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Hungarian Parliament Building

The Hungarian Parliament Building is the seat of the National Assembly of Hungary, one of Europe's oldest legislative buildings, a notable landmark of Hungary and a popular tourist destination of Budapest. It lies in Kossuth Lajos Square, on the bank of the Danube in Budapest. It is the largest building in Hungary, and the second largest Parliament in the whole of Europe.

Similar to the Palace of Westminster in London, it was built in Gothic Revival style with a symmetrical façade and a central dome. Its interior includes

10 courtyards, 13 passenger and freight elevators, 27 gates, 29 staircases and 691 rooms (including more than 200 offices). With its height of 96 m, it is one of the tallest buildings in Budapest.

The main façade faces the river Danube, but the official main entrance is from the square in front of the building. Inside and outside, there are altogether 242 sculptures on the walls.

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