Welcome

There is no place like Hungary. Situated in the very heart of Europe, this kidney-shaped country can claim a unique place in the continent's soul. Hungary is one of the 15 most popular tourist destinations in the world, and despite its relatively small size, the country is home to numerous World Heritage Sites (e.g. Budapest – including the Banks of the Danube, the Buda Castle Quarter and Andrássy Avenue, Early Christian Necropolis of Pécs (Sopianae), Tokaj Wine Region, Millenary Benedictine Abbey of Pannonhalma).

Hungary is the best place to enter both Central and Eastern Europe. After centuries as a powerful medieval kingdom, Hungary was part of the Ottoman and then the Habsburg Empire from the 16th century onwards, emerging as an independent country again after World War I.

The redrawing of European borders that took place after World War I left about five million ethnic Hungarians living in neighbouring countries. Following World War II Hungary fell under communist rule. An uprising in 1956 was crushed by Red Army forces, but Hungary did later become the first Eastern European country to gain some economic freedom.

Hungary played an important part in accelerating the collapse of communism across Eastern Europe when it opened its border with Austria in 1989, allowing thousands of East Germans to escape to the West. Just a few months later the Berlin Wall was history.

Hungary is home to Lake Balaton, the largest in central Europe, and to a large number of spa towns and hot springs. Just in Budapest, there is over 15 million gallons of water bubble daily into city's 118 springs and boreholes.

It has especially rich traditions in folk and classical music and was the birthplace of numerous outstanding performers and composers, including Franz Liszt, Béla Bartók and Zoltán Kodály. There are also many famous inventors who are Hungarian like Ernő Rubik (inventor of Rubik's Cube), Tivadar Puskás (inventor of the telephone exchange), Oszkár Asbóth, (inventor of helicopter), János Neumann (computer pioneer).

Hungarians are also very good in sports. At the latest Olympic Games in Rio we won 8 gold medals (kayak, swimming, fencing).

It is a real pleasure for us to welcome you at our university. We hope that your stay will be fruitful and a real life-long experience.

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Academic Calendar for 2016/2017 Autumn Term

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<th>Term period</th>
<th>6th February – 30th June</th>
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<td>Orientation Week</td>
<td>6th February – 9th February</td>
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<td>Term time</td>
<td>6th February – 20th May</td>
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<td>Spring break</td>
<td>10th April – 21st April</td>
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<td>Examination period</td>
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Photocopy

In Budapest there is a Copy-Store only a few meters from Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences and Faculty of Law (1088 Budapest, Szentkirályi utca 33-35., open weekdays 8 a.m. – 7 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. – 2.30 p.m.) In Piliscsaba you can make photocopies in the lobby of Ambrosianum (Monday-Thursday 8 a.m. – 3.30 p.m., Friday 8 a.m. – 2.30 p.m.) It works with coins. The library also has Xerox machines.

IT Services

There is WIFI in the building. We use here EDUROAM system (https://www.eduroam.org), so if you already have an account at your home university, you can also use the same account here. If not, after you registered in our online study system, called NEPTUN, you can use it with your NEPTUN username.

Libraries

Libraries in Budapest

Fővárosi Szabó Ervin Library
The services of the library are available for the members or registered visitors. If you want to borrow a book or just read some in the library, you have to sign up for a reader’s card for free at the front desk. In the case of membership which allows you to borrow a book, you have to pay.

Address: 1088 Budapest, Szabó Ervin tér 1. (near to Kálvin tér metro station)

Opening hours:
Monday-Friday: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

National Széchenyi Library Budapest
This is the national library of Hungary, which collects all the written heritage of Hungary and all documents pertaining to it. The collection of Hungarica (all the books and other documents published in Hungary, and publications related to Hungary or to Hungarians published abroad) is to be carried out continuously to the fullest extent possible and these materials are available for the users whether in the form of parchment, paper or electronic medium.

The services of the library are available for the members or registered visitors. However, it is not allowed to borrow books from the library.
Registration fee:

Daily ticket: 1.200 HUF
Monthly ticket: 2.000 HUF
Semester ticket: 2.000 HUF/ 1 semester
3.500 HUF/ 2 semesters
Prolongation: 1.500 HUF/ 1 semester
3.000 HUF/ 2 semesters

Address: 1014 Budapest, Szent György tér 4-5-6.

