

Budapest Historic Walking Route (Travel Buff Doc)

This walking route connects many of Budapest's most iconic landmarks in a logical order for first-time visitors exploring the city center along the Danube and Castle Hill areas.

Stop #	Location	Notes
1	St. Stephen's Basilica	Start point – central landmark with panoramic dome views
2	Chain Bridge (Széchenyi Lánchíd)	Walk toward the Danube and cross the historic bridge
3	Buda Castle	Historic royal palace complex overlooking the city
4	Fisherman's Bastion	Fairytale terraces with views of Parliament and the Danube
5	Matthias Church	Colorful tiled roof and historic coronation church
6	Danube Promenade	Walk back toward Pest along the riverfront
7	Shoes on the Danube Memorial	WWII memorial honoring victims executed by the Arrow Cross militia
8	Hungarian Parliament Building	One of Europe's most iconic parliament buildings

Suggested Walking Flow

- 1 → 2: Walk 10 minutes from St. Stephen's Basilica to the Chain Bridge.
- 2 → 3: Cross the bridge and take the funicular or walk up to Buda Castle.
- 3 → 4 → 5: Explore Castle Hill including Fisherman's Bastion and Matthias Church.
- 5 → 6: Walk down toward the Danube promenade.
- 6 → 7: Follow the river north to the Shoes on the Danube memorial.
- 7 → 8: End at the Hungarian Parliament Building.