



## St. Stephen's Basilica

Just as St. Stephen made an impressive contribution to Hungarian history, the basilica built in his honour is among the most awe-inspiring buildings in our beautiful city. St. Stephen's Basilica continues to be the country's most important church, not only as a place of worship, but also as a showcase of art through the ages. The construction of the church began in 1851 according to plans drawn up by the architect József Hild, while the construction was overseen by Miklós Ybl, creator of the Budapest Opera House.

A huge dome, one of the tallest points in Pest, rises up from the centre of the cross that forms the footprint of the building. A panorama balcony runs around the dome, offering excellent views of the Pest rooftops as they extend in all directions. Inside, the main altar with its intricate ciborium is graced by a statue of St. Stephen.



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