

The Hungarian capital literally turns into a dancefloor for Budapest Essentials

Not keen on partying in wellingtons and waking up in a tent anymore? On the last weekend of June the very own urban festival of Budapest will bring its headliners to historical locations all around the city, turning the city into one giant music, gastro and cultural fiesta. Budapest Essentials offers a stellar line-up featuring The Wombats, Carl Craig, Solomun, Duke Dumont, Dope D.O.D, Sub Focus and Gold Panda among many others.

There has been a lot going on in Budapest in the past few years. The city's architecture, gastronomy, art and cultural life are flourishing, while its nightlife is thriving too. Sziget Fesztivál does not need to be introduced, neither advised, but Budapest has a lot more offer. Budapest Essentials wants you to experience a lot more, to explore the city for yourself. With a festival pass you get access to parties at fascinating UNESCO World Heritage Sites, while you can visit one of the selected historical spas for free and also get major discounts at selected streetfood spots and other restaurants. Following the daily open-air concerts the city's most popular clubs will host afterparties for those who like to dance till dawn. Moreover ticket holders eligible to free entries into museums or even to the Budapest Zoo to make you busy before the daily concerts too. Budapest Essentials is all about exploring what the gem of Eastern Europe really has to offer.

Yet, still haven't impressed? Here are some details of the headliners, but do not consider it for long, tickets are dwindling fast as you might imagine.

The Wombats will present their latest album as part of their new tour, they are hitting Budapest Essentials among the first stops. The New York based band released its third album in April, *Glitterbug*, which has been long-awaited by critics and fans alike. On this very special evening the kings of contemporary artistic pop, while they showcase their unique and personally melancholic, yet uplifting post-new wave beats on the lovely Margaret Island, right in the middle of the city.

Dope D.O.D, the Dutch rap daredevils are well known for their outspoken and free-minded rhymes, will shake the upcoming Hungarian hip-hop scene to its core. **Sub Focus**, who himself is a pioneer of the drum and bass genre, will rock the dancefloor with his eclectic and always trendsetter DJ set. Those of you who are ready for some even heavier beats will be happy to hear that **Carl Craig**, one of the godfathers of traditional Detroit techno is going to take over the city on a not-anymore-average Friday night.

The super cute British synthpop queen **La Roux** also joins Budapest Essentials, whose latest LP was released last year. La Roux's electrifying concerts are complete with her multiple number one hits, like *In For The Kill* or *Let Me Down Gently*.

Duke Dumont represents the very elite of the current UK club scene and he also makes millions dancing all over the world. Budapest Essentials is going to be one the signature events of his tour this year, and we bet that apart from *I Got U*, which get him a Grammy nomination, the well-known *Need U or Won't Look Back* will also be part of his set.

Katy B's unique and personal live act amends the festival as well. The London based singer mixes sensual vocal themes with the core sounds of underground electronic music.

Following the dancefloors of Ibiza and Mexico's BPM Festival, Budapest can finally welcome **Solomun** from Hamburg, whose own label, Diynamic, means a fresh new sound for the German house/deep house scene. Mesmerizing house overlord **Gold Panda** is also on its way to Budapest.

Eskmo is back with a new album after five long years, and he is also back to Budapest to showcase it. And it is a monumental mission, which will be presented in a form of a very much live set, but only after he goes around in the city - as usual - to collect any quasi instrument, which he incorporates into his set up.

Answer Code Request brings the darkest and deepest arena techno from Berlin and proves that faster rhythms of the '90s fits well to the perfectionist modern sounds of our time's German techno. Romania's very own **Cosmin TRG** became a household name in the international underground electronic music scene in the last few years. Universal rhythms and perfect balance, both marking his sets, will serve and excellent soundtrack for the daze lasting till dawn. San Francisco's Bay Area sends **Monophonics**, the emperors of our time's psychedelic soul music.

Astronautalis cannot miss Budapest Essentials either: according to his own correspondence, he fell in love with the city years ago. Charles Andrew Bothwell, whose stagename stands for him and his fellow performing artists as a group too, is a traditional DIY musician, who focuses on granulated rhythms paired with rhythmic chanting, the latter he considers to be the most important ingredient of the urban lifestyle of our time.

Budapest Essentials is a must-attend event of this summer, especially because budgetwise it is not a major investment. Your money will get you a hell of a lot: pre-sale passes starts at 50 EUR, while pre-sale tickets are only 35 EUR - both for a limited time only. An average Friday costs more, so there is no place for objection here. Don't waste your time, get your tickets, book your flight and hotel and all the rest is provided by one of the most exciting city in Europe these days.

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