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City Park Budapest is home to an exceptionally complex network of cultural institutions and recreational facilities. This outstanding blend, has been the Hungarian capital's most popular park for over a century, undoubtedly enjoying the love of the public. The City Park is home to the Vajdahunyad Castle, the Széchenyi Thermal Bath, which is Budapest's largest hot spring complex, the Budapest Zoo and Botanical

Garden, Europe's oldest and largest outdoor ice rink, as well as recently renovated and newly built museums. The one hundred hectares park provides an unparalleled experience unique in Europe. There are only a handful other public parks in the world with a rich, more than a century-old institutional network built in the park itself rather than around it.



In addition to its world-class cultural institutions, the City Park allows visitors to immerse themselves in a beautiful environment. Serving as an urban oasis with its numerous well-kempt green spaces, it invites the public to relax and recharge. Its central feature is the picturesque City Park Lake with scenery that changes with the seasons and offers different leisure opportunities accordingly. Moreover, the park provides the venue for a wide range of free outdoor events throughout the year: exhibitions, atmospheric music events as well as sports activities and other leisure opportunities. For those wishing to explore the park's rich history and cultural significance in greater depth, guided walks and tours offered by Liget Budapest Corp serving as a DMC for the City Park are also available.

Guided Walks in the City Park

<https://ligetbudapest.hu/en/visitor-information/guided-walks-in-the-city-park>

All of this makes the City Park not only a favourite spot for locals but also a major attraction for tourists visiting Budapest, offering a harmonious blend of culture and nature with memorable experiences for all ages. The comprehensive renewal of the park has resulted in an ideal destination for organised group visits, cultural events and the chance to explore the 'green heart' of the city.



Museum of Fine Arts

The Museum of Fine Arts (opened in 1906) is among Europe's most prominent museums. The diversity and historical continuity of its exceptionally rich collections, including a large number of masterpieces, deservedly secure it a prestigious place among public museums. Its permanent exhibition displays treasures of international and Hungarian art from antiquity to the end of the 18th century, while its large-scale temporary shows attract hundreds of thousands of visitors. It is one of Budapest's leading tourist attractions and a must-visit stop on organised sightseeing and cultural tours. The museum welcomes art lovers as well as anyone wishing to immerse themselves in the works of the world's greatest masters during a cultural journey.



