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Franck Biancheri Award Conference 2017

Young people reflecting on the past, debating on the present, envisioning a different future.

This year's Franck Biancheri Award Conference will take place between 21st until 23rd of April in Budapest at the Central European University, as a collaboration between AEGEE-Budapest, l'Association des Amis de Franck Biancheri and AEGEE-Europe, represented by the Civic Education Working Group and Europe on Track Project.

The founder of AEGEE-European Students' Forum, Europe's biggest interdisciplinary student associations, Franck Biancheri, foresaw the risks of a rise of non-democratic movements that the EU is experiencing nowadays, by pointing out the deficit of a common currency instead of a direct, democratic and active participation of citizens. Isn't a multicultural Europe put at risk when being measured by economic criteria? The latest happenings on the political level in Europe and the crises that Europe is experiencing right now may be the first symptoms that Franck Biancheri was talking about decades ago.

The decision to have the conference in Budapest was not a coincidence. Entering the Euroland, the refugee crises, increasing popularity of nationalism and populism, the lack of civic education in Hungarian society are some of the topics

with which Hungary has confronted itself in the last few years. This context will bring more relevance and value to the course of the conference and a perfect environment is achieved.

Another important point from Franck Biancheri's legacy is for the young Europeans to own the future, to act and to stand for their values. As he said, "we, young students all over Europe, are occupying the future, taking a stand for our values and for the democratisation of Europe". Supporting his view the conference will bring over 60 young people together, from all around Europe and not only, to debate and tackle the perspectives for a successful democracy in Europe. That can only happen with active, responsible citizenship, for which civic education has a key role and AEGEE as a provider of it.

Observing the outcomes in our society the conference tries to offer the right framework for the participants to understand the influence of the state of education on democracy, find solutions for current ways of participatory democracy and which strategies should be adopted for the future in order to strive and achieve functional democracies.

The Organiser Team



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1. General information

The “Education for the present, Democracy for the future” conference, supported by Franck Biancheri Award will take place from Friday, 21th of April 2017 to Sunday, 23th of April at Budapest, Hungary.

2. How to get to Budapest?

We like to say that our country is located in the heart of Europe, there is quite easy to reach the capital, by plane, car, bus, train, boat.

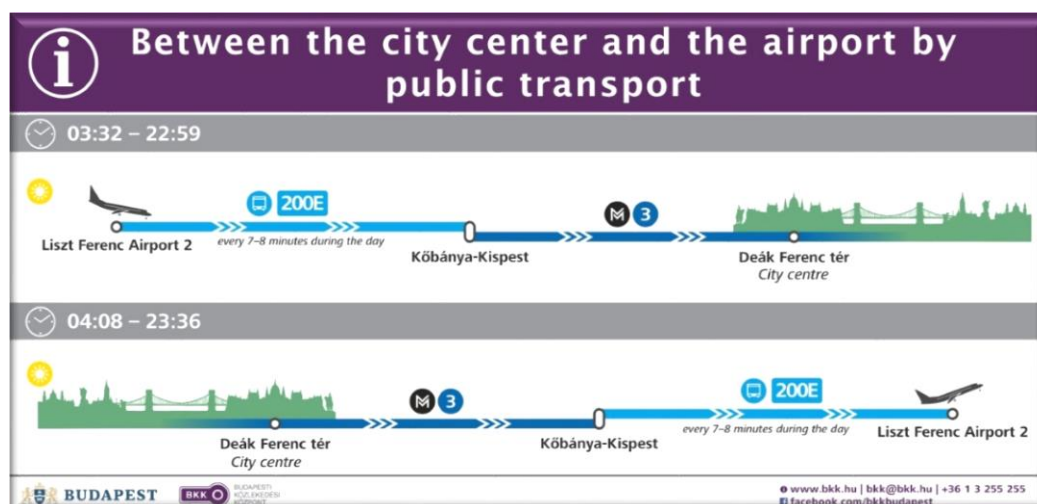
It's time to book your tickets :)



If you arrive by Plane: You are most likely to land in Budapest Liszt Ferenc International Airport.

You have some choices between the airport and the city:

- **By taxi:** very comfortable but not the cheapest way. (Airport - Hostel way costs 6.000 Ft¹, app 20 €)
- **By minibus:** Can be ordered right where you come out through the arrival gate or online. A single ticket is about 4.000 Ft. (<https://www.minibud.hu/>)
- **By public transport:** Get on the 200E bus at the airport and get off at the final station, Kőbánya Kispest. Get on the metro line M3 and travel until to Deák Ferenc tér². You need one ticket for the bus, and one for the metro. 200E bus has the front-door boarding only policy, and at the metro entrance there are ticket controllers always. One ticket valid only for one ride.



