HOTEL

Map pp228-9 **Hotel & Hostel**  
☎ 215 0660; www.fortunahotel.hu; IX Gyáli út 3/b; dm 4500Ft, s 12,000-15,000Ft, d 14,000-17,000Ft; 🚗 M3 Nagyvárud tér With 29 rooms (including dorms with four or five beds) this place is not in the best part of Budapest but it's quiet, super clean and the huge Taiwan restaurant (p117) is just below. Reception (and all guestrooms, for that matter) are on the 2nd floor.

**HOTEL RILA** Map pp228-9 **Hotel & Hostel**  
☎ 215 3278, 216 1621; www.hotelrila.com; IX Fehér Holló utca 2; dm 4400Ft, s/d 9000/12,000Ft, s/d/tr/q with bathroom 11,500/14,000/16,500/18,000Ft; 🚗 M3 Nagyvárud tér, 🚗 24 The flagship property (and only hotel) in the Univerzum hostel group, the 31-room Rila is a former workers' hostel that has been spruced up into quite a nice little property. Open year-round, it has both hostel accommodation and hotel-style rooms.

**HOSTEL KINIZSI** Map pp228-9 **Hostel**  
IX Kinizsi utca 2-6; dm 2400Ft, s/d/tr 5000/2700/2400Ft per person; 🚗 Jul & Aug; 🚗 M3 Ferenc körút Close to the Danube and the IX Ráday utca nightlife strip, the only summer hostel in Pest managed by the Mellow Mood group of hostels (p195) has basic rooms with one to five beds (total 210 beds) in a modern, six-storey student residence.

## ANDRÁSSY ÚT

**ANDRÁSSY HOTEL** Map pp218-19 **Hotel**  
☎ 462 2195; www.andrassyhotel.com; VI Andrásy út 111; standard s & d €134-240, ste from €161; 🚗 M1 Hősök tere This stunning five-star hotel along the main street has 70 tastefully decorated rooms (almost half of which have balconies) in a listed building. The use of etched glass and mirrors as well as wrought iron is inspired.

**HOTEL SISSI** Map pp228-9 **Hotel**  
☎ 215 0082; www.hotelsissi.hu; IX Angyal utca 33; s/d €110/120, ste from €195; 🚗 M3 Ferenc körút Named in honour of Elizabeth, the Habsburg empress, Hungarian queen and consort of Franz Joseph who was much loved by Hungarians, the Sissi is decorated in a minimalist-cum-elegant sort of style, and the 44 guestrooms spread over six floors are of a good size.

**HOTEL THOMAS** Map pp228-9 **Hotel**  
☎ 218 5505; www.hotels.hu/hotelthomas; IX Liliom utca 44; s €55-65, d €75-85; 🚗 M3 Ferenc körút A brightly coloured place in an odd spot, the Thomas has 45 rooms and is a real bargain for its location in up-and-coming Ferencváros. Some rooms – including No 14 – have balconies onto an inner courtyard.

**IBIS CENTRUM HOTEL** Map p224 **Hotel**  
☎ 456 4100; www.ibishotel.com; IX Ráday utca 6; s & d €75-85; 🚗 M3 Kálvin tér It may not be the most atmospheric hotel in town, but Ibis Centrum is the right price for its location near the start of the Ráday utca pedestrianised nightlife area. It has 126 rooms over nine floors, an in-house garage and a leafy garden on the 1st floor.

**MERCURE NEMZETI** Map p222 **Hotel**  
☎ 477 2000; www.mercure.com; VIII József körút 4; s & d €80-110; 🚗 M2 Blaha Lujza tér This powder-blue Art Nouveau beacon in a relatively grotty area of central Pest was originally built in 1896, and its public areas

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## Cheap Sleeps

**HOTEL FLANDRIA** Map pp226-7 Hotel

☎ 350 3181; [hotelflandria@axelero.hu](mailto:hotelflandria@axelero.hu); XIII Szegedi út 27; s/d/tr/q with washbasin €5100/6300/7400/8600Ft, with shower 9500/9500/12,000/14,000Ft; 🚗 4  
The Flandria is a classic example of a former workers' hostel that has been turned into a budget hotel. Don't expect anything within a couple of light years of luxury, but the 116 guestrooms, which have from one to four beds, a TV and refrigerator, are both clean and serviceable.

**HOTEL GÓLIÁT** Map pp218-19 Hotel

☎ 350 1456; [www.gerandhotels.hu](http://www.gerandhotels.hu); XIII Kerekes utca 12-20; s/d/tr/q 6000/7100/7800/8900Ft; 🚗 4  
This very basic but spotlessly clean hotel in Angyalföld northeast of the Inner Town and Lehel market has 135 basic rooms with between one and four beds. There are washbasins in the rooms, and showers and toilets on the corridor.

## TOP FIVE HOTELS WITH A GARDEN

- Sydney Apartment Hotel (p161)
- Papillon Hotel (p157)
- Beatrix Panzió (p157)
- IBS Garden Hotel (p157)
- Radio Inn (p165)

## STATION GUESTHOUSE

Map pp218-19 Hostel

☎ 221 8864; [www.stationguesthouse.hu](http://www.stationguesthouse.hu); XIV Mexikói út 36/b; dm 2300-2800Ft, d & t/q per person 3600/3800Ft; 🚗 red-numbered 7, 🚗 1 or 1A  
This guesthouse in suburban Zugló is a real party place, with a 24-hour bar, pool table and occasional live entertainment. It has between 42 and 56 beds, depending on the season. For those intending to stay a while, rates drop by 100Ft a night from the second to the sixth nights.

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