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Budapest Christmas markets

3–4 days: the Basilica, Vörösmarty Square, the baths and the lit-up Danube

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Advent in Budapest over a long weekend: the market outside St Stephen's Basilica with a light show on its façade, the long-running Vörösmarty Square market, an ice rink, chimney cake and lángos, an evening soak in the open-air Széchenyi baths and a walk along the Danube to the floodlit Parliament. This guide has the Advent 2026 dates and works offline.

At a glance

ID card is enough

Hungary is in the EU and Schengen: Czech citizens need only a valid ID card or passport (Czech MFA)

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Basilica 13 Nov–1 Jan

Advent Bazilika from 13 Nov 2026 to 1 Jan 2027, with a light show on the façade daily from 17:30

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Vörösmarty from 13 Nov

opens 13 Nov 2026 and runs to late December; exact hours on the market's site

Forint (HUF)

pay by card in forints, not a converted currency

Baths and children

children under 14 can't enter Széchenyi, Rudas or Lukács; the Gellért baths are closed until 2028

EHIC

the European Health Insurance Card is valid; travel insurance is still recommended

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Day by day

1 **Friday: the Basilica**

Vörösmarty Square and Váci Street in the afternoon, then the Basilica market and light show after dark, and the ice rink on the square.

2 **Saturday: Buda**

Up to Buda Castle by funicular or on foot in the morning, the Fishermen's Bastion and Matthias Church. The Széchenyi baths in the afternoon, then the riverside walk to Parliament in the evening.

3 **Sunday: Andrássy Avenue**

Andrássy Avenue past the Opera to Heroes' Square and the City Park ice rink below Vajdahunyad Castle, then head home.

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What you will see


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St Stephen's Basilica

The market outside and the light show on the façade.

Time: 2 hours, evening


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Vörösmarty Square

Budapest's longest-running market, full of crafts.

Time: 1 hour

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