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A 3-Day Budapest Bar Itinerary

From our guide **Top 10 Best Bars in Budapest**. Print it or save it to your phone.



Three evenings give you time to try different sides of the city's bar scene without rushing. The plan groups bars by area so you spend more time drinking and less time travelling. It is also available as a free printable PDF.

Day 1: Ruin bars in the Jewish Quarter

Start the evening with dinner near Akácfa utca, then walk to Szimpla Kert while it is still quiet and explore each room. Move on to Instant-Fogas for a livelier part of the night. Both are in the seventh district, within about ten minutes on foot.

Day 2: Cocktails and a cellar

Begin at Warmup Bar for an early cocktail without a menu, then walk to Hotsy Totsy on Síp utca for a second drink in its cellar. Book both at the weekend. If you want something more formal later, take a taxi or the metro to Boutiq'Bar near the Opera.

Day 3: Views and character

Spend the late afternoon at High Note SkyBar for the Basilica view, then walk to For Sale Pub for a lively dinner or drink. If the weather is clear and 360 Bar is open, finish there for an Andrássy út view. On another day, cross to Buda for Calgary Antik Drinkbár, and add Blue Fox The Bar for a polished hotel drink.

The 10 places at a glance

1. Szimpla Kert

How to get there: Metro to Astoria (M2) or Deák Ferenc tér, then walk about ten minutes through the Jewish Quarter.
How long to spend: One to two hours.
Best time to go: Early evening, or Sunday morning for the market.
Tip: Walk through every room before choosing a place to sit.
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2. Calgary Antik Drinkbár

How to get there: Tram 4 or 6 to Margit híd then a short walk, or a taxi from the centre.
How long to spend: One to two hours.
Best time to go: Early evening on a weekday.
Tip: Confirm the address and opening hours before you travel across the river.
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3. Boutiq'Bar

How to get there: Metro to Opera (M1), about five minutes on foot.
How long to spend: One to two hours.
Best time to go: Early evening, before the weekend rush.
Tip: Tell the bartender which spirits you like and let them pick.
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4. Hotsy Totsy

How to get there: On foot from the Jewish Quarter, or metro to Astoria (M2) and walk about ten minutes.
How long to spend: One to two hours.
Best time to go: A weeknight, or book ahead for the weekend.
Tip: Ask which house spirit the bartender would use in your drink.
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5. Warmup Bar

How to get there: On foot from Astoria or Deák Ferenc tér, about ten to fifteen minutes.
How long to spend: One to two hours.
Best time to go: Early evening, with a booking at the weekend.
Tip: Describe a flavour you like, rather than naming a cocktail.
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6. Blue Fox The Bar

How to get there: Metro to Deák Ferenc tér (M1, M2, M3), a two-minute walk.
How long to spend: One to two hours.
Best time to go: Early evening on a weekday, or Saturday for live music.
Tip: Check the hotel website for the music programme before you choose your night.
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7. High Note SkyBar

How to get there: On foot from St Stephen's Basilica, about two minutes.
How long to spend: One to two hours.
Best time to go: An hour before sunset.
Tip: Reserve a table in advance, and confirm any group fee.
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8. 360 Bar

How to get there: Metro to Opera (M1) or Bajcsy-Zsilinszky út (M1), a short walk.
How long to spend: About an hour.
Best time to go: Sunset between April and October.
Tip: Check opening status in winter before you travel.
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9. Instant-Fogas

How to get there: Metro to Oktogon (M1) or Blaha Lujza tér (M2), then a short walk.
How long to spend: Two to three hours.
Best time to go: Late evening, after dinner.
Tip: Check the event listings for the night you plan to visit.
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10. For Sale Pub

How to get there: Tram 2, 47 or 49 to Fővám tér, then a short walk, or metro M4 to Fővám tér.
How long to spend: One to two hours.
Best time to go: Early evening.
Tip: Write a note and add it to the wall before you leave.
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Getting around Budapest

The seventh and fifth districts are compact, and most of the bars on this list are within walking distance of each other. The M1, M2 and M3 metro lines meet at Deák Ferenc tér, and trams 4 and 6 run along the Grand Boulevard.

The public transport operator is BKK, and its official website has maps, tickets and night services. Ticket types and rules change, so check the current options before you buy. For late-night journeys, use a licensed taxi or a ride-hailing app, and agree or check the price before you set off.

Opening times, prices and transport change often, so check with each venue or operator before you go. For the full guide, photos and FAQs, see https://toptravelinsider.com/top-10-best-bars-in-budapest/.