



Pest-Buda

Capitalising on its success as an elevated bistro serving Hungarian cuisine and an exclusively domestic wine list, Pest-Buda expanded with a discreet 10-room hotel upstairs in 2016. It has been imbued with a rustic-chic vibe by Somlai Design Studio, who used local oak on the walls and floors, combined with bespoke copper lamps and prints by renowned artists including Miklós Borsos and Károly Reich; sleek limestone

bathrooms up the luxe factor. The building dates to 1696, when it was the first hotel in the country, and its baroque roof survives. Book one of the Atelier Suites underneath it in the eaves, with freestanding tubs, and windows framing the belltower of Matthias Church. In summer, have a nightcap at its alfresco outpost in pretty Hess András tér. *Fortuna utca 3, T 1 800 9213, www.pest-buda.com*



Spiler

A row of century-old buildings, some with inner courtyards, Gozdsu Udvar has been colonised by a plethora of ho-hum venues. The standouts are fashion designer Anh Tuan's Asian joint Sáo (T 20 319 4099), the regional wines at DiVino (T 70 413 4899) and the shabby-chic ethos and party vibe at rambling Spiler. The bistro (above) offers elevated pub grub, often from the grill, as well as hearty breakfasts that invariably

feature a fine mangalica and Tokaji (pork and wine) sausage. A separate bar area evokes a farmers' market – it's built with wood and plastic fruit crates. Drop by to sample some of Hungary's best wines and microbrews, such as the Flying Rabbit IPA from Budapest's Monyo. DJs play Thursday to Saturday from around 9pm to midnight. *Király utca 13, T 1 878 1309, www.spilerbp.hu*