

Arrival in town

AIRPORT – First steps

You should **avoid changing cash at the airport**, as the exchange rate they use is about 20% below market rate. Withdraw cash from an ATM, or use your card for payment until you get downtown. There are exchange booths all around.

If you plan to use **public transport** from the airport, you can buy transport tickets from the BKK counter. The best deal is either a 3-day pass or a block of 10 tickets.

From the AIRPORT – by taxi

The easiest way to get to anywhere in town from the airport is by taxi. Just walk out of the building and find a small booth in front of the taxi queue. A single ride to central Budapest costs around HUF 7000 (23€). Taxi drivers are not allowed to solicit their services in the airport building. If a driver approaches you, it's a scam and you will probably be overcharged up to 3 times. There's no Uber in Budapest.

A pre-ordered minivan costs only slightly more, and it can take up to 8 passengers at a time. So if there are several people arriving at around the same time, and all going to the same destination in town (i.e. conference hotel), this is a viable option.

From the AIRPORT – by public transport

First you need to buy tickets. The local transport authority, BKK, has a large shop and information centre at the airport. A single ticket costs HUF 350 (1.15€), a block of 10 tickets cost HUF 3000 (9.50€). A pass for 72 hours costs HUF 4550, while a weekly pass costs HUF 4950. You can pay for these with a bank card. There are also vending machines in town at every metro stop and at many bus and tram stops.

You need to use a new ticket every time you change (except when changing between metro lines; in this case you can use the same ticket all along). Make sure you validate your ticket as soon as you board the bus/tram, or before using the metro.

Once you leave the airport building, you'll need to find **bus 200E**. This takes you in 22 minutes to metro terminus *Kőbánya-Kispest*. Walk upstairs to a footbridge that takes you to the metro line.

If you stay at Hotel Aréna, you have two options: (i) take the metro all the way to *Deák Ferenc tér*, change to M2 in the direction of *Örs Vezér tere*, and get off at *Puskás Ferenc stadion*. Here, take the exit on the left: the hotel is about a 100 meters to the right from the exit. For this route you'll need a total of 2 tickets from the airport (i.e. one for the bus, another

one for the metro system). (ii) Take the metro to *Népliget*, then change to tram 1 in the direction of *Bécsi út*, then get off at *Puskás Ferenc Stadion*. The hotel is about 250 m from the tram stop behind the metro station. This route takes a bit less time, but you need 3 tickets (or a 3- or 7-day pass).

KELETI RAILWAY STATION

There's an ATM inside the railway station hall and you can also change money. To find the metro, walk downstairs from inside the main hall, then turn left. (If the unlikely event you need line M4, just walk across the large plaza below street level.)

There are vending machines before the metro entrance. You can select your language, and it's fairly straightforward from there. Pick your ticket or pass type (most probably either a block of 10 tickets, a 3-day pass or a 7-day pass), then select means of payment. Several vending machines accept card only, and even if they do accept cash, you're better off paying with a card. (In some of the vending machines the coin path is blocked by scammers.)

To reach Hotel Aréna, take the metro in the direction of *Örs Vezér tere*, then get off at the first stop, *Puskás Ferenc stadion*. Here, take the exit on the left: the hotel is about a 100 meters to the right from the exit.

If you stay in town, take the metro in the opposite direction. Alternatively, depending on the location of your hotel/apartment, you may want to take a bus from the railway station. The bus stop is to right as you leave the station building, about 100 meters.

NÉPLIGET BUS TERMINUS

Eurolines buses arrive at metro stop *Népliget*. Read about ticket vending machines above.

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To reach downtown, take the metro in the direction of *Újpest* and get off at the metro stop closest to your hotel/apartment.

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If you drive directly to Hotel Aréna, the exact address is *Ifjúság útja 1-3*, Budapest 1148.

The hotel is to the East from the city centre, so if you drive from Vienna or Zagreb, you'll have to drive through downtown. Actually, the downtown route via *Erzsébet híd* (bridge) is usually faster than *Rákóczi híd* – outer ring road.

In and around Hotel Aréna

Arrival

Arriving by metro, take the exit to the left. The hotel is 100 m to the right.

Money

The hotel reception changes EUR/GBP/USD/JPY/DKK cash into HUF. There's an ATM at far exit of the metro station.

Most places take card for payment, including ticket vending machines.