- (For further information you can check this website:
http://www.bud.hu/english/passengers/access_and_parking/by_public_transportation)

If you arrive by Train: Budapest has three major train stations. All of them are connected to the metro system. The most frequent one, where most of the international trains arrive is the Keleti Pályaudvar (Eastern Railway station) is connected to metro line M2 and M4. The Déli Pályaudvar (Southern Railway station) is connected to the metro line M2, while the Nyugati Pályaudvar to the metro line M3. All train railway stations has direct metro line to Deák Ferenc tér where the Hostel is. For further information you can find the www.elvira.hu webpage.



If you arrive by Bus: The international bus station is Népliget station, which is connected to metro line M3. Take the metro until Deák Ferenc tér to reach the Hostel. Some bus arrives and departures not to the station but from other places at the road cross. Check your ticket before!



¹ The local currency is HUF (furthermore just Ft). 1€ costs 310 Ft.

² Tér is square, utca is road

Getting around in the city by public transport: Single tickets available at the main stations, metro underpasses from ticket offices, machines, sometimes from kiosks. One single ticket costs 350 Ft and valid for one ride at any transportation (bus/metro/tram/trolleybus) vehicle. Validate your ticket at the vehicle or in case of metro at the station. The fine is 8.000 Ft on the spot or 16.000 Ft paid later if you travel without valid ticket. 10 tickets block is also available for 3.000 Ft.

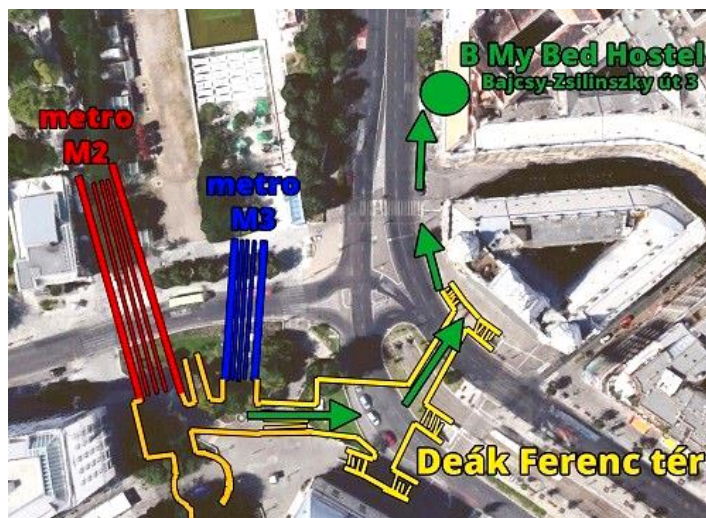
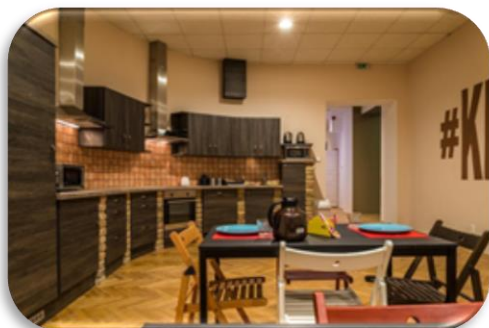
For more information about the tickets: <http://www.bkk.hu/en/tickets-and-passes/prices/>

Transportation maps: <http://www.bkk.hu/en/maps/>

3. Accommodation

We are going to stay in a modern, well-designed hostel, called **B My Bed Hostel**, which is located in the city center at Deák Ferenc tér, in the heart of Budapest where metro line M1, M2 and M3 cross each other.

- **Address:** 1065, Budapest, Bajcsy-Zsilinszky út 3
- **GPS:** [47.49836 19.05514](#)
- **Internet:** <http://bmybed insta-hostel.com/>
- **E-mail:** stay@bmybedbudapest.com



If you will arrive earlier or leave later, this hostel is available for you too. Please keep in touch with us!

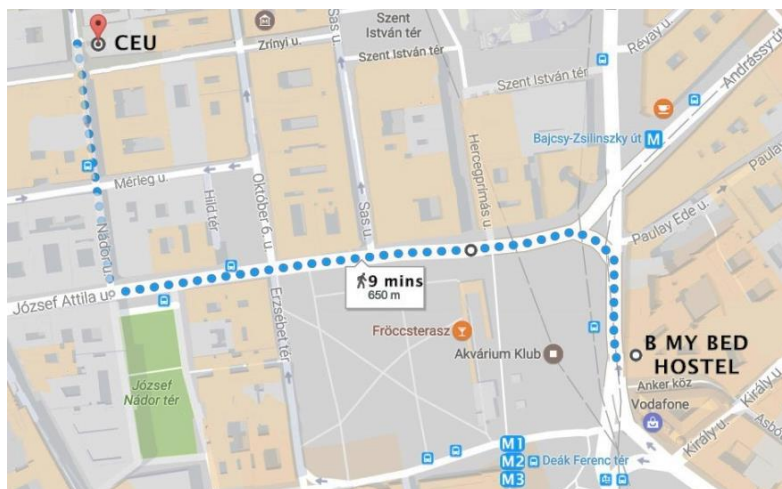
E-mail: fba2017@aegee-budapest.hu

IMPORTANT!! For security reasons the doors and the private lockers can be opened by chip card. The deposit for the card is 10€. Please prepare it in cash.

