

## TRIP TO BUDAPEST FROM THE 17<sup>TH</sup> TO THE 21<sup>ST</sup> OF FEBRUARY 2008

Vi parked the car at Dalen Parking. We left from Gardermoen with Norwegian at 8.15 o'clock, and we in Budapest at 11.45 o'clock. We landed at Ferihegy Airport, Terminal 1, which is most used by low cost airlines.



**Picture of the airport in Budapest**

We bought train tickets at the airport. It was only a couple of hundreds of meters to walk to the train station. We took an intercity train and had to pay extra. It took only 20 minutes to the center.

**The end station is Nyugati.**



There is also a station form the Metro. We took the Metro two stations to Deak ter where we changed to a new line and went off at Blaha Lujza ter. Then it was only a couple of hundreds of meters to walk to our hotel.

**Blaha Lujza ter  
in the background**



We had booked the hotel via Internet. It was called **Marco Polo** and was situated in Nyar Utca.

The room was in the third floor. It was simple but quite OK. There was a big roof window in the room, so we could keep ourselves posted in the weather development. There was a lift in the hotel, but we always went the stairs, so got free exercise.



**A picture of the hotel from the outside**



**The reception with internet**



**The bar**



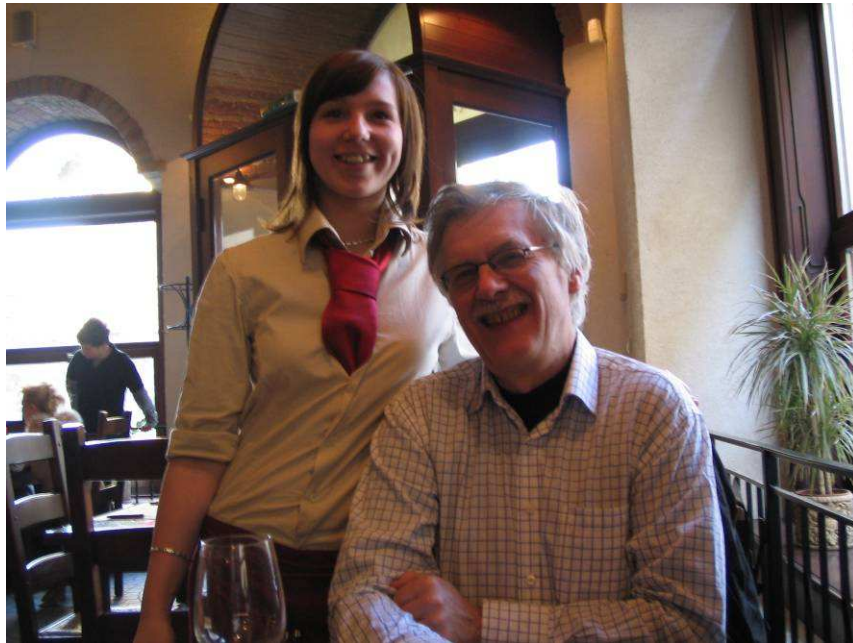
**The bathroom**



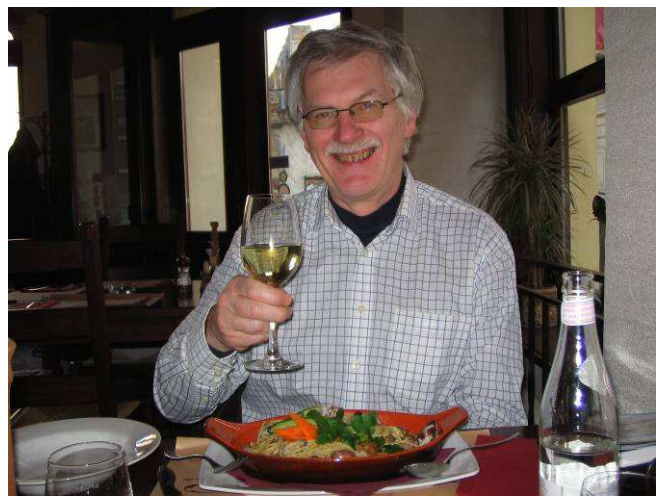
**The room**

When we had installed ourselves we were hungry and we went out to get something to eat. We went only ten meters and found an Italian restaurant, where we went inside. Here was very nice with pleasant service and good food (except from the fish).

