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HOW TO GET TO YOUR HOTEL?

Airport Shuttle Service – miniBUD

Prices from Liszt Ferenc International Airport to the city centre and from the centre to the Airport:

- HUF 4,400/ 1 person
- HUF 7,900/ return ticket

Reservation contacts:
- Call center: (+36-1) 550 0000
- Internet: www.minibud.hu

MiniBUD transports passengers in mini or ordinary buses/ coaches to Budapest hotels or where you want to go. You can order their service right on the spot or in advance for a certain time and date. Drivers speak foreign languages and are absolutely familiar with the traffic in Budapest, the shortest and fastest routes, so it is an ideal solution for passengers to reach their destination easily, fast and safely.

Taxi

Please be careful and do not take a "no-name" taxi. Always choose one that belongs to a company.

- Telephone/Fax: +36 1 2222222
- www.fotaxi.hu

The official taxi service provider of the Airport is Főtaxi. The cabs use a taximeter, a ride to the city center should typically cost around 6500 HUF (22 EUR) depending on traffic. 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.

Reaching the recommended hotels & ELTE by public bus and metro

In order to plan your journey to the venues from your hotel or any place in the city, we encourage you to use Google Maps or public transport planners:

- BKK trip planner: http://futar.bkk.hu

Outside the building of Liszt Ferenc International Airport Terminal 2, you’ll find the stop of bus 200E and 100E. It’s the terminus of the bus line so you needn’t worry about which direction you should take.

From 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. the bus 200E runs every 10-12 minutes. Earlier and later a bit less frequently. When it arrives at the other end of the line, Kőbánya-Kispest -- the journey takes about 25 minutes --, get off and follow the signs to the metro station. It’s the blue line or M3. Get on a train (don’t worry; it is the terminus, but make sure you’re taking one of the blue or white metro carriages and not a railway train as the railway station is next to the metro station) and get off at Kálvin tér (Square). The Mercure Korona Hotel and Ibis Centrum Hotel are located here.

The bus 100E every thirty minutes from 04:00 to 23:30 directly to Deák Ferenc tér. It stops at Astoria as well, it takes five minutes walk to the hotels from Astoria or one stop by tram 47/49 to Kálvin tér. A special ticket must be purchased for bus 100E for HUF 900 – other tickets or season tickets are not valid for this service.
HOTELS

Mercure Budapest Korona

Address:
Kecskeméti street 14.
1053 Budapest
Website: https://www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-1765-mercure-budapest-korona-hotel/index.shtml

Ibis Budapest Centrum

Address:
Ráday street 6.
1092 Budapest
Website: https://www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-2078-ibis-budapest-centrum/index.shtml
VENUES

General Assembly and Seminar

Address: Egyetem square 1-3., 1053 Budapest
Aula Magna, Faculty of Law (1st floor), Eötvös Loránd University

Social programmes: Thursday 16 November, 16:30–18:00

Guided tour of the University Library

Address:
Ferenciek tere 6., 1053 Budapest

The library is located close to the conference venue, students will wait you in the lobby of the Faculty of Law at 16:30 and accompany you to the Library.

The University Library is older than our university, it was founded in 1561 and it moved to its current building in 1876. The Library’s collection consists of almost 2 million documents. The most valuable are: 189 codices, 14 of the codices are corvinas, approx. 1200 incunabula, plenty of valuable manuscripts, 11 000 16th century volumes, 16 500 Baroque volumes, and 75 000 18th century volumes.

Guided tour of the Natural Science Museum, Faculty of Science

Address:
Pázmány Péter sétány 1/C,
1117 Budapest (Lágymányos Campus)

The Museum is located in the Lágymányos Campus on the Buda side. The participants will be picked at the Faculty of Law by a coach at 16:30.

The Natural Science Museum belongs to the Faculty of Science, it consists of Biological and the Paleontological Collection, the Mineral and Rock Collection and of the Mathematical collection. Biological collection - which is unique in Hungary - demonstrates the evolution of mankind and the fauna with the relevant paleontological materials, full body products and anatomy. The Mineral Collection was established in 1774. It is the oldest scientific artefact collection of the university and the biggest such mineral and rock collection in Hungary. During the tour you will visit the collections.
Guided tour of the EIT Digital Budapest Node

Address:
10/a Bogdánfy Street, 1117 Budapest

The CLC is located in near the Lágymányos Campus on the Buda side. The participants will be picked at the Faculty of Law by a coach at 16:30.

EIT Digital offering master’s and doctoral programs in ICT is based on the cooperation of leading European universities and companies. The EIT Digital Budapest Associate Partner Group is lead by ELTE and partners include leading (technical) universities in Europe and IT companies. During the tour you will visit the EIT Digital Budapest Node Co-Location Centre (CLC), get to know about their programmes, projects and the consortium.

UNICA General Assembly Dinner

Address:
Hungarian National Academy of Sciences, Széchenyi I. Square 9., 1051 Budapest

Thursday 16 November, 16:30–18:00

How to get there:

ELTE students will wait in the Mercure Budapest Korona Hotel lobby at 18:30 and accompany the participants to the venue.

The Hungarian National Academy of Sciences is easily reachable by Tram 2 which goes along the River Danube. You have to get off at the ‘Széchenyi István tér’ station.
THE CITY OF BUDAPEST

Budapest is the capital and the largest city of Hungary, and one of the largest cities in the European Union. It is the country’s principal political, cultural, commercial, industrial and transportation centre, sometimes described as the primate city of Hungary.

According to the census, in 2011 Budapest had 1.74 million inhabitants, down from its 1989 peak of 2.1 million due to suburbanisation. The Budapest Metropolitan Area is home to 3.3 million people. The city covers an area of 525 square kilometres (202.7 sq mi). Budapest became a single city occupying both banks of the river Danube with the unification of Buda and Óbuda on the west bank, with Pest on the east bank on 17 November 1873.