4. Conference venue

Central European University (CEU) is a graduate-level, English-language university, accredited in the U.S. and Hungary which is located in Budapest. The university offers degrees in the social sciences, humanities, law, public policy, business management, environmental science, and mathematics. The CEU's campus situated in Budapest's downtown, within a UNESCO World Heritage Site buffer zone.

- **Address:** 1051, Budapest, Nádor utca 9
- **GPS:** [47.50054 19.04958](#)
- **Internet:** <https://www.ceu.edu/campus>



The accommodation and the conference venue is just 650m far from each other. The shortest way you can see [on the map](#).

5. About the conference



The focus of the main conference is based on the paper written by Franck Biancheri in 2001 when he foresaw the risks of non-democratic deviation arising from the foundations of the EU, mainly based on a common currency instead of a direct, democratic involvement of citizens.

During 2016, it has been possible to see how the lack of civic education is leading to the rise of populism and extreme ideas as well as to a return of hate and separatist movements. Furthermore, this unstable moment of crisis is linked to a democratic deficit and a breach between the citizens and the institutions. This cycle has to be broken to make young people's voices heard.

For this reason the conference would be the starting point of an itinerant project with a strong focus and clear message. The message of the urgent need of civic education will be spread across Europe (universities, streets, meetings, etc.) with AEGEE members and the youth from all over Europe.



The Award

Franck Biancheri Award is the yearly Award given to one AEGEE antenna by the Association des Amis de Franck Biancheri (Friends of Franck Biancheri Association – AAFB). AAFB is an association created in the aftermath of Franck Biancheri's death which aims at gathering, synthesizing, promoting, perpetuating and defending his work.



Cooperation

AEGEE-Budapest, Civic Education Working Group (CEWG) and Europe on Track (EoT) have decided to cooperate with each other to share the main ideas of what Franck believed in. They won together the Franck Biancheri Award.



About Franck

Franck Biancheri (1961-2012) founded the European Students' Forum (AEGEE) in 1985. One of the most important ideas from Franck's legacy is for the young Europeans to own the future, to act and to stand for their values. This is what this project believes in: learning and getting inspired by the past as well as adapting it to the future.

AEGEE-Budapest



AEGEE opened their gates to the Eastern section, moreover East-West Working Group was started, and the expansion of the network has begun exponentially. Nowadays in Hungary there are 3 locals, called antennas, namely in Budapest, Debrecen, Pécs.

[AEGEE-Budapest](http://www.locals.aegEE.org/budapest/) is one of the most populated student association in the capital. It provides exchanges, thematic trainings, conferences, summer universities and more countless type of events for their members.

AEGEE-Budapest history was started in the 1990's, when it was founded on the Eastern side of the Iron Curtain firstly for AEGEE-Europe's local organisation, like a pioneer. Since the formation, it hosted prestigious events, like the 1991's AGORA, which meant to conduct a 600 people's conference. This performance was repeated 4 years later, but in the meantime the association organised a few more international events.

The current organizational form is since 2005. Since then, AEGEE-Budapest became the third biggest local association of AEGEE. Members come from different areas, like economist, engineer, BA, computer scientist or even graduated students.

Working group meetings and community programs are held on every week. And there are events throughout the weekend twice a year in a semester: the fresh camp and a 3-day training program.



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CEWG

Civic Education Working Group (CEWG) is the co-responsible body for fulfilling the objectives as defined in the Action Agenda. This focus area stresses the need to foster a culture of active participation and responsibility among citizens. Civic education addresses knowledge, skills and attitudes in fields such as human rights, democratic participation, intercultural communication and sustainability. Together with the Comité Directeur, they make an effort to support the network in its actions to achieve our goals for Civic Education together.



ECI - More than education

The European Citizens' Initiative – "[More Than Education](#)" was launched by a team of young Europeans who want to put civic education on the political agenda of the European Union with the help of the first created direct democratic tool at the transnational level. A democracy relies for its legitimacy on active and responsible citizens. Teaching civic competences at school is crucial for a democratic society! "More Than Education" calls on the European Commission to set up a long term agenda for coordinating civic education among EU members states.



EoT

"[Europe on Track](#)" project was launched to capture young people's vision and wishes for Europe in 2012. Europe on Track is a youth-led project where six young ambassadors cross Europe with InterRail passes for one month informing and interviewing young people about their vision of the Europe of tomorrow. In order to do so, they participate in local events bringing content and creating spaces for dialogue and discussion with a main focus that changes every year, achieving a bigger impact through a travel blog, videos and social media.