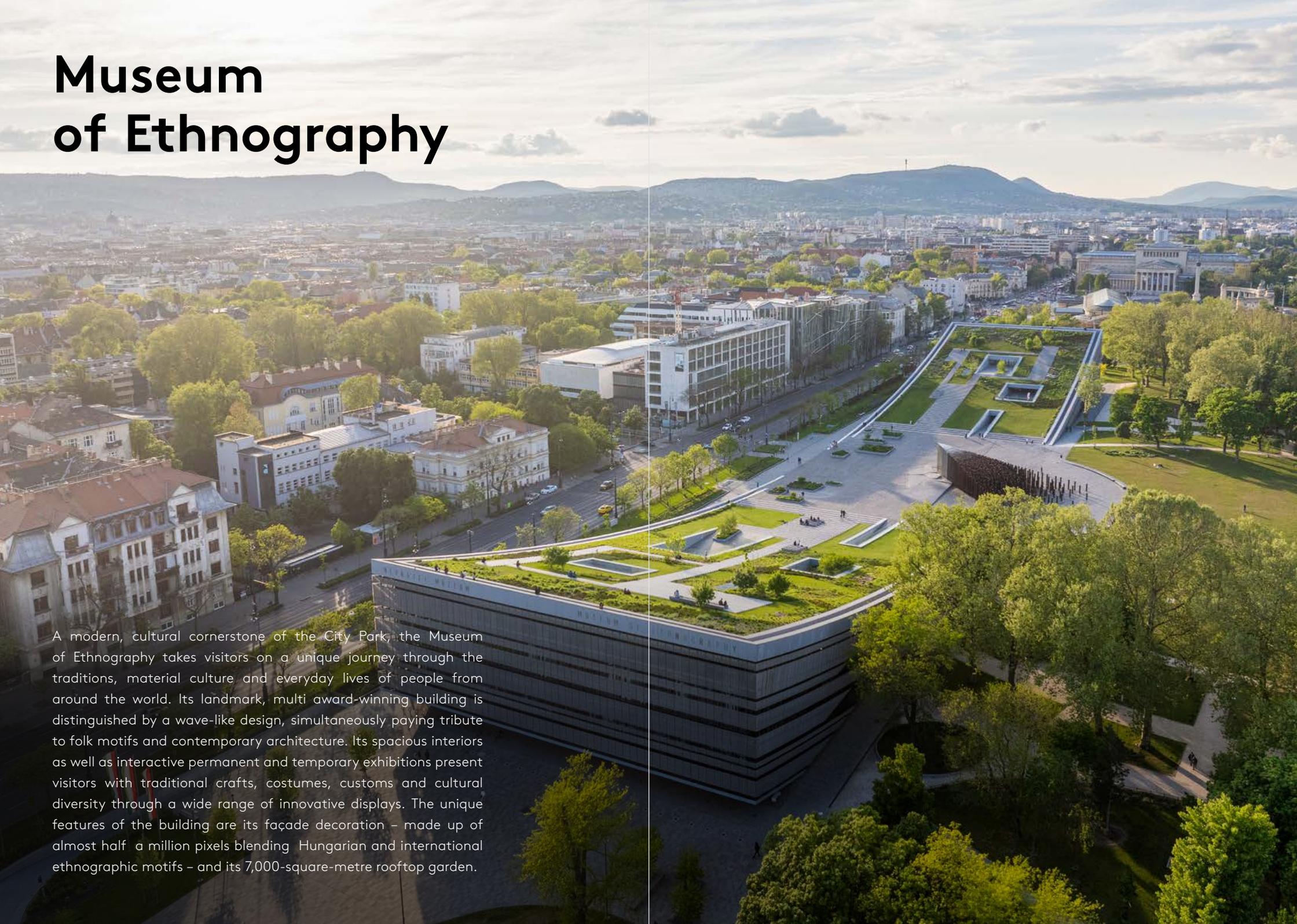


Thanks to the most extensive renovation in the Museum's history, after more than seventy years of being closed, its stunning Romanesque Hall was recently reopened to visitors. In addition to the architectural restoration, the permanent exhibitions have also been rearranged, returning to the original curatorial concept. Since its reopening in 2018, visitors have been able to view sensational, world-class exhibitions,

featuring Michelangelo, Cézanne, Bosch, Matisse, El Greco and Renoir, among others. In recent years, the Museum of Fine Arts and its Romanesque Hall have served as iconic venues for numerous cultural, artistic, business and representative events, providing unforgettable experiences to their guests. The organized behind-the-scenes tours offer exclusive and interactive experiences blending art, culture with entertainment to visitors.

Museum of Ethnography

A modern, cultural cornerstone of the City Park, the Museum of Ethnography takes visitors on a unique journey through the traditions, material culture and everyday lives of people from around the world. Its landmark, multi award-winning building is distinguished by a wave-like design, simultaneously paying tribute to folk motifs and contemporary architecture. Its spacious interiors as well as interactive permanent and temporary exhibitions present visitors with traditional crafts, costumes, customs and cultural diversity through a wide range of innovative displays. The unique features of the building are its façade decoration – made up of almost half a million pixels blending Hungarian and international ethnographic motifs – and its 7,000-square-metre rooftop garden.





It has become a favourite communal space for local residents and visitors alike with its breath-taking views, especially at sunset. Next to the free-to-visit Ceramics Space, the new permanent exhibition displays nearly 3,600 objects on a floor area of 3,000 m², providing extraordinarily insights into the museum's unparalleled collection. The ground floor accommodates the City Park Visitor Centre including Europe's second largest city model transporting visitors back to last-century Budapest, and an interactive experience space dedicated to the remarkable story of Archangel Gabriel's statue on Heroes' Square. In addition to modern event spaces, the "Night at the Museum" events, behind-the-scenes tours and exceptional rooftop garden make the Museum of Ethnography one of the most special cultural attractions in the City Park for both individual visitors and groups.



House of Music Hungary

One of the world's most unique contemporary buildings, the House of Music Hungary welcomes visitors in the green surroundings of City Park, where nature and music join together harmoniously. Designed by Japanese star architect Sou Fujimoto, it is an architectural masterpiece of Europe, with its undulating, perforated roof and its glass façades blending seamlessly into the natural surroundings offering a captivating sight from afar.