Opening hours:
Tuesday-Saturday: 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.

The Library of the Central European University (CEU Library)
The CEU Library is a medium-sized university library offering the largest collection of English-language holdings in the fields of social sciences and the humanities in Central and East Europe. In order to be able to visit this library, you have to contact us, because this Library is not open for the public. Thus, the International Office has to certify that you’re our student and make contact the librarians before your first visit.

Address: 1050 Budapest, Nádor utca 9.

Opening hours:
Monday-Friday: 8 a.m. – 10 p.m.
Saturday, Sunday: 1 p.m. – 7 p.m.

University Library – Faculty of Law
Students of the university have full access and borrowing rights. Opening hours:
Monday-Thursday: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Friday: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

University Library – Piliscsaba (Bibliotheca)
Students of the university have full access and borrowing rights. Opening hours:
Monday: 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Tuesday-Thursday: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Friday: 11 a.m. – 3.30 p.m.
Saturday: 8.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.
Catalogue: http://hunteka.itk.ppke.hu/btk/
Practical Information

Visa, residence permit and insurance

For non-EEA citizens it is necessary to apply for Residence Permit for the Purpose of Studies. For EEA citizens it is obligatory to apply for a Registration Card. Don't forget to apply for the European Health Insurance Card before your travel. Further information: https://btk.ppke.hu/en/international-office/pre-arrival/visa-residence-permit-and-insurance

International Student Identity Card (ISIC)

With the International Student Identity Card you may travel and visit sites for a reduced price (it has to be issued in your home country). Once you start learning at a Hungarian university you get a Hungarian Student Card (diákigazolvány), which allows you to get a discount on public transport, in museums and cinemas. Further information: http://www.isic.org

How to make a phone call in Hungary?

The international dialling code of Hungary is 0036 or +36. From a foreign phone you must dial +36 before the number. A typical Hungarian phone number consists of a prefix, an area code and a six or seven digit number. If you have a Hungarian phone, to call another Hungarian number enough to dial 06, instead of +36. Budapest has the special area code 1, and the phone numbers in Budapest are 7 digits long (for example: 06-1-211-1111). Note: when you're inside the area you wish to call, you don't have to dial either the prefix or the area code (so when you're making a call inside Budapest, just dial 211-1111).

Useful Phone Numbers

(English, German and other foreign languages)

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<td>Emergency</td>
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<td>Police</td>
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<td>Ambulance</td>
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<td>Fire Department</td>
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<td>Phone Directory Hungary</td>
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Tourinform

Phone: +36 1 438 80 80 (0-24 call centre)

Post Office

Budapest
1085 Budapest József körút 37-39
Mon-Fri: 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Saturday: 8 a.m. – 12 a.m.

Piliscsaba in Quaestura
Mon-Fri: 8.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
1.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.
# Doctors

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<tr>
<th>General Practitioners</th>
<th>Dr. Adrienn FÁBRY</th>
<th>1052 Budapest, Semmelweis utca 14. (+36-1-318-6046)</th>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Dr. Károly NAGY</td>
<td>1054 Budapest, Hold utca 8. (+36-1-354-1893)</td>
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<td>Medical Service</td>
<td>2081 Piliscsaba Bajcsy-Zsilinszky utca 22. (+36 26 375 394)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Dentist</td>
<td></td>
<td>1088 Budapest, Szentkirályi utca 40. (+36-1-317-6600)</td>
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<td>Gynaecologist</td>
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<td>1082 Budapest Úllői utca 78/A (near Klinikák metro station) (+36-1-459-1500/ ext. 3212)</td>
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# Pharmacy (Gyógyszertár)

**In Budapest**
- Mikszáth Gyógyszertár (1088 Mikszáth tér 4.)
  - Weekdays: 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.
- Szigony Gyógyszertár (1083 Budapest, Szigony u. 2.)
  - Mon-Fri: 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.
  - Saturday: 8 a.m. – noon

**In Piliscsaba**
- Salvia Pharmacy (2081 Piliscsaba, Fő út 22.)
  - Mon-Fri: 7 a.m. – 6 p.m.
  - Saturday: 7.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