CEU



CEU is an English-language, graduate university located in Budapest, Hungary. Accredited in the United States and in Hungary, CEU provides merit-based scholarships and fellowships for graduate study. Home to students and faculty members from some 100 countries, and represented via its extended Alumni network all over the world. CEU offers graduate programs in the social sciences and humanities, business and economics, environmental sciences and policy, law, and mathematics. The University emphasizes comparative and interdisciplinary coursework and engages in multi-institution projects to create new knowledge and to help solve complex societal problems.



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6. Preliminary program

| 21. April 2017 (Friday) | |
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| Time | Main Program |
| 16:30-17:30 | Opening ceremony |
| 17:30-18:00 | Break |
| 18:00-19:00 | Memorial of Franck, milestones of his life & his legacy |
| 19:00-20:00 | AECEE: The Key to Europe since 1985 |

| 22. April 2017 (Saturday) | | | | | |
|---------------------------|--|------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Time | Main Program | Parallel 1 | Parallel 2 | Parallel 3 | Parallel 4 |
| 09:30-11:00 | Parallel introductory workshops | Civic education: the concept | The evolution of democracy | The power of knowing | |
| 11:00-11:30 | Coffee break | | | | |
| 11:30-12:30 | Civil Society in shaping active and responsible citizens: Which Civic Education? | | | | |
| 12:30-13:30 | State of Civic Education in Europe | | | | |
| 13:30-15:00 | Lunch | | | | |
| 15:00-17:00 | Towards a democratic EUROland? | Economic perspective | Political perspective | Social perspective | Cultural perspective |
| 17:00-17:30 | Coffee break | | | | |
| 17:30-18:30 | Focus groups (economic, political, social, cultural) | | | | |
| 18:30-20:00 | Upgrading democracy requires a citizen upgrade too: rationalizing the future, reaching to the trans-national level | | | | |

| 23. April 2017 (Sunday) | | | | |
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| Time | Main Program | Parallel 1 | Parallel 2 | Parallel 3 |
| 9:30-11:00 | Parallel workshops | e-democracy: near future or Utopia? | Democratic tools for citizens' participation | How to organise social change |
| 11:00-11:30 | coffee break | | | |
| 11:30-13:00 | Presentation of the projects | | | |
| 13:00-15:00 | Lunch | | | |
| 15:00-16:30 | Presentation of the recommendations | | | |
| 16:30-17:00 | Closing ceremony | | | |

The Conference Committee reserves the right to modify, alter or change any of the Program.

7. What is good to know about Budapest, Hungary?

Language: Hungarian

Currency: HUF (Forint, Ft) 1€ ~ 310Ft

Weather: do not believe to the forecast

Electricity: 230VAC, 50Hz,

Some common laws in Hungary that might be good to know:

- You're not allowed to have had consumed any alcohol if you drive.
- You're not allowed to have, consume or distribute any drugs (not even light ones, such as joint).
- You're not allowed to drink alcohol in public places, in public transport, etc.
- Smoking is forbidden in public transport vehicles and their stops, stations, under passes, bars, restaurants, schools, hospitals, casinos, and at the airport.
- Cigarettes can be bought only in tobacco shops, called "Nemzeti Dohánybolt".



Some common habits in Hungary that might be good to know:

When people have to spend some time together in a small place, they always greet each other. This applies to strangers meeting in elevators or a train compartment too.

Always let ladies go first at doors; don't ever let the door swing in the face of the one coming behind you.

When greeting a friend kiss on both cheek once, mostly only between men and women.

If you go inside a home, remove your shoes.



How to phone: We have three mobile suppliers Vodafone (70), Telenor (20), T-Mobile (30). From Hungary to call another country dial 00 or "+" and country code (Hungary's country code is +36) Emergency number: 112



What if I get hungry? The typical Hungarian dishes are made from meat of our traditional animals, like cattle, pig, sheep, chicken and fish. Sometimes our dishes are spicy and fatty. We like to eat

dishes hot, so in every restaurant you can ask for hot spice (or even you have to ask your food without it). Our most famous dish is the Hungarian *Gulyásleves* (goulash soup) made from the meat of cattle. This is a meaty soup, in its own can be enough for lunch. You can also taste our stews made from cattle, pork, lamb or chicken. Other typical soup is the *Halászlé* (fisherman's soup). There's also stuffed cabbage. If you wish some lighter dish, you can ask for some pasta with cottage cheese, we eat it with greaves or bacon optionally. However, the city is full of takeaway restaurants with pizza, gyros (the same as kebab) and hamburgers; you can try out our own easier kind of takeaway food. This is called *Lángos*, and it's a kind of fried dough. We can eat it with sour-cream, cheese, ketchup, onion, garlic or salt on it. Not all of them, but in a preferred combination of them, even on its own with salt. Nevertheless it's not a difficult dish to make; its quality can change, so better ask somebody for a good place to try it. Usually it can be found at markets. We have desserts as well. The pancake filled with cottage-cheese cream, cocoa, other sweet stuffs is very popular. You can even try out the salty kind for example with meat. It's called meaty pancake *Hortobágy* style. *Kürtőskalács* (chimney cake) is a popular pastry specific to