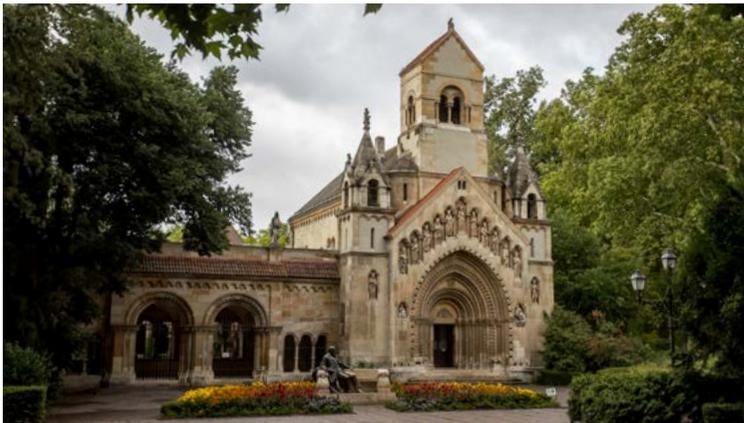
The House of Music Hungary is more than just an architectural marvel. Its visitors can explore the world of music and sound in an unparalleled, immersive experience. The Musical Journey Through Time interactive exhibition tells the story of music from ancient sounds to contemporary melodies. The Sound Dome offers immersive 360-degree son et lumière experiences, and the Creative Sound Space provides immersive audiovisual adventure and fun through special musical instruments and interactive innovations for sound and music creation. The House of Music is also a vibrant live music venue, with its concerts, themed events and performances with a unique ambiance attracting music lovers all year round. Its Concert Hall and Lecture Hall have hosted numerous business gatherings, exclusive occasions and cultural events. Exclusive experiences – such as guided tours, mini-concerts, behind-the-scenes visits and culinary delights – are also available for organised groups at the various in-house venues.





Vajdahunyard Castle

One of the City Park's most striking architectural ensembles comprises Vajdahunyard Castle and the Ják Chapel of St. Ladislaus. Combining stylistic elements from three historical periods, it was originally built for the Millennium Exhibition of 1896 and was later rebuilt from permanent materials, making it into one of Budapest's most iconic and romantic sights. The castle's courtyards, towers and hidden corners evoke the atmosphere of a bygone era shrouded in mystery, while also housing the Museum and Library of Hungarian Agriculture. Vajdahunyard Castle is particularly popular among families and people on outings as it provides an ideal setting for romantic and exploratory walks as well as for taking photos. The charming courtyards often host cultural events and fairs. With its magical atmosphere at all times of year, the castle invites visitors to embark upon a true journey through time, even transporting them to one of the iconic locations featured in the popular series *The Witcher*. Visitors can explore the castle's secret places and Hungary's only Romanesque heritage site, the Ják Chapel of St. Ladislaus, on organised tours, even incorporating a private organ concert into their visit.



