

Getting around in Budapest

Venue

The venue is **25 Dózsa György Street, Budapest, H-1146**

<https://www.google.hu/maps/place/D%C3%B3zsa+Gy%C3%B6rgy+%C3%BA+25,+Budapest,+1146/@47.506312,19.086351,21z/data=!4m2!3m1!1s0x4741dc877cbd69bd:0xdde6c89f634c8ffb>

Please note that if you enter “25 Dózsa György Budapest” directly into googlemaps, you’ll end up with the wrong address, so please use the above link as a point of reference!

Accommodation

Textlink is partnering with the Lion’s Garden Hotel and Danubius Hotel Arena to provide participants with accommodation options (both are 4-star hotels, providing accommodation for 70 – 80€ per night for single/double use, respectively):

- **Lion’s Garden Hotel:** <http://www.lions-garden-hotel-budapest.com/>. Participants wanting to book this hotel should complete the reservation form they receive via email.
- **Danubius Hotel Arena:** <http://www.danubiushotels.hu/szallodak-budapest/danubius-hotel-arena> Participants wanting to book this hotel should follow the link they receive via email.
- There are other options available on [booking.com](http://www.booking.com).

Public transport

Budapest's public transportation systems are operated by the company BKK (website: <http://www.bkk.hu/en/main-page/news/>). Buses, trams, trolleybuses and metros (4 lines) frequently run from 4.30 a.m. until 11.0 p.m. You can easily get anywhere you like using public transport. It is a good idea to **buy a block of 10 tickets (3000 HUF)** from a machine. You can find these BKK machines at around all terminals and stops (including the bus stop at Ferihegy/Liszt Ferenc airport). A single ticket bought from a machine costs 350 HUF, while a single ticket bought onboard from the driver (only available on buses!) costs 450 HUF. A Budapest 24-hour travelcard (with unlimited BKK trips) costs 1650 HUF. Be sure to **validate your ticket** using the orange or red ticket-**punching machines** as controllers may ask to see your ticket, and will fine you for having an invalid one. Some ticket-punching machines on buses and streetcars are manual. Be sure to insert your ticket into the top slot and pull the punching mechanism toward you.

Taxis

(REMINDER: if you are being reimbursed through COST for participation in the meeting, the use of taxis is strictly limited to between the hours of 22.00 and 07.00).

Phone numbers of some taxi companies:

- 6x6 Taxi: +36-1-666-6666
- Barát Taxi: +36-70-773-2000
- Buda Taxi: +36-2-333-333
- Budapest Taxi: +36-4-333-333
- City Taxi: +36-2-111-111

The average taxi fare is composed of 3 parts: basic fee (450 HUF), per kilometre charge (280 HUF/km) and waiting fee (70 HUF/min). A taxi from the airport to the centre of Budapest will cost something between 5.000 and 10.000 HUF.

Getting to the hotel (Lion's Garden Hotel, Budapest, Cházár András u. 4, 1146: <http://www.lions-garden-hotel-budapest.com/>) from the airport (<http://www.bud.hu/english>):

- Getting to the hotel using **public transport**: You can buy a bus ticket from a machine at the airport for 350 HUF or from the driver onboard for 450 HUF. However, since you need to transfer from bus to metro several times, it is useful to buy a block of 10 tickets (3000 HUF) from the machine. From 4:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. the public airport **bus**, number **200E** commutes between Terminal 2 and **Kőbánya-Kispest** metro terminal (blue line, M3), about 25 minutes away. Get off the airport bus 200E at **Kőbánya-Kispest** (metro station), and **take metro line 3** (blue line, M3) towards Újpest Központ, and get off at the **Ferenciek tere stop (9 stops, 15 minutes)**. From Ferenciek tere **take bus number 5, 7, 110, 112 or 907**. **Get off the bus at the Cházár András utca stop**. The hotel is located at the beginning of the street, right across the 100-year-old Cathedral.
- A **taxi** from the airport to the hotel (and in general to the centre of Budapest) will cost something between 8.000 and 10.000 HUF (about 30 EUR). You can use one of the recommended taxi companies (or basically, any taxi company with a logo on it), and you may also contact the hotel for assistance: info@lions-garden.com.
- Route on the map:
<https://www.google.hu/maps/dir/Budapest+Airport,+Budapest,+1185/Lion's+Garden+Hotel,+Budapest,+Ch%C3%A1z%C3%A1r+Andr%C3%A1s+Street/@47.4635714,19.0195277,11z/am=t/data=!3m1!4b1!4m14!4m13!1m5!1m1!1s0x4741c1a4fe39860b:0x4ca4f6a650439aa1!2m2!1d19.2522958!2d47.4384587!1m5!1m1!1s0x4741dc86ede76183:0x7728a96cf535541b!2m2!1d19.0907505!2d47.5056709!3e3?hl=en>

Getting to Danubius Hotel Arena** Ifjúság útja 1-3., 1148 Budapest, Hungary from the airport (<http://www.bud.hu/english>):**

From 4:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. you can take the public airport **bus number 200E** which commutes leaves from Terminal 2. Get off the airport bus 200E at Felsőcsatári út (8 stops, 16 minutes). **From Felsőcsatári út take bus number 95 towards Puskás Ferenc Stadion.** Get off at the final destination, Puskás Ferenc Stadion (20 stops, 31 minutes). You will see the hotel near the bus stop at Ifjúság útja 1.

