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**Dear Summer University Student!**

**We're excited to introduce you to ELTE Budapest! Studying abroad is a rewarding, inspiring adventure that offers unforgettable experiences.**

**Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE) is Hungary's leading university, known for its rich traditions, top international rankings, and vibrant multicultural environment, with students from over 100 countries.**

**At ELTE, internationalization is key to our education and research. As an international student, you play an important role in our global academic community.**





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## ELTE'S (VERY BRIEF) HISTORY

Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE) in Budapest was founded in 1635 in Nagyszombat by Cardinal Péter Pázmány as a Catholic university. It moved to Buda in 1777 and then to Pest in 1784. In 1950, it was named after the renowned physicist Loránd Eötvös.



ELTE has since grown into one of Hungary's leading institutions for higher education and research, known for its strong tradition in the humanities and sciences.





# Budapest Highlights<sup>✦✦</sup>

## Must-See Sights for Summer University Students

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Welcome to Budapest, one of Europe's most beautiful and exciting capital cities! Divided by the Danube river into the historic Buda and the vibrant Pest, Budapest is a perfect blend of culture, architecture, nature, and nightlife. Whether you're staying for a few weeks or just a few days here are the city's top sights you won't want to miss!





# BUDA CASTLE CASTLE DISTRICT

## WHAT is it?

A UNESCO World Heritage Site, Buda Castle sits atop Castle Hill and offers stunning views over the Danube and Pest. The castle complex includes the Hungarian National Gallery, the Budapest History Museum, and the Széchenyi National Library.

## WHY visit?

Wander the cobblestone streets, explore the medieval ruins, and enjoy panoramic views. It's especially magical at sunset or in the evening when the whole district lights up.

## TIP:

entry to the courtyards is free, the museums require tickets.

47° 30' 6" N, 19° 2' 0" E

# Fisherman's Bastion (Halászbástya)



## WHAT is it?

A fairytale-like terrace with white turrets and arcades that overlooks the Parliament and the Danube.

## WHY visit?

It's one of the best photo spots in the city, and the nearby Matthias Church with its colorful tiled roof is a true architectural gem.

## IP:

free sections available, upper balconies have a small fee.

47° 30' 10" N, 19° 2' 4" E





# THE PARLIAMENT

## WHAT is it?

The iconic Hungarian Parliament building is one of Europe's largest and most beautiful legislative buildings, located on the Pest side of the city.

## WHY visit?

Its neo-gothic facade and riverside location make it a city symbol. Guided tours will let you see the holy crown of Hungary and the ornate interior.

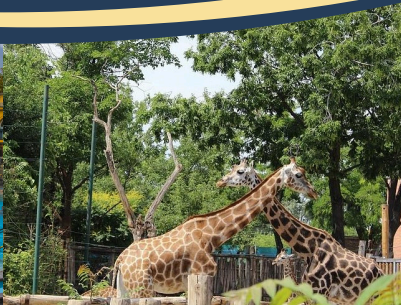
## TIP:

Book tickets in advance for inside tours, EU citizens get discounts.



47° 30' 25" N, 19° 2' 44" E

# Heroe's square and City Park (Városliget)



## WHAT is it?

Heroes' Square features the Millenium Monument and statues of Hungary's founding leaders. It's the gateway to City Park, a huge green area perfect for walks or a picnic.

## WHAT ELSE is nearby?

Vajdahunyad Castle - A charming, eclectic castle within the park  
Széchenyi Baths - one of Europe's largest thermal spa complexes  
Budapest zoo and Museum of Fine Arts - perfect for relaxed afternoons

47° 30' 54" N, 19° 4' 40" E



# The Jewish Quarter and Dohány Street Synagogue



## WHAT is it?

Budapest's Jewish Quarter is both a historical and cultural center. The Dohány Street Synagogue is Europe's largest, with a rich museum and moving Holocaust memorials.

## Also EXPLORE:

The "Ruin Bars", especially Szimpla Kert - iconic nightlife in abandoned buildings, street art, cafés and vintage stores



## TIP:

a guided tour is highly recommended to understand the history.

47° 29' 45" N, 19° 3' 39" E





# Bonus: Hidden Gems

Want to explore further?

Hospital in the Rock - WWII  
bunker museum under  
Castle Hill



Great Market Hall - the perfect place  
for Hungarian food, souvenirs, and  
people-watching



Andrássy Avenue - a  
UNESCO boulevard filled  
with elegant architecture  
and shops



Museum of Terror - exploring  
Hungary's 20th - century  
totalitarian regimes



# Margaret Island (Margitsziget)

## WHAT is it?

A peaceful green oasis in the middle of the Danube.

## WHY visit?

Rent a bike, watch the musical fountain, explore medieval ruins, or just chill on the grass. There's also a running track around the island - perfect for runners.

**TIP:** free concerts and outdoor events happen here in summer.

47° 31' 39" N, 19° 2' 51" E





# FOOD & GROCERIES IN BUDAPEST

Budapest has a growing variety of **grocery stores and restaurants** catering to different cultural, religious, and dietary needs. Whether you're looking for **halal, kosher, vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free, or Asian** options, here's a guide to help you find what you need.

## Halal Groceries

- **Istanbul Market** (near Blaha Lujza tér): well-stocked Turkish supermarket with halal meat, spices, sweets.
- **Oriental Market** (near Rákóczi tér): Middle Eastern ingredients, halal frozen foods, dried goods.
- Many **butchers around József körút and Nagycsarnok** (Great Market Hall) sell halal meat – look for "halal" signs.