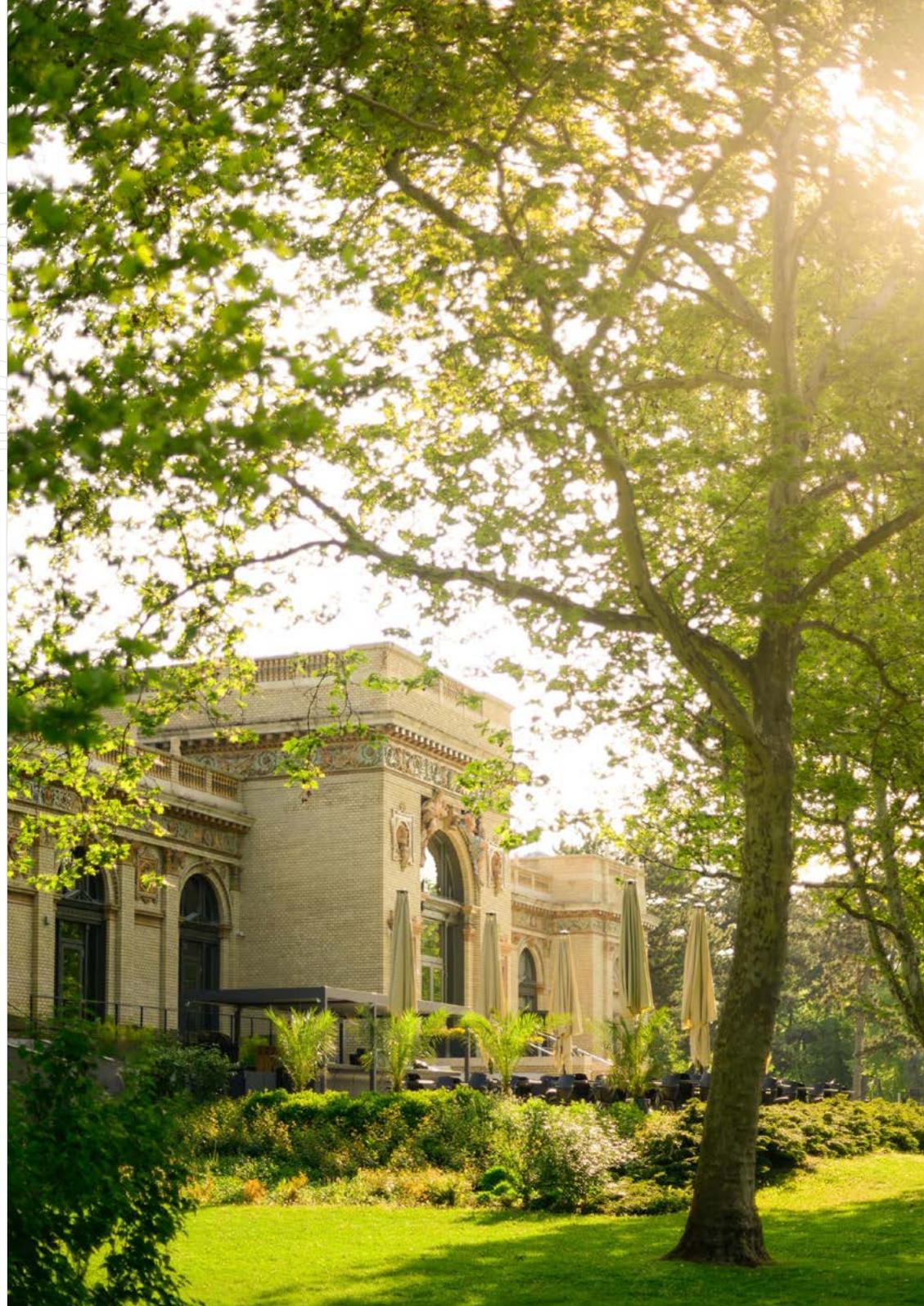
City Park Map

-  **Építési terület**
Construction site
-  **Ivókutak**
Drinking Fountains
-  **Intézmények**
Institutions
-  **Parkolás**
Parking
-  **Játszóterek**
Playgrounds
-  **Sportcentrumok**
Sports Facilities
-  **Kutyaparkok**
Dog Parks
-  **Kávézók és éttermek**
Cafés and Restaurants
-  **Buszmegálló**
Bus station
-  **Kisföldalatti megálló**
Underground station



House of the Hungarian Millennium

Following extensive heritage reconstruction one of the oldest and most magnificent buildings in the City Park, has been reborn as the House of the Hungarian Millennium. Restored to its original splendour, the 130-year-old building has one of Hungary's most beautiful façades, thanks to its thousands of Zsolnay ceramics and its outdoor majolica decorations, applied here for the first time in Hungary.





It houses the NEO Contemporary Art Space, dedicated to becoming a major contemporary arts venue hosting exhibitions of leading Hungarian and international artists. The adjacent Rose Garden features 1,500 rose bushes and a Zsolnay fountain at its centre, constituting a romantic and peaceful spot to relax and unwind for individual visitors and groups alike. The exhibition and event spaces are highly sought-after venues for business events, partner meetings, receptions and prestigious gatherings. The Millennium Café and Restaurant – decorated



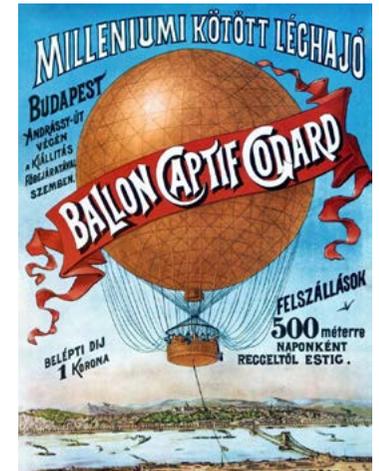
with Zsolnay ceramics and evoking the ambiance of the peaceful turn-of-the-century era –, offers matching state-of-the-art culinary delights. During organised visits, groups can discover the building's fascinating history, delve into the secrets of its heritage restoration, participate in themed guided tours, and enjoy the exhibitions and gastronomy on offer. The House of the Hungarian Millennium is a perfect attraction for those seeking unforgettable experiences in an elegant, inspiring and cultural setting in one of Budapest's most beautiful parks.

