

Travel, Accommodation, and Venue Information

Essentials

Time zone: GMT+1. The local currency is Hungarian Forint or HUF. The current (September 2004) exchange rates are: 1 USD = 204 HUF, 1 EUR = 248 HUF. Check the latest exchange rate, or rates for other currencies at <http://www.xe.net/ucc/>.

Transport Information

Arriving by Plane

Budapest airport, Ferihegy, is located 24 km (15 miles) of central Budapest. Airport information is available at www.bud.hu.

Airport Minibus

The most convenient way to get to the town from the airport is by the Airport Minibus. The Ford Transit minibuses take up to 11 passengers and take them to all destinations in Budapest. The passengers are grouped according to their respective destinations so one might have to wait until called to the bus of his/her destination area. Drivers usually speak some English. Tickets can be purchased in the Arrival Lounge at the Airport Minibus counter. Airport Minibus counters are open daily from 05.00 a.m. until 01.00 a.m. Ticket prices are as follows:

Full fare ticket one-way: HUF 2,100

Roundtrip ticket: HUF 3,600

Taxi

Avoid unmarked taxis. The following taxi companies, with logos and telephone number well marked on the side of the car, are reliable and reasonably priced. Ordering a taxi by phone is cheaper (and safer) than hailing one on the street.

Fotaxi	06 80 222-2222 (free green number) or 222-2222, 20 9222-222, 30 9222-222, 70 9222-222
City Taxi	211-1111, 20 9211-111, 30 9211-111, 70 2111-111
Rádiótaxi	377-7777, 20 9777-777, 30 9777-777
Tele 5 Taxi	355-5555, 20 935-5555
6x6 Taxi	266-6666, 466-6666
Volántaxi	433-3322, 20 933-33-22, 30 933-33-22
Taxi 2000	200-0000, 30 2000-000
Buda-Taxi	233-3333, 06 20 9333-333

Est.Taxi	244-4444
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Please make sure that the taxi cab has a price list (displayed usually on one of the windows). Several companies offer a fixed-price airport transfer. The fare from the airport to downtown Pest is about HUF 4,000 to 5,000.

Public transport

There is a bus departing from the airport every 30 minutes and arriving at the Kispeszt subway stop (Blue line M3). The bus stop is located outside the airport building between terminals A and B. Local coins are needed to buy a ticket from the vending machine. The ticket price is about 1 EUR.

Arriving by Train

Budapest has direct railway connections to 16 European capitals. All international trains have a dining car and a sleeping car or compartment. Most international express trains arrive at and depart from Keleti Central Railway Station.

Railway Information

Interactive railway schedule (ELVIRA): <http://www.elvira.hu/elvira.dll?language=2>

International travel: +36(1) 461-5500

Domestic travel: +36(1) 461-5400

Links between Railway Stations

Déli and Keleti railway stations are connected by the M2 (red) underground (7 stops). Nyugati railway station too can be reached from Déli and Keleti railway stations by underground. Take the M2 underground from Déli railway station (4 stops) or from Keleti railway station (3 stops) to Deák Square, then take the M3 (blue) underground in the direction of Újpest városközpont 2 stops to Nyugati Railway Station. (Note: In Hungarian, "railway station" is "pályaudvar".) Metro tickets are sold in the ticket office at the Metro entrance.

Arriving by Car

Documents you need

Driving license

Liability insurance (Insurance can be taken out at the appointed insurance companies)

Green card

Motorways

M1: Budapest – Hegyeshalom

M15: Hegyeshalom - Rajka (half-ready - further parts under construction)

M3: Budapest - Gyöngyös - Polgár (provides access to Slovakia; sections beyond are under construction)

M5: Budapest - Kiskunfélegyháza (parts towards Szeged and the southern frontier under construction)

M7: Budapest – Siófok

Motorways are toll roads and can only be used with prepaid vignettes (“matrica” in Hungarian). Vignettes are sold at large gas stations and at main post offices.

Vignette tariffs for motorcycles, cars and caravans (vehicles until the weight of 3.5 tones):

4-day vignette:	1.270 HUF
10-day vignette:	2.000 HUF
31-day vignette:	3.400 HUF
1-year vignette:	30.500 HUF

Local Transportation in Budapest

The Public Transportation Pass is valid for all subways, trams, and buses within the area of Budapest. Passes can be purchased at almost all subway stations at the ticket office.

Ticket information

Single journey ticket	145 HUF / or 180 HUF if bought directly from the driver
1 day pass	1,150 HUF
3 day pass	2,300 HUF
1 week pass	2,700 HUF

Accommodation

Special rates for participants

Special rates for ERPANET seminar participants have been arranged with the following hotels. Breakfast and taxes are included in all of them. The special rates are valid for a limited time only and only if reservation will be made by OSA. Please contact Sergey Glushakov at glushakov@ceu.hu if you wish to benefit from the special rates.

*Starlight Hotel *****

1051 Budapest, Mérleg u. 6. (Five minutes walk from the workshop venue.)

The workshop rate is 96 EUR in single or double room.

