

Welcome to Hungary



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We are going to talk about:

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Hungary at a Glance



Capital City

Budapest, a vibrant metropolis straddling the Danube.



Key Features

Home to the majestic **Danube** (Duna) and **Tisza** rivers, and the stunning **Lake Balaton**.



Population & Language

Approximately **9.6 million** residents, speaking **Hungarian (Magyar)**, a unique language isolate.



Hungary offers a captivating blend of rich history and modern vibrancy. Its central location makes it **a crossroads of cultures and influences**.

Hungary: More Than Meets The Eye!



Ancient Language

Hungarian is one of Europe's **oldest** languages, with no direct relatives among its neighbours!



Rubik's Cube

The world-famous puzzle was ingeniously invented by a Hungarian architect, **Ernő Rubik**.



Wine Pioneer

Hungary was the **first country** to introduce a wine classification system, for its exquisite Tokaji wine.



Thermal Bath Culture

Boasting **over 1,000** hot springs, Hungary is a haven for thermal bath enthusiasts!



Historical Gems



Fisherman's Bastion



Parliament Building



Buda Castle

Entertainment in Hungary

You can also find cinemas, theaters, zoos, museums and special events such as concerts and festivals.

*Check Erasmus students' events.



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Natural Gems



Pál-völgyi Cave



Sziget Festival

Budapest: Fun & Relaxation



Széchenyi Thermal Bath

Immerse yourself in Europe's largest medicinal bath – a must-do local experience!



Gellért Hill & Citadel

Ascend for unparalleled panoramic views of Budapest's sprawling beauty.



Margaret Island

A tranquil green oasis in the heart of the Danube, perfect for leisurely strolls and relaxation.



Ruin Pubs

Explore the unique, eclectic nightlife in the Jewish Quarter's famous ruin pubs – a truly Budapest experience!

From relaxing thermal waters to vibrant nightlife, Budapest offers something for everyone!



Hungarian Stereotypes: Myth or Reality? 🤔

Let's debunk some common perceptions and see how true they really are!



Hungarians are Pessimistic?

🤔 **Partly true!** There's a historical inclination, but the younger generation is certainly more optimistic and forward-looking. Don't be surprised to find warm smiles and helpful attitudes, especially once you get to know people.



Everyone Eats Goulash Every Day?

❌ **False!** While goulash is a beloved national dish, it's typically enjoyed occasionally, perhaps weekly or for special gatherings. Hungarian cuisine is incredibly diverse, offering much more than just goulash!



Hungarians are Good at Maths and Chess?

✅ **True!** Hungary has a remarkable tradition of producing brilliant mathematicians and chess grandmasters, like Judit Polgár. This emphasis on logic and strategic thinking is deeply ingrained in their educational system.



Hungarian is Impossible to Learn?

✅ ? **It depends on your dedication!** Yes, it's a unique language, different from most European languages, which can be challenging. However, with dedication and practice, you can definitely grasp the basics and communicate effectively. Locals truly appreciate any effort you make!

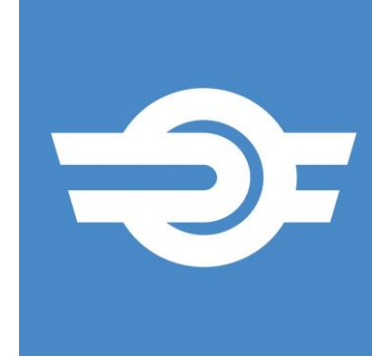
Student Starter pack



Public transport

Cheap and efficient! Consider getting a **student monthly pass** for unlimited travel.

- MÁV (trains), HÉV (suburban trains), BKK (Budapest public transport), and Volán (intercity buses).
- Reduced fare monthly passes are available for students with a valid Student ID Card.

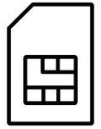


Student ID Card

- You can typically get it through your educational institution.
- The student ID card often provides discounts for public transportation, museums, and other services.



Always have your **student ID** and **passport** with you, especially for discounts.



SIM Card

- Mobile network providers:
Magyar Telekom, One (ex-Vodafone), and Telenor.
- You'll need to provide identification, such as your passport or residence permit.
- Prepaid SIM cards are widely available and can be topped up at convenience stores, online, or through mobile apps.





Banking

Local banks are needed for your **stipendium**

- Major banks in Hungary include OTP Bank, K&H Bank, and Erste Bank.
- To open a bank account, visit a local branch with your passport and residence permit.

Many students also use **Revolut/Wise** for everyday transfers or splitting bills.





TAJ Card

- TAJ Card is essential for accessing healthcare in Hungary.
- Hungary has a public healthcare system; ensure you understand how it works and how to access services.



Groceries

- Popular grocery store chains:

Tesco, Spar, Auchan, Penny, and Lidl.

- You can also shop online through websites like Tesco Online, Auchan Webshop, and others for home delivery.