BalloonFly



Thanks to the rejuvenation of the City Park, aerial ballooning, an activity that was already popular more than a century ago, returned to the park. Renamed BalloonFly, Hungary's only balloon lookout is a unique adventure and has also become Budapest's new emblem. Inspired in its form and colours by Pál Szinyei Merse's iconic painting 'Picnic in May' shown in the Hungarian National Gallery the balloon is visible from various parts of the city and regularly features in international tourist leaflets, adverts and promotional films featuring Budapest. The BalloonFly viewing ring can hold up to 30 passengers, lifting them 150 metres into the air to enjoy breathtaking panoramic views over the City Park and Budapest's landmarks.

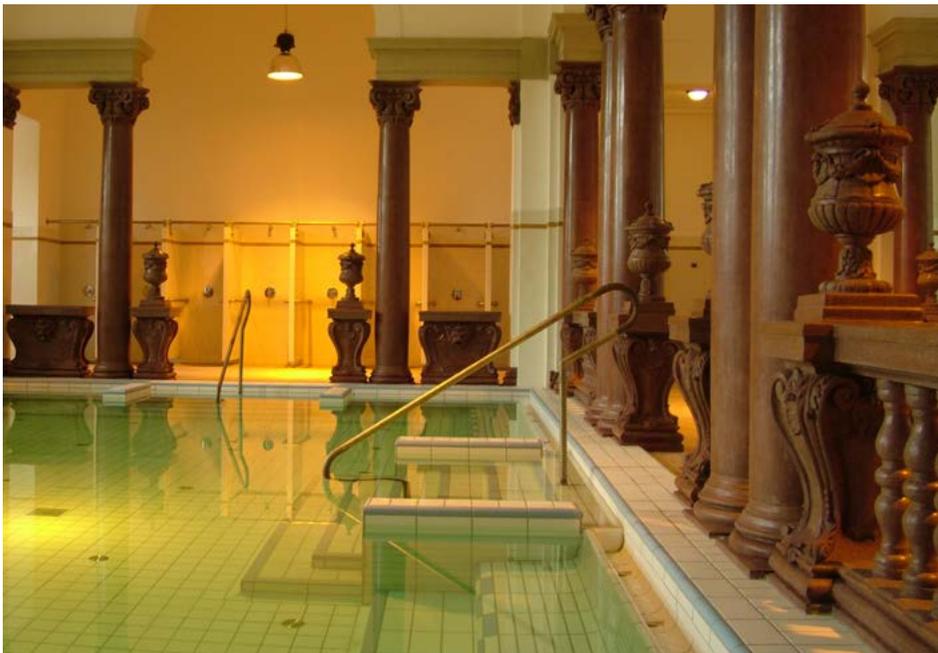
A spectacular view opens from here over Heroes' Square, the Museum of Fine Arts, Vajdahunyad Castle, the House of Music Hungary, the Museum of Ethnography, Buda Castle and the surrounding hills. Being a prominent stop in sightseeing tours and visits, BalloonFly has become highly popular among tourists and locals alike, who equally enjoy this uplifting experience, be it daytime sightseeing, a romantic sunset or illuminated evening panoramas. BalloonFly is more than just a thrilling attraction. It has become an iconic meeting point in the City Park, witnessing many memorable moments, such as marriage proposals, while also providing the venue for live music events. The landscaped green spaces, rest areas and catering facilities in the immediate environs further enhance the visitor experience, making BalloonFly an ideal spot for families, group visits and corporate events alike.



Széchenyi Thermal Bath

Amongst its most popular attractions are undoubtedly its thermal (hot spring), now renowned throughout the world. Budapest of the Hungarian Capital, has officially carried the title as Spa Capital of the World for more than 80 years.

No visit to City Park is complete without winding-down in the Széchenyi Thermal Baths in the Városliget. The complex, one of the largest in Europe, boasts the usual network of hot spring pools and steam rooms, but the outdoor pools in the enormous neo-Baroque courtyard are the main attraction, and are particularly atmospheric in the winter months. The warmer pool is better suited to a chat, a soak and a game of chess, while the second offers alternate



bubble massage and a hot spring lazy river that brings a smile to faces of all ages. Only committed swimmers, equipped with the obligatory swimming caps, take to the colder water in the central pool. The temperature of the water gushing from the well is 76 °C. As a fun fact, a model of the spa building represents Hungary at the Miniature Europe exhibition in Brussels! The entry ticket includes a number of wellness services, in addition to the traditional balneological medical services and saunas.

Budapest ZOO



The Budapest Zoo and Botanical Garden is the most visited family attraction in the city and also in Hungary. It is one of the oldest zoos in the world, having opened its gates to the public almost 160 years ago. The charming park showcases the diversity of wildlife, from jellyfish to primates, with 700 different animal species and even more plant species on display. Additionally, the zoo's architectural heritage, with its historic buildings, for example the Elephant House built mainly in the Art Nouveau style, evoking the atmosphere of the early 20th century, is also worthy of attention.

