

EURONETSUKE HUNGO EVENT

30th August – 3rd September, 2018

Abstract

Inside this PDF you will find the schedule, with maps, locations, costs and event dates. This document was created to provide information for our Euronetsuke membership.

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Euronetsuke Hungo Event: Useful Info

Synopsis

This mini break away is centered on a set of informal events for Euronetsuke members, with a focus on a handling session at the Ferenc Hopp Museum of East Asia Arts, Budapest, Hungary.



The museum was founded in 1919 by the company owner, world traveler, collector and patron of art, Ferenc Hopp, (b. 1833, d. 1919), who bequeathed his Oriental collection of approximately 4.000 items and his villa to the state, for the purposes of establishing a museum and research centre of Asiatic arts.

As part of the items bequeathed, a substantial collection of netsuke have been donated, and the museum published the collection in a hard back catalogue 10 years ago.

The museum is willing to provide members with a room on Saturday 1st September, to handle a selection of 50 items from this collection.

Budapest is a wonderful location for the traveler, not only because it's quite possibly the most beautiful and culturally diverse city in Europe, but like the UK, remains independent of the Euro currency. This means the prices for hotels, food, drink and other items remains extremely good value.

Budapest is also a compact city, supplied with a great tram network and 4 tube lines (Red, Blue, Yellow and Green lines) allowing visitors to easily skip around all the key areas of the city. More info can be found here - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Budapest_Metro

Group Size

Due to museum restrictions, we need to cap this event at 30 visitors. The museum handling sessions will be divided up into two groups of 15. One morning session, one afternoon session.

Currency

Hungary is part of the EU, but like the UK, decided to retain its own currency. The currency is HUF. However you will find EURO's are accepted at most places.

Event Dates

The event will take place from Thursday 30th August until Monday 3rd September, 2018.

Budapest is a wonderful city, a personal European favorite of mine. Hungary as a whole has many castles, historical cities and beautiful scenery. Given this opportunity to visit, we recommend you consider extending your stay to take in all the sites Hungary has to offer.

Please find the details of each day's itinerary published in detail within this document.

Accommodation and Travel

Flights

London (Gatwick) to Budapest, for the Thursday returning the Monday, currently listed at £89 return with EasyJet.

A bus from the airport to outside the hotel Korona cost around 2 euros. A cab to most places around central Budapest costs around 10 Euros. Expect the journey to take about 20 minutes max.

Accommodation

The following accommodation recommendations are available via booking.com.

On a Budget – Apartment stay

The Riverbank Apartment (4 nights £200).

This apartment could not be more centrally located. Assuming two share – this works out at £25 per person per night.



Mid Range - 4 star hotel

Mercure Budapest Korona (4 nights £420pp including breakfast).

This is excellent location, and opposite the National Museum, visible through the window of the room example in the photo below. We can recommend this hotel from previous personal experience.



Treat yourself - 5 Star Hotel

Sofitel Budapest Chain Bridge (4 nights £753pp including breakfast). Another hotel in an excellent location. We can recommend this hotel from previous experience. The breakfasts are of particular note!



Day 1 Schedule – 30th August 2018 (Thursday)

Morning / Afternoon: *Arrival of Members*

9am – 5pm

Members arrivals

Members will need to make bookings and travel arrangements individually. At time of this event publication, we recommend the hotels listed in the accommodation section of this document.

Evening Event: *Informal Welcome Meal*

7.30pm – Bed

Traditional Hungarian Food – Restaurant Fatal

Fatal is located in historical downtown Budapest. It is not only known for its stylish stained glass windows but also for setting the standard in home-style cooking. Renown for such memorable dishes as the bread buns filled with Vetrece (Sour Ragout), the bean soup with cabbage and pork, the pasta (resembling Ricciolini) with cabbage and crisp duck filet as well as the giant cottage cheese dumplings – to name a few. The atmosphere of the large oak benches and tables along with the refreshing draft beer recall the best Hungarian restaurant traditions. The large portions are served in roman clay dishes or iron skillets, their motto: “just like my mother used to do!”.



