



# Stag's Guide to **Budapest**

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# Why Choose Budapest?

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- 1.** Cheap and cheerful nightlife
- 2.** Epic shooting activities
- 3.** 'Anything goes' attitude

# Nightlife

Any city where pints are going to cost you less than a quid gets the big thumbs up from us.

Constantly rising up through the ranks, Budapest currently lies in the third spot of most popular stag do locations.

Broken up into districts each boasting their own epic nightlife scene, with heaps of party squares and open-air bars and nightclubs – it's no wonder

Budapest is such a popular stag do choice.

*Pints are less than a quid?  
It's a yes in our book.*

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## Anything goes...

Eastern Europe may have a reputation for being a little lax with rules, but when you have a stag do in Budapest, you'll soon realise that literally anything goes.

There are parties through the night, stunning Hungarian strippers everywhere you turn and limitless cheap booze flowing through the bars, nightclubs and party boats. With a two fingers to the rules society, why would you want to host your stag do anywhere else?

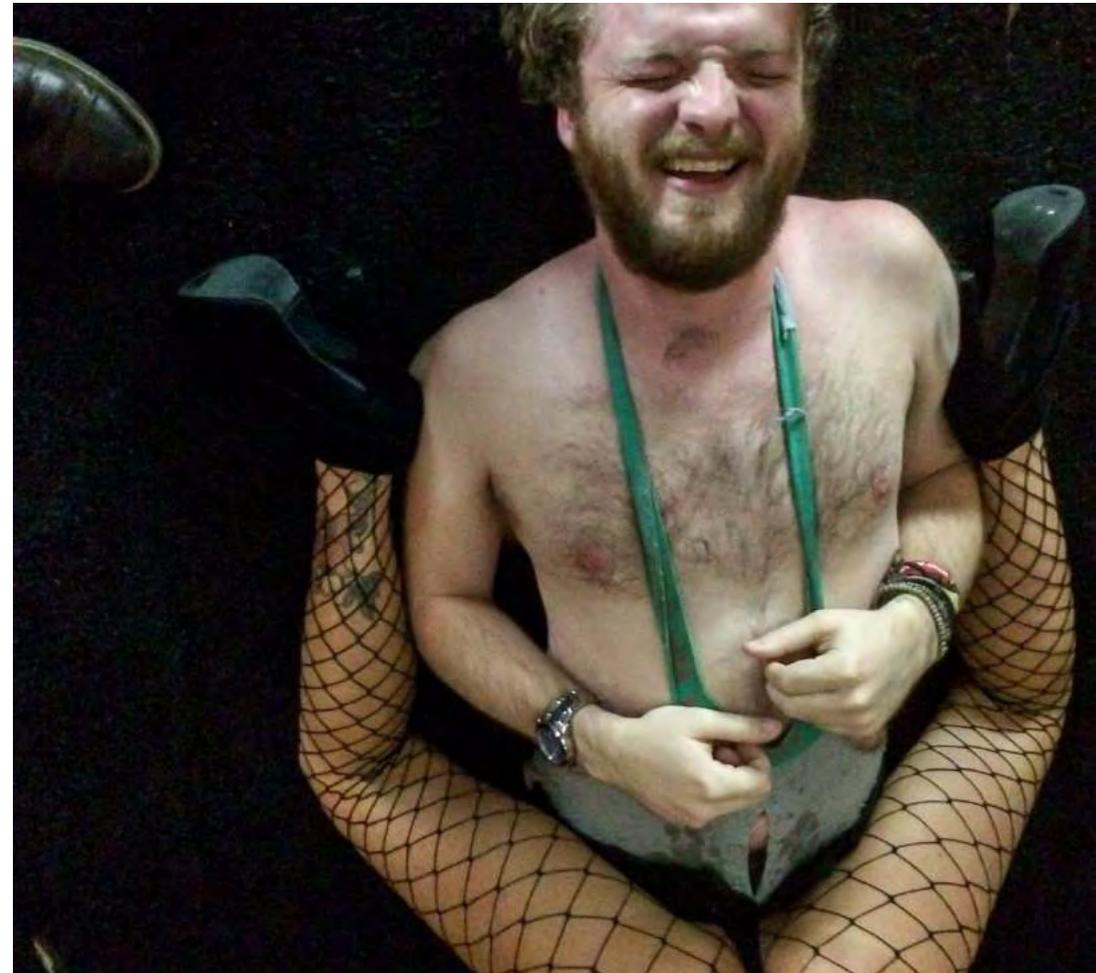
## Shooting

You can't go to Budapest without experiencing some of the epic shooting ranges and lethal weaponry to go with them.

With every form of handheld gun you could possibly imagine – including semi-automatic AK47 rifles, 17.9mm Glock pistols, 357 Magnum revolvers, Rugers, Kalashnikovs and Remington 870 shotguns – you're in for a treat when visiting a Budapest shooting range.

The hefty shooting packages range from the taster sessions, where you'll shoot 29 bullets each, to the 'Big Daddy' packages where you'll have 124 bullets each to pepper your targets with. Ready, aim, fire...