The name of the restaurant was Il Terzo Cerchio.



**Gentle service**



**Happy guests**

Here we had spaghetti. Anne Berit had Bolognese and Kjell had Vongole (mussels). This was so good and the service was so pleasant that in the evening we went there again.

## The second day, the 18<sup>th</sup> of February 2008

This day we started eating breakfast in the bar. The breakfast was simple but OK. Later we started the sightseeing. We went down the main street nearby, Rakoczi Utca, in the direction of one of the big places downtown, Deak Ter. Here lies also a Metro station.

On the way, there were a lot of nice old buildings and churches to see, like these.



**Store- and accommodation-houses on Rakoczi Utca**

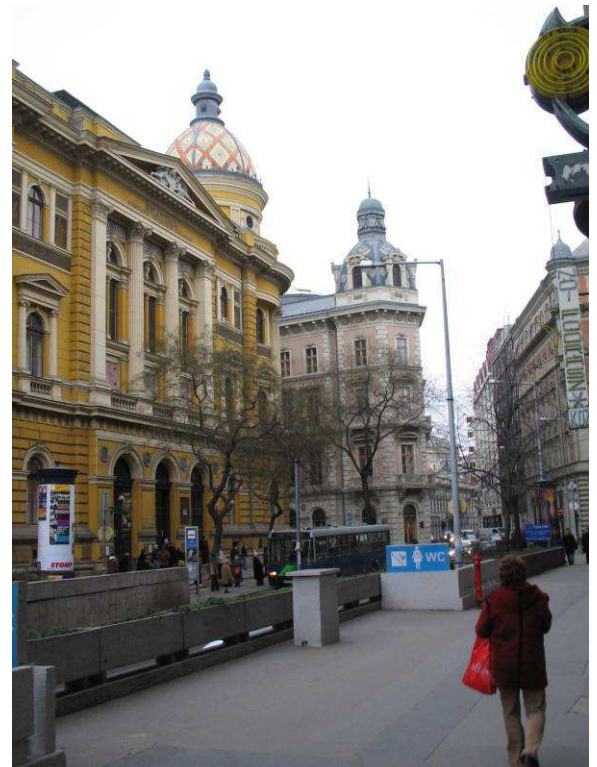


**The Franciscan church  
at  
Ferenciek Ter**

From Deak Ter gikk we went south towards the biggest market hall. On the way we went past