The history of Budapest began with Aquincum, originally a Celtic settlement that became the Roman capital of Lower Pannonia. Hungarians arrived in the territory in the 9th century. Their first settlement was pillaged by the Mongols in 1241–42. The re-established town became one of the centres of Renaissance humanist culture by the 15th century. Following the Battle of Mohács and nearly 150 years of Ottoman rule, the region entered a new age of prosperity in the 18th and 19th centuries, and Budapest became a global city after its unification in 1873. It also became the second capital of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, a great power that dissolved in 1918, following World War I. Budapest was the focal point of the Hungarian Revolution of 1848, the Hungarian Republic of Councils in 1919, the Battle of Budapest in 1945, and the Revolution of 1956.
Cited as one of the most beautiful cities in Europe, Budapest’s extensive World Heritage Site includes the banks of the Danube, the Buda Castle Quarter, Andrásy Avenue, Heroes’ Square and the Millennium Underground Railway, the second oldest metro line in the world. It has around 80 geothermal springs, the world’s largest thermal water cave system, second largest synagogue, and third largest Parliament building. The city attracts about 4.4 million tourists a year, making it the 25th most popular city in the world, and the 6th in Europe, according to Euromonitor.

Considered a financial hub in Central Europe, the city ranked third on Mastercard’s Emerging Markets Index, and ranked as the most liveable Central or Eastern European city on EIU’s quality of life index. It is also ranked as “the world’s second best city” by Condé Nast Traveler, and “Europe’s 7th most idyllic place to live” by Forbes.

It is the highest ranked Central/Eastern European city on Innovation Cities’ Top 100 index. Budapest is home to the headquarters of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT), the European Police College (CEPOL) and the first foreign office of the China Investment Promotion Agency (CIPA). Eighteen universities are situated in Budapest, including the Central European University, Eötvös Loránd University and the Budapest University of Technology and Economics.
Although it is sometimes rather grey and cold in November in Budapest, there are also beautiful sunny days with crystal blue sky. And you’ll find plenty things to do. You can choose from couple of great museums, immerse in one of the hot baths since the Hungarian capital is the city of spas.

The Ráday street close to the Mercure Budapest Korona Hotel is well known about its restaurants and bars.
SIGHTS

Buda Castle Hill
The Castle Hill, which includes the Royal Palace, the Fishermen’s Bastion and Matthias Church, is easily visible from everywhere in Budapest. Exploring beautiful buildings and cobblestone streets in the Castle District can take an entire day, but it is time well spent. The Royal Palace is home to the Hungarian National Gallery, the Budapest History Museum and the National Library. Fishermen’s Bastion is one of the most fascinating sights on Castle Hill.

Central Market Hall
The spectacular Central Market Hall is a good source of Hungarian products. You can also make it a pit-stop for a quick bite of traditional Hungarian food when touring the city. Shop with the locals for meat cheese, fruits, vegetables, and pastries.

Heroes’ Square
Heroes’ Square is the largest and most impressive square of the city. The Millennium Monument standing in the middle of the square was erected in 1896 to commemorate the 1000th anniversary of the Magyars’ arrival to the Carpathian Basin. The City Park, which is just behind the square, provides a great escape from the bustle of the city.

The Hungarian National Assembly (the House of Parliament)
The Parliament building, a magnificent example of Neo-Gothic architecture, is just over 100 years old. It’s the third largest Parliament building in the world and is also home to the Hungarian Crown Jewels.

CURRENCY:
You can pay by credit card nearly everywhere (not at the market!) and there is a good bureau de change a few steps away from the entrance of your hotel.
ABOUT THE HOST:
EÖTVÖS LORÁND UNIVERSITY (ELTE)

Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE) - in terms of student and staff number, quality of education and research, and international relations - is a prestigious institution of public higher education in Hungary, operating continuously since its inception in 1635. ELTE is alma mater of five Nobel laureates and leading figures in technology, public policy, and culture in Hungary. Ranked as No. 1 university in Hungary, it is undoubtedly the most popular higher education institution among applicants each year. The university has been expanded gradually and now it consists of eight faculties.

ELTE has widespread international relations. It holds about 450 bilateral agreements for cooperation and exchange all over the world. It is active member of prestigious international university networks and it is involved in joint degree programs with international partner universities. These partnerships offer a large number of possibilities for mobility and international collaborations to students and researchers at ELTE.

Research at ELTE means international collaborations, interdisciplinary approaches, modern laboratory infrastructure, and innovation. Our researchers run cutting-edge projects funded by the European Union and the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. Along with international partners, our research groups are building strong connections also with industry.

Currently 27,000 students study at ELTE. International students arrive at ELTE from over 70 countries. The diplomas issued are acknowledged worldwide, and its course credits are transferable in all countries of the European Union.

ELTE offers 45 bachelor’s and 295 combined teacher training programs; 101 master’s programs; over 65 degree programs for international students in foreign languages (including joint programs) at 6 faculties (Education and Psychology, Humanities, Informatics, Law, Science, Social Sciences); 126 PhD programs in 16 doctoral schools.
ABOUT UNICA

UNICA - Network of Universities from the Capitals of Europe (www.unica-network.eu) was founded in 1990. It currently brings together 46 universities from 35 capital cities of Europe, combining over 150,000 university staff and 1.800,000 students.

UNICA provides a forum for its Members to reflect on the latest developments and demands of strategic change in university research, education and administration. To achieve its aims, UNICA carries out member-driven activities, the content, format, and frequency of which depend substantially on UNICA Member Universities’ engagement and interest.

UNICA is also active in the field of European projects, both as coordinator and partner.

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