



# HUNGARY

**Capital:** Budapest

**Language:** Hungarian

**Population:** 9.9 million

**Time Zone:** EST plus 6 hours

**Currency:** Forint (HUF)

**Electricity:** 220V. 50Hz

## Fun Facts



- Founded way back in 896, Hungary is one of the oldest countries in Europe.
- There are as many as 1,500 spas in the country, adorned with Roman, Greek, and Turkish architecture. Hungary also boasts 450 public baths.
- In 1989, Hungary became the first communist-bloc country to open its borders with Western Europe.

With a population of roughly 10 million, Hungary is a country with a diverse and colorful culture and hectic history. It is a nation settled in the Carpathian Basin for more than two millennia with a territory of 36,000 square miles of mountainous highlands and vast plains.

Marcello Mastroianni, an Italian actor, said of the capital, "Budapest is a quiet city; both her past and future are hidden behind the windows of the old houses. Budapest is like a veiled bride; only after the wedding you'll be able to recognize her beauty." Stroll down the winding, cobblestone streets of the medieval quarters in the Buda side of the capital; enjoy a strong, black coffee in one of the numerous cafés. Walk across Chain Bridge over the mighty silver ribbon of the Danube River. Mingle in bustling crowds on the Pest side. Visit the amazing Parliament building, and see the oldest royal crown in Europe. Pick up a word or two of this exotic language (Magyar).

Rubik's cube, fearless horsemen, medical spas, hot goulash soup, Attila the Hun, handsome mucho hussars, Liszt, Bartok, Teller, a wine with a potent kick called "bull's blood," spicy salami, and fiery paprika—all this is Hungary, and there's much more. Lift the veil on this fascinating country, a magical land of friendly people.

## VISAS AND PASSPORTS



Visas to Hungary are not required for U.S. citizens. If you hold a passport from another country, please check with your local consulate about requirements for travel to Hungary. All passengers traveling internationally are required to have a passport. Please carry proper identification (your passport) on you and do not leave it in your suitcase or hotel room.

European law requires you to carry your passport with you at all times.



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## COUNTRY CODES

The country code for Hungary is 36. When calling to Hungary from overseas, dial your international access code (011 from the U.S./Canada) followed by the country code, area code, and phone number. Phone numbers in Hungary are eight digits in length. Dialing from the U.S./Canada: 011 36+ ## #### ####.



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## CURRENCY

The official currency of Hungary is the Hungarian Forint (HUF)

HUNGARIAN FORINT (HUF)

- Banknote denominations: 200, 500, 1000, 2000, 5000, 10000, 20000
- Coin denominations: 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200

For the most current exchange rates, please go to our Web site at [www.globusfamily.com/currency](http://www.globusfamily.com/currency).

Euro may also be accepted in Hungary, however change will be given in the local currency.

Credit cards are accepted in Hungary, and you should have no problems using them in larger shops and restaurants. Visa and MasterCard are most accepted. Smaller shops may ask you to pay in cash or have a minimum amount required to use a credit card.



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## BUDGETING AND SHOPPING

The following budget guidelines are just approximate values or starting values for meals and are per person. Actual prices will vary widely by restaurant and city within a country but below are some averages as provided by our experienced personnel.

The approximate cost of a soft drink/mineral water/coffee is 450-500 HUF.

An average lunch consisting of a salad or sandwich and a soda or water starts at approximately 2000 HUF.

A steak dinner at a mid-range restaurant with dessert and a non-alcoholic beverage starts at approximately 2000 HUF.



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## TIPPING

In restaurants, if a service charge is included in the bill, round up the amount and tell the waiter how much you are paying, or expect to receive change. Otherwise a reasonable tip is 10- 15%. Tips are given directly to the waiter and not left on the table.

For taxis, a 10% tip is customary.

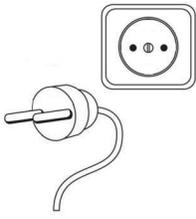
Tip hotel staff 500 HUF for room service.



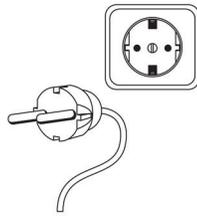
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## ELECTRICAL OUTLETS

Voltage for outlets is 220V. North American voltage is generally 110V. Therefore, a converter may be necessary for your travels. Adapters will be necessary to adapt your plug into the outlet but may not convert the voltage, so both devices are necessary.



Type C



Type F



## TEMPERATURES

Hungary's weather is moderate with warm and long summers and cold winters. Summer offers lots of sunshine while spring and fall can bring cold nights.

To help you plan, below are average low and high temperatures for Budapest.

January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
25/36°F	27/40°F	35/51°F	41/60°F	51/70°F	56/75°F	59/79°F	59/79°F	52/71°F	43/59°F	34/45°F	28/38°F

To convert to Celsius, subtract 32, then multiply by 5 and then divide by 9.



## FOOD SPECIALTIES

"Bull's blood" wine, spicy salami, and paprika.



## A FEW WORDS OF THE LOCAL LANGUAGE

**Hungarian:**

**Good morning (til 9 a.m.):** Jó reggelt, **Good day:** Jó napot, **Good evening:** Jó estét, **Goodbye:** Viszlát, **Please:** Kérem, **Thank you:** Karsarnarm, **Yes:** Igan, **No:** Nam, **1:** Egy, **2:** Kettő, **3:** Három, **4:** Négy, **5:** öt, **6:** Hat, **7:** Hét, **8:** Nyolc, **9:** Kilenc, **10:** Tíz, **I don't understand:** Nem értem, **Please write it down:** Kérem írja le, **Where is...?:** Hol...?, **Telephone:** Telefon, **Coffee:** Kávé, **Bottled water:** Palackozott víz, **Cheers!:** Egészségedre!

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