



## BUDAPEST UNDER GUIDE

# Be Global, Go Local - Budapest, Hungary

**Interview with Zsuzsa Bakonyi**

**Website:** <http://budapestglocal.blogspot.com/>

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I recently interviewed **Zsuzsa Bakonyi**, a blogger for the Budapest Underguide (a new-wave travel agency) blog about local things to do and places to see in Hungary. As a Hungarian, Zsuzsa has a personal mission and passion to connect different people and ideas around the globe through her photography, writing and participating in international volunteering activities ... first and foremost by showing off her city: Budapest, Hungary.

### **Personal Profile:**

**Age:** 26

**Education:** Corvinus University of Budapest majoring in Management and Minor in Communications

**Job:** Blogger for the Budapest Underguide sharing informative and personal content about Budapest, Hungary from locals' perspective for travelers and Budapesters

### **Q: Tell us about yourself**

**A:** I was born in Budapest. I am 26. I am blond or sometimes a red head. I have a sister and I like chocolate and beer. I am Hungarian, very much in love with Budapest, and yet always on the move and searching for new places and cultures to discover. I work in communications, write and take photos. I like to go by bike to my office and to my favourite bars.

### **Q: How many countries have you traveled to?**

**A:** It would be difficult to count them all! The most amazing [travel experience] was my trip to South America where I got to see Argentina, Bolivia, Peru and Brazil. We [my family and I] lived in Germany, England and Japan for a few months. I have been attracted to the Latin countries since my childhood (a crazy passion never really understood by my parents), so during university I took a break and went to live and work in Spain for a year, and I have also lived in Italy recently. Inside Europe, I have been here and there, the usual stuff, but there is still more to discover on the old continent and further way.

### **Q: What inspired you to start this blog?**

**A:** It was a lucky coincidence of my personal inspiration and the mission of Budapest Underguide, a new-wave travel agency with whom I have been collaborating for years. Actually, before moving back from Milan to Budapest I was already having some vague instincts to do something for my city and for foreigners as well.

### **Q: Tell us more about the Budapest Underguide and your blog?**

**A:** Budapest Underguide was founded by two cool ladies who wanted to show Budapest and Hungary in a new way to travelers and invent a new way of traveling. Now, with their backup, [budapestglocal.blogspot.com](http://budapestglocal.blogspot.com) and also a twitter and facebook page is being launched all with the same idea. [This blog will benefit] mostly English speaking foreign travelers wishing to go beyond the tourist tours and discovering off the beaten path sights. Locals can gain consciousness on what a gorgeous city we have and engage in discussion and share their point of views.

### **Q: What can Triptrotters gain from reading this blog?**

**A:** For the travelers, it is pretty obvious :) Besides, the hosts here in Budapest can engage in the earlier mentioned Underguide Collective, write posts of their own showing their view on Budapest, and they can get inspiration on what to give their guests to eat, where to take them for beers and other hints.

**Q: You must be an expert now on Budapest. If you could share an important tip about visiting Budapest to our community, what would that be?**

**A:** Learn to say *egészségedre* (cheers!) and from then on you have won the hearts of everyone.

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