**The University Library, the yellow building at the  
left. The dome is from 1561**





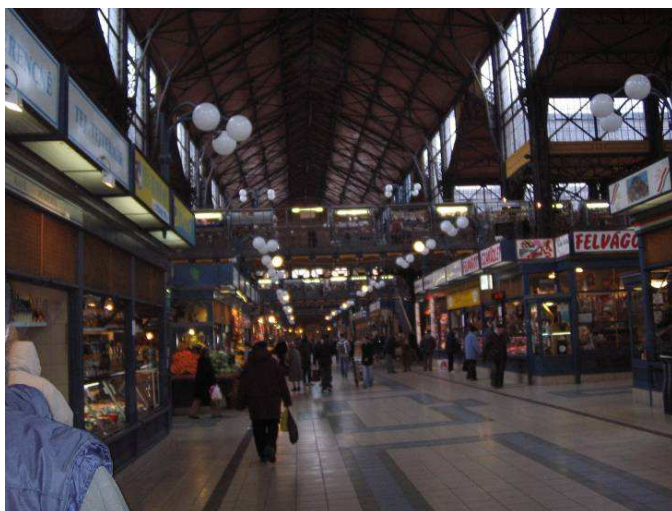
**The baroque University Church**



**The National Museum**



**Budapest's biggest market hall seen from outside**



**Budapest's biggest market hall seen from inside**



**In the market hall we had to have a beer  
and a Tokaj wine**

**We had nice decoration on the table**



**On our way up the shopping street Vaci Utca we  
tried a cup with warm wine**

**Then we had Gulasj soup**



**On our way further we got a glimpse of  
St. Istvan-basilika**



**View from Roosevelt Ter towards Obuda**



**View from Roosevelt Ter towards the palace hill**



**Hungarian Academy**



**The Margit bridge seen from the Parliament**



**Obuda seen from the Parliament**



**Nice tree on the Margit island**



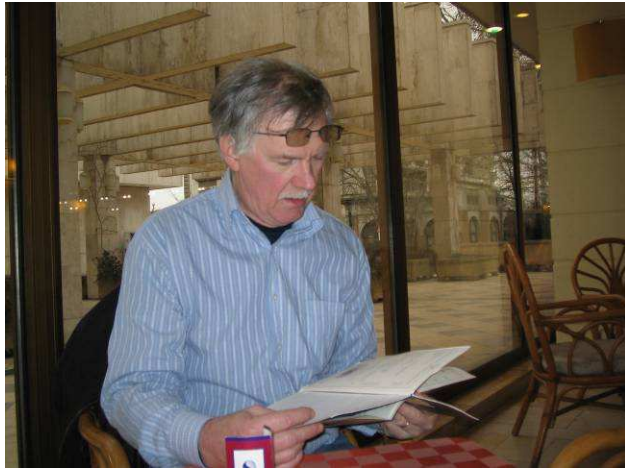
**Water tower**



**The Chain Bridge  
The Margit bridge  
The Margit Island**

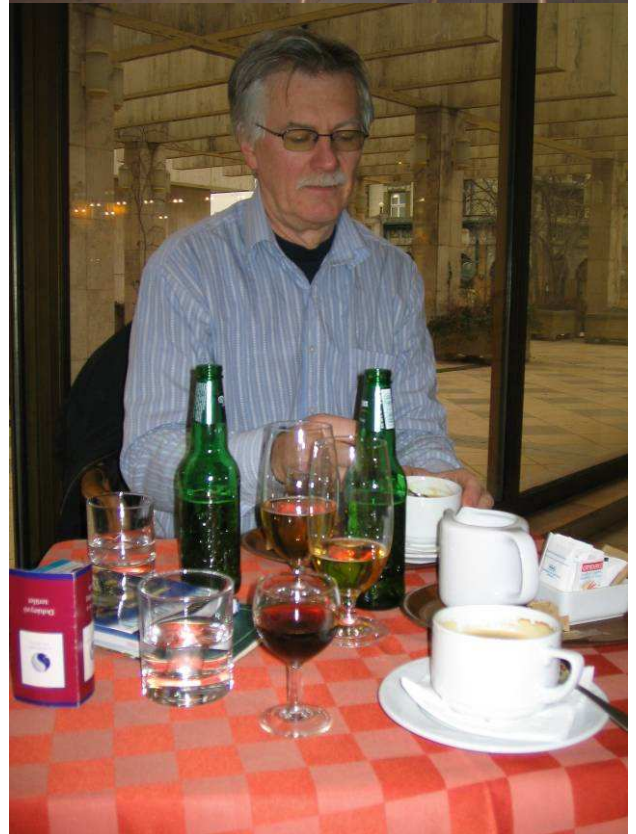


**A ruin of a  
Franciscan church on  
the Margit island**



**This was the end of the day and we had walked  
across the whole city**

**Now it was appropriate to have some drinks at  
the Spa hotel on the Margit Island**





When we were back at the hotel we rested for a while. Then we went 10 meters to our restaurant and had a good steak with excellent red wine. To finish off we had Espresso and Sambucca.

**The 3<sup>rd</sup> day, the 19<sup>th</sup> of February 2008**

This day we took the Metro to the other side of the Danube. We went off at Moszkva Ter. From there there was only short walk up to the old castle wall on the palace hill.



**Moszkva Ter**



**The City Gate**



**The City Gate**



**Here we are greeted**



**The Fishermen Bastion**



**Here is a wide view over the Danube and Pest**



**Upstream the Danube**



**Across the Danube**



**Downstream the Danube**

**There were wide views in all direction from the Fishermen's Bastion**



**Here they sell tablecloths. We didn't buy.**



**Kjell and the lion**



**Statue of St Istvan**



**Nice roof on the Matias church  
They worked with maintenance of the whole church**

When we were satisfied of looking at the views from the Fishermen's Bastion we went on. We came past The House for Hungarian Wines. Here was a sign about wine tasting. We wanted to try that before going on.