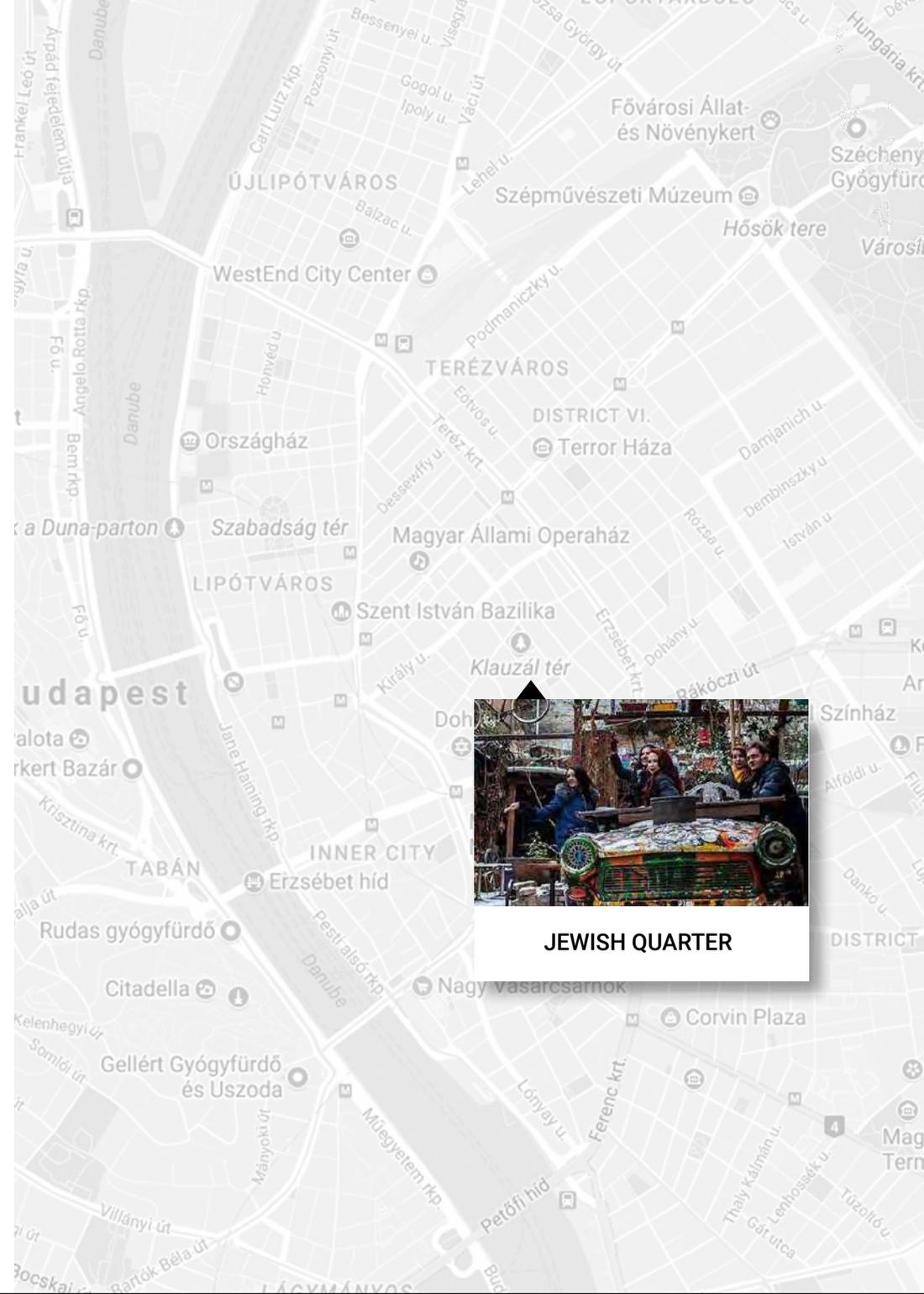
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# Stag's Guide to **Nightlife**

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Filled to capacity with cheap as chips stag do drinking haunts, open-air ruin bars and strip clubs packed with stunning Hungarian women – Budapest's nightlife scene is what stag do dreams are made of. You'll spend the majority of your nights stumbling around the Jewish Quarter (aka District 7 – like Hunger Games but with less bloodshed), home to all of the very best pubs, bars and nightclubs in the city.





