

# TRAVEL INFORMATION

## Visa

Hungary is part of the Schengen Area of 26 European countries. For non-Schengen EU, USA and Canadian citizens a valid passport is sufficient to enter Hungary. Citizens of other countries should check whether visa is needed for them when entering Hungary (for more information please visit the home page of the Hungarian Consular Service (<https://konzulizsolgalat.kormany.hu/en>) On request, the Congress Secretariat will issue invitation letters for visa applications. Please apply in due time for a visa if necessary and note that visa application takes 30-60 days and personal procedure is necessary.

## Invitation letter

Please contact [golob@congressline.hu](mailto:golob@congressline.hu) for invitation letter.

## How to get to the Conference Venue from the Liszt Ferenc Budapest Airport?

To reach the Conference Venue (Budapest Congress Center, H-1123, Budapest, Jagelló út 1-3.) there are several means of transport:

### Public Transport

Bus number 100E till Astoria stop and change to bus line 8E for 6 stops („BAH-csomópont”). From here the main entrance of the Congress Center or the onsite hotel (Novotle City) is in 2 minutes walk.

Public shuttle bus number 100E to the city center, Deák Ferenc tér (with two drop-off points at Kálvin tér and at Astoria) departs in every 30 minutes from the airport. This service is available only with special ticket (900 HUF).

[www.bkk.hu/en/airport-shuttle](http://www.bkk.hu/en/airport-shuttle)

### Shuttle Bus

The miniBUD service offers fixed rates for passengers from the airport to the Congress venue or to inner city hotels. One way transfer: 4900 HUF (cca. 16 EUR) Return transfer: 8800 HUF (cca. 28 EUR) Tel: +36 1 550 0000; [www.minibud.hu](http://www.minibud.hu)

### Taxi

Főtaxi company transports passengers between the terminals and Budapest. All cars are equipped with a POS terminal, therefore credit cards are also accepted. Reservations can be made in person at the Főtaxi booths located at the exits at Terminals 2A and 2B. At the taxi rank in front of the stands, taxis are parking continuously waiting for passengers. Fares should be around 9-10.000 HUF (28-30

EUR) Tel: +36 1 222 2 222, +36 20 222 2 222, +36 30 222 2 222, +36 70 222 2 222

Online pre-orders: <http://fotaxi.hu/rendeles/?lang=en>

## Travel by Plane

Budapest has direct flight connections with every capital of Europe and other major cities and hubs in Europe and world-wide. Most major Airlines are also presented in Budapest. Any point in the world can be reached to and from Budapest. Liszt Ferenc International Airport (former Ferihegy Airport) has two terminals roughly 28 kilometers from the city. Since 2004 several low cost airlines have been running their flights between Budapest and the large European cities (Ryanair, Wizzair, Germanwings, EasyJet, Air Baltic, Air Lingus, Norwegian, Air Berlin, Jet2, Transavia, TUI Fly, etc).

## Travel by Train

Budapest is connected to the European railway system. There are direct railway links between Budapest and 13 capital cities of Europe and 47 international scheduled trains arrive daily in Budapest. Many international trains have dining and sleeping cars or couchettes. Most international express trains arrive and depart from the Eastern (Keleti) Railway Station.

[www.mav-start.hu](http://www.mav-start.hu)

## Travel by Coach

Volánbusz Rt., being a member of Eurolines, operates scheduled services to 22 European countries. [www.volanbusz.hu](http://www.volanbusz.hu)

FlixBus, a unique combination of tech startup, e-commerce platform and sustainable transportation company, allows travelers to experience the world, no matter their budget. [www.flixbus.com](http://www.flixbus.com)

## Public Transportation

Budapest's public transportation systems are operated by the Centre for Budapest Transport (BKK). The service includes buses, trolleybuses, trams, underground trains (Metro) and above-ground suburban trains (HÉV). Buses, trams and trolleybuses run daily from 4:30 a.m. until 11:00 p.m.

Three of the four recent Metro lines interconnect at Deák tér Station. Service frequencies range from 15 minutes late in the evening to every two minutes at peak times. Tickets or passes must be bought before boarding. They are available at BKK Customer Service Points, tickets offices at Metro stations, from the driver onboard the bus, but best option is to use the vending machines throughout the city.

Please note that front-door boarding only policy is in place on some of the bus lines (including 200E from the airport to the city). Additionally, you can try the MOL Bubi public bike-sharing scheme as a new mode of public transport in Budapest, which

consists of 76 docking stations and 1,100 bicycles.

Budapest's excellent night bus system has just been upgraded to 40 lines.

Please note that to make sure that everyone has a ticket, the transport company has hired uniformed security guards who check for tickets on board.

For detailed information on public transportation fares and timetables please visit [www.bkk.hu](http://www.bkk.hu).

For smartphones official BKK INFO and BKK FUTÁR apps are available at Google Play and iTunes.

More information: [https://bkk.hu/apps/docs/turisztikai\\_kiadvany\\_en.pdf](https://bkk.hu/apps/docs/turisztikai_kiadvany_en.pdf)

## Climate

The climate of Budapest is continental. In June true summer weather can be expected with a max. temperature of 24-27 °C, while the lowest temperature during the night ranging between 12-15 °C. Rainy days can be expected.

## Insurance

The registration fees do not include provision for the insurance of participants against personal accidents, illness, cancellation, theft, property loss or damage. Participants are advised to take adequate personal travel insurance.

## Currency

The Forint (HUF), the official national currency, is convertible. The exchange rates applied in Budapest banks, official exchange offices and hotels may vary. All the major credit cards are accepted in Hungary in places displaying the emblem at the entrance.

Exchange rate: **1 Euro = 330 HUF** in February 2020

## Credit Cards

In general, VISA, EC/MC and American Express credit cards are accepted in most restaurants, cafés, shops and petrol stations.

## Tipping

Service charges are not always added automatically to accounts by hotels and restaurants, please check the menu or ask the staff if you are not sure. You may tip taxi drivers, hotel porters and restaurant waitstaff (up to about 10% of the bill) if you wish to acknowledge exceptional service. At any time, tipping is your choice.

## Stores and Shopping

The opening hours of Budapest stores are generally 10:00-18:00 on weekdays and 10:00-13:00 on Saturday. The big shopping centres are open from 10:00-20:00 from Monday to Saturday and from 10.00-18.00 on Sunday.

## Pharmacies

Budapest's pharmacies (gyógyszertár in Hungarian) are well stocked and can provide medicaments for most common ailments. Each of the 23 districts has an all-night pharmacy open every day, a sign on the door of any pharmacy will help you locate the closest one.

## Electricity

The voltage in Hungary is 230V, 50 Hz AC.

## Parking

If you drive a personal or rented car, always try to park at a guarded parking lot and do not leave any valuables in the car. Please note, that Budapest is divided into paying parking areas, with one parking meter in each street. The maximum parking time duration and tariffs may vary between different parking zones.

For detailed information on parking, please visit this site: [www.visitbudapest.travel/budapest-info/parking-in-budapest](http://www.visitbudapest.travel/budapest-info/parking-in-budapest)

## Time Zone

Central European Time (CET): UTC+01:00

## The most important Hungarian words

- yes – igen
- no – nem
- hi – szia
- please – kérem
- thank you – köszönöm
- you're welcome – szívesen
- good morning – jó reggelt!
- good evening – jó estét!
- good night – jó éjszakát!
- good bye – viszlát!
- sorry – sajnálom
- no problem – semmi baj
- how are you? – hogy vagy?
- where is the... ? – hol van a... ?
- I – én
- you – te
- I don't understand – nem értem

- how much does it cost? – mennyibe kerül?