



# BUDAPEST TRANSPORTATION TIPS

## One Day in a City

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### GETTING TO BUDAPEST

A key to making the most of your day in Budapest is getting into the city center as quickly as possible. Most people arrive to Budapest via three different methods:

#### By Air

The Budapest Airport is located just 10 miles (about 20-25 minutes by car) from Budapest's city center and is served by most major airlines operating domestic and international flights. Options for getting into the city center from the airport include:

**Shuttle Bus:** The Airport Shuttle-Minibusz operates 24 hours a day and drops you off in the city center at your hotel or final destination.

**Metro:** Take bus #200 (operates between the hours of 4 a.m. to 11 p.m.) to metro line stop Kőbánya-Kispest and then take metro line M3 toward the Újpest Központ stop and get off at the appropriate metro stop for your hotel or first attraction.

**Taxi:** A taxi is often the most convenient way to get into the city quickly, particularly if you need to stop at a hotel to drop off your bags, as it takes you straight to your first destination point. Be sure to get a taxi at one of the airport's official taxi stations and ensure that it charges you by kilometer.

#### By Train

Budapest's train station is conveniently located just 2.5 miles east of the city center and is called Budapest Keleti Station. A convenient aspect of the Budapest Keleti Station is that it's adjacent to the metro so as soon as you arrive, you're set to immediately begin exploring Budapest. You can also get into the city via bus, tram, or taxi (only take the reputable taxis that have a yellow number plate and fares listed in plain view) - all of which are waiting outside the station's doors. Budapest Keleti Station has multiple connections from large European cities such as Zagreb and Vienna.

## By Car

Budapest can be a headache to drive around in. If you do go to Budapest by car, it is best to leave it parked and to take public transportation to explore the city. Driving around the city center is more of a hassle than it's worth since you'll have to pay for parking – if you can find some – and walking or using the metro can easily get you most everywhere you want to go. Also, check if your hotel has a parking lot and if so, if it is free; many hotels in Budapest charge you extra to park your car in their lot.

## GETTING AROUND BUDAPEST

### Metro

Budapest's underground metro is cheap and convenient to use. A one-way ticket for one zone costs 350 HUF or you can pay 1,500 HUF for a one-day pass, which includes unlimited travel on the metro plus buses, trams, and trolleys to get around the city.

### Walking

Most of Budapest's main attractions are walkable when staying in the city center, though expect a long walk when traveling from one side of the Danube River to the other side. There are also some attractions that are outside the city center which you'll want to take transportation to get to if you decide to visit.

### Taxi

If planning on taking a cab somewhere, ask your hotel to call one for you to ensure you get a reputable one that charges by the kilometer, and not an inflated set price. Then, if pleased with the service, ask for the taxi driver's card so you can call him when you need a ride back to the hotel.

### METRO STOPS FOR BUDAPEST'S TOP SITES

- Hungarian Parliament: Kossuth Lajos tér
- St. Stephen's Basilica: Deák Ferenc tér or Arany János utca
- Buda Castle District: Batthyány (Then take the funicular up the hill or walk up the hill.)
- Chain Bridge: Széchenyi István tér or Clark Ádám tér
- Heroes' Square: Hősök tere
- Széchenyi Baths: Széchenyi fürdő
- Dohány Street Synagogue: Astoria
- House of Terror: Vörösmarty utca

### SHORT ON TIME TIP

Take public transportation as opposed to walking to get to your starting point for the day in order to save time – the metro is easy and inexpensive to use.

### BEST TIME TO GO TIP

Most museums are closed on Monday so try to avoid being in Budapest on a Monday if you only have one day to explore the city.

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