TOP 10 STAG DO PUBS AND NIGHTCLUBS IN

# The Jewish Quarter

## Get 'ruined' in Budapest's ruin bars

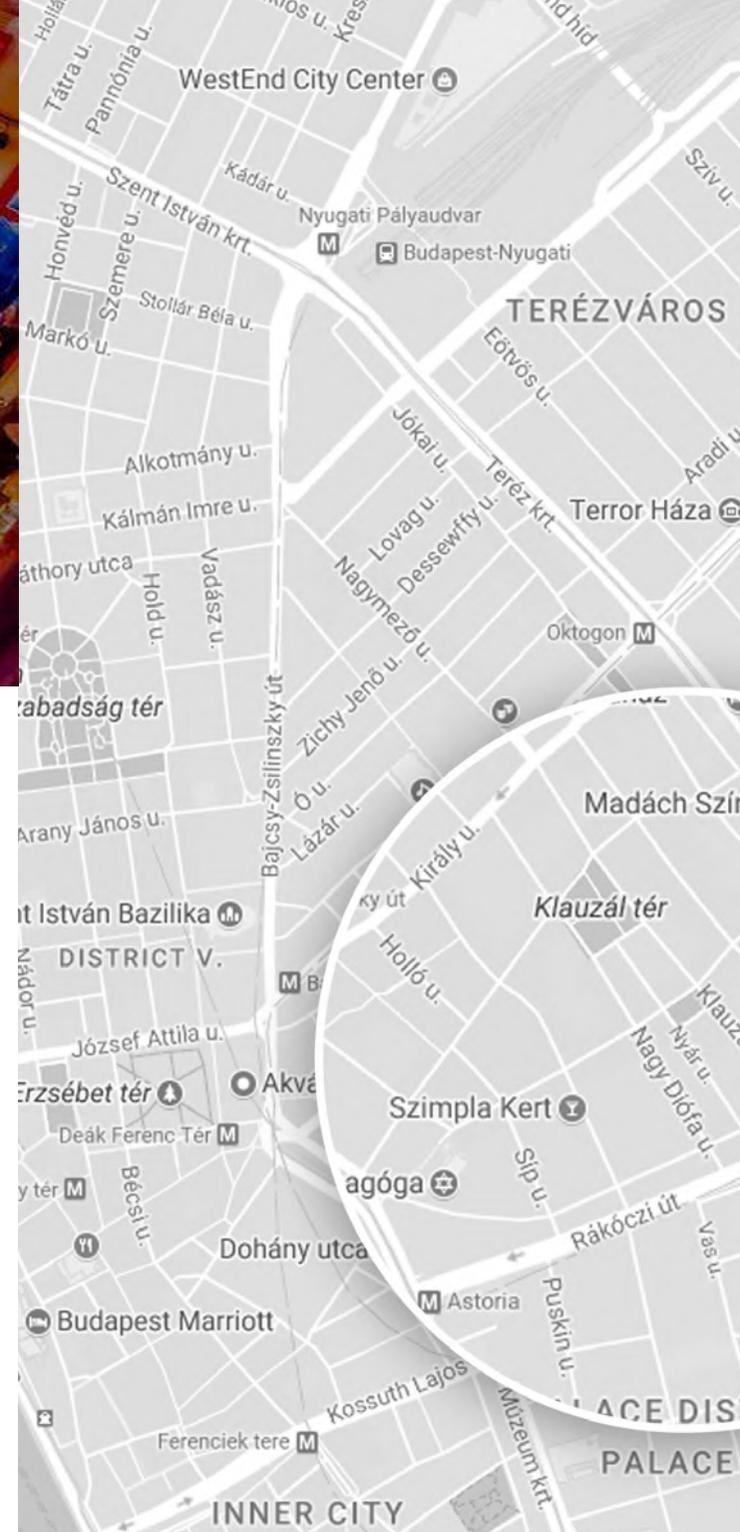
Budapest's bouncing nightlife district, the Jewish Quarter, is where you'll be spending the majority of your Budapest stag do.

The massive new wave of 'ruin bars' are in essence, a maze of bars, clubs and strip joints. The ruin bars consist of crumbling buildings and courtyards which have been renovated into quirky drinking dens, filled with idiosyncratic bric-a-brac and mismatched furniture. The hipster paradise also boasts neat little rooftop drinking terraces and fairy-tale super clubs.

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### Top Reasons to Visit the Jewish Quarter

-  **Bars** - The Jewish Quarter has quirky, hipster ruin bars in their masses.
-  **Restaurants** - From ruin bar cuisine to Medieval banquets, you'll get it all in the Jewish Quarter.
-  **Music** - Ruin bars are known for their live DJs, music concerts and performances.
-  **Shopping** - A handful of the biggest ruin bars have farmer's markets and thrift stores in them.
-  **Art** - If sitting in a sawn-off Trabant car isn't art, we don't know what is.



# Jewish Quarter Overview



## Adam Cutts

LNOF Sales Team Leader

*I've been on a few stag dos to Budapest. At a pound a pint, I can't even count how many times I've been ruined in those ruin bars...*

Whether you're after a few day drinks or a massive night out, Budapest's Jewish Quarter is an idiosyncratic, whacky and eccentric place to bar hop.

The ruin bars will sweep you up with their outdoor drinking courtyards, whacky seating (we're talking sawn-off Trabant cars) and wallet pleasing booze prices.