Hungarian-speaking regions. *Kürtőskalács* is made from sweet, yeast dough (raised dough), of which a strip is spun and then wrapped around a truncated cone shaped baking spit, and rolled in granulated sugar. It is baked above charcoal cinders while lubricated with melted butter, until its surface gets a golden-brown color. During the baking process the sugar stuck on *kürtőskalács* becomes caramel and forms shiny, crispy crust on the cake. The surface of cake can then be provided with additional toppings such as ground walnut or cinnamon powder.



What if I get thirsty? For sure you can't leave without trying out our drinks. Probably the most famous is the Hungarian *pálinka*. This traditional Hungarian drink is under protection, and only those drinks can be called *pálinka*, which were made in Hungary and only from fruits. The most typical are the plum, and peach, cherry and sour cherry are common as well. We make it also from grape, it's called *törköly*. However, the grape we use to produce wines. Hungary is famous for its wines. We have many historical wine areas, the most famous is Tokaj. Another really good, but less known product is the Zwack Unicum. The original one is an aperitif, made from herbs. For the youth the company makes Unicum Szilva, which is totally the same, but made with plums. So its flavour is





strongly influenced by plum, and so is very tasty and popular with the youth. Bubble up your wine! Sommeliers, wine lovers, please don't read the next lines, because "fröccs" is something that you won't support for sure. This "spritz" is made for those, who don't like beer, but want to have some refreshing drink with low alcohol content on a hot summer afternoon. It has several versions and names depending on the wine – soda water (not mineral!) proportion. It can be made of white, rosé or red wine. For

the ladies there is an unhallowed version called "macifröccs" (teddy spritz), when they put raspberry syrup in it. Why is it Hungarian and not German? Ányos Jedlik: inventor of the soda-fountain, 1829. We can thank Mr. Jedlik for the soda because of another drink: fény. This shot is the invention of the Hungarian youth of these days. *Fény* means light in Hungarian, it's a sparkling vodka shot with fruit syrup in the bottom. Be careful with it, you can get "happy" very fast after a couple of shots. :)



8. Places to visit

Here, you can find historic locations or interesting places, which are not included in the programme due to not enough time, but you can visit them by yourself.

1, Parliament Building

The Parliament of Budapest is the seat of the National Assembly of Hungary, one of Europe's oldest legislative buildings. The building is the largest building in Hungary. Construction from the winning plan was started in 1885 and the building was inaugurated on the 1000th anniversary of the country in 1896, and completed in 1904. It was designated and built in gothic style. Since World War II the legislature became unicameral and today the government uses only a small portion of the building. During the communist regime a red star perched on the top of the dome, but was removed in 1990.



- Address: 1055, Budapest, Kossuth Lajos tér 1-3
- Public transport: Metro M2 (red line) permanently the Kossuth Lajos metro stop is closed. Replacement buses are available from Deák Ferenc tér
- Opening hours: Mo-Sun 8.00 - 18.00
- Tickets: 2,000 (adult) / 1,000 Ft (student)
- Internet: <http://latogatokozpont.parlament.hu/en>

2. Heroes' Square

Hősök tere is surrounded by two important buildings, Museum of Fine Arts on the left and Palace of Art on the right. On the other side it faces to Andrassy Avenue. The central feature of Heroes' Square, as well as a landmark of Budapest, is the Millennium Memorial. Construction began in 1896 to commemorate the thousandth anniversary of the Hungarian conquest of the Carpathian Basin. At the front of the monument is a large stone cenotaph surrounded by an ornamental iron chain.



- Address: 1146, Budapest, Hősök tere
- Public Transport: Metro M1 (yellow line) to Hősök tere

3. St. Stephen's Basilica

The Roman Catholic basilica was named after Stephen, the first King of Hungary (c 975–1038). It was completed in 1905 after 54 years of construction, assisted by three architects. Today, it is the third largest church building in present-day Hungary. On the couple there is a nice view to the city.