# Public and National Holidays in Hungary during the semester

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<th>Date</th>
<th>Event</th>
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<td>15 March</td>
<td>National Holiday (Revolution 1848/49)</td>
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<td>16-17 April</td>
<td>Easter</td>
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<td>1 May</td>
<td>Labour Day</td>
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<td>4-5 June</td>
<td>Pentecost</td>
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# Places of Worship

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<th>Roman Catholic</th>
<th>Jesus Sacred Heart Church – Klotildliget</th>
<th>Budapest, Klotild tér 1.</th>
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<td></td>
<td>Jesuit Church of the Sacred Heart</td>
<td>Budapest, Mária utca 25.</td>
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<td>Béthel community home</td>
<td>2081 Piliscsaba Széchenyi utca 8-12.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Evangelical-Lutheran Church of Budapest-Fasor</td>
<td>Budapest, Városligeti fasor 17.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Presbyterian/Calvinistic</td>
<td>Presbyterian church</td>
<td>Piliscsaba, Deák Ferenc utca 55.</td>
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<td>Presbyterian Church of Scotland</td>
<td>Budapest, Vörösmarty utca 51.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Muslim</td>
<td>Budapest Mosque</td>
<td>Budapest, Fehérvári út 41.</td>
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Sport
1082 Budapest, Futó utca 48-50.
Phone: +36 70 331-3133, +36 1 951-1789
Open: Monday-Friday:  6 a.m. – 10 p.m.
                           Saturday - Sunday:  8 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Email: info@life1wellness.hu

Life 1 Wellness Centre
2081 Piliscsaba, Fő utca 2. (Iosephinum dormitory)
Phone: +36 30 396 6379
Open: Monday-Friday:  3 p.m. – 9 p.m.
                           Saturday:        8 a.m. – 7. p.m.
                           Sunday:          9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Email: info@pilis-scentrum.hu

Pilis Sport Centre
2081 Piliscsaba, Fő utca 2. (Iosephinum dormitory)
Phone: +36 30 396 6379
Open: Monday-Friday:  3 p.m. – 9 p.m.
                           Saturday:        8 a.m. – 7. p.m.
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Email: info@pilis-scentrum.hu

Where can you eat between two courses?

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<th>Ficzak</th>
<th>Sophianum, 1088 Budapest, Mikszáth tér 1.</th>
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<tr>
<td>Fecske Presszó</td>
<td>1085 Budapest, Baross utca 10.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Lunch/Menu on different prices (300–700 HUF)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Pasta. (every day 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.)</td>
<td>1053 Budapest, Kálvin tér 2.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Restaurant at Faculty of Information Technology and Bionics</td>
<td>1083 Budapest, Práter u. 50/A.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Buffet in Piliscsaba</td>
<td>Ambrosianum, Piliscsaba</td>
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<td>Fényesliget Kávézó és Hallgatói Klub (Student’s Club of Pázmány)</td>
<td>2081 Piliscsaba, Fényesliget sétány 2.</td>
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<td>Monday-Friday: 08:30 a.m. – 10 p.m.</td>
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<td>Saturday:     10 a.m. – 10 p.m.</td>
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Tips and Tricks

Electronics:
The electrical current in Hungary is 230V at 50Hz with a typical two-pin European plug (Type C/E/F). Appliances made for 220-240V will function here.

Health Issues
If you have any problems (e.g.: flu, headache, fever, etc.) during the semester please check your insurance company first.
A/ If you have insurance you can only visit a doctor for free if your company is in contract with the doctor.
B/ If you have no insurance, but you have European Health Insurance Card, you can visit any doctor, but you have to pay for the service. The European Health Insurance Card ensures free-visits only if it is an emergency case (e.g.: accident, injury, severe pain, etc.).
C/ If you have no insurance, neither European Health Insurance Card, you are free to visit any doctors, but you will have to pay for any kind of service.

Mobile/Cell phones
There are 3 companies in Hungary: Telenor, T-Mobile and Vodafone. They have their own default area codes (although they offer free number portability today): 20 (Telenor), 30 (T-Mobile) and 70 (Vodafone). When you call a mobile phone number, you should dial the prefix (06), the "area" code (20, 30 or 70), and the 7 digit long phone number. For example: 06-30-1234567. You can buy various types of calling cards in GSM-Shops, news agents, post offices or in malls.