	Venue Name	Rating	Things to Note	Fancy Dress
1.	<b>Szimpla Kert</b> <a href="#">Visit Website</a>	FtFtFtFtFt	The 'Mecca' of all ruin bars this, is a former factory, transformed into an open air cinema, live music venue, theatre events space and massive bar. Remember the sawn off Trabant cars we keep banging on about? This is where you'll find them. You szimpla can't miss it...	Yes, but tasteful
2.	<b>Fogas Haz Complex</b> <a href="#">Visit Website</a>	FtFtFtFtFt	Forget everything you thought you knew about clubbing, as you enter this psychedelic Wonderland. Opening its fully refurbished and better-than-ever doors in 2017, this complex is a mash up of four ruin bars which recently amalgamated into a super club.	Yes, but tasteful
3.	<b>Doboz</b> <a href="#">Visit Website</a>	FtFtFtFtFt	Doboz is a labyrinth of rooms, each one as eccentric as the next. In classic ruin bar style, Doboz has its fair share of greenery within its four walls – but the jewel in its crown is its huge, 300 year old tree which a metal gorilla climbs.	Yes, but tasteful
4.	<b>Mazel Tov</b> <a href="#">Visit Website</a>	FtFtFtFtFt	Bang in the centre of the Jewish Quarter, the aptly named Mazel Tov is massive, yet maintains an intimate and cosy ambiance. It's a retro chic Aladdin's cave of entertainment inside, and it even hosts the annual Jewish Summer Festival in May.	Yes, but tasteful
5.	<b>Liebling</b> <a href="#">Visit Website</a>	FtFtFtFtFt	Liebling kicks off the block of party venues in the heart of the Jewish Quarter. This neat little ruin bar is the very essence of hipster – with ivy creeping up the walls, live music events and a cosy, quirky vibe.	Yes, but tasteful
6.	<b>Hello Baby</b> <a href="#">Visit Website</a>	FtFtFtFtFt	Hello Baby is a gigantic middle-class mansion, transformed into an idiosyncratic club. As you do. Three floors of dazzling acrobatics and semi-naked girls dancing in the windows doesn't sound bad to us.	Yes, but tasteful
7.	<b>Stifler Bar</b> <a href="#">Visit Website</a>	FtFtFtFtFt	If you're all for this stag do, but you don't want to miss out on the live sport from home, Stifler Bar lets you combine the two. Cheers to that. As with any good sports bar, there's pool tables, dart boards and table football to keep you and the lads occupied at half time.	Yes, but tasteful
8.	<b>Bar Pharma</b> <a href="#">Visit Website</a>	FtFtFtFtFt	Bar Pharma combines science with the ultimate medicine, drinking. With shots in medicine bottles and periodic tables, this new age cocktail bar combines state-of-the-art drinks with a chemical twist.	No
9.	<b>Amigo Bar</b> <a href="#">Visit Website</a>	FtFtFtFtFt	Hola, amigos. This three-level, multi-room pub is a maze you'll happily get lost in. With cheap beer, live music, billiards, foosball, pub quizzes and rock and roll artefacts on the walls (eat your heart out, Hard Rock Cafe), it's a stag do paradise.	Yes, but tasteful
10.	<b>Legenda Söröző Pub</b> <a href="#">Visit Website</a>	FtFtFtFtFt	Literally translating as 'Legend's Pub', your stag do will be well at home here. Apart from being the ultimate hub for craft beer and real ale, you can also try Game Over Bourbon Ale – at a whopping 12%.	Yes, but tasteful



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# Szimpla Kert

If we had to pick our favourite, it Szimply has to be Szimpla Kert (not just because we can make that joke).

This widely regarded 'Mecca' is the very essence of Budapest ruin bars. The former factory has quirky lighting, disco balls, plants, paper lanterns, mirrors, glasses, bicycles and furniture covering the walls and ceilings, as well as sawn-off Trabant car seats (we will not let this go). If you love your live music, Szimpla Kert's got you covered – offering everything from five-piece jazz bands, to



**ADDRESS:** Budapest, Kazinczy u. 14, 1075 Hungary

solo flutists, and everything in-between. Whether you visit through the day or in the evening, the eccentric courtyard is colourful, idiocentric and like nothing you'll have experienced before.

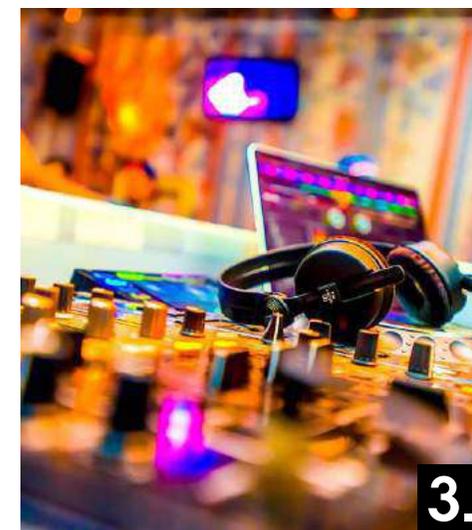


# Fogas Haz Complex

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Billed as 'easy to arrive in, but hard to leave', this newly renovated drinking complex is a Budapest institution. Literally translating as 'House of Teeth', Fogas Haz derives its name from a century old sign found during its initial renovation that advertised dental care – and is a ruin bar you need to get your teeth stuck into. Opening its doors (again) in 2017, the complex is a mash up of four previously separate ruins bars (Fogas Has, Instant, Fogaskert and Larm), which have amalgamated into one super club. Ridiculously popular among locals and tourists alike, this fairy-tale like Wonderland has to be experienced to be believed. It's a Budapest stag do rite of passage.

# Doboz



**ADDRESS:** Budapest, Klauzál u. 10, 1072 Hungary

Doboz is a labyrinth of eccentric rooms, seamlessly blending pub, club and cultural hub to form one superclub. With a massive capacity of 1,500, four bars, two huge dancefloors, a grill bar and gigantic courtyard, this is the city's most nightclub-like ruin bar. In standard ruin bar style, this bar's courtyard has greenery aplenty – with ivy lining the walls, plants, bushes and trees in every nook and cranny, and even a 300 year old tree in the very centre of its courtyard (the oldest tree in the district, in fact). Keep your eye out for the huge black gorilla whilst you're at it...



# LNOF's Top 10 Activities

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Boasting nearly 80 stag do activities, rest just will not be an option on your Budapest stag weekend. From your classic shooting, party cruises and quad biking, to your more 'out-there' eating sushi off a naked stripper and pranking the stag, you can't possibly be bored in Budapest. There's a reason our stag groups keep going back, year after year...

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# Activities Overview



## Andrew Lambert

LNOF Commercial Team Leader

*After drinking my body weight in cheap beer, Szechenyi Thermal Baths were a welcome retreat.*

Budapest's stag do activities will pump you full of booze and see you doing crazy, once in a lifetime things (maybe not in that order...).