Visitors can enjoy a wide range of programmes, interactive experiences, animal shows, feeding demonstrations, animal training, and even behind-the-scenes evening walks. In the petting zoo, guests can meet friendly, tame animals and see traditional Hungarian domestic animals. The zoo is also involved in extensive nature conservation activities and participates in numerous international breeding programs, so there are many rare and endangered species, and you can regularly see their young. The wildlife rescue centre is also worth visiting, where animals that have been rescued from the wild and need help are cared for.



City Park Ice Rink & Boating Lake



The City Park Ice Rink & Boating Lake is one of Europe's largest and most historic open-air skating rinks, which also serves as a boating lake during the summer months. The rink provides an unforgettable experience for winter sports fans in a magical setting whilst enjoying views of the Vajdahunyad Castle. The ice rink has been operating since 1870 and remains one of Budapest's most popular seasonal attractions, where skating enthusiasts of all ages can enjoy the picturesque surroundings. The rink attracts experienced and hobby skaters and provides excellent leisure opportunities for families. It has designated areas for children and beginners as well as rental aids ensuring their safe entertainment, while advanced skaters can make full use of the expansive ice surface. Throughout the skating season, various events, including ice discos, are also available and are complemented by buffets selling hot drinks to enhance the cosy, wintery ambiance. All in all, it is one of the most-loved venues in Budapest during the winter months, enchanting visitors of all ages. Then, when the ice melts, the lake becomes a popular summer hotspot for socialising and enjoying the lake's paddling boats! Thanks to its spectacular location and flexible use, the venue has also hosted both large weddings and sporting events.

Mihály Mőcsényi Botanical Garden



If you come to the City Park, you must visit the Mihály Mőcsényi Botanical Garden, the most colourful and the most fragrant corner of the park with its 335 species and 35 thousand specimens. The reopened garden was named after Mihály Mőcsényi, the founder of landscape design education in Hungary, who also played an important role in the renewal of the City Park, which makes him special and especially close to our hearts.

The section of the park – initially called the Small Botanical Garden and recently renamed after horticultural engineer and landscape architect Mihály Mőcsényi – was inaugurated in 1967 to mark the centenary of the Budapest Horticultural Company. After that the

scant attention and resources devoted to it was only sufficient for a minimum level of maintenance, so it is not surprising that over the decades its condition steadily deteriorated, its plant stock dwindled and its infrastructure became outdated. Its current renovation was based on the original landscape design drawings of 1967 and 1969, preserved in Budapest's landscaping company Főkert, as well as the feasibility plan of 1980.

The show garden includes medicinal plants and herbs, vegetable garden species, grapes, various kinds of fruit and annuals, as well as water, marsh and rock garden plants. The attractions of the garden include a spring-fed water system spanning the area, as well as two ponds, one displaying the flora and fauna of open waters and swamps.



National Museum Conservation and Storage Centre

One of Europe's largest and most advanced museum support facilities was completed as part of the Liget Budapest Project next to the City Park, on the former site of a hospital. With a floor area of 37,000 m², the National Museum Conservation and Storage Centre (OMRRK) provides outstanding professional and technical infrastructure for the preservation of nearly 350 thousand artefacts of the collections of the Museum of Ethnography, the Museum of Fine Arts and the Hungarian National Gallery.

Complex and modern service facilities on a par with the OMRRK are few and far between even among the largest museums of Europe. The Hungarian institution features two areas open to visitors: the Bókay Garden, providing open-air recreation space on 13,000 m², and the Visual Repository, offering specially curated organized visits to the Museum of Fine Arts' hundred-year-old plaster cast collection comprising replicas of archaic and classical Greek, medieval and Renaissance sculptures. The Zsigmond and Adél Bródy Event Space serves as a venue for business and social gatherings and a quiet time of contemplation in a historic setting.



The Guest Experience & Tourism Unit of Városliget, Corp of Városliget as asset manager of the City Park Budapest offers DMC services to trade partners.