Money
Cash withdrawal: ATMs usually accept most of the cards. Exchanging cash at the arrival location (airport, railway station) is usually more expensive than in a bank or in one of the official exchange kiosks in the city. NEVER EXCHANGE MONEY ON THE STREET!
Official exchange rates: http://english.mnb.hu/arfolyamok

Price Guide

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<th>Food</th>
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<td>Toothpaste: 400 HUF</td>
<td>Sandwich at university café: 300 - 400 HUF</td>
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<td>Shampoo / shower gel: 700 HUF</td>
<td>Pizza (delivered): 1200 - 2000 HUF</td>
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<td>Printing and photocopying: 10 HUF per page</td>
<td>Cup of coffee: 200 - 400 HUF</td>
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<th>Travel by public transport*</th>
<th>Bottle / jug of beer: 300 - 600 HUF</th>
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<td>From Liszt Ferenc Airport to the downtown of Budapest: 700 – 1 000 HUF</td>
<td>A bottle of wine: 700 - 2 000 HUF</td>
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<tr>
<td>From Budapest to Piliscsaba (railway/bus): approx. 400 HUF</td>
<td>A loaf of bread: 200 - 400 HUF</td>
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<td>Milk (1 litre): 200 - 300 HUF</td>
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<th>Fun &amp; entertainment</th>
<th>A bottle of wine: 700 - 2 000 HUF</th>
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<tr>
<td>Cinema ticket: 800 - 1 500 HUF</td>
<td>Museum passes: 500 - 2 500 HUF*</td>
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* With single/one-way tickets, however, we highly recommend buying monthly pass. For more information please ask your mentor!
For student discounts you always need your ISIC Card/Student ID. Student price is mostly half of the full price.
Public Safety

Hungary is generally a safe country. People in Hungary are hospitable and welcoming to tourists. Hungary and Budapest in particular share similar issues with other countries and major cities which are frequented by visitors. Just as anywhere around the world, tourists travelling in Hungary should follow certain basic rules:

- Carry travel documents and valuables in a secure bag around your neck or belt pouch worn under your clothing and avoid the poorly lit, deserted parts of the city!
- Carry only the necessary amount of money – most commercial units accept credit cards, and if you run out of cash you can still withdraw money from ATM machines. (If you lose your credit card, immediately notify the issuing bank!)
- Use only officially registered taxi companies.
- Only uniformed police and immigration officers with proper identification are entitled to check your identity or to ask for your ID.
- Always ask for a menu with a price list before making an order. The service charge is generally not part of the bill, only if it is unambiguously stated on the menu. It is required to issue a receipt for all costs and services printed by a cash register.

Survival Hungarian Language

Some vowels have different pronunciation:

- a - like in the end of 'America'
- á - like the vowel in 'why' and 'lie'
- e - like the first vowel in 'enter'
- é - like the vowel in 'way' or in 'whale'
- í - like the vowel in 'hit', and not like in 'like'
- o - the same as in English
- ö - like the vowel in 'whirl' or in 'church'
- u - like the vowel in 'you' or in 'do'
- ü - like the first vowel in the French word 'une' or in the German ‘Übung’
- í is like i, ó is like o, õ is like õ, ü is like u, ű is like ü, but longer

Stress always falls on the first syllable of a word.


Check the special website dictionary: [http://visit-hungary.com/plan-your-trip/language-help](http://visit-hungary.com/plan-your-trip/language-help)

Some examples:

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<tr>
<th>subway</th>
<th>metró [mɛt-.ro:]</th>
<th>Please.</th>
<th>Kérem [keːrɛm]</th>
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<tr>
<td>train</td>
<td>vonat [vo-nɒt]</td>
<td>Thank you!</td>
<td>Kőszönöm. [kɒsø-nɒm]</td>
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<tr>
<td>airport</td>
<td>repülőtér [ɾɛ-py-lo-teːɾ]</td>
<td>I don’t understand</td>
<td>Nem értem [nɛɛm cːr-tɛm]</td>
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<tr>
<td>Where can I find the...?</td>
<td>Hol találm a ...?</td>
<td>Do you speak English?</td>
<td>Beszélsz angolul? [bɛ-seːls ɒŋɡo-lul]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>left</td>
<td>bal [bɒl]</td>
<td>Hi!/Hello!/ See you later!</td>
<td>Szia! [siɒ]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>right</td>
<td>jobb [jobː]</td>
<td>Goodbye!</td>
<td>Viszlát! [vi-szlát]</td>
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Tipping (restaurants, bars & cafés)

Giving a tip is up to you, but if you are satisfied with the service, you should give around 10% of the price. In some cases a fix tip is added to the bill, but if so, it has to be indicated on the menu.