The Hungarian capital is home to some of the fittest women, cheapest booze in Europe and some of the most adrenaline pumping activities. Stag do paradise!

	Venue Name	Why Choose	Category
1.	<b>Kalashnikov Shooting</b> <a href="#">Read More</a>	It wouldn't be a Budapest stag do without some lethal hand-held weaponry. We're talking Glocks, Magnums, and Kalashnikovs. We'll even sort you a round afterwards, to take the edge off your adrenaline rush.	Shooting
2.	<b>Szechenyi Thermal Baths</b> <a href="#">Read More</a>	In a serendipitous twist of fate, the city with the cheapest booze is also the 'City of Baths'. If you've had a rough one the night before, soothe away your hangovers in the wonderful outdoor and indoor swimming pools, saunas and whirlpools of Szechenyi Thermal Baths.	Water Based
3.	<b>Trabant Trek</b> <a href="#">Read More</a>	After a stag stitch up? He can forget his Porsches and his Ferraris – he's about to embark on a bone shaking 50 kilometre trek in an iconic Trabant car. Oh, and you're coming too.	Motorised
4.	<b>Beer Bike</b> <a href="#">Read More</a>	Tick off the cultural box, whilst getting drunk. It's a win - win. You'll all sit around a table on wheels, and precede to drink 20 litres of beer whilst pedalling and taking in the 'sights'. Note: you're one of them.	Tours
5.	<b>Quad Biking</b> <a href="#">Read More</a>	Leap behind the steering wheels of these off-road beasts, capable of speeds of between 45 and 70mph. You'll have to own your vehicle, or its 250cc engine will bounce you all over Budapest's roughest terrain.	Motorised
6.	<b>Brewery Tour and Tasting</b> <a href="#">Read More</a>	In a city full of bargain booze and breweries, it would be a crime not to visit one of the most famous, the Kaltenberg Brewery. Built in 1290, this place produces 'beers fit for a king', which is where you come in....	Food & Drink
7.	<b>Private Boat Hire</b> <a href="#">Read More</a>	Take your stag do to the open waters of the picturesque Danube, as you board your very own private boat (and feel like millionaires whilst you're at it). Don't worry, there's a fully stocked cash bar on board.	Tours
8.	<b>Exclusive Strip Club Hire</b> <a href="#">Read More</a>	But, this is no ordinary strip club, this is the city's finest, premium Gentleman's club. With up to 20 girls dancing at one time, and 25% off your drinks and dance bill – you'll never forget a night here.	X-Rated
9.	<b>Guided Bar Crawl</b> <a href="#">Read More</a>	Let an English-speaking local take you around Budapest's awesome nightlife scene, showing you the very best places to drink – including those infamous ruin bars. Even better, the first round's on us...	Nightlife
10.	<b>Strip Hummer Airport Transfer</b> <a href="#">Read More</a>	Don't let something as simple as booking transfers ruin your stag do – especially when you can travel in a Hummer Limo with two hot strippers and gallons of bubbly and booze.	X-Rated

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# 1. Kalashnikov Shooting

Budapest is known for its 'anything goes' vibe, which is one of the reasons it's so popular with stags.

Its shooting packages certainly wouldn't be legal in the U.K., which is why we see thousands of stags flocking to Hungary to get their hands on lethal weapons such as Kalashnikov AK-47 rifles, 17.9mm Glock pistols, 357 Magnum revolvers, Mark IV. 22 pistols and Remington 870 shotguns. This package sees you and the lads fire 37 shots each from a collection of all of these guns, and even gets you a round of beers each afterwards, to take the edge off that adrenaline rush.

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## Amenities

- ✓ Shoot a Kalashnikov, Glock, Magnum, Ruger and shotgun
- ✓ 37 shots each
- ✓ English-speaking guide
- ✓ Includes 1 beer each



## 2. Szechenyi Thermal Baths

A Mecca of thermal baths in the city with the cheapest booze? Coincidence? We think not.

If you've had a wild one the night before, downing pints like pop in those ruin bars – we strongly recommend a visit to Szechenyi Thermal Baths. Soak in thousands of litres of healing water, with temperatures positively balmy, between 75 and 77 degrees. There are 18 indoor and outdoor pools including swimming, adventure and thermal sitting pools, whirlpools, saunas and steam rooms. There's even a bar on-site - stag do heaven.

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### Amenities

- ✓ Natural medicinal hot spring water pools
- ✓ Treatment rooms available on-site
- ✓ Includes 18 indoor & outdoor pools, 10 saunas & steam cabin
- ✓ 1 beer each is included



# 3. Trabant Tour

Forget supercar racing, we've got something else in mind for your stag do.

Designed in the fifties and created from lightweight Duroplast, Trabant cars are the laughing stock of Europe. Which is exactly why you're going to be getting behind the wheels, and embarking on a hilarious, bone-shaking 50 kilometre round trip through Pilis Hills and Budapest countryside. With a gear stick built into the dashboard, it might take a while to adapt to these classic cars, but it'll certainly be a journey you won't forget.

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## Amenities

- ✓ English-speaking guide
- ✓ Lunch at a countryside restaurant
- ✓ Includes 1 Trabant per 2 people
- ✓ Extra support vehicle included





# LNOF's Top 10 Hotels

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Budapest's accommodation options tick all the boxes. We've got apartments, hotels and hostels bang in the city centre – all just a short distance from that all-important nightlife scene.