- Address: 1051 Budapest, Szent István tér 1, 1051
- Public Transport: 5 mins walk from Deák Ferenc tér
- Opening hours: 10.00 - 16.30
- Tickets: 500/400 Ft
- Internet: <http://en.bazilika.biz/panorama/panorama-look-out-in-the-cupola>

4. Fisherman's Bastion

Fisherman's Bastion in Budapest is one of the top Budapest attractions without a doubt. The present day lovely lookout towers / decorative fortification of Fisherman's Bastion were built in the 19th century to serve as a lookout tower for the best panoramic views in Budapest, Hungary. Needless to say, there used to be real castle walls where now you can take fantastic photos from, but the present day structure has never served as an actual fortification in Buda

- Address: 1014 Budapest, Szentháromság tér
- Public Transport: Bus nr 16 from Deák Ferenc tér to Szentháromság tér
- Tickets: 800/400 Ft (09:00 – 23:00), during the night is for free



5. Hungarian State Opera

Budapest, together with Vienna, is an international capital of opera. The beautiful State Opera, completed in 1884, is worth a visit even if you are not interested in listening to opera. If you do like opera, you must book in good time and be prepared for a festive occasion.

- Address: 1061 Budapest, Andrássy út 22.
- Public Transport: Metro M1 (yellow line) to Opera station
- Opening hours: Mo-Sat 11.00-17.00, Sun and national holidays from 16.00, or until the beginning of the performance
- Internet and performances: www.opera.hu/?lan=en



6. The Great Synagogue (Nagy Zsinagóga)

The Jewish quarter on the Pest side is one of the largest in Europe, the first Jewish settlers arrived in the 13th century in Budapest. This is where the Main Synagogue is located, the largest in the world outside of New York. There is a Jewish museum beside the synagogue.

- Address: 1074 Budapest, Dohány utca 2-8.
- Public Transport: 5 minutes walk from Deák Ferenc tér
- Opening hours: Sun-Thu 10.00-17.00, early closing on Fridays 15.30/16.30
- Tickets: 4,000/3,000 Ft
- Internet: www.greatsynagogue.hu/gallery_syn.html#4



7. Margaret Island (Margitsziget)

Margaret Island is a great place for a cosy excursion, it is 2.5 km long and about 500 m wide. Several flowery landscape parks and medieval ruins act as the perfect backdrop for a pleasant day. Budapest Summer Festival takes place at grand amphitheatres at Margaret Island and Városmajor Park in every summer.

- Address: 1138 Budapest, Margaret Island
- Public Transport: Metro M3 to Nyugati pályaudvar then tram nr. 4 or 6 to Margitsziget

8. Széchenyi Thermal Baths

This is the largest medicinal bath in Europe. Its water is supplied by two thermal springs, their temperature is 74 °C and 77 °C. The building was built in Neo-baroque style and was opened in 1913. It was named after István Széchenyi. The complex was expanded in 1927 to its current size, with 3 outdoor and 15 indoor pools. It is now possible for both sexes to visit the main swimming and thermal sections.

- Address: 1146 Budapest, Állatkerti krt. 9-11.
- Public Transport: Metro M1 (yellow line) to Széchenyi fürdő
- Opening hours: 06.00-22.00
- Tickets: 5,100 Ft
- Internet: <http://www.szechenyibath.hu>



9. Budapest Zoo & Botanical Garden

Budapest Zoo & Botanical Garden is one of the oldest zoos in the world, it opened in August, 1866. The zoo is located within Városliget Park in the city centre and holds a large number of species, including insects, reptiles, birds and mammals.

- Address: 1146 Budapest, Állatkerti krt. 6-12.
- Public Transport: Metro M1 (yellow line) to Széchenyi Fürdő then 2 minutes walk
- Opening hours: Mon-Thu: 09.00-18.00, Fri-Sun: 09.00-19.00
- Tickets: 2,500/1,900 Ft
- Internet: www.zoobudapest.com

10. Memento Park (Szoborpark Múzeum)

Here there is a collection of Budapest's most remarkable attractions. When the proletarian dictatorship's enormous monuments and statues were no longer politically correct – after 1989-90 – they were moved from their conspicuous locations in the centre to a suburb of Buda. Here - in this "Communist theme park" - among other things, is the gigantic statue of Lenin and Cubist statues of Marx and Engels.

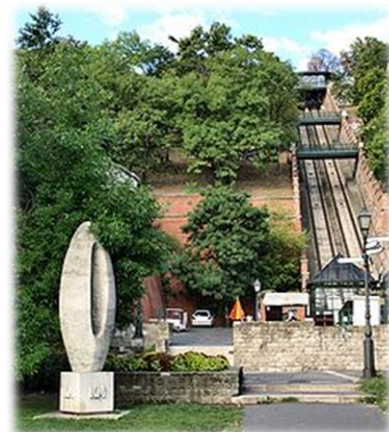


- Address: 1223 Budapest, corner of the Balatoni út and Szabadkai utca
- Public Transport: from Kelenföld vasutallomas (final station for Metro M4 (green line) take bus nr. 101 to Memento Park (Szoborpark)
- Opening hours: every day from 10.00 till dusk
- Tickets: 1,500/1,000 Ft
- Internet: www.mementopark.hu

11. Zero Milestone

In 20 BC, Emperor Augustus had a vast marble column erected on the Forum in Rome, with the distances of major Italian cities from Rome carved in it. The Roman example has been copied by the cities of Europe ever since. Miklós Borsos's sculpture marks the starting point of main roads that begin in Budapest. The three-metre limestone statue represents the figure zero.

