

Budapest University of Technology and Economics University Guidebook – Academic Year 2013/2014

Hungary:

This small country is one of the oldest European countries, situated in the middle of the continent in Central Europe.

Hungarians speak a language and form a culture unlike any other in the region: this distinctiveness has been both a source of pride and an obstacle for more than 1100 years.

This is the country

- *which boasts one of the world's most beautiful cities: Budapest, the "Pearl of the Danube"*
- *where 2000 year old Roman ruins and 400 year old Turkish monuments can be found side by side*
- *where Central Europe's largest fresh water lake - Balaton - is located, providing natural paradise for its visitors*
- *where hundreds of therapeutic mineral springs gush up from the depths*

And there is something else that keeps bringing visitors back to us - the legendary Hungarian hospitality.



1. Lake Balaton – Hills of Káli Basin (photo by Internet)

Budapest:

Often described as the "Little Paris of Middle Europe", Budapest is famous not only for the monuments reflecting its own 1,000-year-old culture, but also for the relics of others who settled here. Remains from both Roman occupation and much later ruled by the Turks can still be seen in the city. After the Ottoman Empire the union with Austria has a particular influence on the city's form and style.

The capital has two sides, Buda and Pest, stretching along the banks of the Danube, representing two different characters of the city.

Suburban Buda and its historic castle district offer medieval streets and houses, museums, caves and Roman ruins. The dynamic Pest side boasts the largest parliament building in Europe, riverside promenades, flea markets, bookstores, antique stores and café houses.

Budapest has a lot to offer. Museums and galleries, churches and synagogues, palaces and historic buildings, baths and pools are presented together with the influence of Secession in the city. There is an unmistakable feeling that something out of the ordinary is just around the corner, but what it will be is up to you to find out...



2. Budapest –The lights of Parliament and Chain Bridge (photo by Internet)

More:

<http://visit-hungary.com/>

1. Practical Information:

- 1.1. Visa information: http://www.kth.bme.hu/en/erasmus/information_for_accepted_students/
- 1.2. Airport Information: <http://www.bud.hu/english>
- 1.3. The weather:

Hungary has a temperate continental climate that is influenced by three main factors: the Eastern-European continental, the Western-European oceanic and the Mediterranean influence.

There are substantial differences among the average temperatures of the four seasons. Usually January is the coldest, while the hottest months are July and August in Hungary .

The daily temperature fluctuation is quite high. The annual average temperature is about 12 °C , the maximum is 38 °C , the minimum is around -10 °C .

Spring starts in early April and is accompanied by lots of showers. The summers are dry and warm. Autumns are cool, foggy and rainy. Winters are relatively short, moderately cold and usually dry, but sometimes brilliant sunny. The little snow the city gets usually disappears after a few days.

The yearly rainfall is about 415 mm that consist of two stronger (early summer and autumn) and two dryer periods (middle of winter and early autumn).

Sunny hours/year are 2015.

The annual average wind speed is 2.4 m/sec.

More:

<http://www.huweather.com/HUWN/index.php?lang=en>

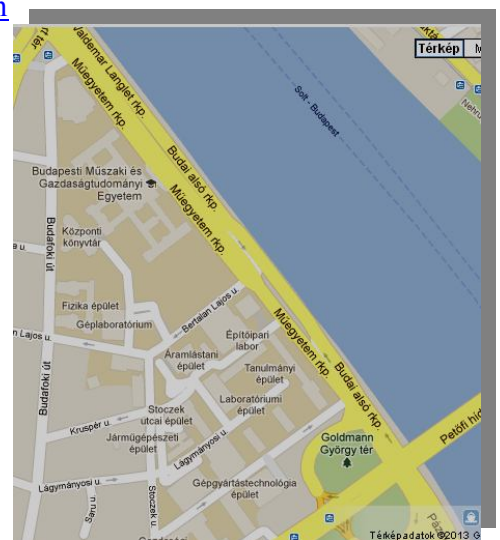
- 1.4. Time: Time zone: *CET (UTC+1), CEST (UTC+2), Summer (DST)*
- 1.5. Transport ticket system: <http://www.bkv.hu/en/>
- 1.6. Average prices: http://www.numbeo.com/cost-of-living/country_result.jsp?country=Hungary
- 1.7. The bank system and money exchange: <http://english.mnb.hu/>, national currency: Hungarian Forint (HUF)
- 1.8. Places worth seeing: <http://visit-hungary.com/things-to-do>
- 1.9. Legalization of stay procedure:
http://www.kth.bme.hu/en/erasmus/information_for_accepted_students/
2. Information about the University: <http://www.bme.hu/?language=en>
- 2.1. Campus map: <http://www.bme.hu/elerhetoseg>
- 2.2. List of faculties and local Dean's Offices