A view towards the cellar seating area.



An example of part of the cellar restaurant.

Expect to pay £15 per head for a meal + beverages.

Please let us know if you plan to attend this welcome meal when registering for the weekend, as we need to secure the space for 30 individuals in advance.

Day 2 Schedule – 31st August 2018 (Friday)

Morning Event: *Falk Miksa Street*

9.30 – 12pm

Antique Hunt - Falk Miksa Utca.

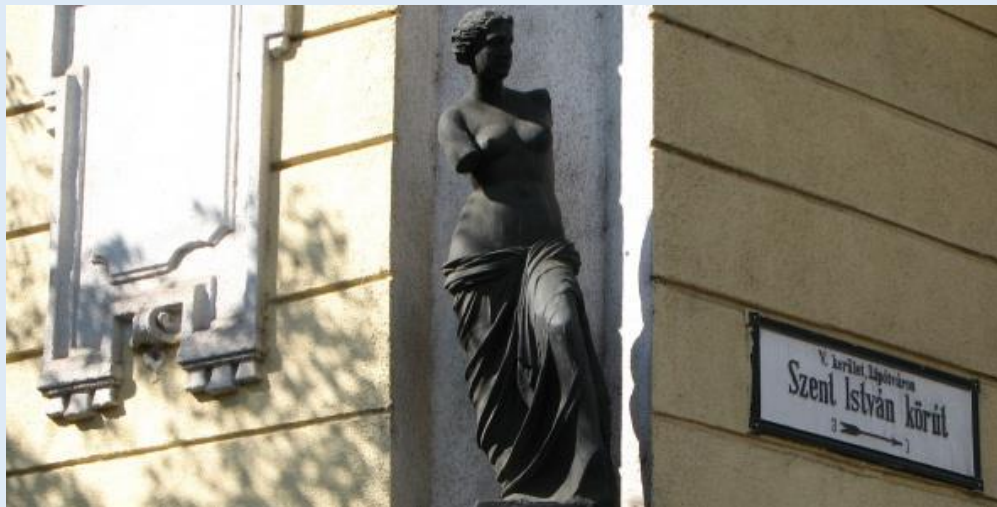
An opportunity for collectors to walk and browse Budapest's most famous antiques street - Falk Miksa Utca.

The famous antique row of Budapest is in Falk Miksa utca, just steps away from the Parliament Building. Many of the antique shops and galleries are worth visiting. Don't miss the Kieselbach Gallery and the Virág Judit Gallery, where auctions are also held.

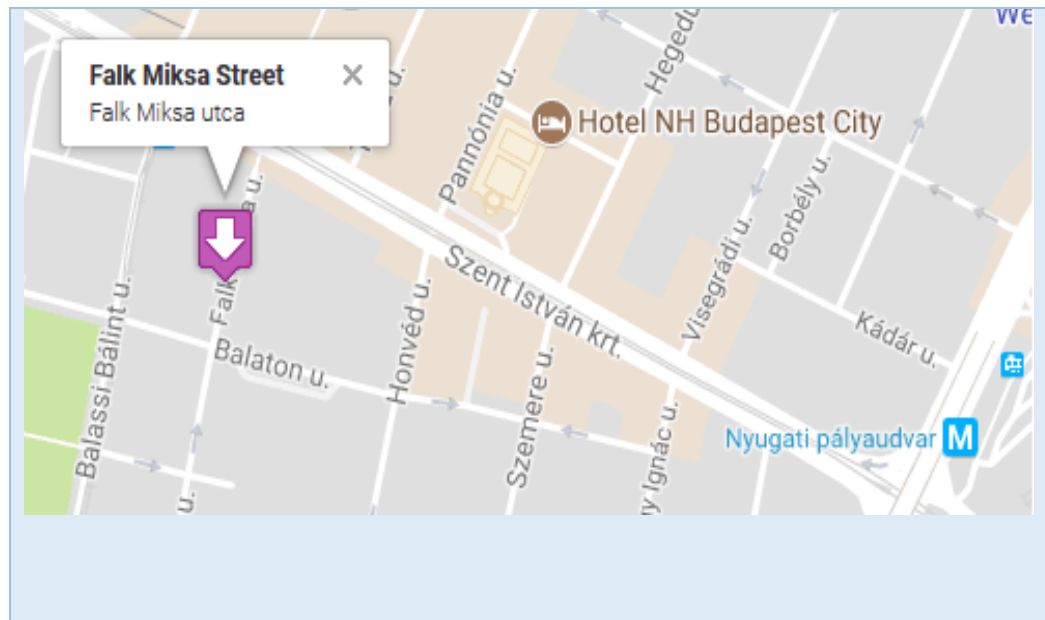
For more antiquities check out Anni Domini, Moró, Wladis and the Dénes Gallery. For folk art visit Nagyházi and if you are interested in modern art visit Missionart, Prestige and BumBum.