Key trade activities covering the whole park and its institutions are as follows:

- Guided & Thematic Walks
- Exclusive Guided e-Bus Tours
- B2B Relations & Information Sharing
- Event Spaces Management (Indoor & Outdoor)
- Event Calendar
- Event+Parking Packages
- Coach Mobility Management

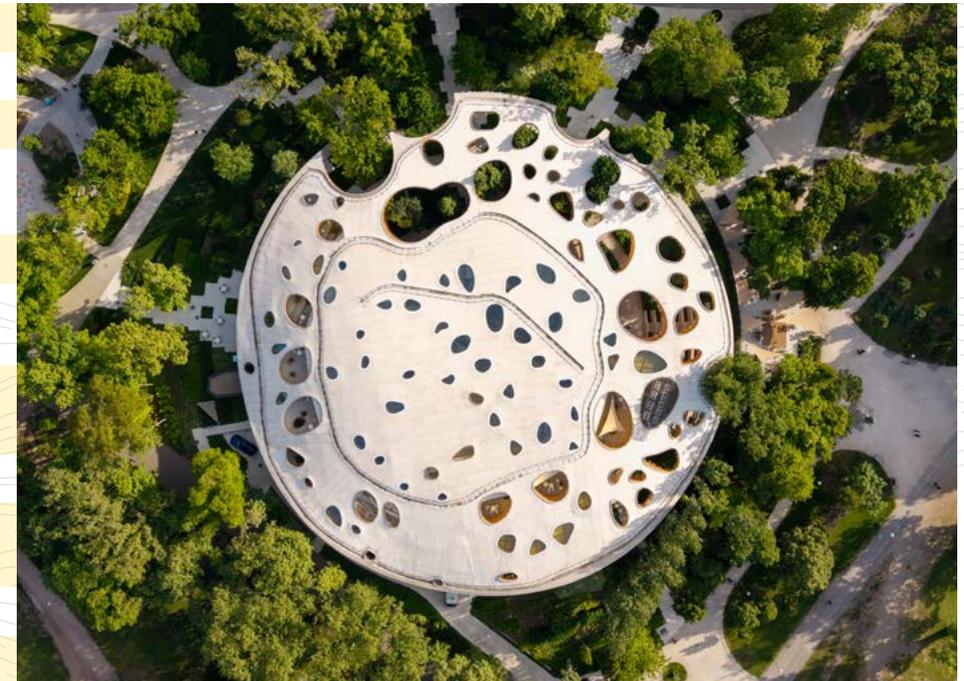
As a DMC we are authorised by every partner in the City Park to offer and operate themed guided walks and tours. We can take guests to behind-the-scenes locations

Location	Programme
City Park	Guided e-bus tour (60')
House of Music	Guided visit (60')
House of Music	Guided visit + Private Sound Dome Experience (60'+20')
House of Music	Guided visit + Private Creative Sound Space Experience with Certificate (60'+30')
House of Music	Guided visit + Exclusive Mini Concert (60'+15')
Museum of Ethnography	Guided visit + Exclusive behind-the-doors storage hall visit (60')
Castle of Vajdahunyad	Guided visit (exclusive castle + Ják Chapel of St. Ladislaus with potential organ concert) (90')
City Park	E-Bus rental (two buses, 12 PAX/bus) (60')
City Park+guided visits	House of Music (incl Sound Dome) + Museum of Ethnography + Guided e-bus tour (180')
Széchenyi Thermal Bath	Guided visit + Exclusive behind-the-doors site visit (60')
Zoo	Exclusive Elephant House & Tower + ZOO visit (60')

or can organize concerts, and offer other tailor-made arrangements. Below is the indicative list of the typical packages our partners have booked already.

Before you plan you visit to the City Park, please, note the following:

- The Park is a public space with many other segments of users. We may not be able to offer exclusive visits on every occasion.
- Ideal group size is around 20-25 given the one-time capacity of the attractions and the support services, e.g. the e-buses. Should you book a larger group we can alternate the programme components accordingly.
- Certain attraction elements need to be time slotted, for example in the House of Music, i.e. flexibility in the itinerary may be needed.
- During public holidays, due to business events and governmental bookings we may need to alter or limit the pre-booked packages even last minute. We make sure that the modified package is of same value and experience to the guests.



Selected Awards

Budapest City Park

- Must See Attraction in Europe - International Travel Awards 2025
- Europe's Leading Tourism Development Project
 - World Travel Awards 2023 & 2024
- Best Tourism Development Project in Europe & Best Sights & Landmarks in Europe - International Travel Awards 2023
- Best Family Destination in Europe & Best Tourism Development Project in the World - International Travel Awards 2024

House of Music Hungary

- International Property Awards – Best International Public Service Architecture, 2019
- Music Cities Awards – World's Best Use of Music in Property Development, 2020
- CNN – World's Most Anticipated Buildings, 2021
- Time Out Magazine – World's Best Cultural Attractions in 2022
- World's Leading New Tourist Attraction in Europe, World Travel Awards, 2022
- Time Magazine – World's Greatest Places, 2023
- The Guardian – World's Most Inspiring Tourist Destinations, 2024
- Europe's Leading Tourist Attraction, International Travel Awards 2024

