

► Pest-Buda Bistro & Hotel Buda

We loved our stay at the oldest hotel in Budapest – potentially even the oldest in this part of Europe – deep in the heart of the Castle District, just a stone's throw from Fisherman's Bastion – perfect for early-dawn photoshoots (as you'll see from our front cover), explorations and sunrise gazing at this historical monument before the coachloads of tourists arrive.

When we'd had our fill of sights, we returned to the historic Revival mansion, originally built in 1696, for a delicious breakfast served by a super-friendly team.

There are only 10 rooms at the property. We got to try the Atelier Suite, an attic room featuring an exposed, original Baroque roof structure and a large floor-to-ceiling window overlooking the rooftops of ancient Buda and the bell tower of Matthias Church.

If sleeping in old-world European architecture isn't your thing, but you still want to take advantage of the location and mood of the oldest hotel in town, the owners have more modern apartments just around the corner. But even apartment guests couldn't stay away from Pest-Buda's comfort food, billed as 'Grandma's home-style Hungarian kitchen', extending the original hospitality from way back when in the 1700s when the building was an inn. Think goulash, paprikash and duck liver pâté – a mouthwateringly experiential way to get under the skin of this old city.

*Fortuna utca 3, 1014 Budapest
www.pest-buda.com*



► Baltazár Buda

This cosy, family-owned boutique design hotel is located in the heart of Buda's historic Castle District and has a strong lean to gastronomy. We've had the opportunity to enjoy the brand's international outpost, so to experience the original was quite a treat. The rooms of this old building are brought right up to date with innovative splashes of colour and artwork.

*Országház utca 31, 1014 Budapest
www.baltazarbudapest.com*



► Hilton Budapest Buda

Up in the hills, on a quiet street in the Castle District, this is the closest property to Fisherman's Bastion. It's right next door, in fact. It offers modern luxury in a building that is centuries old and is all we expect from a Hilton. It was perfect for us, as we wanted to enjoy the authentic charm of old-world Buda and hospitality that is among the best you'd get in the city.

*Hess András tér 1-3, 1014 Budapest
www.hilton.com*

► Hotel Clark Buda

Stylish and adults only, this property has upped the city's chic hospitality game. It is nestled at one end of the iconic chain bridge, giving easy access to the hills of Buda. The rooms are contemporary, different from most on offer on this side of the Danube. Its not-so-well-kept secret, though, is Leo, a sprawling roof-terrace bar that affords gorgeous views over the city.

*Clark Ádám tér 1, 1013 Budapest
www.hotelclarkbudapest.hu*

