

CERME13 GUIDED TOURS 2

Past and Present Social Dynamics of Budapest

JEWISH ROOTS AND REVIVAL

City walk,
2 km easy walk

Length of the
programme: 2 hours

Price/person:
35 EUR

Explore the rich Jewish history and present of Budapest! From hidden synagogues to kosher-style restaurants and the Jewish roots of contemporary Budapest nightlife.

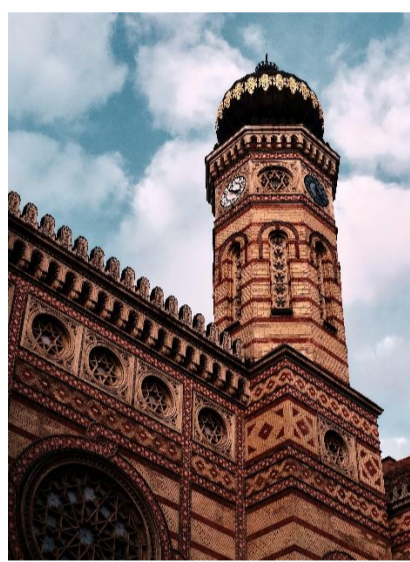
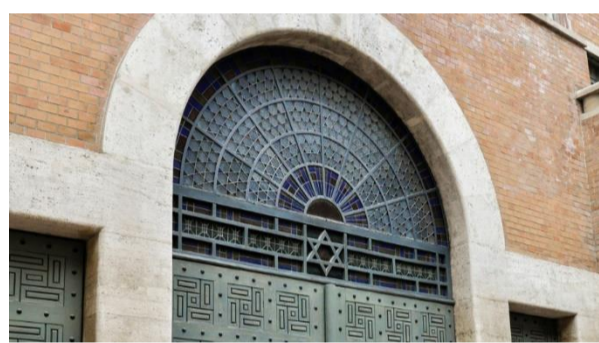
This walk explores Jewish life in Budapest from the 19th century until nowadays. We explore the remains of the Jewish golden age, learn the story of Orczy House, a close-knit Jewish community living in a massive downtown building, containing several kosher restaurants, a butchery and coffee shops, two synagogues and a ritual bath. After entering the largest synagogue of Europe, we revisit the dark heritage of the 20th century, such as the infamous ghetto wall during the Second World War, and learn how the children and grand-children of victims and survivors face this multi-generation drama.

We finish our tour by celebrating the contemporary Jewish renaissance of downtown Budapest. We explore how an old kosher salami factory metamorphosed into a kosher-style restaurant, learn to read Jewish motifs on secular buildings and feel the multicultural pulsation of this lively neighbourhood.

Main sights:

- Dohány Street Synagogue
- Kazinczy Street Synagogue
- Jewish Quarter
- Party District

The participation fee includes the entrance for the buildings visited.



"GENIES AND ZHIGULIS" - EXCEPTIONAL SCHOLARS AND PRIVILEGED COMRADES IN THE VÁROSLIGET ALLEY

City walk,
4 km easy walk

Length of the
programme: 2.5 hours

Price/person:
25 EUR

From the first part of the 19th century, several villas and summer houses were built in Városligeti Alley and its surroundings for aristocratic families. After WWII Soviet comrades and the communist elite took over and occupied these properties. During our walk we'll get to know the 200 years history of this unique neighbourhood, and many of the exceptional characters who were connected to this area.

Before the construction of Andrásy Avenue, Városligeti Alley was the only road that connected the noisy and busy city centre with the City Park, now known as Városliget. The turn-of-the-century of 19th and 20th buildings here hide many secrets. While admiring the Art Nouveau masterpieces, we will also hear a lot about the different styles of the era.

What will we see?

- One of Budapest's most unique Art Nouveau-style churches,
- the beautiful villa where Leo Szilard lived for years, which was later used by the Soviet intelligence service
- the famous Fasori Gimnázium, the Hungarian "genius school"

What will we learn on the walk?

- where Hungarian Nobel laureates studied, who were the "boys from Alley," as Einstein called them,
- who were the Hungarian "Martians",
- Who was János Neumann? János's father enrolled him in 1913 to one of the best high schools in the country, and even in the world: the Budapest Fasori Evangelical Gymnasium. He is mostly recognized as a mathematician, but in the 20th century, János Neumann was a great polymath.
- where the Gorky School was located, where the children of the Communist elite studied,
- which building designed by Alfréd Hajós, János Kádár used to go to for dinner,
- where Raoul Wallenberg was held before his disappearance,
- where Mátyás Rákosi bought luxury items,
- exactly where the Stalin statue stood, where did its "body parts" go during the 1956 revolution?
- which was the first Budapest Lutheran church where services were held only in Hungarian,
- what trees were originally planted in Alley,
- what was Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands' connection to Alley



NAZIS AND COMRADES

City walk,
2 km easy walk

Length of the
programme: 2 hours

Price/person:
25 EUR

Explore Újlipótváros, one of the most popular neighbourhoods of the city, known for its Bauhaus architecture, cool coffee shops and very dark history.

