



USEFUL INFORMATION FOR YOUR STAY

Welcome to Budapest!

To make your arrival and stay as easy and enjoyable as possible, we have collected some useful information about getting from the airport to the city centre, such as public transportation, the Budapest Card and other practical tips.

ARRIVING AT BUDAPEST AIRPORT ➔

Budapest Ferenc Liszt International Airport (BUD) is located approximately 20–25 km from the city centre.

Option 1 – 100E Airport Express

The **100E Airport Express** is the easiest and most economical public transport option for most visitors.

- Direct connection between the airport and **Deák Ferenc tér**, in the heart of Budapest
- Stops in the city centre including **Kálvin tér, Astoria and Deák Ferenc tér**
- The journey takes approximately **35–45 minutes**, depending on traffic
- The bus operates **day and night**
- A special airport ticket is required: **HUF 2,500 per person**
- The tickets can be purchased:
 - in the **BudapestGO app**
 - at ticket machines at the airport
 - directly on board using a bank card via Budapest Pay&GO

Important: A normal Budapest public transport ticket or travelcard is **not valid on the 100E Airport Express**. A separate airport ticket is required.

- **100E Airport Express information:**
[BKK – Airport Express 100E](#)
- **BudapestGO app – tickets & journey planning:**
[BudapestGO official information](#)

Option 2 – Taxi

For a comfortable door-to-door transfer, taxis are available directly outside the airport terminals.

Főtaxi is one of the official taxi partners of Budapest Airport.

- Taxi stands are located outside **Terminals 2A and 2B**
- All official taxis accept credit/debit cards
- The fare is calculated according to the official Budapest taxi tariff
- We recommend using only the official taxi stands or booking through the official app



Főtaxi:

[Főtaxi official website](#)

Budapest Airport – official taxi information:

[Budapest Airport – Taxi information](#)

Uber is also available at Budapest Airport and can be ordered through the Uber app.

Uber at Budapest Airport:

[Budapest Airport – Uber information](#)

Bolt app:

<https://bolt.eu/en/>

Tip: Please do not accept offers from unofficial drivers inside the terminal. Always use an official taxi rank or book through an official app.

GETTING AROUND BUDAPEST

Budapest has an extensive and easy-to-use public transport network including:

- Metro
- Trams
- Buses
- Trolleybuses
- Suburban trains

The **BudapestGO app** is particularly useful for visitors. It allows you to:

- plan journeys in real time
- check routes and travel times
- purchase tickets and travelcards
- receive traffic and service information
 - [Download and use BudapestGO](#)

Important ticket information

Budapest operates a **pre-purchase ticket system**. Please buy and validate your ticket before travelling.

For single tickets, remember to **validate the ticket before starting your journey**.

Digital tickets can be validated using the BudapestGO app.

[BKK – Tickets and travelcards](#)





BUDAPEST CARD

If you are planning to visit several attractions, the **Budapest Card** may be worth considering.

The Budapest Card combines:

- free public transportation within Budapest
- free entry to selected museums and attractions
- free or discounted sightseeing activities
- discounts at selected restaurants, baths and other attractions

The card is available for different validity periods, including:

- **24, 48, 72, 96 and 120 hours.**

Current 2026 prices start from approximately **€53 for 24 hours**, with longer-duration cards offering better value per day.

- **Official Budapest Card website:**
[Budapest Card – official website](#)
- **Budapest Card – current prices:**
[Budapest Card 2026 prices](#)

Is the Budapest Card worth it?

It can be a good option if you plan to visit several museums, attractions, thermal baths and use public transportation frequently.

However, if you mainly want to explore the city on foot and visit only a few attractions, buying individual tickets may be more economical.

Please check the current list of included attractions before purchasing, as the benefits and participating partners may change.

MONEY & PAYMENTS

Hungary uses the **Hungarian Forint (HUF)**.

Although many hotels, restaurants and shops accept cards, it is still useful to have a small amount of Hungarian Forint with you.

Credit cards

Visa and Mastercard are widely accepted.

Tip: When paying by card, you may sometimes be asked whether you would like to pay in HUF or in your home currency. In most cases, choosing **HUF** and allowing your own bank/card provider to handle the currency conversion is preferable.





RESTAURANTS & TIPPING

Tipping is customary in Hungary.

In restaurants, a tip of approximately **10–15%** is generally appropriate if the service charge is not already included.

Always check the bill for a **service charge ("service charge" / "szervizdíj")** before adding a tip.

TAP WATER

Tap water in Budapest is **safe to drink** and is regularly monitored.

You can therefore refill your reusable water bottle during your stay.

EMERGENCY NUMBER

The general emergency number in Hungary is:

112

This number can be used for:

- Police
 - Ambulance
 - Fire brigade
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OFFICIAL BUDAPEST TOURISM INFORMATION

For information about attractions, events, sightseeing, restaurants and things to do in Budapest:

- [Official Budapest Tourism Website – Visit Budapest](#)
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A FEW THINGS NOT TO MISS

If this is your first visit to Budapest, we recommend making time for at least some of these:

- Hungarian Parliament
- Buda Castle & Castle District
- Matthias Church
- Chain Bridge
- Fisherman's Bastion
- One of Budapest's famous thermal baths
- A Danube river cruise
- St. Stephen's Basilica and the surrounding area
- Traditional Hungarian cuisine and wine
- The great market hall
- Vajdahunyad castle and Heroes square

Budapest is a very walkable city, and many of the most beautiful areas can easily be explored on foot.



Useful official links:

- **Budapest Airport**
[Budapest Ferenc Liszt International Airport](#)
- **Public transport – BKK**
[BKK – Budapest Public Transport](#)
- **BudapestGO**
[BudapestGO](#)
- **Budapest Card**
[Official Budapest Card](#)
- **Visit Budapest**
[Official Budapest Tourism Website](#)

We wish you a wonderful stay in Budapest and hope you enjoy discovering the city!