Route on the map:

<https://www.google.hu/maps/dir/Budapest+Airport,+Budapest,+1185/Ifj%C3%BAs%C3%A1g+%C3%BAtja+1,+Budapest,+1148/@47.4560721,19.1164544,12z/am=t/data=!4m14!4m13!1m5!1m1!1s0x4741c1a4fe39860b:0x4ca4f6a650439aa1!2m2!1d19.2522958!2d47.4384587!1m5!1m1!1s0x4741dc9a076f6fc1:0x49f7dc329111d1a6!2m2!1d19.1070885!2d47.5001356!3e3?hl=en>

Getting to the TextLink conference venue (Budapest, Dózsa György út 25, 1146) from the hotel (Lion's Garden, Budapest, Cházár András u. 4, 1146):

The conference venue is within walking distance from the hotel (500 metres). As you exit Lion's Garden, turn left on Cházár András utca. At the first crossing, turn left onto Abonyi utca. Then at the next crossing, turn right onto Dózsa György út. The conference venue will be on your right (Dózsa György út 25).

Route on the map:

<https://www.google.hu/maps/dir/Lion's+Garden+Hotel,+Budapest,+Ch%C3%A1z%C3%A1r+Andr%C3%A1s+Street/Budapest,+D%C3%B3zsa+Gy%C3%B6rgy+%C3%BAt+25/@47.5052725,19.0875424,17z/am=t/data=!4m18!4m17!1m5!1m1!1s0x4741dc86ede76183:0x7728a96cf535541b!2m2!1d19.0907505!2d47.5056709!1m5!1m1!1s0x4741dc877cbd69bd:0xdde6c89f634c8ffb!2m2!1d19.0864878!2d47.5063084!3e3!6m3!1i0!2i0!3i0?hl=en>

From Danubius Hotel Arena** Ifjúság útja 1-3., 1148 Budapest to the conference venue, Károli University: 1146 Budapest, Dózsa György út 25-27:**

As you exit the hotel, turn right on Ifjúság útja and walk 300 meters to the nearest bus stop called Puskás Ferenc Stadion (near a football stadium). Take **bus number 75** towards Jászai Mari tér, and get off at Ötvenhatosok tere (5 stops, 9 minutes). From Ötvenhatosok tere you can easily find the university/conference venue in 200 meters on Dózsa György Street (Dózsa György út 25-27) on your left.

Alternatively, you can walk straight down Dózsa György Street, which takes you to the conference venue, it is, approximately, a 20-minute walk.

Route on the map:

<https://www.google.hu/maps/dir/Ifj%C3%BAs%C3%A1g+%C3%BAtja+1,+Budapest,+1148/D>

<https://www.google.hu/maps/dir/%C3%B3zsa+Gy%C3%B6rgy+%C3%BAt+27,+Budapest,+1146/@47.5053182,19.0876907,15z/am=t/data=!3m1!4b1!4m14!4m13!1m5!1m1!1s0x4741dc9a076fefc1:0x49f7dc329111d1a6!2m2!1d19.1070885!2d47.5001356!1m5!1m1!1s0x4741dc877cbd69bd:0xdde6c89f634c8ffb!2m2!1d19.0864878!2d47.5063084!3e3?hl=en>

Directions to the Cruise Ship Dinner

From Lion's Garden Hotel Budapest, Cházár András u. 4, 1146 to the boat cruise, Jászai Mari tér, hajóállomás (port)

As you exit the hotel, turn right and walk 450 meters on Cházár András street. From the bus stop Ötvenhatosok tere take bus number 75 towards Jászai Mari tér (14 stops, 21 minutes). Get off the bus at its last stop. Walk to the port (=hajóállomás in Hungarian) (max. 500 meters).

