**Being Safe in Budapest**

In general, the city of Budapest is as safe and accommodating as any capital city in continental Europe. As in many countries, our capital is cosmopolitan and used to welcoming and serving visitors from around the world. Robust tourism also attracts some folks who want to prey on people having fun. Accordingly, you want to take your usual common-sense precautions against petty crime, including being aware of your surroundings, and looking after your valuables at all times. It is a good practice to do activities with a companion. The city is just as safe for people with disabilities – and [Budapest’s public transportation has been getting more accessible](https://bkk.hu/en/travel-information/public-transport/accessibility/accessible-transport/) in recent years.

With respect to outlawing and penalizing acts of prejudice, Hungary is in line with most European Union countries on the books. [This includes the legality of same-sex civil partnerships, consent, and the outlawing of hate crimes based on sexual orientation and racial/ethnic background](https://emberijogok.kormany.hu/lgbt). [A recent survey found that the majority of Hungarians are accepting of non-straight people.](https://telex.hu/english/2023/02/01/social-acceptance-of-lgbtqi-people-has-not-decreased-significantly-in-hungary-research-reveals)

While folks who more obviously look like foreign visitors are recognized as such, people of Roma/ny descent are regarded as ‘racially other’, and may experience prejudice or discrimination. As regards gender and sexualities, Hungarian law does not allow a legal gender change, adoption for same-sex couples, and a recent law has also criminalized the provision of information on non-straight sexualities to minors. The period of the lead-up to [Budapest Pride on July 23, 2023](https://budapestpride.com/) will be one of heightened visibility and possibly controversy as well.

For more on being safe in Budapest and Hungary, please see the country’s risk assessment of a British travel agency here (attached, or upload to website). We hope that you will be able to enjoy Budapest in safety.