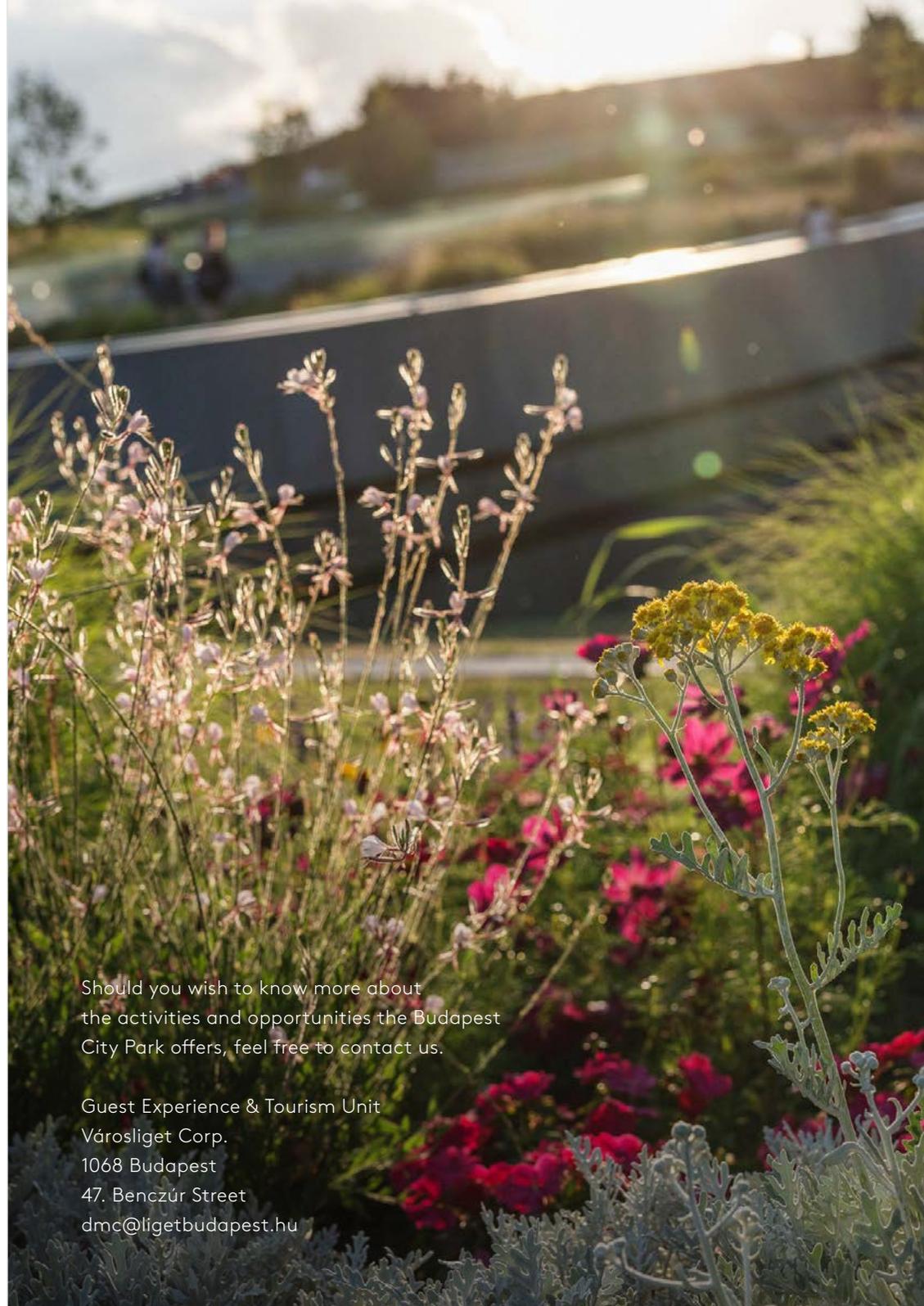
Museum of Ethnography

- International Property Awards – World's Best Public Architecture, 2018
- International Property Awards – World's Best Architecture main prize, 2018
- Time Magazine – World's Greatest Places, 2023
- Architecture Masterprize, Cultural Architecture, Best of Best, 2024



Should you wish to know more about the activities and opportunities the Budapest City Park offers, feel free to contact us.

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