

## Travel to Budapest

### 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 ([www.konzuliszolgalat.kormany.hu](http://www.konzuliszolgalat.kormany.hu)) 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.

[Click here to access the Visa application guide](#)



### 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). Airport information: <https://www.bud.hu/en>

### 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)

### By Coach

Volánbusz Rt., being a member of Eurolines, operates scheduled services to 22 European countries: [www.volanbusz.hu](http://www.volanbusz.hu)  
Flixbus is now operating also in Hungary, connecting over 1200 cities of 26 countries to Budapest: [www.flixbus.com](http://www.flixbus.com)

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## Travel within Budapest

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 (next to the IAQ Forum venue). 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. We strongly recommend to use BKK FUTÁR app for planning your routes and checking real-time time schedules.