Weather:

Hungary has a continental climate with Mediterranean and Atlantic influences. Depending on the location, winter can be cold, cloudy and damp or windy, the summer warm and sometimes very hot. May, June and November are the rainiest months. July is the hottest month (the average temperature is 23.2°C) and January the coldest (with -1.3°C).

Average temperatures:

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<th>Month</th>
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<td>January</td>
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<td>February</td>
<td>1.1°C</td>
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<td>March</td>
<td>5.6°C</td>
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<td>April</td>
<td>11°C</td>
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<td>May</td>
<td>15.9°C</td>
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<td>June</td>
<td>19°C</td>
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<td>July</td>
<td>20.8°C</td>
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<td>August</td>
<td>20.2°C</td>
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<td>September</td>
<td>16.4°C</td>
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<td>October</td>
<td>11°C</td>
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<td>November</td>
<td>4.8°C</td>
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<td>December</td>
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Travel

Arrival

**Budapest Ferenc Liszt International Airport**
All passenger flights arrive to and depart from Terminal 2. Terminal 1 is only for private jets and cargo planes.
Information: +36-1-296-9696
Official page: [http://www.bud.hu/english](http://www.bud.hu/english)

**Connection between the Airport and the city centre**

**Public Transport**
From the Airport you have to use bus No. 200E to get to Kőbánya-Kispest terminal, where you can change to Metro line 3 (the blue line) to get to the city centre.
Here you can find the timetable: [http://www.bkk.hu/en/timetables/](http://www.bkk.hu/en/timetables/)

**Train**
You can also use train to get to one of the railway stations of Budapest.

**Airport Shuttle**
If you are travelling on your own, it is cheaper to use the Airport Shuttle service, which has a desk at the airport. Tickets can be purchased at the so-called AirportShuttle-Minibusz Desks.
Here you can check the prices: [https://www.minibud.hu/en](https://www.minibud.hu/en)

**Taxi**
The official contractor of the Budapest Airport is the *Főtaxi (+ 36 1 222 2222)*, you can order a cab at their desk in the airport for fixed prices. Or if you order a cab by phone, most companies offer a fixed price of around 3 800–6 500 HUF, depending on whether your destination is on the Pest or Buda side of the river.
We suggest the two trustworthy companies:
Fő Taxi (the best and cheapest from the airport to the city) **Phone:** + 36 1 222 2222
City Taxi (they transport you from Budapest to Piliscsaba) **Phone:** + 36 1 211 11 11

**Public transport in Budapest (BKK)**
The public transport company in Budapest is called Budapest Transport Centre, but usually we just use the abbreviation of its Hungarian name: BKK.
Here you can find the prices of different tickets and passes: [http://www.bkk.hu/en/prices/](http://www.bkk.hu/en/prices/)
As a student, probably, you will use the Monthly Budapest-pass for students. It can be purchased with any starting day and its validity begins at 00.00 on the given starting day and expires at AM 02.00 on the same day of the next month. It is valid within the boundaries of Budapest – beyond the boundaries of Budapest you have to buy a special ticket (called conurbation/metropolitan area single ticket). With this pass you can use bus, tram, trolleybus, metro, cogwheel railway and HÉV (suburban railway) on all days. You can use the boat service of BKV on working days, but on weekends you have to buy a ticket. You can also travel with this ticket on certain suburban trains and buses on all days, but still only within the administrative boundaries of Budapest.

**NOTE!** To buy a student Monthly Budapest-pass you need a student card from your home university (with identity number, photo, validity date and your university's name) OR the Hungarian student card what you will receive from your coordinator.

**NOTE!** The controllers do NOT have the right to detain you. However, in some cases they are accompanied with security officials who have the right to ask for identification and to detain you until the police arrive. **Validate your ticket before starting your journey.** Keep your ticket until the end of your journey and show it to inspectors on request. You have to validate another ticket every time you change lines except on direct
metro to metro transfers.