The antique shops lining Falk Miksa utca can also be great for finding unique gifts and souvenirs.

As individuals often like to hunt at their own pace – this won't be a group guided event.



The nearest tube is is Nyugati (Blue line) and you will need to walk along Szent Istvan street towards the Danube for 10 minutes to arrive into Falk Miksa street.



Afternoon Event: *Hungarian Collectors Exhibition*

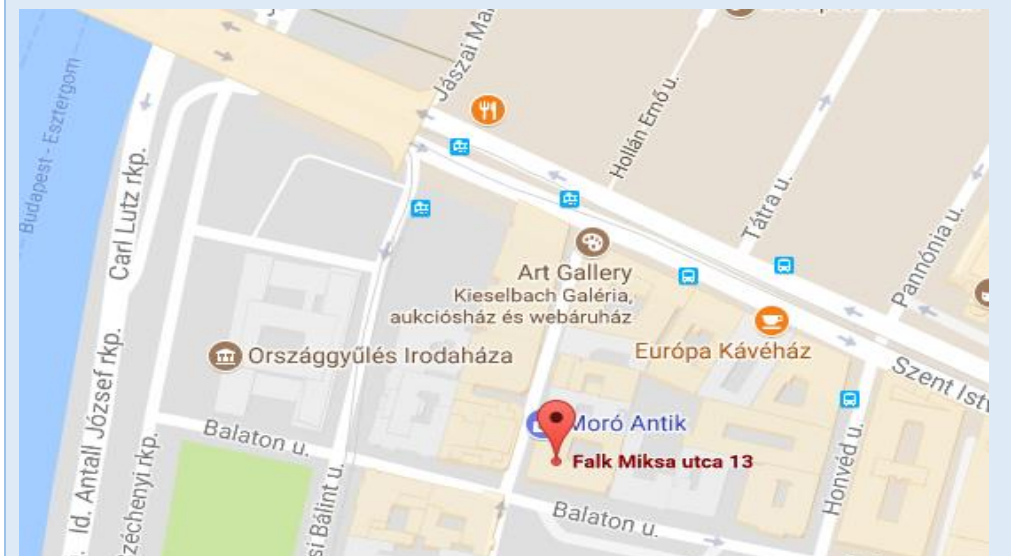
1pm – 5pm

Hungarian Collectors Exhibition + Complementary buffet/refreshments @ Moro Antiques

Have a chance to mingle and get to know the Moro family in their highly respected Asian Art Gallery located in Falk Miksa Utca.

Moro will be hosting a Hungarian Collectors Exhibition of netsuke. A publication of the exhibition is currently being organised and will be available to purchase at the event.

This also just happens to be the best spot to pick up an authentic netsuke in Hungary!



