

Walking tour in Pest City on 5th April, Saturday

The Federation of Hungarian Tourist Guides offers a nice guided walking tour for all participants of IEEE Region 8 Committee Meeting from 17.00 to 19.00

Meeting point: Hotel InterContinental front entrance; 9 groups of 20, start time 17:00-17:30 as the groups form

As hotel InterContinental is located at the bank of the river within the City Center of Budapest, it is easy for you to enjoy the panoramic view. We will first stroll along Széchenyi Square. Who was István Széchenyi? What has he got to do with the Chain Bridge? A lot, sounds the answer, along with many other projects carried out by him, by the „greatest Hungarian”.



Then we learn a bit about art nouveau style of the former Grasham Palace. At the Saint Stephan Basilica we remember the first king, founder of the Hungarian Kingdom and Roman Catholic Church in the 10th-11th Century. The Basilica is the main church, the Cathedral of Budapest. Here we also mention the great flood in 1838, biggest disaster of Pest, when the previous small church served as shelter, and saved the life of people. The Basilica was visited by Pope John Paul II. in 1991 and Pope Francis two years ago.

Strolling among restaurants we reach Liberty square, where a history lesson and some memorials await you to get to know, why that name was given to the square: Stock Exchange palace, National Bank, role of Americans after WW I. and during the Revolution in 1956, last Soviet memorial and even more stories follow.

Finally we reach the highlight, the third largest and most beautiful Parliament building in the World. The House of the Nation has 27 entrance gates, 29 staircases and a height of 96 meters, just like the Basilica.



The building is symmetric, because in the 19th Century we had a two chamber Parliament. In the northern wing the House of Lords, in the southern wing the House of Commons had their session hall.



Saying goodbye to the palace of legislation, we turn to the Danube and walk to see the Shoes. This is a memorial of a tragical episode in our history at the end of WW II.

Viewing Buda Castle and the hills, we walk along the Danube, and cross Chain Bridge to reach Europa boat where we finish the tour.

We await you on our next tour on Sunday, the 6th April (next page), it worth to come with us, do not miss it. Thank you for your attention!