## Kosher Groceries

- **Kosher Market Budapest** (Dob utca, Jewish Quarter): certified kosher products, meat, and wines.
- **Milev Market** (Király utca): small shop with kosher packaged goods.
- Regular supermarkets near the **VII. district (Jewish Quarter)** often have a small kosher section.

## Asian Groceries

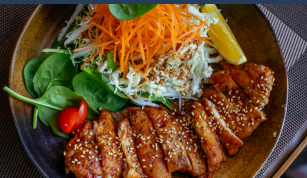
- **Asia Center** (Szentmihályi út): large shopping center with Chinese, Korean, Japanese, Vietnamese shops.
- **Taiwan Market** (Teréz körút): central location, wide selection of noodles, sauces, spices.
- **Sárkány Center**: variety of Asian imports, useful for bulk shopping.

## Vegan & Organic Stores

- **Bio ABC** (Múzeum körút): organic groceries, gluten-free, sugar-free, vegan foods.
- **Herbaház** (Dózsa György út): large health food store with supplements, organic produce.
- **Most Lidl, Spar, Tesco, Aldi** now stock plant-based milks, tofu, vegan sausages.



# Restaurants for Different Diets



## Halal Restaurants

### Turkish/Middle Eastern:

- **Szeráj** (Szent István körút): popular Turkish eatery with halal kebabs, grills.
- **Ali Baba Étterem** (Baross utca): casual Lebanese restaurant with shawarma, falafel.
- **Al Amir** (Király utca): Syrian food, halal-certified.

## Gluten-Free Restaurants

- **Drop Restaurant** (Hollán Ernő utca): fully gluten-free kitchen, pizzas, pastas, desserts.
- **Free! Gluten Free Bakery & Bistro** (Hollán Ernő utca): fresh baked goods, sandwiches, cakes.
- Most larger restaurants will indicate gluten-free options on their menu (look for “gluténmentes”).

## Kosher Restaurants

Located mainly in the **Jewish Quarter (VII. district)**:

- **Carmel Étterem** (Kazinczy utca): kosher meat restaurant, traditional Jewish-Hungarian dishes.
- **Hanna Garden** (Dob utca): dairy kosher, Israeli-style menu.
- **Mazel Tov** (Akácfa utca): trendy fusion bistro (not strictly kosher-certified but Jewish-inspired cuisine).

## Vegetarian & Vegan

Popular across the city:

- **Napfényes Restaurant** (Ferenciek tere): full vegan Hungarian menu, vegan desserts.
- **Vegan Love** (Bartók Béla út): famous vegan burgers and hot dogs.
- **Great Bistro** (Bank utca): cozy vegan café with daily changing menu.
- Many mainstream restaurants offer **vegetarian gulyás** and **vegan options**.

## Tips for Special Diets in Budapest

Always check for dietary labels:

“**halal**”, “**kóser**”, “**gluténmentes**” (gluten-free), “**vegán**” (vegan)

Apps like **HappyCow** can help find vegan/vegetarian spots.

**Allergens are listed on menus** by law – useful for gluten, dairy, nut allergies.

Budapest supermarkets have **increasingly good selections of international foods**, even at Aldi, Lidl, Spar.



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# BKK-guide

## What is BKK?

BKK is Budapest's public transport system, covering:

- ✓ **Metro** (4 lines)
- ✓ **Trams** (including the famous tram 2 by the river)
- ✓ **Buses**
- ✓ **Trolleybuses**
- ✓ **Suburban trains (HÉV)** within the city

Public transport is reliable, cheap, and the best way to get around!

## Tickets & Passes

You must always have a **valid ticket or pass** before boarding.

- **Single Ticket:** Valid for one journey (no transfer).
- **Transfer Ticket:** For journeys with one connection.
- **24-hour Pass:** Unlimited travel for one day.
- **72-hour Pass:** Great for visitors staying a few days.
- **Monthly Student Pass:** Available for students with a valid Hungarian student ID (including ELTE Summer University students).

Tickets are **not sold on board** – buy them **in advance** at:

- BKK vending machines (at metro stations and stops)
- BKK customer centers
- Using the **BudapestGO app**

<https://bkk.hu/en/>



Select the start of the validity period of the travelcard or pass



Buy travelcard or pass in BudapestGO



## What is BudapestGO?

**BudapestGO** is BKK's official app for planning your journeys and buying tickets. Available for **Android** and **iOS**.

- ✓ Real-time route planner
- ✓ Buy and store digital tickets/passes
- ✓ Check tram, bus, metro timetables
- ✓ See alerts (delays, closures)

### How to use it:

1. Download from Google Play or App Store.
2. Register with your email.
3. Add a payment method.
4. Buy a ticket or pass → it appears in the app → activate it before travel!

**Some tickets (like single or 24h) must be activated in the app right before boarding.**

### Ticket Validation

If using a **paper ticket**, validate it at the orange machines at metro entrances or on buses/trams.

If using a **mobile ticket**, activate it in BudapestGO → show the QR code if asked by an inspector.

**⚠ Fines for traveling without a valid ticket are around 8,000 HUF on the spot.**

### Extra Tips

- Metro runs **5 AM – 11:30 PM**; night buses operate afterward.
- Tram **line 6** runs **non-stop, 24/7**.
- Download Google Maps or use BudapestGO for the fastest route planning.
- Buses numbered **100+** go to/from the airport (esp. bus 100E, a direct airport shuttle).




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
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