Evening Event: Meal & Talk

6pm – 6.45pm

Euronetsuke Talk @ Chiyoko (<http://www.chiyoko.hu/>)

Eva Cseh, curator of the Ferenc Hopp Museum between 1980 – 2005, will provide a historical talk on famous Hungarian collectors, including Ferenc Hopp. The event will be hosted in a private room at the Japanese restaurant Chiyoko.

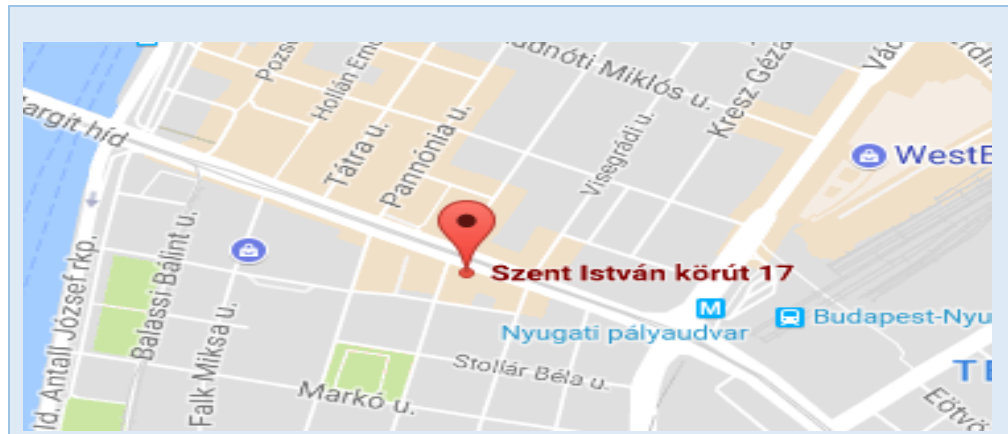


Chiyoko Resturant



The private room

The restaurant is centrally located, a simple 3 minute walk from Nagyati metro (Blue line) along Szent Istvan street .



7pm – 8pm

Evening Meal

We estimate the food will total around £20 a head including a drink.

Please note due to room size this has to be restricted to 30 members.

**8pm Until
Home**

Show and Tell session

An opportunity for any collectors to bring along netsuke and sagemono to share, and discuss, with others.

Day 3 Schedule – 1st September 2018 (Saturday)

Morning Event: *Handling Session OR Thermal Baths*

9.30 –
12am

Group 1 - Handling Session at Ferenc Hopp (<http://hoppmuseum.hu>)

An opportunity to handle a selection of netsuke from the museum collection.

The handling session will take place over a 2-hour period.

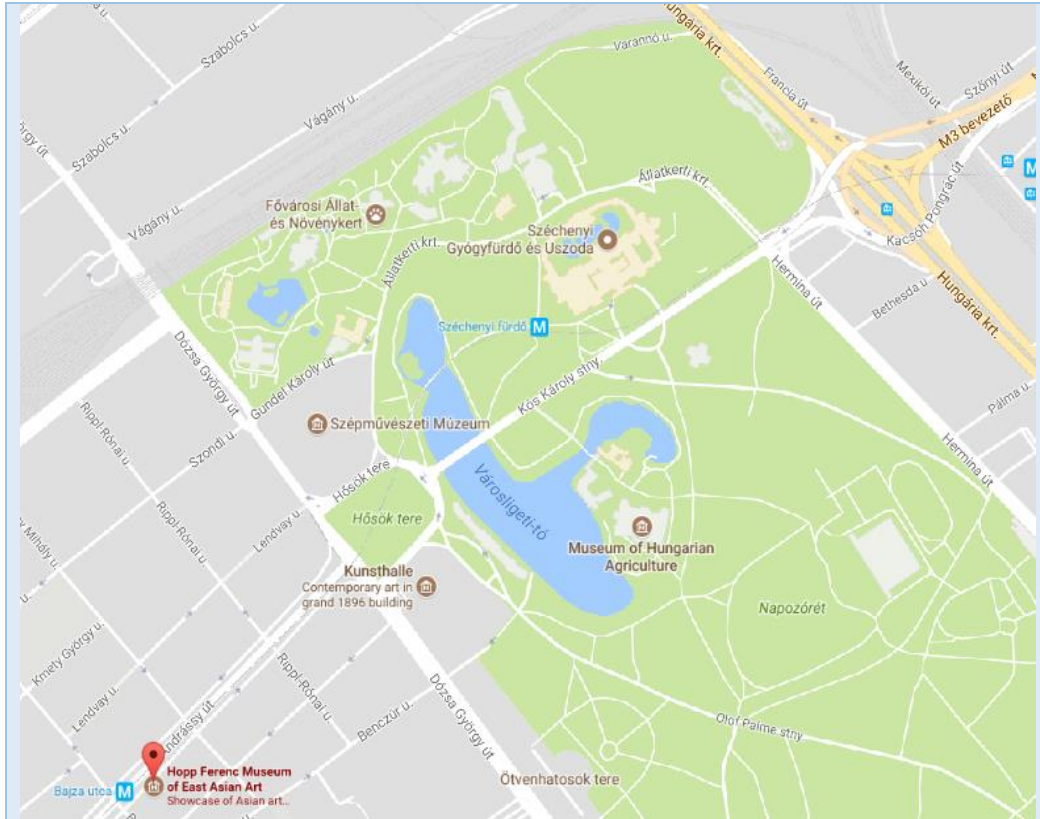
To accommodate numbers, space and time we have two groups, 15 per group.

