

## Welcome to Budapest

### A Short Guide for Our Esteemed Delegates

#### Novotel Danube Budapest

Dear Distinguished Guests,

It is our great pleasure to welcome you to Budapest. You are staying at the excellently located **Novotel Budapest Danube**, positioned directly on the Danube River, with magnificent views of the Hungarian Parliament. From here, many of Budapest's most iconic attractions, dining venues, and shopping areas are easily accessible on foot or within a few minutes by car.

We hope the following curated guide will assist you in enjoying your stay comfortably and efficiently.

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#### Key Sights Within Easy Reach

##### Hungarian Parliament Building

Located directly across the river from the hotel, this iconic neo-Gothic building is one of Europe's most impressive parliamentary structures. Guided tours are available in English. The evening illumination is particularly striking.

**Access:** 10–15 minutes on foot across Margaret Bridge or 5 minutes by tram.

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##### Margaret Island

A peaceful green oasis in the middle of the Danube. Ideal for morning walks, light exercise, or quiet relaxation between meetings. Highlights include the Musical Fountain and landscaped gardens.

**Access:** 5–10 minutes by tram or taxi.

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##### Buda Castle

A UNESCO World Heritage site offering panoramic views over the city. The Castle District also includes charming cobbled streets and cultural institutions.

**Access:** 10 minutes by taxi or short public transport connection.

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#### Selected International Dining (Close & Recommended)

We have selected a small number of quality restaurants offering Mediterranean, Middle Eastern, and international cuisine — all suitable for business or refined casual dining.

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#### Babka Budapest

Contemporary Middle Eastern cuisine in an elegant yet relaxed setting. Excellent mezze, grilled dishes, and vegetarian options. Ideal for group dining.

**Distance:** Approx. 10 minutes by taxi / 15 minutes by tram.

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### **Byblos Restaurant**

Refined Lebanese and Levantine cuisine with a sophisticated atmosphere. Well suited for formal dinners.

**Distance:** 10–15 minutes by taxi.

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### **Dionysos Taverna**

Mediterranean and Greek specialties along the Danube in central Pest. A relaxed yet polished environment with scenic surroundings.

**Distance:** Approx. 15 minutes by taxi.

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### **Tom George Osteria – Modern European Cuisine**

4.7•Modern European restaurant•Open

A highly rated restaurant known for its modern take on classic European dishes. With an inviting bistro-style atmosphere, it offers creative menus and great seasonal options — ideal for a relaxed, high-quality meal not far from the hotel.

#### **Why recommend:**

- Contemporary European menu with broad appeal
- Great for business dinners or social meals in a refined yet comfortable environment

 Walking distance from hotel (central Pest area)

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### **KOLLÁZS - Brasserie & Bar – Modern European Brasserie**

4.6•Modern European restaurant•Open

Situated in the heart of Pest near St. Stephen's Square, KOLLÁZS offers a polished European brasserie experience with an emphasis on fresh, seasonal ingredients and elegant presentations. Its setting and service make it well suited to formal dinners or group dining.

#### **Why recommend:**

- Stylish, elevated European cuisine
  - Great for entertaining guests or group business meals
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### **Mercatino Ristorante Enoteca – Northern Italian & European**

4.8•Northern Italian restaurant•Open

A charming, quality Italian restaurant with a strong European feel, Mercatino Ristorante Enoteca serves beautifully prepared pasta, risotto, and regional Italian classics with refined flair — excellent for both lunch and dinner.

**Why recommend:**

- Authentic Italian cuisine with Mediterranean influence
  - Classic European comfort dishes and good wine selection
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 **Useful Tip:** These choices are all within comfortable taxi or tram range — typically **10–15 minutes** from Novotel Danube Budapest — making them convenient selections for your delegates’ evenings or business lunches.

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 **Shopping Nearby**

**Mammut Shopping Center**

Located just 8–10 minutes on foot from the hotel, Mammut I & II offer:

- International fashion brands
- Electronics and essentials
- Cafés and casual dining
- Pharmacy and services

A convenient option for shopping between engagements.

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 **Currency Exchange & Banking**

Hungary uses the **Hungarian Forint (HUF)**.

**Recommended Options:**

- Exchange services at the hotel reception (for convenience)
- ATMs near Batthyány Square (usually competitive exchange rates)
- Major banks such as
  - OTP Bank
  - K&H Bank
  - Erste Bank

Credit cards are widely accepted in restaurants, hotels, and shops.

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 **Public Transportation & Mobility**

Budapest offers a reliable and efficient transport network.

### From Near the Hotel:

- **Metro Line M2 (Red Line)** – from Batthyány Square  
Direct connection to central Pest (Deák Ferenc Square).
- **Tram 2** – scenic route along the Danube.
- **Tram 4 & 6** – quick access to shopping and central districts.
- **Taxi services** – recommended for convenience and direct travel. The hotel reception can arrange trusted providers.

For short stays, taxis are often the most time-efficient option for business schedules.

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### Practical Notes

- English is widely spoken in hotels and restaurants.
- Budapest is generally safe; standard urban awareness is advised.
- Tap water is safe to drink.