Transport tickets

There's a ticket vending machine at the metro entrance closer to the hotel. At the other exit there's a ticket counter if you prefer talking to a human.

Wifi in the hotel

It's the same network in the entire hotel, including hotel rooms, meeting facilities, and the lobby. You'll need to sign up with your name and email, then you're in. Password in 'danubius40'. Once you're logged on, you'll stay logged on.

Parking

If you arrive by car, you can park behind the hotel. Parking for a full day costs 2000 Ft (6.5€).

Hotel bar

The bar in the lobby closes at 23:00. You can also eat here, the kitchen is taking orders until 22:30. Probably it's a good idea to stock up on essential liquids before the bar closes.

Taxi

The receptionists are ready to take your order for taxis. There's no Uber in Budapest since last summer.



Public transport

The **metro** (M2) runs between 4:30 and 23:30. See above how to reach points of interest in town.

You'll need **trolley bus 75** runs to get to the farewell dinner venue. See the map for the location of the nearest bus stop.

Bus 80 / 80A takes you to Aréna Plaza, the largest shopping mall in Budapest.

Another useful link is **tram 1** that takes you to Népliget in about 10 minutes. From Népliget you can take the metro towards the airport (see above for details).

Night transport

There are frequent night buses from downtown to the conference hotel. From Deák Ferenc tér / Astoria / Uránia, you can take bus 931 or 990 back to the hotel. Ask around to make sure you take the bus in the right direction. Between them there are 5 departures per hour until 2:28, then only 2 per hour.

Additionally, from Astoria / Uránia, etc. you can also take 908 (2/hour) and 956 (1/hour). This means that from Astoria onwards there are 8 buses per hour until 2:28, then only 4.

Make sure you have a valid ticket, there's frequent inspection on night buses. You can use the same ticket as during the day.

Public transport: Getting around

City centre > Hotel Aréna

Take metro M2 from *Deák Ferenc tér / Astoria* in the direction of *Őrs vezér tere*, and get off at *Puskás Ferenc stadion*. Take the left exit, walk up the stairs: Hotel Aréna is 100 m to the right.

Hotel Aréna > Deák Ferenc tér (evening walk)

The meeting point for the evening walk on Wednesday is at *Deák Ferenc tér*. From Hotel Aréna take M2 for 4 stops. At the metro stop take the exit that says *Deák Ferenc tér*, as the other exit takes you to another metro line. At the top of the escalator, walk straight for a shorter escalator. At street level leave the station building to the left, then turn left again. The meeting point is in front of the yellow church building.

See the map on the next page.

Back from Buda Castle after the walking tour

From Fisherman's Bastion you can walk downhill to *Batthyány tér*: this is the square directly opposite the Parliament building (excellent photo opportunity). Take M2 all the way back to the hotel, or get off at *Astoria* for the afternoon walk or Henry Liu's talks.

From the castle the fastest way to get back to Pest is taking bus #16 to *Széll Kálmán tér* (major transport hub in Buda), then taking M2 to *Deák Ferenc tér* (downtown) or *Puskás Ferenc stadion* (Hotel Aréna).

Hotel Aréna > Astoria

You may want to go to Astoria for two reasons. The 'Hidden Budapest' walking tour (14:00) starts at 'Ördögsarok' ('Devil's corner'): at the top of the escalator, turn sharp right and walk up the stairs.

Henry Liu's talk for students (12:30) is at 'Gólyavár' ('Stork Castle'): this is a round-shaped building inside the university campus just off Astoria. From the escalator turn left, then start walking on *Múzeum körút* along the tram tracks. The campus gate is some 200 m from the Astoria intersection. Walk straight into the campus, past the main building on the right: *Gólyavár* is a smaller building behind this. Ask any student for directions (pronounce as 'GO-yah-vaar').

(see map on next page)

Anker klub (welcome dinner)

From Hotel Aréna take M2 to *Deák Ferenc tér* (direction *Déli pályaudvar*). Make sure you take the exit to *Deák Ferenc tér*, as the other exit takes you to the M3 line. At the top of the escalator, walk left, take another, shorter, escalator, then walk left again,

taking the left exit at the end of the corridor. Once at street level walk 100 m, then turn right at the Yves Rocher shop into Anker köz. Anker klub is 100 m from the corner.