Individuals will be allocated to one of the two handling groups as they send booking confirmation to Euronetsuke for event attendance.



The museum is located on the historical Andrásy út, number 103. The road is lined with spectacular Neo-renaissance mansions and townhouses featuring fine facades and interiors. The whole street was recognised as a World Heritage Site in 2002.

As you exit the tube station Baja Utca (Yellow line) you will see the building on the opposite side of the road.



6am –
12pm

Group 2 – Spa treat at the historic Széchenyi Baths

(<http://www.ticket.info.hu/en/program/baths-of-budapest/szechenyi-bath>)

The Széchenyi Medicinal Bath in Budapest (Széchenyi-gyógyfürdő) is the largest medicinal bath in Europe. Its water is supplied by two thermal springs, their temperature is 74 °C (165 °F) and 77 °C (171 °F), respectively.

In planning since the 1880s, the bath had originally been referred to as the Artesian spa (Artézi fürdő), but when it opened on 16 June 1913, it was officially named Széchenyi spa (Széchenyi gyógyfürdő) after István Széchenyi.

The bath, located in the City Park, was built in Neo-baroque style to the design of Győző Czigler.





A ticket for the day cost £12 entry.

As you exit the tube station Szechenyi Furdo (Yellow line) you will see the building on a short walk across the park.



Lunch Event: Zelnik Istavan Gardens

**12.30 –
1.30pm**

The Zelnik István Southeast Asian Gold Museum is a private museum located on Andrassy Street in the Terézváros district of Budapest, Hungary.

The Zelnik István Southeast Asian Gold Museum provides a home for nearly a thousand artifacts from eleven of the states of today's Southeast Asia. Most of these objects are of gold and date from prehistoric times to the 20th century, illustrating the spectrum of fine arts in Southeast Asia over the past two thousand years. The museum's material is founded on the collection of Dr. István Zelnik, a former diplomat in Vietnam and elsewhere, now a businessman and art collector. Of his assemblage of over 50,000 Southeast Asian artefacts, over 1,000 are on display at the museum.[1] Within the museum it is the compilation of Southeast Asian precious metal (gold and silver) objects that are most striking from the historical and art-historical perspective, and from a collector's and a museological perspective the most extraordinary, including as it does the greatest number of curiosities, which are also valuable in monetary terms.

The venue houses a wonderful garden dining area (inside area as well) for a light lunch / drink.



It is located about a two minute walk from the Ferenc Hopp museum on the opposite side of Andrásy Utca.

