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A 3-Day Budapest Cafe Itinerary

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



Three days give you time to try both the specialty coffee bars and the grand coffee houses without rushing. Each day groups cafes by area so you spend more time sipping than travelling. It is also available as a free printable PDF.

Day 1: Specialty coffee in the centre

Start at Espresso Embassy near the Basilica for a first espresso, then walk to Madal Café on Király utca for a second, longer stop. In the afternoon, head to Kontakt in its courtyard, and finish with a walk through the Jewish Quarter. Everything is within about fifteen minutes on foot.

Day 2: Courtyards and a pioneer

Begin at Fekete for a filter coffee in its courtyard on Múzeum körút. Walk south towards the river, stopping at the Great Market Hall, and have an afternoon coffee at Tamp & Pull. In the evening, a short tram ride takes you back to the centre for dinner.

Day 3: Grand coffee houses and cake

Spend the morning at Gerlóczy Café for breakfast, then walk to Centrál Kávéház for a literary-style coffee. Move on to Café Gerbeaud on Vörösmarty tér for cake, and take the metro or tram to the New York Café on the Grand Boulevard for a late afternoon visit. Add Auguszt on another day if you want an extra cake stop.

The 10 places at a glance

1. Espresso Embassy

How to get there: On foot from St Stephen's Basilica, about three minutes, or by metro to Bajcsy-Zsilinszky út and a short walk.
How long to spend: Thirty to forty-five minutes.
Best time to go: Early morning on a weekday, before the queue builds.
Tip: Ask the barista to choose a filter coffee for you and tell them what flavours you like.
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2. Madal Café

How to get there: Metro to Ferenciek tere (M3) for the central branch, or tram or on foot for the others.
How long to spend: About an hour.
Best time to go: Mid-morning on a weekday, when it is calmer.
Tip: Pick the branch that is closest to your route, as the style differs between locations.
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3. Fekete

How to get there: On foot from Astoria or Kálvin tér, a few minutes, or by metro to Kálvin tér (M3 or M4).
How long to spend: Forty-five minutes to an hour.
Best time to go: A weekday morning.
Tip: Try a filter coffee rather than an espresso, as that is the house strength.
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4. Tamp & Pull

How to get there: On foot from the Great Market Hall or the Danube, about ten minutes.
How long to spend: Thirty to forty-five minutes.
Best time to go: Morning or early afternoon.
Tip: Leave the laptop in your bag and enjoy the conversation.
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5. Kontakt

How to get there: On foot from Astoria or Deák Ferenc tér, about five to ten minutes.
How long to spend: About forty-five minutes.
Best time to go: Mid-morning, or a warm afternoon for the courtyard.
Tip: Order a drink that suits the beans, rather than a large milky coffee.
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6. Gerlóczy Café

How to get there: On foot from Deák Ferenc tér, about three minutes.
How long to spend: About an hour for breakfast.
Best time to go: A weekday morning.
Tip: Book a table for weekend brunch, and ask for the terrace in good weather.
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7. Centrál Kávéház

How to get there: On foot from Ferenciek tere (M3), about three minutes.
How long to spend: One to two hours.
Best time to go: An afternoon on a weekday.
Tip: Choose a cake and a black coffee, and take your time over both.
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8. New York Café

How to get there: Tram 4 or 6 along the Grand Boulevard to Blaha Lujza tér, then a short walk, or metro to Blaha Lujza tér (M2).
How long to spend: One to two hours.
Best time to go: Early on a weekday, to avoid the queue.
Tip: Check whether you can book a table before you go, and arrive early if you cannot.
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9. Café Gerbeaud

How to get there: Metro to Vörösmarty tér (M1), directly outside.
How long to spend: About an hour.
Best time to go: Mid-afternoon on a weekday.
Tip: Share a slice or two between you, so you can try more than one cake.
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10. Auguszt Cukrászda

How to get there: Tram or metro to the nearest stop for your chosen branch, then a short walk.
How long to spend: Thirty to forty-five minutes.
Best time to go: Weekday afternoon.
Tip: Ask which cake is freshest, and take a second slice to eat later.
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Getting around Budapest

The cafes in this guide are mostly in the fifth and seventh districts, and you can reach most of them on foot. The M1 metro line, the oldest on the continent, runs under Andrássy út, and the M2, M3 and M4 lines cross at Deák Ferenc tér and Kálvin tér. Trams 4 and 6 run along the Grand Boulevard.

The public transport operator is BKK, and its official website has tickets, maps and journey planning. Ticket types and rules change, so check the current options before you buy. Walking is the best way to find the courtyards and side streets, so wear comfortable shoes.

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-cafes-in-budapest/.