From elsewhere in town you can reach *Deák Ferenc tér* easily. Locate the large yellow building towering above the square: Anker köz is on the left of this building, and Anker klub is just around the corner.

Hotel Aréna > Uránia

Take metro M2 from right outside Hotel Aréna. At the metro stop follow the signs for *Déli pályaudvar*.

Uránia is exactly halfway between stops *Blaha Lujza tér* and *Astoria*, about a 6-minute walk from either of these. The best option is getting off at Astoria (3 stops from the hotel), then at the underpass level turning sharp left to reach the street level.

There's a bus stop here. You can take any of the very frequent buses that stop here for one stop – you'll get off right at the entrance of Uránia. This route assumes that you'll have a 3 or 7-day pass, as you'd need a separate ticket for the bus after the metro.

Hotel Aréna > Farewell dinner venue

The farewell dinner takes place in the ice rink building just off Heroes' square. You can reach this easily from Hotel Aréna by trolley bus 75. Buses leave every 10 minutes and the ride takes 9 minutes. Get off at Olof Palme sétány and enter the large white building.

City centre > Farewell dinner venue

Take the old M1 metro line to *Hősök tere* (Heroes' square). Walk on the right side of the square past a museum building until you reach the old white building.

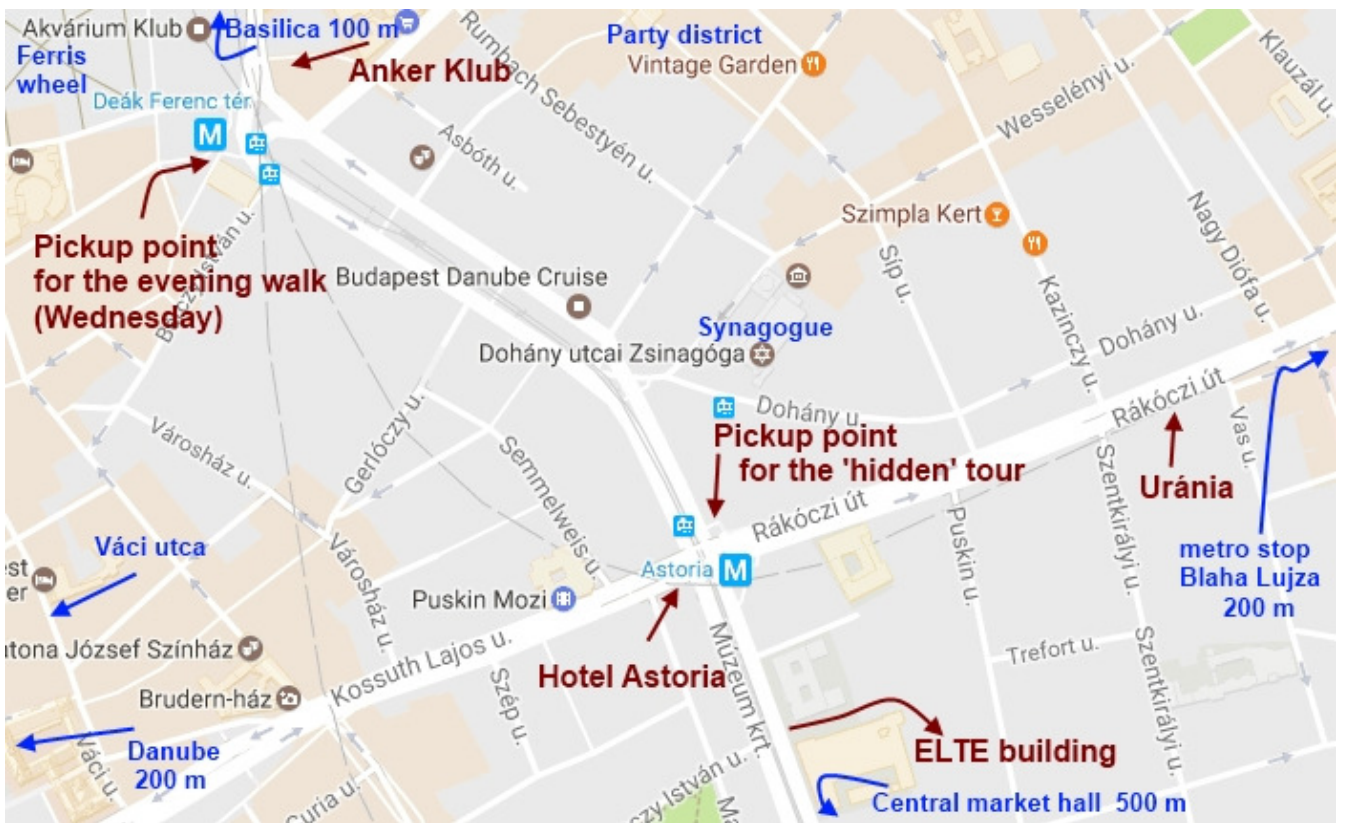
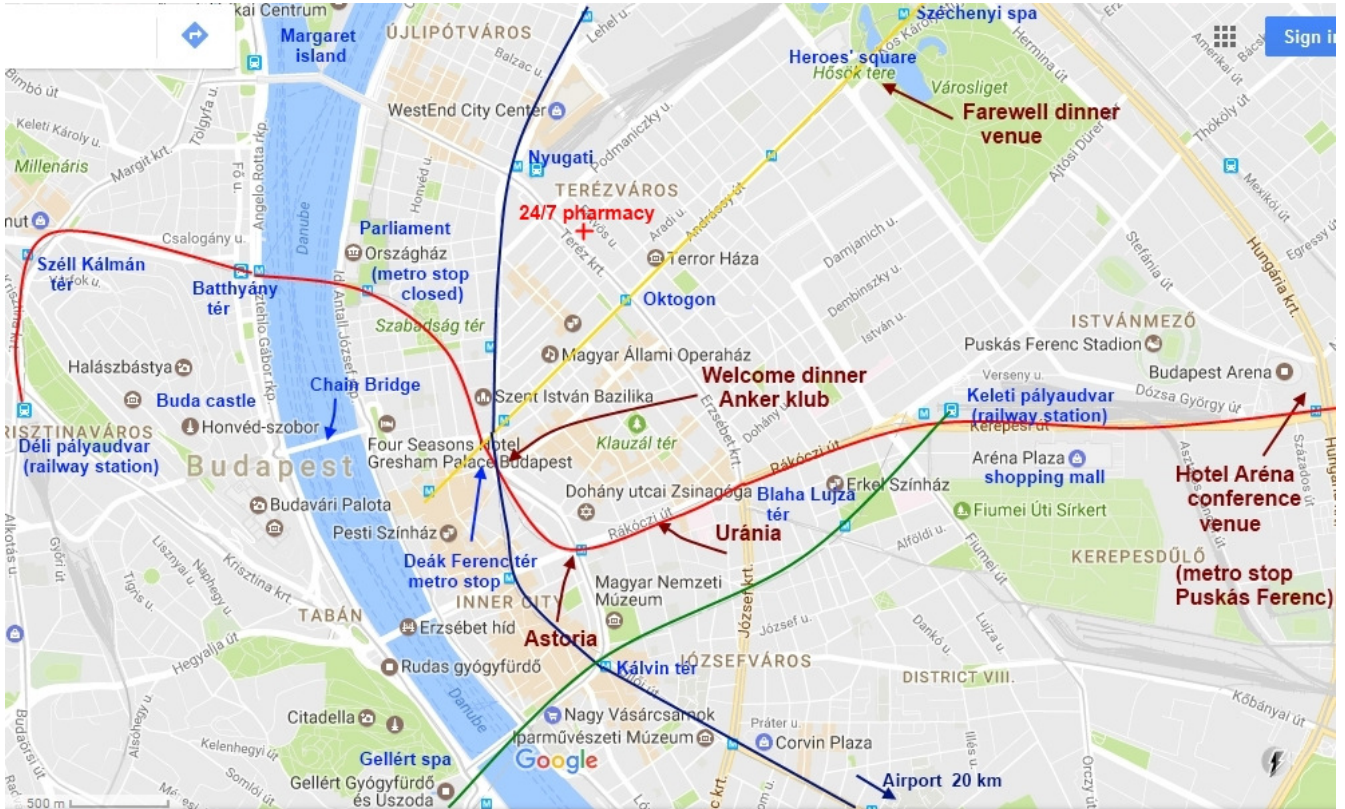
Farewell dinner venue > Hotel Aréna

You can use public transport to get back to the hotel until almost midnight. To catch trolley bus 75, you need to walk past the façade of the museum near the ice rink building, then cross the main road. The last few buses leave from this stop at 22:38, 22:58, 23:18, 23:38, 23:58. Allow 4 minutes to reach this stop.