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# Hotels Overview



## Peter Cudd

LNOF Sales Executive

*I've stayed in a few hotels and apartments in Budapest and never been disappointed.*

We have the biggest range of Budapest accommodation, from premium 4-star hotels to swanky apartments and hostels.

With so much choice, we've narrowed the accommodation options down into a handy table, including star ratings and reasons why you'd want to stay.

Hotel	Star Rating	Why Choose
<b>1. Ibis Styles Hotel</b> <a href="#">View More</a>	★★★	Located right in the heart of Budapest's city centre, just 100 yards away from the Blaha Lujza Square, the Ibis Styles is super popular with stag and hen groups visiting the city.
<b>2. Mercure Korona</b> <a href="#">View More</a>	★★★★	With over 400 rooms, this huge, classy hotel is ideally located in Budapest. There's even a heated indoor pool and a snazzy bar area, ideal for recharging your batteries after a wild one in those ruin bars.
<b>3. Novum Hotel Thomas</b> <a href="#">View More</a>	★★★	As far as spacious rooms and ideal locations go, this one is a crowd pleaser. With a wealth of bars, clubs and restaurants just minutes from your door, you can roll straight out of bed to get back on it.
<b>4. Mercure Museum</b> <a href="#">View More</a>	★★★★	These stylish apartments are a stag do must, with the in-house bar offering a 'Drink of the Day', to keep you topped up. It's also just over the road from the National Museum and St. Stephen's Basilica, for a bit of culture 'n' that.
<b>5. Mango Aparthotel</b> <a href="#">View More</a>	★★★	This one's a little fruity, get it? Overlooking the glorious Budapest skyline, you can celebrate your stag do with a fantastic panorama as a backdrop. Comfortable, safe and spacious, these apartments tick all the boxes.
<b>6. Atlas City</b> <a href="#">View More</a>	★★★★	Situated just off the Jewish Quarter, this centrally located 3-star hotel is ideal for a stag in the city. The lobby bar is even open 'til midnight, so if you don't like heading out until late, we know where we'll find you.
<b>7. Marco Polo</b> <a href="#">View More</a>	N/A	Nestled on a peaceful street, just 400 yards from the Metro station, this handy hostel is just what your stag do needs. The bar is also open 24 hours a day (thanks Marco) – this is our kind of place.
<b>8. Krisco Apartments</b> <a href="#">View More</a>	N/A	Just a minute's walk from the Jewish Quarter and all of its bars, clubs and ruin bars, it's no wonder these apartments are so popular. The huge, exclusive Valentino bathtubs are just a bonus.
<b>9. Adagio 1.0</b> <a href="#">View More</a>	N/A	This one's a real lad pad. With a large common room with TVs, computers and Xboxs in it – we don't blame you for not wanting to leave the hostel. But, when you do, all your stag do essentials are on your doorstep.
<b>10. Adagio 2.0</b> <a href="#">View More</a>	N/A	Well within walking distance of the main nightlife area, as well as super close to the epic superclub, Hello Baby, you're perfectly positioned here. With no curfew or lockout, you can come and go as you please.

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# 1. Ibis Styles Hotel

Star Rating: ★★ ★

Set in a grand, 19th century building, this hotel is ideal for a stag weekend in the city.

Slap bang in Budapest's busy centre, just 100 yards away from the Blaha Lujza Square and close to the Eastern Railway Station, it's no surprise why the Ibis

Styles is super popular with stag and hen groups visiting the city. Comfortable bedrooms even boast a fully stocked mini bar, meaning you can kick start the celebrations as soon as you land. And, there's a delicious breakfast buffet served in the mornings – the hangover cure of gods.

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## Useful Information

- ✓ 100 yards away from the Blaha Lujza Square
- ✓ Set in a grand, 19th century building
- ✓ Close to the Danube River



## 2. Mercure Korona

Star Rating: ★★★★★

A hotel with a beer in the title  
is a yes in our book.

With over 400 rooms, this huge, classy hotel is set on the main pedestrian street in Budapest – meaning you're well within walking (read: stumbling) distance of the epic bars and clubs the city has to offer. There's even a heated indoor pool and a snazzy bar area, ideal for recharging your batteries after a wild one in those ruin bars.

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### Useful Information

- ✓ Set on main pedestrian street in Budapest
- ✓ Boasts a heated pool
- ✓ Has over 400 snazzy rooms



# 3. Novum Hotel Thomas

Star Rating: ★★ ★

We don't know who Thomas is, but his hotel is legendary.

As far as spacious rooms catering for all group sizes and ideal locations go, this one couldn't be more of a crowd pleaser. There's even a fantastic bar and restaurant on-site, where you can tuck into traditional Hungarian food, before heading out for a messy night.

Due to its location, you'll also be just minutes from some of Budapest's biggest pubs, bars and nightclubs.

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## Useful Information

- ✓ 1.6 miles to city centre
- ✓ 25 minute drive from Liszt Ferenc International Airport
- ✓ 550 yards from the nearest Metro stop





# Getting To **Budapest**

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The city's airport, Budapest Ferenc Liszt International, may be difficult to get your mouth around after a few shots, but it couldn't be simpler to get to. Seeing over 11 million passengers annually, it's well equipped for the hordes of visitors through its doors. The city is just 10 miles out of the city, and you can get to Budapest via plane in less than three hours from most UK locations, so what are you waiting for?



