

Fast facts

Hungary is located in Central Europe's Carpathian Basin. The capital of the Hungarian Republic is Budapest. Its territory is 93.030 km², the population is just over 10 million. The climate of the country is temperate continental. You can find a weekly weather forecast (only in Hungarian, but with well-known signs) here [http://www.met.hu/omsz.php?almenu_id=weather&pid=elorejelzes&mpx=0&kps=1&pri=0&stt=Eger].

Information on visa and frontier crossing

Between the EU countries, Norway and Iceland the citizens of the member states, Norway and Iceland are not required to have a passport. During their travel within the European Union they have the choice to prove their identity with ID card or passport. Hungary shall implement the common visa policy in its everyday practice. According to the European visa policy:

National identity card is needed for entry into Hungary for citizens of Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Holland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxemburg, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Switzerland, Slovakia and Slovenia.

Passport is required for entering Hungary for citizens from Denmark, United Kingdom, Ireland, Iceland, Latvia, Norway and Sweden.

Citizens of the following European countries are required to have visa to enter Hungary: Albania, Belorussia, Macedonia, Moldavia, Russia, Serbia and Montenegro, Turkey, Ukraine. If you need an invitation letter to get your visa in time, please ask for it and I'll be pleased if I could help you.

Border crossing control within the EU remains as it was before (Schengen rules) in case of Sweden and the new EU member states (Hungary and Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia) until they become members of Schengen area.

About currency

However Hungary is the member of the European Union, but not the member of the euro-zone, so the official currency is still the Hungarian Forint (HUF), 1 euro is approximately 245 HUF. You can change foreign currency nearly everywhere, but due to the wrong rates it's not recommended to do it at the airport or on a train station. You can use all major bank cards for buying or at ATM machines to get cash. Traveler's cheques can usually be purchased in major banks.

Traveling by car

Driving a car in Hungary requires a valid international driving license. Before entering the motorways (numbered from M1 to M7), you have to buy a vignette (1120 HUF/4,5 euros for 4 days and 2300 HUF/9 euros for 10 days) which is valid for all the motorways. You can get very close to Eger using M3 from Budapest. Please, take a look at the short video [<http://www.hotelegerpark.hu/video/hotelegerpark.wmv>] how to get to the Hotel Eger & Park by car from the motorway.

Traveling by plane

The following low-cost airlines have direct flights to Budapest (to the same Ferihegy airport with the other airlines):

from several German cities: www.airberlin.com

Cologne/Bonn, Stuttgart: www24.germanwings.com

Berlin, Dortmund, London: www.easyjet.com

Bruxelles, Frankfurt, Katowice, London, Paris: www.wizzair.com

Amsterdam, London, Paris: www.skyeurope.com

Manchester: www.jet2.com

Time zone: Central European (GMT+1), but to the end of October (in a Summer time period): Central European time +1 hour (GMT+2)

Electric current: 230V, 50Hz

More information about Hungary can be found at [Hungary.com](http://www.hungary.com) [<http://www.hungary.com>].

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