**PRACTICAL INFORMATION**

**In the heart of Europe**

Located in the middle of Europe at the crossroads of the great trade routes, Hungary is a natural transit point to all major European cities.

**Air Travel**

More than thirty airline companies operate flights to and from Budapest. 65 cities of 49 countries, among them cities in the US and the Asia - Pacific region are available as direct destinations which makes any point of the world to be within easy reach from Budapest.

**Train Travel**

There are direct rail links between Budapest and 10 capital cities of Europe and 54 international scheduled trains arrive in Budapest each day. All international trains have dining and sleeping cars.

**Travel by road**

Today the Hungarian motorway system exceeds 2000 km in length and more than tripled in the last 10 years. So, Budapest and all big cities in the country can be reached quickly and easily from each other and from border crossings, using one of the most developed motorway network within Central Europe.

**Public Transport**

Budapest has a network of 220 bus, 15 trolleybus, 27 tram routes and 4 metro lines. Public transport operating generally from 4.30 a.m. to 11 p.m. is frequent and reliable and its comfort has been substantially increased recently with the introduction of new trams and buses. Some services operate also at night.

**Practical Information:**

**General information**

**Budapest,** one of the most beautiful historical capitals in Europe is situated on the banks of the Danube. The architectural beauty with its monuments from neo-classic through baroque to eclectic art nouveau is prevalent in the city. Budapest is also world famous for its artistic abundance of concerts, operas, recitals, galas and exhibitions. The warm hospitality of people, excellent food and wine reliable and frequent public transportation, vivid cultural life, rich museums attract millions of visitors every year. Visitor friendly visa policy, value-for-the-price services and goods, and pleasant climate make Hungary one of the most popular meeting venues worldwide.

**Official Language**

The official language of Hungary is Hungarian. Most young people speak English.

**Visas**

From December 21, 2007 Hungary is a member of the Schengen Area, and applies the Schengen legislation in full.

If you are not sure whether you need a visa or not then please contact the Hungarian consulate in your home country. They can also give you further information about the visa application procedure.

In case you need an invitation letter to obtain the visa, please turn to the local organisers.

**Insurance**

The Organizers do not provide insurance and do not take responsibility for any loss, accident or illness that might occur during the event or in the course of travel to or from the meeting site. It is, therefore, the responsibility of the participants to check their coverage with their insurance provider.

**Bank, Currency, Credit Cards**

The unit of currency is the [Hungarian Forint](http://www.xe.com/ucc/convert/?Amount=1&From=EUR&To=HUF) (HUF), denoted as "Ft" by the Hungarians. International credit cards (AmEx, EC/MC, Visa) are accepted at most hotels, restaurants and shops. ATMs are available at the Airport and all over the city. (1 EUR is approx. 300 HUF)

**Voltage**

The electricity supply in Hungary is 230 V AC (50 Hz)

**Travel information**

**Transfer from the airport**

**Airport Shuttle Bus**

Most participants will arrive at the Budapest Ferihegy Airport. The simplest means of transportation to any place in Budapest is via the [Airport Shuttle service](Airport%20Shuttle%20service) https://minibud.hu/ . This door-to-door Airport Minibus Service is reasonably priced (one way ticket: 3000 HUF/6 EUR). The minibus service is located outside of customs area transfer can be booked there. Travellers will purchase a voucher and proceed to the waiting area for your van to arrive. The wait is generally 10-20 minutes. Those who schedule round-trip transportation must call to re-confirm their return trip at least 24 hours in advance of their flight.

**Taxi**

A bit more expensive but prompt transfer service is provided by several taxi services. Főtaxi, the taxi company with the longest traditions (founded 1913) in Hungary transports passengers between the terminals and Budapest.

Reservations can be made in person at the Főtaxi booths located at the exits of Terminals 2A and 2B. At the taxi ranks in front of the stands, taxis are continuously waiting for passengers.

In Hungary, the taxi decree regulates the price\* of taxis at a fixed tariff of 440 HUF/km (1,15 EUR/km), in addition to a one-off basic fee of 1100 HUF (2.85 EUR) and a waiting fee. A ride to the city center should typically cost around 10800 HUF (28 EUR), depending on traffic conditions.

**Public transport**

Airport shuttle bus 100E Airport Express is in operation between Liszt Ferenc International Airport and Deák Ferenc tér, one of Budapest’s major transport hubs, running via Kálvin tér, another important location in the city. (where one of the offered hotels, Hotel Korona takes place)

Bus 100E Airport Express provides a convenient, cost-effective and fast connection between the airport and the city centre. The bus service operates around the clock, seven days a week:

* every 7-10 minutes every day, during the day
* every 30-40 minutes at night, between midnight and about 3:30 in the morning

Make your journey easy! Buy your special-price ticket (2200 HUF) for direct shuttle bus 100E running between the airport and the city with the mobile app downloaded onto your smart phone. Details: [bkk.hu/budapestgo](https://bkk.hu/en/tickets-and-passes/budapestgo/)

**Budapest Card**Discover Budapest with the Budapest Card

Explore the palaces on Castle Hill, soak in the city’s steamy baths and enjoy Budapest vibrant nightlife. The Budapest Card promises budget travelers all the best this ancient city has to offer, but with some thoroughly modern perks.

For further information and benefits go to https://www.budapestcard.org