Golden tip

Pink cap = still water 💧

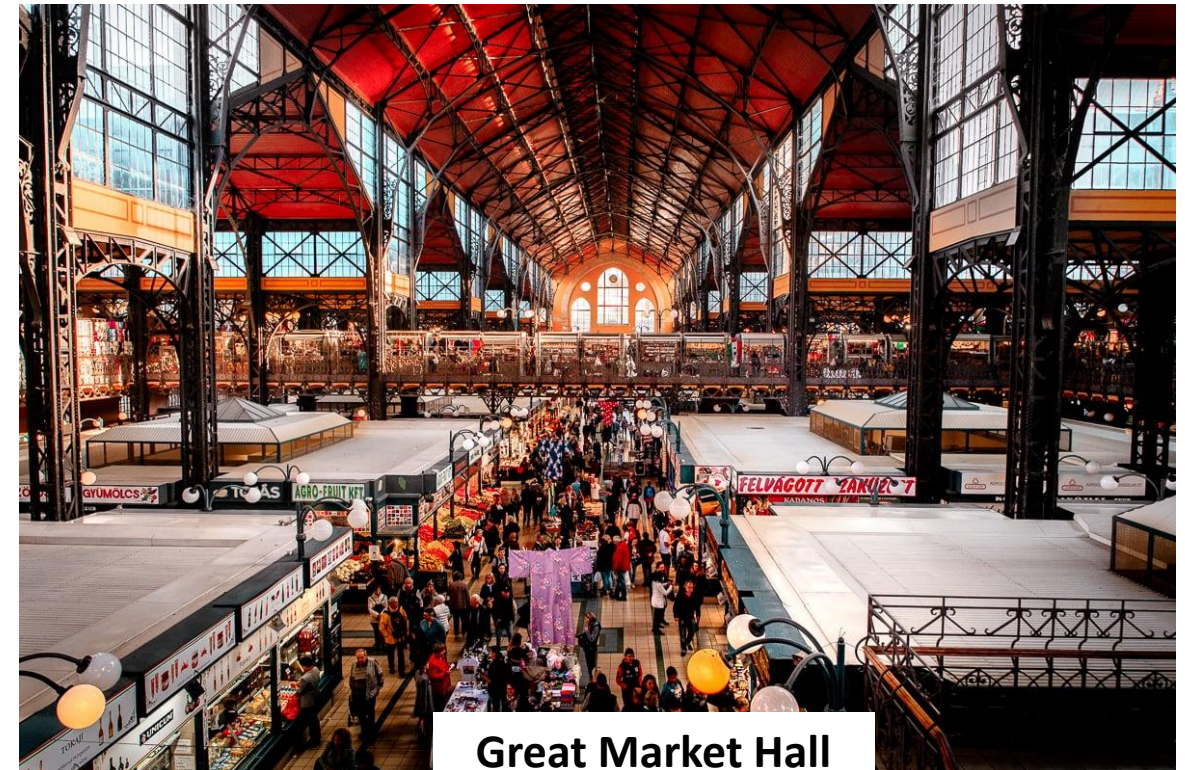
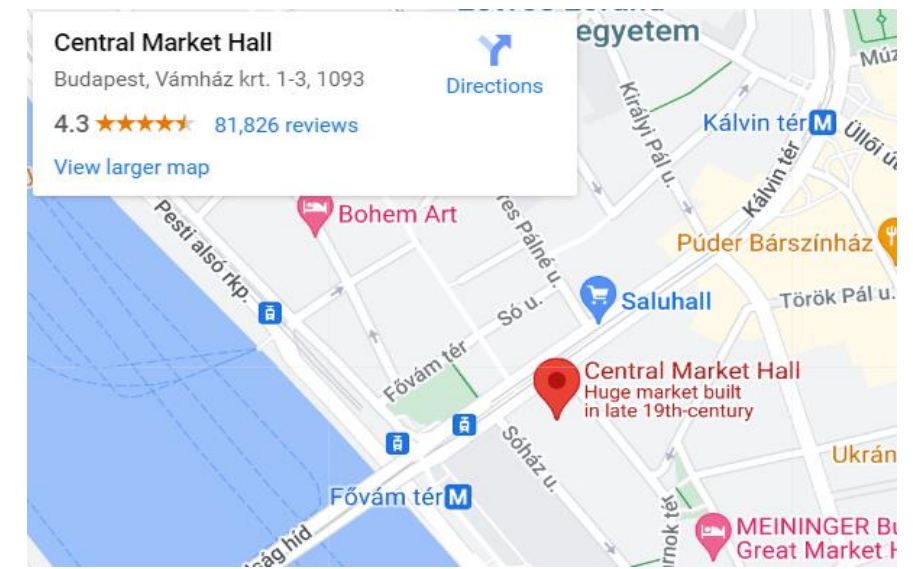
Blue cap = sparkling water ✨



Don't leave without trying **lángos** (fried dough), **chimney cake** (kürtőskalács), and delicious **paprika chicken**.

Besides that, there are good markets which are mainly located in Budapest as:

- **Great Market Hall**
- **Downtown Market**
- **Lehel Hall**



Great Market Hall

Working

- Look for job listings on websites like LinkedIn, Jobline, and Profession.hu
- Consider registering with a student employment agency for part-time jobs.
- Networking and contacting potential employers directly can also be effective.



Thank you for your attention

Enjoy your stay in Hungary