Afternoon Event: *Handling Session* **OR** *Thermal Baths*

2 – 4.30pm

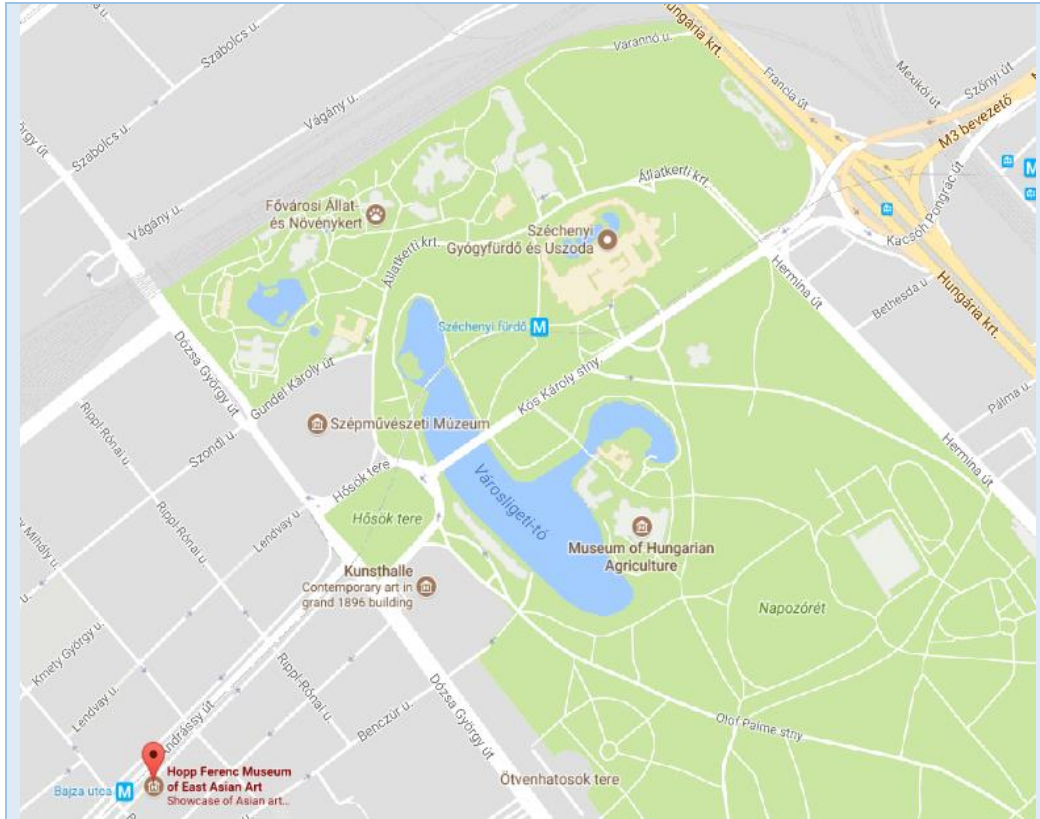
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2 – 5pm

Group 1 – Spa treat at the historic Széchenyi Baths

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Opportunity for the first group to go and visit this historic thermal baths.

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Day 4 Schedule – 2nd September 2018 (Sunday)

Afternoon / Evening Event: *Meet the Collectors + BBQ*

2pm until Late

A traditional Hungarian BBQ hosted by Hungarian collector Peter Solomon.

A real treat for visiting collectors on the Sunday afternoon/evening.

A traditional Hungarian BBQ with Bogratch will be hosted at the home of Peter and Eva Solomon.

Complementary food and drinks will provided throughout the afternoon / evening.



Peter's collection will be on display for visitors, and other Hungarian collectors will be at the event sharing some of their collections as well.

Details on traveling to this event will be published nearer the time. We are still investigating the best logistical method.

Depending on the time members leave, a local cab service will be on standby to take you home.

Optional Extended Schedule – 3rd September (Monday)

Morning Event: *Tea & Church*

9.00 – 11pm

St. Stephen's Basilica & Japanese Tea Room.

