

## **AIT-Budapest Survival Guide**

Useful information about who to turn to with problems or in case of emergency, where to go and where not to go, etc. Remember that we are also always available any time in any situation when you urgently need help: Dorka (+3620 268 5097), Ákos (+3620 435 6856) or Anita (+3670 647 3755).

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### **AIT-BUDAPEST OFFICE**

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### **SENDING LETTERS AND PACKAGES**

When receiving letter or packages it is more convenient to give AIT's address because AIT staff is always there to sign for your packages. Hungarian postal staff will not leave packages at your door.

Mailing address (for packages and FedEx)

[Student Name]

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Aquincumi Technológiai Intezet  
GRAPHISOFT PARK U3 building  
1031 Budapest  
Zahony u. 7.  
HUNGARY

**Please be aware that mailing any item from outside of the European Union, from a private individual shipper to another private individual recipient that exceeds EUR 45 in value (cost of shipping inclusive) may be subject to customs procedures that can take extremely long and result in additional fees and charges. DO NOT mail medication! If you need medication during your stay, please ask your medical provider to supply enough medication to cover the entire period of your stay.**

### **EXPRESS MAILING SERVICES**

FedEx: 06 40 980 980

DHL: 06 40 45 45 45

UPS: 06 40 989 898

### **PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION**

Public transportation (bus, tram, trolleybus and the subway system) is well organized in Budapest.

Fares (within Budapest):

Single ticket: 350 HUF (approx. \$1.25); Monthly student pass: 3450 HUF (approx. \$13). You can buy them from the vending machines at bigger stops or from the booths at metro stations. For further types of tickets and timetables check the homepage of Budapest Transport Company: <http://www.bkk.hu/en>

Have your pass always at hand because you usually have to show it to the controllers who stand on the top of the escalators in the underground. You need to keep your temporary student ID with the pass (you get this upon registration).

### **CABS**

Taking a cab is always safe with major cab companies. Avoid cabs not displaying the logo of the known companies listed below because some drivers have been reported to overcharge foreigners.

The rates of taxis are regulated, and the starting cost when you enter a cab is 450HUF. The fee per kilometer is 280HUF. There is no longer a flat fee going to and from the airport, so your fare will depend on the meter. If you would like to call to arrange a ride, you can specifically ask for an English-speaking driver.

These companies are reliable:

TAXI4 (+36 1 444 4444) – You can ask for an English-speaking driver.

City Taxi (+36 1 211 1111) – The name of the company is printed on the side of the cabs.

Airport Shuttle (minibud.hu, +36 1 550 0000) – You have to order it at least a day before departure. It picks you up at the requested address and takes you to the airport, and it's normally cheaper than taking a regular cab. Fare: from 3000 HUF to 5000 HUF/person

## **PHONE AND INTERNET**

We highly recommend getting a Hungarian cell number as soon as you arrive to Budapest. The simplest solution is to purchase SIM-card-only package if you have an unlocked cell phone, but you can also buy a phone if needed. There are three mobile companies in Hungary: Vodafone, Telenor, and T-Mobile (not the same as the U.S. T-Mobile); you can buy a SIM card in any of their shops. You only need your passport to purchase a SIM-card and a phone.

### Calling Hungary from abroad:

The country code for Hungary is 36 and the city code for Budapest is 1 then the seven-digit local number. For an example, to call AIT office from the US: +36 1 815 3450

Carrier codes for the three mobile phone carriers are 20 or 30, or 70. For an example, to call Dorka's cell from a US phone: +36 20 268 5097.

### Calling each within Hungary:

To call a Budapest landline number from a Hungarian cell phone: 06 1 815 3450.

To call a cell from a Hungarian cell: 06 20 268 5097.

### Calling a foreign country from Hungary:

The prefix of international calls is 00 or +. To dial internationally you put 00 then the country code (for instance, 00 1 for the US), then the area code and the local number.

You can buy prepaid calling cards in many internet cafés and post offices. International calls are much cheaper using prepaid calling cards or voip services such as skype. **Internet connection** is available at AIT and at the apartments and you may find free hotspots around Budapest in many places.

## **HEALTH CARE**

AIT's official health care partner is **Kútvölgyi Clinical Unit**, which you can turn to in case of illness or other health problems. With your required health, accident and hospitalization insurance that you will sign on Orientation Day you are able to turn to this health care center. They have English-speaking staff, including the doctors.

### **SE Kútvölgyi Klinikai Tömb, Prémium Belgyógyászat**

1125 Budapest, Kútvölgyi út 4.

Tel.: 8 am – 2 pm 06 1 325 1204 (call this number for appointments)

Emergency: 06 1 325 1171 (before 8 am and after 2 pm)

## **EXCHANGE**

You can always find an exchange office or booth, bank or ATM for bankcards. Traveler's checks are not generally accepted in Hungary so we recommend using a bankcard instead.

## **AMERICAN EMBASSY**

Address: 1054 Szabadság tér 12.

Tel.: 06 1 475 4400

## **EMERGENCY NUMBERS**

POLICE	107
AMBULANCE	104
FIRE DEPARTMENT	105
EMERGENCY CENTER	112