## Plane

Budapest's award winning airport, Budapest Ferenc Liszt International, is located just under 10 miles out of the centre of the city. It's one of the busiest in the whole of Europe, seeing over 11 million passengers through its doors annually. Jet2, Ryanair, Wizz Air, British Airways and Norwegian Air Shuttle airlines all run services into Budapest from major locations in the UK, taking less than three hours and most costing under £200, even from Dublin and Edinburgh. Getting to your accommodation once you've landed is a breeze, too, as there are taxis, buses (route 200E) and Metros departing every few minutes. Pre-booking taxi transfers will give your stag do added peace of mind, and will only cost around £30.

Airport	Flight Duration	Airline
<b>Birmingham Airport</b> BHX	2h 30m	<a href="#">Wizz Air</a>
<b>Dublin Airport</b> DUB	2h 55m	<a href="#">Aer Lingus</a> , <a href="#">Ryan Air</a>
<b>Edinburgh Airport</b> EDI	3h 0m	<a href="#">Jet2</a>
<b>Leeds Bradford Airport</b> LBA	2h 45m	<a href="#">Jet2</a>
<b>London Gatwick Airport</b> LGW	2h 25m	<a href="#">easyJet</a> , <a href="#">Norwegian Air Shuttle</a>
<b>London Heathrow Airport</b> LHR	2h 30m	<a href="#">British Airways</a>
<b>London Stansted Airport</b> STN	2h 25m	<a href="#">Ryan Air</a>
<b>Luton Airport</b> LTN	2h 20m	<a href="#">Wizz Air</a>
<b>Manchester Airport</b> MAN	2h 40m	<a href="#">Jet2</a> , <a href="#">Ryan Air</a>

# Getting Around Budapest

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If you thought getting to Budapest was easy, just wait 'til you hear about getting around once you're there. Totally walkable, Budapest will not see your stag do funds getting stung by expensive taxi or public transport costs. Luckily for you, the main nightlife hub, the Jewish Quarter, is all within one compact area. Bonus. However, if you should have had too many beers (you will, they cost a quid, man), there are frequent Metros and buses, and readily available taxis.



## Metro

With four Metro lines spanning across the city and its outskirts, Budapest's Metros are extremely reliable. There are 52 stations throughout Budapest, with the most central stops including Oktogon, Daek Forenc ter and Kalvin ter. It's also an extremely budget option, with a single Metro ticket costing around 350 HUF (£1.14) and a 24-hour travel card costing 1650 HUF (£4.73) per person



## Bus

Budapest buses are pretty handy and cheap, covering all areas of the city All buses are blue, numbered 5-289 with express buses marked with an E at the end. The 7, 7A and 107 buses will be of most use to you, as they connect Keleti railway station to the centre of the city. All regular buses terminate around midnight, which is where the night bus (blue with black marked in the schedule) comes into play – replacing Metros, trams and buses frequently in inner areas every 10-15 minutes



## Taxi

Taxis in Budapest are hit and miss. Some will be absolutely fine, and others may see tourist coming a mile off – so, we'd definitely recommend arranging transfers or safer forms of public transport for your stag do. All of our activities come with transfers to and from your accommodation, taking all the worry out of potentially dodgy taxi journeys.



## Walk

All of Budapest's tourist hot spots and cultural attractions (not just the bars...) are well within walking distance of each other. The Jewish Quarter is where you'll spend most of your stag do drinking hours, with back to back bars lining the streets – all totally walkable for your convenience. Cheers, Budapest.

# Top 10 Ways to Tick the 'Cultural Box' on your Budapest Stag Do

Between the epic activities, premium strip joints and general boozing (did we mention drinks cost less than a quid?), you'll want to tick the 'culture box' on your Budapest stag do. So, here's a shortlist of sights to tell the missus about when you get home.

## Hungarian Parliament Building

On the banks of the Danube, the Hungarian Parliament Building is the tallest building in the whole city. It's an iconic landmark in the city and a seriously popular tourist attraction – where the country's crown jewels are housed. It has 10 courtyards, 13 passenger and freight elevators, 27 gates, 29 staircases and 691 rooms.



56 years of construction, it's pretty special – and attracts visitors to climb the 364 stairs for a 360° panoramic view of Budapest. Not recommended on a hangover.

## St. Stephen's Basilica

Named after the first King of Hungary, the spectacular, Neo-Classical St. Stephen's Basilica is the third largest church building in the whole of Hungary. Completed after



## Szechenyi Thermal Baths

You can't visit the 'City of Baths' without a trip to the world famous Szechenyi Thermal Baths, the largest medicinal bath in Europe. Thousands of litres of healing hot water bubbles from deep underground, supplied by two natural thermal springs – reaching temperatures of over 75°C. This is where every savvy stag heads after a heavy one the night before.

## Budapest Facts

Budapest may be known for its ruin bars and dirt cheap booze, but scratch the surface, and you'll be amazed what you can discover about the Hungarian capital.

**Severed Hand:** Those crazy Hungarians have a parade every year, dedicated to the severed hand of St Stephen. Whatever floats your boat...

**Hot Springs:** Budapest has the most thermal springs of any other city in the world - with 70 million litres of thermal water rising to the surface daily.

**Harry Houdini:** The legendary stunt performer and escape artist, Harry Houdini, was born in Budapest in 1874. His exact birth place escapes us....

## Prices

In case you haven't heard us go on about it enough, the booze prices in Budapest are out of this world.

