

SOME PIECES OF ADVICE FOR GETTING AROUND IN BUDAPEST

If you come by plane and you arrive at the Budapest Liszt Ferenc International Airport, you will find several ways to get into the city.

The easiest means are to use either the miniBUD Airport Shuttle Service or to take a taxi. Both are marked by lines on the floor to follow, in order to get the official companies.

Further information about the MiniBUD Airport Shuttle Service can be found at www.minibud.hu/en. Taxis are stationed in front of the Terminal and queuing travelers are quickly distributed to get in the car.

If you want to buy some food or drink after your arrival, you can find a supermarket "SPAR" right at the airport.

In the city you can find lots of ATMs and currency exchange offices. Please keep in mind not to make any financial transactions in the street. There are plenty of official sites (Western Union, NorthLine, Correct Change, Exclusive Change). Credit/debit cards are commonly accepted except for smaller shops which means it is advised to have some cash with you during your stay. Some places will accept payment in Euros, however this is at the discretion of the venue and generally the exchange rate is worse than in banks or exchange offices.

Public transport

Public transport in the city is well-organized. Trams, buses, trolley buses and metro trains operate without conductors. The Customer Service Points of BKK Centre for Budapest Transport is at the Liszt Ferenc International Airport's Terminal 2A (daily 8:00-22:00) and Terminal 2B (daily 9:00-21:00). English-speaking attendants will be at your service with useful information on transport and tourism. Almost all types of tickets and passes are available for purchase at the airport including the practical 24- or 72-hour travel-cards especially designed for tourists short stays. Tickets must be purchased in advance at traffics, metro stations or mainly at vendor machines at the tram and bus stops. You can find all information about tickets and prices here.

When using single tickets, a new ticket has to be validated at the beginning of each journey and this is done by inserting it into the slot in the small red or orange boxes situated at waist height near the doors of buses, trolleybuses, trams and HÉV trains. Please note that on the Underground system these boxes are in the stations at the top of the escalator. The inspectors can ask to inspect the tickets and passes on any vehicle and anywhere in the Metro system, including after you have got off - so please remember to validate your ticket and keep hold of it!

Budapest has an excellent night bus system. The transport company (BKK) has hired uniformed security guards who check for tickets in the bus stops, it is no problem if you don't have a ticket, since the security staff has them on sale all night - just pay and ride.

The conference would take place on the premises of the Budapest Metropolitan University











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which has modern facilities and good technology. The campus is in easy reach from the airport, main railway stations and the city center, since it is located at the end of Metro Line 2. Although this is not in the center of the city, the transport links are very good (20 minutes by metro). For the reason, that the Budapest Metropolitan University is easily accessible by public transport, we recommend participants to use public transport where possible.

Taxi

Taxis are yellow in Budapest. Cabs in Budapest are marked with the word "Taxi", accompanied by a company name/logo on their top. All taxi vehicles must have a yellow registration plate, as opposed to the white background on regular car plates. It is strongly recommended for you to use only taxis equipped with a taximeter. Beware of private cabs, especially those without a taximeter. Most of the bigger taxi companies have an English-speaking telephone operator and you may ask them to send a driver who speaks at least Basic English. A cab ordered by telephone is less expensive than one hailed on the street.

List of telephone numbers of the biggest companies (non-stop)

• 6x6 Taxi: (+36-1)-666-6666

• Budapest Taxi: (+36-1)-777-7777

• City Taxi: (+36-1)-2-111-111

• Főtaxi: (+36-1)-2-222-222

• Taxi 2000: (+36-1)-2-000-000

• Taxi Plus: (+36-1)-8-888-888

Tourist Information Points

Two BudapestInfo Points are located in the **city center**:

- at Deák Ferenc tér (where the 3 metro lines meet) and at Sütő utca 2 (close to Deák Ferenc tér transport hub) in district V., downtown Budapest, Opening hours: 8 a.m. 8 p.m. every day
- in the Building of the City Park Ice Rink (Olof Palme sétány 5.), Opening hours: 9 a.m. 7 p.m.

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