(Standard rate: 139 EUR Single room, 169 EUR double room.)

Tel.: +36-1-484-37-00

Fax: +36-1-484-37-11

E-mail: starlight@axelero.hu

<http://www.starlight.com>

*Hotel Délibáb ****

1062 Budapest, Délibáb u. 35. (Yellow line subway M1-Hösök tere station)

The workshop rate is 56 EUR single room, 66 EUR double room.

(Standard rate: 66 EUR single room, 76 EUR double room.)

Tel.: +36-1-342-93-01

Fax: +36-1-342-81-53

E-mail: info@hoteldelibab.hu

<http://www.hoteldelibab.hu/>

CEU Residence and Conference Center

1106 Budapest, Kerepesi ut 87. (About half an hour by bus and blue line subway from CEU.)

The workshop rate is 37 EUR (45 USD) single room, 49 EUR (60 USD) double room.

Tel.: (36-1) 327-3150, 327-3155, Fax: (36-1) 327-3156

E-mail: ceucenter@ceu.hu

<http://www.ceucenter.hu/>

Recommended Hotels

*Hotel Hold ****

1054 Budapest, Hold u. 5. (Blue line subway M3 to Arany János station – five minutes walk from the workshop venue.)

Rate: 65 EUR single room, 75 EUR double room, breakfast and taxes included.

Tel.: +36-1-472-04-80

Fax: +36-1-472-04-84

E-mail: info@hotelhold.hu

<http://www.hotelhold.hu>

*City Hotel Mátyás ****

1056 Budapest, Március 15. tér 8. (Blue line subway M3-Ferenciek tere station.)

Rate: 75 EUR Single room, 99 EUR double room, breakfast and taxes included.

Tel.: +36-1-318-05-36, +36-1-338-47-11

Fax: +36-1-317-90-86

E-mail: matyas@taverna.hu

<http://www.taverna.hu>

*Hotel Liget *****

1068 Budapest, Dózsa György út 106. (Yellow line subway M1-Hösök tere station.)

Rate: 105 EUR single room, 120 EUR double room, breakfast and taxes included.

Tel.: +36-1-269-53-00

Fax: +36-1-269-53-29

E-mail: reservation@liget.hu

<http://www.ohb.hu/liget/index.en.html>

*City Panzió Ring ****

1137 Budapest, Szent István körút 22. (Blue line subway 3-Nyugati station.)

Rate: 70 EUR single room, 95 EUR double room, breakfast and taxes included.

Tel.: +36-1-340-54-50

Fax: +36-1-340-48-84

E-mail: ring@taverna.hu

<http://www.taverna.hu/ring>

*Medosz Szálloda ***

1061 Budapest, Jókai tér 9. (Yellow line subway M1-Oktogon station.)

Rate: 42 EUR single room, 52 EUR double room, breakfast and taxes included.

Tel.: +36-1-374-30-01, +36-1-353-17-00

Fax: +36-1-332-43-16

E-mail: info@medoszhotel.hu

<http://www.medoszhotel.hu>

*Best Western Hotel Art ****

1053 Budapest, Királyi Pál u. 12. (Blue line subway M3-Kálvin tér station.)

Rate: 85 EUR Single room, 110 EUR double room, breakfast and taxes included.

Tel.: +36-1-266-21-66

Fax: +36-1-266-21-70

E-mail: hotelart@axelero.hu

<http://www.hotelart.hu>

Other Hotels

Tourism Office of Budapest website www.budapestinfo.hu/en/ has a searchable database of all sorts of accommodation. From the main page go to Online Booking, then select Budapest. There you can choose your hotel by category or facilities essential for you.

Useful online resources

- The short and to-the-point Guide to Budapest at <http://www.sztaki.hu/sztaki/maps/guide.jhtml> contains essential information and relevant links.
- What tourists should know - Facts about Hungary on the Ministry of Economic Affairs website: <http://www.ikm.iif.hu/english/economy/tourism/tur-info.htm>.
- Hungary Tourism, The official Hungarian National Tourist Office website: <http://www.hungary.com>.
- Talking Cities – Budapest: In-depth city guide with sections on sightseeing, getting there, essentials, food & drink and shopping: http://www.talkingcities.co.uk/budapest_pages/budap_main.htm.
- Hungary In Your Pocket, the online version: <http://www.inyourpocket.com/hungary/en/>.
- Budapest, An online tour of Hungary's capital: <http://www.fsz.bme.hu/hungary/budapest/bptour/bptour.htm>.

Maps

- Searchable interactive map of Budapest: <http://www.hot-maps.de/europe/hungary/budapest/homeen.html>
- Searchable roadmap of Hungary: <http://lazarus.elte.hu/moterkep/mb.htm>

Venue

The ERPANET workshop will be hosted by Open Society Archives at Central European University in Budapest, District V, Nador Street ("utca"), 9. Entrance to the building is on the corner of Zrinyi and Nador streets.