For those looking to repent over Sunday night's festivities, St Stephen's Basilica is a must. Roam around this wonderful area and when you've had enough head over to the Marumoto Japanese Tearooms for a wonderful selection of green teas and Japanese influenced cakes.

The church is named after Saint Stephen I of Hungary, the first King of Hungary (c. 975–1038), whose "incorruptible" right hand is said to be housed in the reliquary.

This is the most important church building in Hungary, one of the most significant tourist attractions and the third highest church in Hungary.





The Marumoto Tearooms were opened for the tea-loving and culinary adventurers 2012. The Kyoto-styled milieu offers pleasant relaxation and invites you on an eventful journey into the world of Japanese teas.





The Basicillia and the Tea Rooms are located a short five minute walk from Arany Janos Utca (Blue Line). As you exit the Metro just follow signs to the Szent Istvan Bazilika.



11am – 12pm

Guided Tour Part II – Danube and Beyond

From the tea house we can make our way to the Danube and cross the Szechenyi Chain bridge. On the other side a short walk up a tree lined garden path takes us into

Budapest's famous castle district where we can disperse and wander around the cobbled area. Lot's to look at and eat.



The Szechenyi Chain Bridge



Buda Castle



Castle District

Lunch Event: *Castle District Lunch*

12 – 1pm

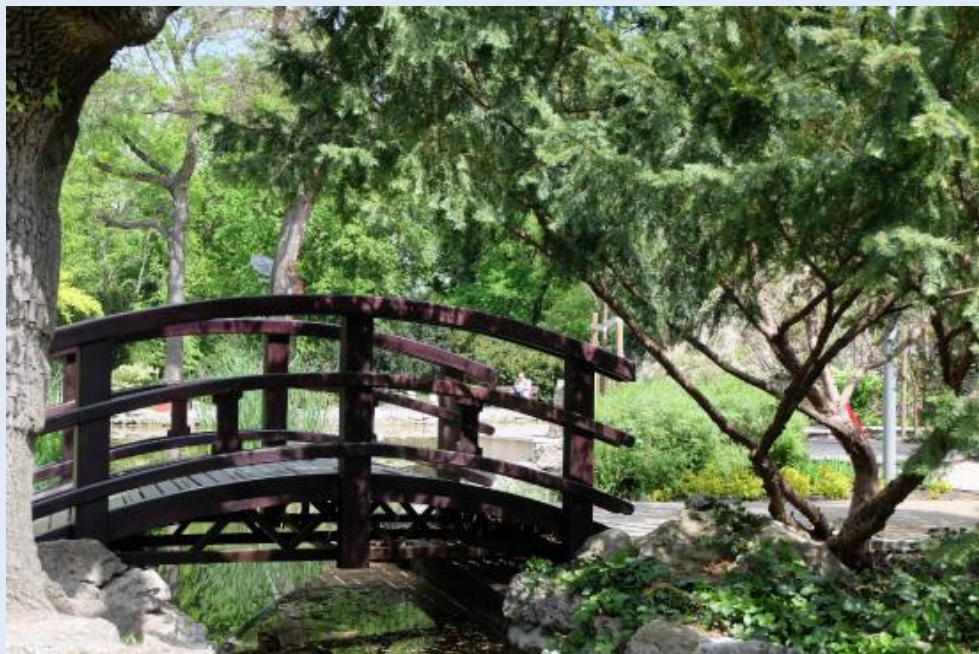
Grab a spot of lunch in the Castle district

An opportunity for the member to grab lunch in an array of different restaurants around the castle district. No specific venue arranged for this and members expected to find food.

Afternoon Event: *Stroll the Danube and Japanese Gardens*

2 – 4pm A Guided walk from the castle district to Margitsziget.

A leisurely stroll down from the Castle district, along the Danube past Parliament, and ending up in a Japanese garden on the tranquil island of Margitsziget.



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