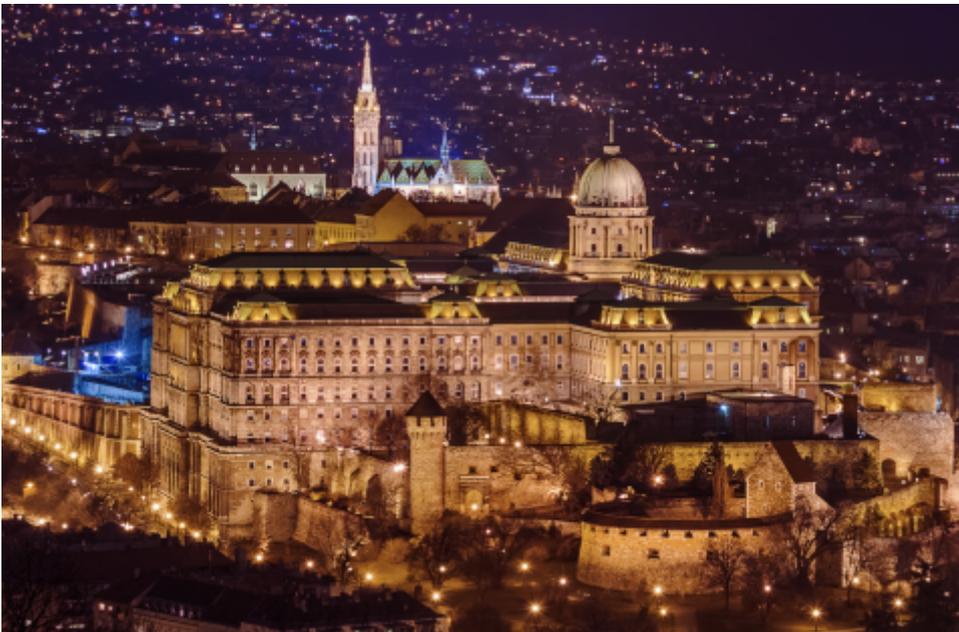


BUDAPEST (HUN)

 Hungary is situated in Central Europe on a territory of 93,036 square kilometers. It was already inhabited in the Roman times. The foundation of Hungary was laid in the 10th century. The

Republic of Hungary is a parliamentary democracy featuring three principal government branches: the legislative, the executive and the judiciary parts. Elections for the unicameral National Assembly are held every four years. The country is divided into 19 counties, Budapest - the capital - functions as the 20th county.



The official language of Hungary is the Hungarian. The Hungarian language is unique, showing similarities with few other languages, it is considered belonging to the Finno-Ugric family of languages, with some well identifiable Turkish roots. German or English as a second language is widely spoken in Hungary.

Budapest is a vibrant, dynamic and forward looking city, seen by tourist guides as one of the most beautiful cities of the world. The City laid along two banks of the river Danube offers an overwhelming image of the mountains on the one side with the Buda Castle, while the impressive silhouette of the Parliament building and the Basilica reign on the other side. Budapest is one of the most popular tourist destinations in the world considering its thermal spring water sources and the respective health services associated with them. The city is also a true cultural and gastronomic surprise to many visiting the first time with Michelin star restaurants of Hungarian cuisine and excellent traditional local wines. The museums, theatres, concert halls and the Opera house all offer outstanding cultural possibilities.

Budapest is the 5th largest capital city in Europe with 1.8m inhabitants.



Hungary and Budapest enjoy favorable geographical conditions in terms of freshwater resources. The entire country, including urban and rural areas have 100% access to safe drinking water. The Danube, the connecting artery of the city provides a magnificent backdrop for the newly built, state-of-the-art Danube Arena, the largest and most modern indoor swimming pool arena in Europe

Budapest has hosted in 2017 the FINA World Championships & FINA World Masters Championships and it is now staging outside the Swimming World Cup also the Artistic Swimming Junior World Championships, Artistic Swimming World Series, FINA Marathon Swim World Series (10km). In 2024, Budapest will host the FINA World Swimming Championships (25m).