**Underground System:** The metro has 4 primary lines: 1 (yellow), 2 (red), 3 (blue), 4 (green). In order to use public transportation you can use either a single/transfer ticket or a monthly pass. We suggest you to buy the monthly pass.

**Bus and tram:** A wide network of buses and trams covers the entire city. It will allow you to access all major downtown attractions within 30 minutes.

**Night bus service:** Budapest has an excellent night bus system. Please note that to make sure that everyone has a ticket, the transport company (BKV) has hired uniformed security guards who check for tickets in the bus stops. It’s no problem if you don’t have a ticket, since the security staff has them on sale all night – just pay and ride.

**Further info:** [http://www.bkk.hu/en](http://www.bkk.hu/en)

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**How to get to the Campus in Piliscsaba**

**By train/bus:**
Train is under reconstruction so replacement buses are in service between Budapest and Piliscsaba. Both the replacement bus and the regular bus (coach) depart from Árpád hid “VOLÁNBUSZ” Bus Station (1133 Budapest, Árboc utca 1-3). The Bus Station is easily reachable with Metro line 3 (the blue one).

The number of the replacement buses start with E, S or Z, while the number of the coach is No. 800 (direction: Dorog-Esztergom). The station of the Campus in Piliscsaba is called “Pázmány Péter Egyetem” and the journey to get there takes around 45-60 minutes.

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**ALWAYS BRING YOUR HUNGARIAN STUDENT ID WITH YOU!**
In the beginning of your study period we would like to give you a list about the “best places” in Budapest, they are referenced locations by former foreigner students.

### Pubs, bars and clubs

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<td><strong>Szimpla Kert</strong></td>
<td>The first „ruin pub” in the city, the others are just copies. It’s a whole building that at the first sight seems to be a chaotic warehouse, but in this chaos each object is in its right place.</td>
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<td><strong>Istant</strong></td>
<td>It’s one of the most famous clubs in Budapest. Its flying rabbits, big owl, adorned rooms make it a very special place where you can drink or dance in one of the three dance rooms. It is always full of people (mainly tourists) on every day of the week.</td>
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<td><strong>Morrison’s</strong></td>
<td>Nice place with different dance halls. So called Erasmus Night is on every Monday with the entry ticket (500 Ft) you have 3 beers if you go before the 11 p.m. So go on Monday if you can.</td>
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<td><strong>Doboz</strong></td>
<td>It’s the largest party venue in the 7th district. You should have a look in because the whole building is characterized by a unique interior design, even if the main attraction is the big tree with the King Kong statue in the middle of the garden.</td>
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| **Romkert**            | The location is suggestive: under Elizabeth Bridge and close to Gellért hill. This open air club is considered trendy and little bit expensive, but you can easily find Hungarian people there. (
| **Holdudvar**          | During the day Margaret Island is a healthy heaven where everyone can relax, but during the night the island change its shape and become a party place. Holdudvar is half open air, half indoors. It’s quite big and chic. |
| **Akvarium**           | Akvarium is more than a simple bar. It’s the main meeting point of the city: for those who only want to have a beer or relax in the surrounding park, or see a football match, or dance in the Club. It offers various events, performances, exhibitions, concerts. |
| **Corvintető**         | Located on the top floor of a department store, it’s a very unconventional club with an underground atmosphere. Sometimes you can find live shows.                                                                 |
| **Fogasház**           | Fogasház offers special interior design, good prices and a dance floor if you want to get excited. People say that here you can try the best Margarita pizza of Budapest…don’t miss it. |

### Swimming pools and baths

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<td><strong>Széchenyi fürdő</strong></td>
<td>Széchenyi bath is one of the biggest European thermal complexes. Its swimming pools are both indoor and outdoor, in our opinion the best in the city. There’s a special event called „Szecska” every Saturday night in the summer: the bath becomes a disco.</td>
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<td><strong>Gellért fürdő</strong></td>
<td>It’s more expensive and smaller than Széchenyi but maybe the most beautiful one.</td>
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<td><strong>Palatinus</strong></td>
<td>In summer it’s the perfect place to relax, refresh, swim and sunbathe in the centre of the green Margaret Island. If you show your student card, the ticket will cost only 1500 Ft in the weekdays and 1700 Ft in the weekend.</td>
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"Best places" in Budapest