**Here we are waiting for the opening**



**Kjell is pouring wine**



**Kjell is pouring more wine**



**Anne Berit is drinking**



**This is a list of the wine producer of the year.**

**There were wines from all over Hungary.**

**The wines, which we could taste, were in bottles that were opened.**

**We guess that they have been standing opened for a long time for they were practically ruined.**

**There was one that was newly opened. That one was good.**

**The glasses, which we got for the tasting, we could keep.**

**It was all right to have seen this, but the tasting was quite in vain.**



After the sour wine we were hungry and we went in here to have some food and a bottle of good wine. We had Greek salad and mushroom soup.



Here we are approaching the palace



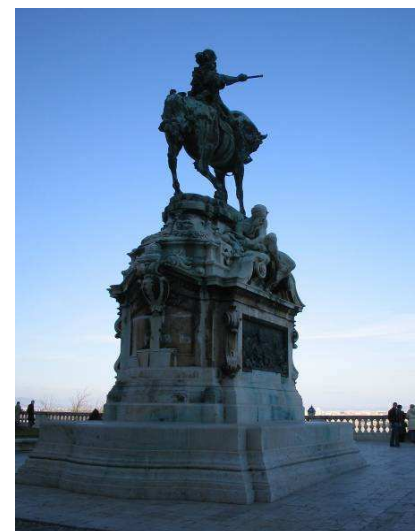
Here we go past the Defense Department



Before we go in to the palace, we are standing here at the way down for the cog railway. It goes down to the roundabout at Clark Adam Ter



Here we from beneath and up the cog railway



Statue of prince Eugene of Savoy



**Matthias fountain in the Kings Palace**



**The National Gallery of Hungary**



**The Lions Gate from the inside**



**The Lions Gate from the outside**



**Here we have come down from the palace hill and are at the Chain Bridge**



**On the way over the Chain Bridge**



**Here we have gone on board a restaurant boat for having a Weissbier**



**Nice boat**



**A smoke outside the boat**

After this we were tired, went back to the hotel and slept for many hours. Then we went over to our restaurant and had calf filet with good sauce at potato purée. Along with that we had of course a bottle of wine and to finish espresso and sambucca.



### **The 4<sup>th</sup> day the 20<sup>th</sup> of February 2008**

This day we had decided to have a look at the area around Városliget. We took at first the Metroen to Stadionok and a trolley bus further to Városliget. Here is a big park.



**This is a special house in Hermina Utca 47**



**Here there was an ice track. The Jugend pavilion in the background.**



**This is the famous outdoor baths Széchenyi where the water is coming from a source 1 km down in the ground. It is 75 degrees, but is cooled down to 38 degrees before it is channeled out into the three outdoor basins and all the smaller spa baths inside.**



**The Arch Angel Gabriel on the Place of the Heroes**





**The Millennium monument on the Place of the Heroes**



**The Art Museum on the Place of the Heroes**



**Here we are at a Japanese sushi restaurant.  
We started with trying a Japanese Plum Wine.**



**Here we ate with sticks and the food was very good. It was the best food we had had in Budapest.**



**The Japanese restaurant was straight ahead here at a street intersection called the Octant.**



**Here we are at a Hungarian restaurant in the evening. The restaurant is named Kispipa Étterem. It is famous because in earlier times there was a known Hungarian pianist, Rezső Seres, who always entertained here. Nowadays another pianist plays here.**



**The waiting time before the rabbit course is arriving. It was a course that was made in the hunter's style. Kjell was not so happy afterwards because the food tasted moldy, literally.**

After the unsuccessful meal we went back to our restaurant. We wanted to finish the evening with espresso and sambucca, but they had no more sambucca left. We had been drinking the rest of it. Instead we chose to try Pálinka. A Hungarian snaps, of which there many kinds. We had one made of plums (szliva).

This was the end of the trip. The day after, we went back to Norway.

It was a nice trip and Budapest can be recommended on the warmest.