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Living in Budapest  
A guide for DOC's new International PhD Students



## Living in Budapest



### About Budapest

Budapest has a population of 1.7 million people. Budapest is larger than Bucharest, Vienna, or Prague, with a total area of 525.2 km<sup>2</sup>. The elder generations of Hungarians don't generally know English or other languages, but the younger generations will undoubtedly be able to communicate with you.



### How to find a flat In Budapest?

Websites to find flats or long-term accommodation in Hungary

-ingatlan.com

-alberlet.hu

-ingatlanok.hu

-Another option is to join a few Facebook Groups.



### Health & Insurance

We hope that nothing ever happens to you during your stay in Hungary. However, you always have to be prepared for any contingency. That is why we leave you a list of private hospitals, public hospitals and pharmacies on duty 24 hours at the end of the guide. As for the ambulance number, it is 104. For emergencies in general (police, ambulance or firefighters): 112. There are also private ambulances such as <https://www.vipambulance.hu/> + 36-1-395-55 -65

### **List of public hospitals in the center of Budapest**

In Pest: Péterfy Kórház-Rendelőintézet Országos Traumatológiai Intézet.

Address: Budapest, Fiumei út 17, 1081

In Buda: Szent Imre Egyetemi Oktatókórház.

Address: Budapest, Tétényi út 12–16, 1115

### **List of private hospitals in the center of Budapest**

In Pest: Dr. Rose Magánkórház.

Address: Budapest, Széchenyi István tér 7, 1051

In Pest: Medicover Hospital Hungary.

Budapest, Váci út 29, 1134

In Buda: First Med. Address:

Budapest, Hattyú u. 14, 1015

In Buda: Rózsakert Medical Center.

Address: Budapest, Gábor Áron u. 74-78, 1026

### **List of 24-hour pharmacies in the center of Budapest**

In Pest: Teréz Patika.

Address: Budapest, Teréz krt. 41, 1067

In Buddha: Déli Gyógyszertár.

Address: Budapest, Krisztina krt. 37, 1013.

"Kórház" means hospital in Hungarian. Most medics are able to speak English. Please check the list below:

- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_hospitals\\_in\\_Hungary](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_hospitals_in_Hungary)
- <https://welovebudapest.com/en/article/2014/7/30/how-to-get-medical-care-in-budapest-emergencies-doctors-hospitals-and-more>
- <https://www.internationalinsurance.com/health/europe/hungary.php>



### **Budapest Public Transport**

Budapest's infrastructure is excellent, and you won't need a car to get about. Buses, trains, trams, and subways all run on schedule and are dependable.

The website of the institution that manages public transport in Budapest is: <https://bkk.hu/>, it is only in Hungarian and English languages.

Please visit below page to purchase your monthly student pass:

<https://bkk.hu/en/tickets-and-passes/prices/monthly-passes/monthly-budapest-pass-for-students.61/>

**Taxis:** Are also available. Taxis in Budapest are generally yellow and equipped with a meter. Prices are put on a card and must always be visible. Taxi services are Budapest Taxi, 6x6 Taxi, Taxi Budapest, Fotaxi or City Taxi.

**Trams:** There are more than 25 tram lines that run around Budapest. Lines 4 and 6 are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and cover the majority of the city center, you can easily recognize them because they are all yellow.

**Metro:** There are four lines, one of which is the most modern and recently built, while the other is continental Europe's oldest underground train, dating back to 1896! The Deák Tér station in central Pest connects lines 1, 2, and 3. The metro runs from 5 a.m. to 12 p.m. every day.

**Suburban railway lines** (HÉV) operate the trains. Within the city, tickets are normally offered straight on trains. Make sure to buy your tickets at the train station if you're going to the city's outskirts. Budapest is so well connected by rail to the rest of Europe that trains are frequently chosen over airlines due to lower ticket prices and greater convenience.

**Cycling:** In terms of popularity, Budapest is comparable to Amsterdam and Denmark, Europe's cycling capitals. Many cycling pathways and different rental schemes make it easy to live a healthy lifestyle by riding a bike as a mode of transportation.

<https://welovebudapest.com/en/toplist/how-to-get-around-budapest-a-guide-to-public-transport>



## Bank Holidays

Other than the obvious ones like Easter or Christmas. Please click below link to see the bank holidays in Hungary:

<https://www.officeholidays.com/countries/hungary/2021>



## Places to Go

There are many things to do in Budapest, and here are some places for you to go and have fun. For that please don't forget to visit Margaret Island, take a deep breath at Városliget (City Park), see the view from Gellért Hill, live the freshness at Római Part, live the art work at [Hungarian National Museum](#), drink your beverage at [The Bálna](#), become witness to history in The Castle District, see the best parliament building in the world The Hungarian Parliament Building, meet with Hungarian here in Heroes' square, watch Aida in [Hungarian State Opera House](#), check what to do in The Great Market Hall and live like a King at Király Street.





## Mobile phones companies in Hungary

Please visit the mobile services providers with your passport, address card and your study visa. Don't forget to choose the best package in accordance with your needs. You can see the brands below.

- I. Vodafone Mobil
- II. Telenor Mobil
- III. T-mobile (Telekom Mobile)



## How to open a bank account in Hungary

For the certain reasons you need to have a bank account. You can visit the banks and ask their best offer for you with a valid residence permit, proof of address card and your passport. You can find the banks info below.

OTP Bank : OTP is the largest bank.

