

Shopping

Give in to the temptation of shopping for antiques, Herend or Zsolnay porcelain, intricate needlework with folk art motifs, fine Hungarian wines and liqueurs, as well as goose liver pate and a variety of paprikas. The most elegant and popular shopping areas are Váci Street, Petofi Sándor Street and Vörösmarty Square. For the largest selection of merchandise, check out the many shops along Károly Ring and Ráday street Street.

If you want an insider's tip, go south on Váci past Elizabeth Bridge. There you'll find excellent shops and galleries for browsing and fewer tourists. At the end of the lower section of Váci, recently converted to pedestrian-only traffic, stop in the splendid and colorful Central Market Hall overflowing with food and folk art stalls. A true sensory experience. On Saturdays, tour buses leave from the Central Market for the Ecseri Flea Market - a shopping and bargaining paradise.

The largest second- hand market in Budapest, the flea market on Nagykorosi Road , may be located some distance from the centre of town and yet most tourists find the journey out there well worth the time. The bustling market is an experience not only for those with fixed aim but also for those who just want to do some "stall shopping " .

This is cavalcade of old and new , the superb and the showy, the glorious and the kitsch. Old bronze pestles and mortars bottles with marble stoppers, lead soldiers military honours speak of bygone ages . Our Gay tour Guide Laci since 20 years every Sunday going there , knows each dealers and knows how to bargain getting you the best price , because this is all part of the game ! Laci sais "Every one of items on sale has it own story . And perhaps this very fact gives the market its remarkable and mystical air."

Why not visit Budapest's famous Ecseri market with us