- Address: 1013 Budapest, Clark Ádám tér
- Public Transport: Bus nr 16 or 105 from Deák Ferenc tér to Clark Ádám tér



12. Budapest History Museum

The Castle Museum occupies the wing of the former Royal Palace that is closest to Gellért Hill. The halls of the Royal Palace are open to visitors. The exhibitions offer an insight into events and persons key to the history of Budapest.

- Address: Budavári Palota E épület 1014 Budapest, Szent György tér 2.
- Phone: +36 1 487 8800
- Internet: www.btm.hu

13. Museum of Applied Arts

The Museum of Applied Arts was founded in 1872 as the third collection of its kind in Europe after London and Vienna. From the second half of the 20th century, the Museum started to focus primarily on the collection of objects of Hungarian historical significance and modern, contemporary items. Today the main trend is the collection of contemporary Hungarian works.

- Address: 1091 Budapest, Üllői út 33–37.
- Opening hours: Tue–Sun: 10 am–6 pm
- Internet: info@imm.hu, www.imm.hu
- Tickets: 2,000/4,000 Ft

14. The Real Science Center (Csodák Palotája = The Palace of Wonders)

A uniquely entertaining scientific play space – with descriptions in English. Interactive displays are set over 2500 m², providing a fun learning experience for every age group. More than 100 fascinating features, four spectacular physics shows a day, a café and a gift shop are all on offer.

- Address: 1222 Budapest, Nagytétényi út 37–43. (Campona Shopping Center)
- Opening hours: Mon–Fri: 9 am–7 pm, Sat–Sun: 10 am–8 pm
- Internet: <http://www.csopa.hu/en/>
- Tickets: 1,900/2,500 Ft

15. Tropicarium (Shark Zoo)

Huge sharks, rays you can stroke, lazy alligators, countless exotic reptiles, amphibians, free-flying birds, tiny monkeys and many thousand gloriously coloured freshwater and sea fish are there for all in our tropical zoo. Come and watch the underwater shark feeding at 3 pm on Thursday.

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- Opening hours: Mon–Sun: 10 am–8 pm
- Internet: <http://tropicarium.hu/en/>
- Tickets: 1,800/2,500 HUF



16. National Theatre

The National Theatre is a showcase of Hungarian artists and stage directors. Traditional theatre classics, contemporary plays and adaptations from Hungarian literature are on the repertoire. The building is within the Millennium Quarter, a new block between Petőfi and Lágymányosi bridges. Although it's not centrally located, this area is becoming one of the new cultural centers of Budapest. Museums like the Ludwig Museum and the Palace of Arts are also located here. Speciality: it is shaped like a ship.



- Address: 1095, Budapest, Bajor Gizi park 1
- Public Transport: Tram nr 47 or 49 to Fővám tér then tram nr 2 to Millenniumi Kulturális Központ

9. Recommended restaurants, cafes and bars from the organisers

Café Frei

Café Frei serves coffee from around the various coffee kitchens of the world. Thanks to the sights, sounds and the design you can feel yourself in the county where your coffee bean began its life.

- Address: 1056 Budapest, Váci utca 74.
- Public Transport: Tram nr 47 or 49 to Fővám tér
- Opening hours: Mon-Fri: 08.00-20.00, Sat: 10.00-20.00, Sun: 10.00-19.00

New York Café

This extravagant café is a wonder of marble and brass, and really exudes the glory of grand times past.

It has come under the ownership of the Boscolo Hotel Company, as it is attached to the Boscolo Hotel Budapest (formerly the New York Palace) Have your wallet at the ready, as this is not the cheapest of places to stop in for a bite, but if one can appreciate the luxurious setting and the exquisite service, it is well worth it!

- Address: 1073 Budapest, Erzsébet krt. 9-11.
- Public Transport: Metro M2 (red Line) to Blaha Lujza tér
- Opening hours: 09.00-24.00

Szamos Gourmet House

The Gourmet House is a confectionery, a café and chocolate factory, all under one roof. Quality is the most importance to the Szamos family, as it has a reputation for premium quality products. The Gourmet House is more than a typical confectionery, it also has daily menu, breakfast and a 'la carte selections as well.

- Address: 1052 Budapest, Váci utca 1.
- Public Transport: Metro M1 (yellow line) to Vörösmarty tér
- Opening hours: Mon-Sun: 09.00-21.00

Szoda Bar Budapest

This well-known and unusual bar has reams of cartoons on the ceiling and row upon row of guess-what behind the bar. Yes the soda bottle it was named for are out in force and sode-related drinks, like the inimitable Hungarian Fröccs (a white wine soda spritzer) are very popular and quite excellent here.