K&H Bank: with a network of over 200 branches and hundreds of ATMs all over the country.

Erste Bank: with 2700 branches around the world.

CIB Bank: being the second largest retail bank in Hungary.



## Getting residency in Hungary

For more information and the forms you'll need for the application, see the official website for the Office of Immigration and Nationality.

[http://www.bmbah.hu/index.php?option=com\\_k2&view=item&layout=item&id=462&Itemid=825&lang=en](http://www.bmbah.hu/index.php?option=com_k2&view=item&layout=item&id=462&Itemid=825&lang=en)

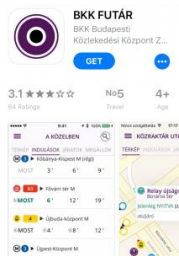


## Useful mobile applications

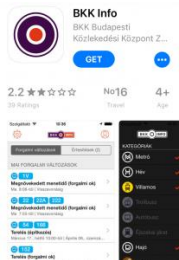
Below you will find some of the most useful mobile applications for your day to day. The categories are: transportation, food, payment management, languages, varied, real estate, mobile telephony, buying and selling second-hand items, travel, entertainment and news.

### Transport

**BKK futár** - This is the official app to plan your trip by public transport within Budapest.



**BKK Info**- This is similar to the previous one, but it is more for changes in public transport routes.



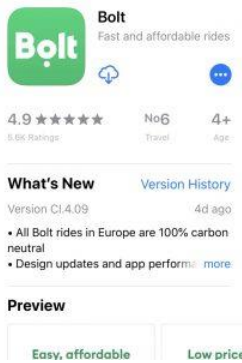
**Lime** – This is for using electric skateboards, which is a shared system. Very easy to use.



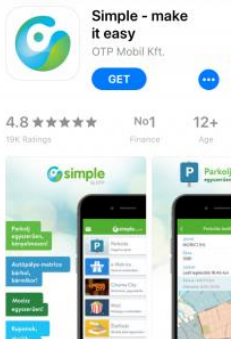
**Mol Bubi** – Similar a la de los monopatines, pero este sistema compartido es de bicicletas.



**Bolt** – Similar to Uber, but here in Hungary is not available anymore. Very useful because first, you have the driver's data, all registered and therefore more secure. Second, you only enter your card details once and whenever you use the service they deduct you directly from the card. In other words, when you use the service you don't take your wallet out of your pocket, everything is from the phone. There is also the option to pay in cash.



**Simple** – This is a digital wallet that helps you pay for a lot of things very easily. You can pay for parking, highway, you can pay at NetPincér, buy books, pay for movie or theater tickets, among other things. Can be used to pay your monthly student pass in the public transportation system.

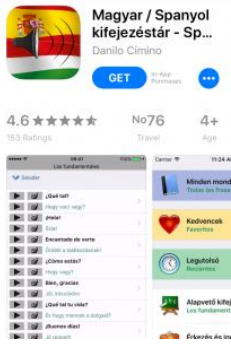


**MÁV** – MÁV app have all info about trains: after choosing the time of travel, the place of departure and arrival and the choice of available discounts, it helps you choose the optimal route and you can buy your virtual tickets as well. Is a must when physical payment is not available in the train station (It happens).

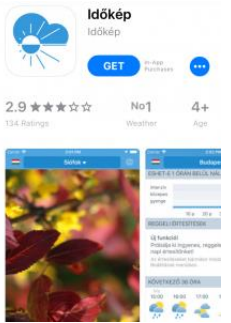


**Magyar Spanyol kifejezéstár** -It is a database of phrases in Spanish and Hungarian and you can listen to the translation without the need for internet. It is also a dictionary. Note: only available for iOS (iPhone).

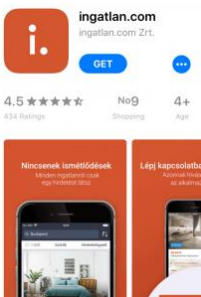




Időkép – For the weather forecast and for different alerts and notifications related to the weather.



Ingatlan.com – This platform is for renting, buying and selling real estate of all kinds. To rent rooms and apartments



## Useful phrases in Hungarian

Szia (see-ya) / Sziasztok (see-ya-stock) - hi/hello/bye

Hogy vagy? (hodj vadj) - How are you?

Köszönöm, jól. (keu-seu-neum yohl) - I'm fine, thank you.

Igen (eehen) - yes

Nem (nehm) - no

Elnézést (el-neh-zesht) - excuse me

Sajnálom (shoy-nah-lawm) - I'm sorry

Köszönöm (kew-sew-newm) / Kösz (kew-see) - Thank you/Thanks

Szívesen (see-ve-shen) - You're welcome

Nem beszélek magyarul (nehm be-say-lek ma-djar-oohl) - I don't speak Hungarian

Beszélsz angolul? (bass-ale-ss ma-ja-rule/on-goh-lool) - Do you speak English?

Mennyibe kerül? (men'-nyi-be ke-rewl) - How much is it?

Szeretnék egy... (se-ret-nayk eh-dj) - I would like a...

Hol van a...? (hol vahn aw) - where is the...?

Egy jegyet kérek. ,(eh-dj yej-et keh-rack) - a ticket, please

A számlát kérem (aw sam-lat keh-rem) - the bill, please

Egészségedre! (ag-eh-sheg-ad-reh) - Cheers!/Bless you! (when someone sneezes)

Jó étvágyat! (yoh eht-vah-djot) - Enjoy your meal!