

WHV – Gems in Budapest

Budapest, including the Banks of the Danube, the Buda Castle Quarter and Andrásy Avenue, Hungary

PROJECT DATES

Cultural property inscribed on the World Heritage List (1987)

08 May - 19 May 2023

THE SITE - The site includes the remains of monuments such as the Roman city of Aquincum and the Gothic castle of Buda, which have had a considerable influence on the architecture of various periods. It is one of the world's outstanding urban landscapes and illustrates the great periods in the history of the Hungarian capital. Aquincum played an essential role in the diffusion of Roman architectural forms in Pannonia, then in Dacia. Buda Castle played an essential role in the diffusion of Gothic art in the Magyar region from the 14th century. In the reign of Matthias Corvinus, Buda was an artistic centre comparable, due to its influence, to that of Cracow. As a result of the unification of Pest, Buda and Óbuda in 1872-73, Budapest became once more a significant centre in the second part of the 19th and at the beginning of the 20th century due to the amount and quality of heritage built during those periods. It was a centre which absorbed, integrated and disseminated outstanding and progressive European influences of urbanism and of architecture as well as modern technological developments such as the Millennium Underground Railway, built under Andrásy Avenue, the first in Continental Europe, all of which was in line with its role as a metropolis.

OBJECTIVES - The Ministry of Construction and Transport will engage volunteers to raise awareness among tourists, local residents and the community about the importance of preserving the World Heritage values of Budapest.

ACTIVITIES - The volunteers will help creating a map of tourists' needs and identifying potential obstacles in the promotion of sustainable tourism in the city. Participants will engage in guided tours of World Heritage sites, in report writing, in educational activities on the preservation of World Heritage, and in the improvement of safety conditions for visitors, describing possible prevention and protection tools and strategies to enhance the involvement of local organizations.

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