- *Faculty of Civil Engineering*
- *Faculty of Mechanical Engineering*
- *Faculty of Architecture*
- *Faculty of Chemical Technology and Biotechnology*
- *Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Informatics*
- *Faculty of Transportation Engineering*
- *Faculty of Natural Sciences*
- *Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences*

In the following link you can find informations about the Dean's Offices:

<http://www.bme.hu/faculties?language=en>

Accommodation at the University and outside:



3. Campus map

2.3. The list of available student's dormitories and their description : None

2.4. Information about renting the flat: www.esn.bme.hu

3. The list of English subjects offered by the Faculties with their description.

Name of the Faculty	Course Offered in English	Description of the course	B.Sc. Level	M. Sc. Level
FACULTY OF CIVIL ENGINEERING	Civil Engineering	http://www.kth.bme.hu/en/erasmus/academic_information/	Yes	No
FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE	Architecture	http://www.kth.bme.hu/en/erasmus/academic_information/	Yes	Yes
FACULTY OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERING	Mechanical Engineering	http://www.kth.bme.hu/en/erasmus/academic_information/	Yes	Yes
FACULTY OF CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY AND BIOTECHNOLOGY	Chemical and Biotechnology	http://www.kth.bme.hu/en/erasmus/academic_information/	Yes	Yes
FACULTY OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING AND INFORMATICS	Electrical Engineering and Technical Informatics	http://www.kth.bme.hu/en/erasmus/academic_information/	Yes	Yes
FACULTY OF TRANSPORTATION AND VEHICLE ENGINEERING	Transportation Engineering	http://www.kth.bme.hu/en/erasmus/academic_information/	Yes	No
FACULTY OF ECONOMICS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES	Economic and Social Science	http://www.kth.bme.hu/en/erasmus/academic_information/	Yes	Yes
FACULTY OF NATURAL SCIENCES/COGNITIVE SCIENCES	Mathematics	http://www.kth.bme.hu/en/erasmus/academic_information/	No	Yes

Basic phrases:

English phrase	Translation	Comments
Good day, Good morning (universal greeting)	Jó napot kívánok!	
Good morning (more official)	Jó reggelt kívánok!	
Good evening	Jó estét kívánok!	
Good night	Jó éjszakát!	
Good bye	Viszont látásra!	
Good bye (a bit informal)	Viszlát!	
Hi/Bye (informal)	Szia!	
Hi	Szia!	
See you	Viszlát!	
Bon appetit	Jó étvágyat!	