The metro from Heroes' square to the city centre runs until 23:35, running every 10 minutes after 22:35.

We'll have rented buses that leave the ice rink building at later times, the last bus leaving at 2:00. The buses first stop at Hotel Aréna, then Blaha Lujza tér, Astoria, Deák Ferenc tér, and finally Oktogon.

Budapest public transport tips for BP17 attendees: Maps



Hungarian 101

Hungarian is usually considered as one of the most difficult languages in the world. It's not THAT difficult though: for starters it's relatively easy to read, since we use the Latin script.

Pronunciation

a – á – o sound almost the same, but it's important to differentiate them. *Hat* ('six') is pronounced like American 'hot', while *bot* ('stick') is pronounced as British 'bot'. **á** is like 'ar' without a rolled r in south England (as in 'far'). **ö** and **ü** are pronounced exactly like the corresponding German (and Turkish) vowels, while **ő/ű** are longer versions.

Hungarian has its fair share of double consonants. **cs** is like *ch* in English or Spanish, **gy** is like the first sound in *due* in England, or a softened Slavic d. **ly** sounds the same as **j** (like y in English yellow). **ny** is a softened Slavic n, or gn in Italian or the n in *new* in England. **sz** is like s in other languages (*sister*), **ty** is like a softened Slavic t or t in Tuesday in certain dialects. **zs** is like s in pleasure or zh in Zhivago.

c is pronounced as 'ts' in English or c in Slavic languages, **j** is like an English y or a German/Slavic j. **s** is like the English sh or German sch.

The stress is always on the first syllable.

Hungarian is an agglutinative language, which means we glue almost all grammatical information to the end of nouns, verbs, adjective, pronouns, what have you. For translators this means a lower word count and more trouble with spellcheckers.

Top 12 phrases

Szia / Sziasztok (s/pl)	Hi!
Jó napot!	Good morning / afternoon
Viszlát!	Goodbye
Nem tudok magyarul	I don't speak Hungarian
Köszönöm / Kösz	Thank you
Egészségedre!	Cheers! / Bless you!
Jó étvágyat!	Enjoy your meal
Kérek egy sört!	A beer please
Kérek egy jegyet!	A ticket please
Nagyon szép vagy	You're very beautiful
Nem értem	I don't understand
Nem tudom	I don't know

Shopping

Mennyibe kerül?	How much is it?
Kártyával fizethetek?	Can I pay with a card?
Akció	Sale
Túl drága	Too expensive
Ezt itt vettem	I bought this here

Numbers

0	nulla	20	hús
½	fél	22	huszonkettő
1	egy	30	harminc
2	kettő	38	harmincnyolc
3	három	40	negyven
4	négy	50	ötven
5	öt	60	hatvan
6	hat	70	hetven
7	hét	80	nyolcvan
8	nyolc	90	kilencven
9	kilenc	100	száz
10	tíz	155	százötvenöt
11	tizenegy	200	kétszáz
15	tizenöt	1000	ezer

Drinks / food

Az étlapot kérem!	The menu please
Napi menü	Set menu of the day
Levesek	Soups
Gulyásleves van?	Do you have goulash soup?
Savas / mentes víz	Sparkling / still water
Egy kólát kérek	A coke please
Csapolt sör	Beer on tap
Korsó / pohár	0.5 liter / 0.3 liter
Pohár / üveg bor	A glass / bottle of wine
Vörös / fehér / rozé	Red / white / rosé
Nem eszem húst	I don't eat meat
A számlát kérem	The bill please
Késszép / kártya	Cash / card

Getting around the city

Merre van a Duna?	Which way is the Danube?
Hol van az Uránia mozi?	Where's Uránia cinema?
Mikor kell leszállnom?	When do I have to get off?
Eltévedtem	I'm lost
Hol van az Opera?	Where's the Opera?
Éjszakai járat	Night service
Lánchíd	Chain Bridge
Budai vár	Buda castle
Margitsziget	Margaret island
Gellérthegy	Gellért hill
Rudas fürdő	Rudas baths
Kettes / piros metró	Metro line 2 (red line)
Zárva / nyitva	Closed / open
Fordító vagyok	I'm a translator
Tolmács vagyok	I'm an interpreter