

## Travel Information

The conference venue of LVLT 13 (i.e. Faculty of Humanities, Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, Múzeum körút 4/A and 4/F) is located in the city centre of Budapest, in District 8, closest to the stop called “Astoria” if you are using public transport.

You can get to Astoria by Metro 2 (“red line”), trams 47 and 49, or several bus lines including lines 5, 7, 8E, 9, 108E, 110, 112, 115, 133E, 178, and even the airport shuttle 100E if you are coming directly from the Airport. From any of the stops, you have to walk only 2-3 minutes to the faculty campus at Múzeum körút 4 (a map of the buildings of the faculty campus can be found under <http://lvlt13.elte.hu/index.php/venue/>).

The venue of the opening session, the Lapidarium of the Hungarian National Museum is located nearby, a 5-minute walk from the Faculty building, in 14-16 Múzeum körút, right next to “Kálvin tér”.

For finding your way in the city, you can safely use Google Maps or the public transport route planner “BKK Futár” at <http://futar.bkk.hu/?map=13/47.501/19.053&layers=GSVB>, both available also as smartphone apps.

If you are using public transport, make sure to buy your ticket / pass BEFORE using the service. You can buy tickets and passes from vending machines, at ticket offices, and at customer service centres. Alternatively, single tickets can be purchased from the drivers on boarding the bus, the trolley bus, or the tram.

**Upon arrival at Ferenc Liszt International Airport Budapest** (<http://www.bud.hu/english>)

**Airport shuttle bus 100E:** The easiest and cheapest option for getting to the city centre from Budapest Airport is to take the public transport airport shuttle bus no. 100E in front of the Airport, which takes you to Deák Ferenc tér. (Deák Ferenc tér is a transport hub in Budapest, from where you can easily reach any part of the city.) The first bus leaves the airport at 05:00 in the morning, the last one at 0:30; the bus leaves from Deák tér every thirty minutes from 04:00 to 23:30. The journey takes about 30 minutes and costs 900 Hungarian Forints (EUR 3). Please ask for the special airport shuttle ticket at the ticket office or customer service centre, or buy it from a ticket vending machine. Also, make sure to validate your ticket when boarding the bus, at the front door (you will need to insert the ticket in a yellow validating machine and get a time stamp on it; if the bus is a less modern one, the machine will probably be red, and you will have to pull a lever to poke 3 holes in your ticket). The bus will take you directly to Deák Ferenc tér, although you can also get off at Kálvin tér or Astoria if you are coming to the conference directly from the Airport.

See <http://bkk.hu/en/airport-shuttle-bus-single-ticket/> and [http://www.bud.hu/english/passengers/access\\_and\\_parking/by\\_public\\_transportation](http://www.bud.hu/english/passengers/access_and_parking/by_public_transportation).

**Important: Citizens of Hungary, other EU and EEA Member States or Switzerland aged 65+ (and children under 6) travel for free!** You will just need to show your ID card other personal identification document (e.g. passport) to ticket control (cf. [http://www.bkk.hu/apps/docs/ertesites/helyi\\_kedvezmenyek\\_en.pdf](http://www.bkk.hu/apps/docs/ertesites/helyi_kedvezmenyek_en.pdf))

**Taxis** wait in line outside Terminals 2A and 2B. A ride to the city centre should typically cost around 6500 HUF (22 EUR) depending on traffic conditions, cf. [http://www.bud.hu/english/passengers/access\\_and\\_parking/by\\_taxi](http://www.bud.hu/english/passengers/access_and_parking/by_taxi). You might also choose a

private airport shuttle that takes you right to your destination. You will find booking booths still in the airport building. <https://www.minibud.hu/>

### **Upon arrival at an international railway station in Budapest**

The conference venue (at stop **Astoria**) can be reached from the three main railway stations of Budapest by taxi or by public transport. There are taxicab stands at each exit of railway stations. Stops for public transports are also comfortably close.

- If you arrive to **Keleti railway station** (“Keleti pályaudvar”), get on the **Metro line no. 2** (“red line”) at “Keleti pályaudvar” in the direction toward “Déli pályaudvar”, and get off at the second stop, **Astoria**;

- If you arrive to **Déli railway station** (“Déli pályaudvar”), get on the **Metro line no. 2** (“red line”) at “Déli pályaudvar” in the direction of “Örs vezér tere”, and get off at the fifth stop, **Astoria**.

- If you arrive to **Nyugati railway station** (“Nyugati pályaudvar”), take **Bus no. 9** at “Nyugati pályaudvar” in the direction of “Kőbánya alsó vasútállomás”, and get off at the fifth stop, **Astoria**. Alternatively, you can also take **Metro line no. 3** (“blue line”) at “Nyugati pályaudvar” in the direction of “Kőbánya-Kispest”, and get off at the fourth stop, “**Kálvin Tér**”, and walk along Múzeum körút to the conference venue at Múzeum körút 4/F (or to the Lapidarium of the Hungarian National Museum at Múzeum körút 14-16 for the opening session).

Please make sure to purchase your ticket or pass BEFORE boarding any vehicles of public transport, and validate your ticket BEFORE boarding the metro at the gates, or ON boarding trams, buses, and trolley-buses!

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### **Public transport in Budapest**

As you will probably spend at least 6 days in Budapest, it might be worth buying a weekly pass or a block of tickets. The city is big, attractions are quite scattered and far from each other, and the excursion to Aquincum Museum and Archaeological Park will be done by public transport (by metro line no. M2 and suburban railway line no. H5, needing at least 4 tickets to ride there and back to the city centre). You might consider buying either a Seven-day Budapest-travelcard for HUF 4,950 (EUR 16), cf. <http://www.bkk.hu/en/budapest-7-day-travel-card/>, or a Block of 10 tickets for HUF 3,000 (EUR 10) if you take public transport only on the days of the excursion, cf. <http://www.bkk.hu/en/block-of-10-tickets/>. Tickets are sold at ticket offices, customer service centres and ticket vending machines as well, where you can pay in cash or with a debit/credit card, cf. <http://bkk.hu/en/tickets-and-passes/prices/>.

A single ticket is valid for a single uninterrupted trip without transfer on the whole length of each line. It is valid for 80 minutes after stamping (for 120 minutes on night lines). During the period of validity, transfers are allowed only between the metro lines (M1, M2, M3 and M4). Apart from that, transferring between lines requires validating another ticket, or purchasing a transfer ticket to start with, cf. <http://www.bkk.hu/en/tickets-and-passes/prices/transfer-ticket-2/>.

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**Important Note:** The Hungarian currency is the Hungarian Forint (abbreviation: Ft; code: HUF). The exchange rate between HUF and EUR is changing daily but as a rule of thumb, ca. HUF 300 = EUR 1. Hotels and big supermarkets usually accept Euros, but in most places you will be required to pay in Forints. There are various exchange offices in the city centre and especially near railway stations. The exchange rates are usually advertised on big boards in front of each office. Make sure to check them before you go and make the exchange to get a proper rate. Of course, you can also exchange money at any bank. Detailed exchange rates between Hungarian Forint and major international currencies can be found at <https://www.mnb.hu/en/arfolyamok>.