Cheers! To your health!	Egészségedre/Egészségére!	First phrase is informal
I am	(Name) vagyok.	
How are you?	Hogy vagy/van?	First phrase is informal
What is your name?	Hogy hívnak/hívják?	First phrase is informal
Where are you going?	Hova mész/megy?	First phrase is informal
Mr, Mrs	Uram	
Miss, Mrs	Asszonyom, Hölgyem	
a group of people to whom you refer with respect	hölgyek-urak	Ladies-Gentlemen
I	Én	
You	Te	
He	Ő	
She	Ő	
It	Ő	
We	Mi	
You	Ti	
They	Ők	
I do not understand	Nem értem.	
You speak too quickly	Túl gyorsan beszél(sz).	“beszél(sz)” is used as an informal word
I understand just a bit.	Csak egy keveset értek.	
Repeat, please	Ismételje/ismételd meg, kérem/kérlek.	“ismételd” and “kérlek” are used as informal words
I do not know Polish, I can speak only English	Nem beszélek lengyelül, csak angolul.	
Slowly, please	Lassan, kérem.	
How much is it?	Mennyibe kerül?	
Thank you (very much)	Köszönöm szépen.	
Two beers	Két sört kérek.	
Please/Here you are?	Kérem/Tessék.	
Excuse me/Sorry	Elnézést.	
Coffee or tea?	Kávét vagy teát?	
Where are you going?	Hová mész/megy?	
By coach? By train? By plane? On foot?	Busszal? Vonattal? Repülővel? Gyalog?	
I have to change (trains)	Át kell szállnom.	
When is your train (plane) to Krakow?	Mikor ér a vonatod/vonatja (géped/gépe) Krakkóba?	“vonatod” and “géped” are used as informal words
Where are you staying? Where do you live?	Hol laksz/lakik? Hol él(sz)?	“laksz” and “él(sz)” are used as informal words

I am staying at a hotel/at my friends' place.	Egy szállodában/a barátaimnál lakom.	
We are looking for accommodation?	Szállást keresünk.	
I am looking for a cheap lodging.	Olcsó szállást keresek.	
It is too expensive	Túl drága.	
I want something cheaper.	Szeretnék valami olcsóbbat.	
I will buy this	Ezt megveszem.	
May I help you?	Segíthetek?	
Is there something you can recommend?	Van valami, amit ajánlani tudna?	
Meat dishes	Húsételek	
Dishes without meat	Húsmentes ételek	
starter, soups, salad, sauce, desserts	előétel, leves, saláta, szósz, desszert	
beef, pork, chicken, turkey, lamb, fish	marha, disznó, csirke, pulyka, bárány, hal	
The bill, please	A számlát kérem szépen.	
rice, potatoes, pasta, chips, dumplings	rizs, krumpli, tészta, sültkrumpli, nokedli	
Did you enjoy it? Did it taste well?	Ízlett?	
One more big (small) glass of beer.	Még egy korsó (pohár) sört.	
Thanks, I do not smoke	Köszönöm, nem dohányzom.	
What are you doing?	Mit csinál(sz)?	“csinálsz” is used as an informal word

4. Academic Calendar 2013/2014:

	Detailed information	Comments
the inauguration ceremony of the academic year	02.09.2013	
the first day of classes in the winter semester	09.09.2013	
the first day of the winter break	24.12.2013	
the last day of the winter break	01.01.2014	
the last day of classes in the winter semester	13.12.2013	
the deadline of submitting the diploma thesis at first-cycle study	13.12.2013	
university examination on foreign languages	21.12.2013 - 28.01.2014	
the beginning of the winter examination session	21.12.2013	
the end of the winter examination session	28.01.2014	
the beginning of the registration period	03.02.2014	
the first day of classes in the summer semester	10.02.2014	
the first day of the spring break	-	
the last day of the spring break	-	
the last day of classes in the summer semester	16.05.2014	
the beginning of the summer examination session	26.05.2014	
university examination on foreign languages ¹	26.05.2014 - 23.06.2014	
the end of the summer examination session	23.06.2014	
the beginning of summer holidays	24.06.2014	
the last day of summer holidays	specified later	
the beginning of the autumn examination session	specified later	
the deadline of submitting the diploma thesis at first-cycle study	specified later	
the last day of the autumn examination session	specified later	

the beginning of the registration period -	specified later	
the last day of the registration period, the last day of the academic year	specified later	

5. List of documents required to become a student:

- Valid passport or ID
- Letter of acceptance (print out the one we sent you)

6. Patterns of different documents: -

7. Other information: http://www.kth.bme.hu/en/erasmus/information_for_accepted_students/