There is more than meets the eye here, on the leafy streets of Újlipótváros. Our walk shines light into the dark corners of this charming neighbourhood by discovering its history from the Holocaust to the change of regime. We visit a safe house where they crammed thousands of Jews during the Holocaust, when the neighbourhood operated as the International Ghetto. Following the Second World War, Újlipótváros, which was mainly populated by Jews almost emptied out. Nobody was watching, which made it the perfect spot for the Intelligence Service's operations. We pass by buildings, where secret agents worked, and where the Communist party stored its famed car collection. We finish our walk at the Shoes on the Danube Bank Memorial, a tragic memento of the Jewish victims who were shot into the river.

Main sights:

- Újlipótváros
- Raoul Wallenberg Monument
- 'The White House' - Office of the National Assembly/Former state security HQ
- Shoes on the Danube Bank Memorial



¡VIVA ESPAÑA! - IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE MOORS, SEPHARDIC JEWS AND FREEDOM

City walk,
4 km easy walk

Length of the
programme: 2 hours

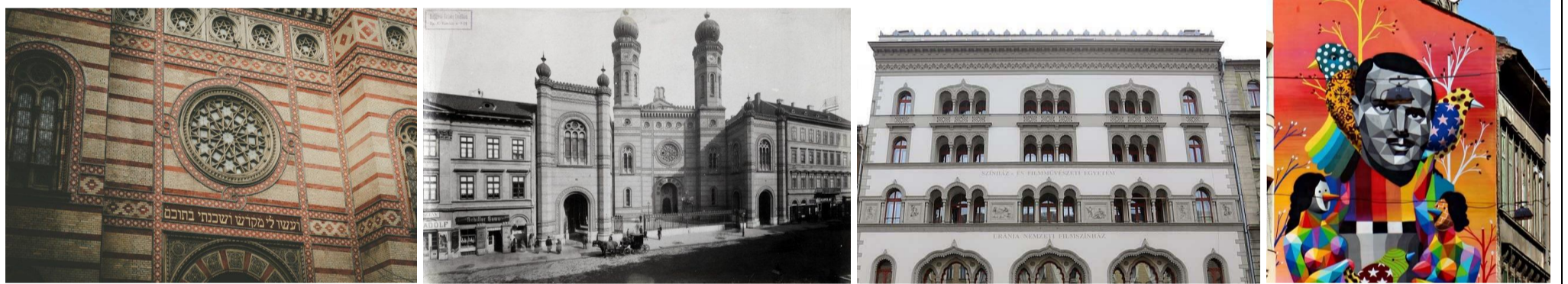
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While strolling around the city center, you can easily discover hidden Spanish cultural monuments, Andalusian-style facades, and enchanting arabesques to get a taste of a rich Spanish menu at home.

Since the Middle Ages, Hungary had various relationships with Spain. The Hungarian royal dynasty of the Árpád's had significant dynastic connections with the Aragonians, and the fight against the Ottoman Empire united the interests of the two countries. Cultural ties strengthened from the 18th century. In the 20th century, many Hungarians fought for the Republican government in the International Brigades during the Spanish Civil War, but some also fought on the side of the Falangist General Francisco Franco. It was only gradually after the Spanish dictatorship that diplomatic relations between the two countries were restored.

Here's what will be included in the daily Spanish menu:

- HOLY HEAVEN: We will commemorate the figure of St. Teresa of Avila, who, according to legend, was even too much for Roman generals and bishops to handle. However, we will focus on her zest for life and joyfulness on our walk.
- ANDALUSIAN TILES: We'll explore the backdrop of Budapest's synagogue architecture to discover why strolling along Dohány Street might remind us of a holiday in Andalusia.
- SPANISH HEROISM: We'll learn about how a Spanish diplomat deceived the Nazis and Arrow Cross Party to save the lives of 5,000 Hungarian Jews, instead of just 200 Spanish Sephardic Jews.
- LIFE-SAVER GRAFFITI: We'll decode the message of a Spanish street artist whose non-traditional memorial wall was commissioned by the Spanish Embassy for Righteous Among the Nations.



HANDMADE BUDAPEST - CONTEMPORARY DESIGN IN THE CITY CENTER

City walk,
2.5 km easy walk

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We will take a walk with a design theory expert through the defining contemporary showrooms of the city center where you can not only witness the creative process and finished pieces but also meet and ask questions from the designers themselves.

Would you like to get to know the world of Hungarian showrooms better? We can help you with that! With us, you can get a behind-the-scenes look, meet Hungarian designers and gain a comprehensive picture of the current situation and players in the Hungarian design world. By the end of the tour, you will find out the key to successful Hungarian brands and you can even take home some selected designer pieces.

Who will we meet?

- At the Garden Studio, we will hear the success story of the Tomcsányi brand.
- At Printa, we will learn how to make design environmentally friendly.
- At Rododendron, we will meet the best domestic and international children's design products.
- At Pausa, we will take a little break and slow down.
- At Plante, we will step into an urban jungle and see the trendiest indoor plants.
- At Magma, we will meet the best of Hungarian industrial and home art.
- At Paloma, we can get to know several smaller workshops and showrooms where brand designers work.
- At the MONO art & design showroom, you can personally meet Hungarian designers. Moreover, you can take a peek into the room where Hungarian Olympic team's uniforms were made.