### Average

Price of a beer - 86p

Price of a wine - 91p

Lap dance - £22

## Chain Bridge

Connecting Buda and Pest, the glorious suspension bridge is widely known as one of the modern world's engineering wonders. It measures 375 metres in length, and has two iconic towers supporting it.





## Fisherman's Bastion

Bright white, contrasting against the blue Budapest skies – you can't miss Fisherman's Bastion. Situated on the Buda bank of the Danube, on Budapest's Castle Hill, the castle-like, Neo-Gothic, Neo-Romanesque

terrace with fairy tale towers, offers tourists panoramic views of the Danube, Margaret Island and surrounding areas. And, the best part is – entry is completely free, leaving more money for those pints later on.

## Hungarian National Museum

Founded in 1802, this impressive museum based in District Eight and showcases history, art and archaeology of Hungary – dating back through Roman times, WWII, Soviet State and freedom.



## Margaret Island

Margaret Island is to Budapest what Hyde Park is to London – a magical green oasis in the city centre. The former royal hunting reserve in the middle of the Danube River, boasts a water park, an open air theatre and cinema, two musical fountains, medieval ruins and even a rose garden. It's well worth a visit.

## Budapest Zoo

Budapest's Zoo is one of the oldest in the world. The nature reserve opened its doors in 1866 and has over a thousand species of animal living within its grounds – including the Komodo dragon and the wombat.

## Matthias Church

Located in front of the Fisherman's Bastion, in the heart of Buda's Castle District, this Roman Catholic church is over 700 years old and 80 metres tall. Entry is the equivalent of around £4, so it won't break the bank – but you can get fantastic views of it from outside, which won't cost a penny.



## Shoes on the Danube

When walking along the banks of the Danube, you'll spot several pairs of shoes. These are a memorial sculpted by Gyula Pauer, to honour the people (mainly Budapest Jews) who were

killed by fascist Arrow Cross militiamen during WWII. They were ordered to take off their shoes, and were shot at the edge of the river – as this haunting tribute depicts.

# LNOF in **Budapest**

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Us lot at LNOF aren't the stag and hen planning experts through chance. We've thoroughly tested out every single activity we offer, across the most far flung locations on the globe – including, of course, bouncing Budapest.



# Beer Bike

Attempting to tick the cultural sights off our Budapest 'to do list', whilst getting p\*ssed at the same time - the beer bike was an obvious choice.

We first got onto the bike in City Park, where we were optimistic about the pedalling power of our eight-strong group... However, the bike, unsurprisingly, got slower and slower as the booze started to set in.

We pedalled around the famous park's perimeter, to Heroes Square and back – taking in the stunning backdrop as we went. Needless to say, we drank the bike dry of its 20 litres of beer – and were tanked up and ready for our big night out.

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# Shooting

Feeling like proper MI5 agents, we headed to one of Budapest's finest shooting ranges for a spot of shooting.

Getting our fingers behind the triggers of some powerful guns – including Kalashnikov AK-47 rifles, 17.9mm Glock pistols, 357 Magnum revolvers, Mark IV. 22 pistols and Remington 870 shotguns – we seriously felt that adrenaline rush. Any lingering hangovers were – literally – blasted out of us once we'd got the hang of the weapons and fired a few rounds.

Testing our keen aim (with varying levels of success, not naming any names...), we fired 37 bullets from



various handheld weaponry at differing targets. Blown backwards with kickback, even the smaller guns seriously got the heart racing and blood pumping.

The shooting range was small and intimate, with different rooms off the main area, for different groups to use. There was a bar area (with an stripper pole – handy...) just outside the different shooting rooms, where we had some beers and shots to take the edge off our adrenaline rush, and prep for our massive night out ahead.

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# Big Night Out

Day time activities are all good and well, but we all know why we really came – and that’s to put that Budapest nightlife to the test...

After a swanky Limo (equipped with a gorgeous stripper, of course) took us from our accommodation, to the centre of town, we were pumped for a massive night out. We lined our stomachs the cultured way, with a traditional Hungarian meal of goulash (fancy), then headed to the Jewish Quarter to check out the world-renowned ruin bars.

Several shots, Palinkas and pints later, we

found ourselves on a psychedelic bar crawl through the likes of Szimpla Kert, Doboz and the massive Fogas Haz complex. We ended up (obviously) in Budapest’s premium strip club, 4Play Lounge, and stayed there, ahem, taking in the scenery, until around 4am... Collectively we can remember around 10% of it, and can only assume large portions of dignity were lost.

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# Szechenyi Thermal Baths

The ‘City of Baths’ was a hangover curing must...

After our wild night out, to say we were feeling rough the next morning would be an understatement, which is exactly why we headed to the relaxation hub of Szechenyi Thermal Baths. Budapest is known as ‘The City of Baths’, it was a no-brainer.

Szechenyi Thermal Bath is the largest medicinal bath in Europe – it’s kind of a big deal. We soaked (and sweated out those hangovers) in thousands of litres of hot healing water, bubbling from two thermal springs deep underground, reaching

temperatures of 75 and 77 degrees.

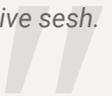
The complex is huge, with 18 outdoor and indoor swimming and adventure pools, 10 saunas, whirlpools, steam cabins and even soothing water massage areas. It’s safe to say we thoroughly tested out each and every pool, with the bolder among us even getting drinks from the on-site bar, for a good old ‘hair of the dog’ remedy...

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*Szechenyi Baths are just the job when you’re still hanging from a massive sesh.*



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