Route on the map:

<https://www.google.hu/maps/dir/Ch%C3%A1z%C3%A1r+Andr%C3%A1s+u.+4,+Budapest,+1146/Budapest,+J%C3%A1szai+Mari+t%C3%A9r/@47.5114391,19.0514789,14z/am=t/data=!4m15!4m14!1m5!1m1!1s0x4741dc86efeddf21:0xdd40f6d9cbad55d7!2m2!1d19.0904362!2d47.5057933!1m5!1m1!1s0x4741dc0f71d202a3:0xcb6ad3185571b706!2m2!1d19.0478269!2d47.5131306!3e3!5i2?hl=en>

From Danubius Hotel Arena** Ifjúság útja 1-3., 1148 Budapest to to the boat cruise, Jászai Mari tér, hajóállomás (port)**

Walk 350 meters to the nearest metro stop, Puskás Ferenc Stadion (near a football stadium). Take metro line M2 towards Déli pályaudvar and get off at Kossuth Lajos tér (5 stops, 10 minutes). You will see the House of Parliament on a square on your left. Pass the Parliament and walk through Kossuth tér which continues in Balassi Bálint utca (800 meters). At the end of Balassi Bálint utca, you will get to Jászai Mari tér and the port (=hajóállomás in Hungarian) will be on your left.

Route on the map:

<https://www.google.hu/maps/dir/Ifj%C3%BAs%C3%A1g+%C3%BAtja+1,+Budapest,+1148/Budapest,+J%C3%A1szai+Mari+t%C3%A9r/@47.5083164,19.0389757,15z/am=t/data=!4m14!4m13!1m5!1m1!1s0x4741dc9a076fefc1:0x49f7dc329111d1a6!2m2!1d19.1070885!2d47.5001356!1m5!1m1!1s0x4741dc0f71d202a3:0xcb6ad3185571b706!2m2!1d19.0478269!2d47.5131306!3e3?hl=en>

Directions to the venue of the concert

From Lion's Garden Hotel Budapest, Cházár András u. 4, 1146 to the concert venue, Liszt Academy of Music, Concert Centre Budapest, Liszt Ferenc tér 8:

As you exit the hotel, turn right and walk 450 meters on Cházár András street. From the bus stop Ötvenhatosok tere take bus number 74 towards Károly körút (Astoria M). Get off the bus at Wesselényi utca (5 stops, 9 minutes). Turn right and 600 walk meters on Erzsébet körút. After 600 meters, turn left and you will see the concert venue, Liszt Academy of Music, Liszt Ferenc tér 8.

Route on the map:

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From Danubius Hotel Arena** Ifjúság útja 1-3., 1148 Budapest to the concert venue, Liszt Academy of Music, Concert Centre Budapest, Liszt Ferenc tér 8:**

Walk 350 meters to the nearest metro stop, Puskás Ferenc Stadion (near a football stadium). Take metro line M2 towards Déli pályaudvar and get off at Blaha Lujza tér (2 stops, 5 minutes). From Blaha Lujza tér, you can turn left and walk straight ahead for about 900 meters to the concert venue, Liszt Ferenc tér 8. If you don't want to walk, you can take 2 stops on tram 4 or 6 towards Széll Kálmán tér (just 2 minutes). Get off the tram at Király utca. You will find the concert venue after walking 150 meters.

Route on the map:

<https://www.google.hu/maps/dir/Ifj%C3%BAs%C3%A1g+%C3%BAtja+1,+Budapest,+1148/Budapest,+Liszt+Ferenc+t%C3%A9r+8/@47.5025992,19.0455271,13z/am=t/data=!3m1!4b1!4m14!4m13!1m5!1m1!1s0x4741dc9a076f6fc1:0x49f7dc329111d1a6!2m2!1d19.1070885!2d47.5001356!1m5!1m1!1s0x4741dc6ec2a408af:0x2eb6865ce2aca0a1!2m2!1d19.0643564!2d47.5031974!3e3?hl=en>

Tourist information about Budapest:

<http://www.budapest.com/>

<http://visitbudapest.travel/budapest-info/>

Further useful information:

As for **currency**, although Hungary is part of the European Union, it does not use the Euro as its currency. The Hungarian currency is the **Forint (Ft, HUF)**. 1 EUR = 310 HUF.

Credit cards are commonly but not universally accepted so it is wise to obtain some Forints (about 10.000 HUF) for your stay even if you expect to use a credit card or debit card for as much as you can. All hotels and most restaurants accept credit cards. However, in some corner shops and kiosks you need to pay in cash for amounts lower than 1000 HUF (approx. 3 EUR).

ATMs are easy to find in Budapest, and there are many options for exchanging cash. Most often, currency exchange kiosks located in tourist areas or shopping malls offer the best exchange rates. Currency exchange is available at the airport at a significant surcharge (10%-15%). Currency exchange is also available at banks at a smaller surcharge. (Many international banks have branches in Hungary.) ATMs dispense Hungarian currency at your bank's daily exchange rate; however, you may be charged a foreign fee on top of the service fees.

Tipping is very much a part of the culture in Hungary, and most people will routinely tip waiters and taxi drivers (10-15%).

As for drinking **water**, tap water is safe to drink in Hungary. If you want to buy **mineral water**, it is useful to know that the meaning of the **colours** of the bottle caps is different in Hungary than in most parts of Europe. Pink cap means mineral water without gas, blue means water with gas, and green means mild sparkling water, just a little bit bubbly.