- Address: 1075 Budapest, Wesselényi utca 18.
- Public Transport: 10 mins walk from Deák Ferenc tér
- Opening hours: 17.00- 03.00

Kuplung

Kuplung is the Hungarian word for clutch, and this bar is indeed situated in a former workshop. It's one of the archetypal ruin bars, and is still going strong- with lots of mini-concerts from local bands.

- Address: 1068 Budapest, Király utca 46.
- Public Transport: 10 mins walk from Deák Ferenc tér
- Opening hours: 15.00-02.00 (16.00-05.00 on Friday and Saturday)

Here is a list about the must-try Hungarian foods while you are here:

<http://welovebudapest.com/budapest.and.hungary/the.hungarian.food.you.must.try.at.least.once.in.your.life>

10. Mini Language course

Greetings, basic communication:

Hi / hello / so long / bye-bye / see you later - Szia [sio]
 Yes - Igen [igen]
 No - Nem [nem]
 Don't! - Ne! [ne]
 OK / good / fine - oké [oke:] / Jó [jo:] / rendben [rɛnd-bɛn]
 Thank you! - Köszönöm. [køszø-nøm]
 Thank you very much! - Köszönöm szépen. [køszø-nøm se:pɛn]
 You are welcome! - Szívesen! [si:-vɛ-jɛn]
 Goodbye! - Viszlát! [vis-la:t] (Hungarians also understand bye-bye as an expression to say goodbye.)
 Good morning! - Jó reggelt! [jo: rɛg:-ɛlt]
 Good afternoon! - Jó napot! [jo: nɔpɔt] (literally means: Good day!)
 Good evening! - Jó estét! [jo: ɛf-te:t]
 Good night! - Jó éjt! [jo: e:jt]
 Have a nice day! - Szép napot! [se:p nɔpɔt]
 My name is... - Az én nevem... [øz e:n nɛvɛm]
 I am... - ...vagyok. [vɔ-ʃok]
 What's your name? - Hogy hívnak? [hoʃ hi:vnɔk]
 Nice to meet you. - Örvendek. [ør-vɛn-dɛk]
 Please - Kérem [ke:rɛm]
 Toilet / Washroom - Mosdó [moʃ-do:]

I'm from ... - Én jöttem ... [e:n jøt:ɛm]
 That's very nice. - Nagyon kedves. [nɔʃon kɛdɛvʃ]
 Excuse me - Elnézést [ɛl-ne:-ze: ʃt]
 Sorry - Bocsánat [bo-tʃa:-nɔt]
 I don't know - Nem tudom [nem tudom]
 I don't understand - Nem értem [nem e:r-tɛm]
 How are you? - Hogy vagy? [hoʃ vɔʃ]
 I'm good. / I'm fine. - Jól vagyok. [jo:l vɔ-ʃok]
 Let's go! - Gyerünk! [jɛ-rynɔk]
 I like it! - Tetszik. [tɛt-sik]
 I love it! - Szeretem. [sɛ-rɛ-tɛm]
 Come here! - Gyere ide! [jɛrɛ idɛ]
 Go away! - Menj el! [mɛɲ el]
 Open - Nyitva [nit-vɔ]
 Closed - Zárva [za:r-vɔ]
 Push - Tolni [tolni]
 Pull - Húzni [hu:z-ni]
 Entrance - Bejárat [bɛ-ja:rɔt]
 Exit - Kijárat [ki-ja:rɔt]
 Toilet - WC [ve:-tse:]

Questions

Do you speak English? - Beszélsz angolul? [bɛ-se:ls ɔngo-lul]
 How much does it cost? - Mennyibe kerül? [mɛɲ:i bɛ kɛrɛl]
 What's the time? - Mennyi az idő? [mɛɲ:i øz idø:]
 Where can I find the...? - Hol találom a ...? [hol tɔ-la:-lom]
 Where can I buy tickets? - Hol tudok jegyet venni? [hol tudok jɛjɛt vɛnni]

Is it far? - Messze van? [mɛs:ɛ von]
 Is it free? - Ez ingyenes? [ɛz inʃɛ-nɛʃ]
 Are there any vacancies? - Van szabad szobájuk? [vɔn sɔ-bɔd sɔb-a:juk]
 How many stops? - Hány megálló? [ha:ɲ mɛg-a:lo:]

You can find other expressions also:

<http://welovebudapest.com/budapest.and.hungary/23.hungarian.phrases.to.learn.while.in.budapest>

11. What to bring for the conference to Budapest, 2017?

Check list:

- ☐ Your tickets, passport / ID if you need VISA
- ☐ Your student card / International Student Identity Card
- ☐ Insurance (European Health Insurance Card or any from an insurance company)
- ☐ Daily necessities: toothbrush, towel, flip-flops, etc
- ☐ **10€ in cash** for the hostel as a deposit



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