



Hungarian Country Guide

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Current Travel Advice from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

This advice is current for Mon, 5th November 2018.

Exercise normal safety precautions in Hungary. Use common sense. Look out for suspicious behaviour. Monitor the news and other sources for changes to local conditions. International trains from Budapest may be subject to security and passport controls. When crossing Hungary's borders, carry your passport, avoid large groups and follow the advice of local authorities. See [Local travel](#). Terrorism is a threat in Europe. Terrorist attacks have occurred in a number of European cities in recent years. See [Safety and security](#). Avoid protests and demonstrations as they could turn violent. See [Safety and security](#).

The above information is an edited excerpt of the Travel Advice Summary from The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Travellers are encouraged to read the travel advice in full, subscribe to updates to this advice and to register their presence in Hungary at www.smartraveller.gov.au.

Tourist Visa Conditions

Hungary forms part of the Schengen Area. Australian passport holders are usually allowed to enter the Schengen Area for Tourism or Business purposes for up to 90 days in any 180 day period without a visa. Australians who also have Hungarian nationality may be subject to further conditions. The countries which make up the Schengen Area are Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland.

Travellers to the Schengen Area are recommended to ensure their passport is valid for at least six months beyond their intended stay. Travellers are also recommended to be able to provide documentation confirming their ability to financially maintain themselves during their stay as well as tickets and entry documents for their onward destination. For further information and to confirm that you are able to travel to the Schengen Area without a visa, please contact a Hungarian mission on the details below.

Vaccinations and Health Precautions

The following information is intended as a guide only and in no way should it be used as a substitute for professional medical advice relative to a travellers individual needs and vaccination history. No guarantee is made as to its accuracy or thoroughness. For further information, please contact The Travel Doctor on 1300 658 844.

Vaccination against Hepatitis A is recommended for travellers to Hungary. Vaccination against Hepatitis B, Rabies (particularly if working with animals) and Typhoid (particularly when travelling to areas with poor sanitation and hygiene) should be considered, especially by frequent or long stay travellers. Tick-borne encephalitis is present throughout many areas in Europe, predominately in forested regions. Whilst no vaccine is available in Australia, travellers visiting risk areas and planning outdoor activities during summer might consider vaccination once in Europe.

Regardless of destination, all travellers should be up-to-date with their routine "background" vaccinations, including a recent annual Influenza vaccination. Please consult a medical practitioner or contact The Travel Doctor for your specific risk to these preventable diseases and the appropriate avoidance measures. Australians travelling to Hungary should ensure that they have adequate travel insurance to cover the length of their stay. Medications that are legal in Australia may be illegal in other countries. For further information on insurance, taking medication overseas and other issues please visit www.smartraveller.gov.au/tips.

Hungarian Representatives in Australia

Embassy of Hungary, Canberra

17 Beale Crescent
DEAKIN ACT 2600

Tel: (02) 6282 3226
Fax: (02) 6285 3012

Web: www.mfa.gov.hu/emb/canberra

Honorary Consulate of Hungary, Melbourne

123 St Georges Road
NORTH FITZROY, VIC 3068

Tel: (03) 9486 3397
Fax: (03) 9830 0952

Web: www.mfa.gov.hu/kulkepviselet/melbourne

Hungary also maintains honorary consulates in other states throughout Australia. For the contact details of these missions please see the website of the Embassy of Hungary in Canberra.



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Time Differences between Hungary and Australia

Hungary is Greenwich Mean Time +1 hour (+2 during daylight saving). The applicable time zone is Central European Time (CET) or Central European Summer Time (CEST). Daylight saving is observed from the last Sunday in March to the last Sunday in October.

Hungary, 12 noon, Winter (Dec) = Perth 7pm; Darwin 8:30pm; Brisbane 9pm; Adelaide 9:30pm; Hobart, Melbourne, Sydney 10pm.
Hungary, 12 noon, Summer (Jun) = Perth 6pm; Darwin, Adelaide 7:30pm; Brisbane, Hobart, Melbourne, Sydney 8pm.

Important Contact Numbers

Country Code for Hungary: +36

To Dial Australia Call:
00 61 <City> <Number>

Australian Reverse Charges Direct:
06 (wait for dial tone) 8000 6111
Users may need to insert phone cards or coins.

Travelex Card Services:
Call the US on +1 954 838 8294

Visa Global Assist: 06 800 14352

MasterCard: 06 800 12517

American Express Travellers Cheques:
06 800 111 28

Tourist Police (Budapest): 06 1 438 8080

Emergency Services:
All - 112
Ambulance - 104
Fire - 105
Police - 107

The emergency services should have English speaking operators.

Important Information to be Recorded

Travellers are encouraged to carry photocopies of all important documents separately to their originals, and to leave a set of these photocopies with someone in Australia. This includes those documents listed below.

Passports

Name: _____ Passport #: _____

Name: _____ Passport #: _____

Credit Cards

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Card Number: _____

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Card Number: _____

Travel Insurance

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Policy #: _____ Emergency #: _____

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Policy #: _____ Emergency #: _____

Australian Representation in Hungary

Australian Embassy, Austria

Mattiellstrasse 2
A1040 VIENNA

Tel: +43 (0) 1 506 740
Fax: +43 (0) 1 504 1178

Web: www.austria.embassy.gov.au

Canadian Embassy, Hungary

Ganz utca 12-14
1027 BUDAPEST

Tel: +36 (1) 392 3360
Fax: +36 (1) 392 3390

Australia does not maintain a permanent consular presence in Hungary. The Australian Embassy in Austria is accredited to this country. Australians may obtain limited assistance from the Canadian Embassy in Hungary. Alternatively, Australians may obtain assistance by contacting the 24 hour Consular Emergency Centre in Australia on (+61) 2 6261 3305.

Australians are encouraged to register their presence in Austria with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade via the on-line registration service, at www.orao.dfat.gov.au.



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Duty Free Allowances for Hungary and Australia

Duty Free limits when entering Hungary from a non EU state:
Alcohol: 1 L spirits (>22% alc vol) or 2 L other beverages; as well as 4 L of still wine and 16 L of beer.
Tobacco: 200 cigarettes or 50 cigars or 250 g of tobacco.
Other Goods: Up to a value of €430 for air travellers, €300 for others and €150 for those under 15 years.

Duty Free limits when entering Australia:
Alcohol: 2.25 L.
Tobacco: 25 cigarettes plus one open packet of cigarettes.
Other Goods: Up to a value of \$900 (\$450 if under 18 years).

The above information is for air travellers only. A lower allowance applies to arrivals into Hungary by land and sea. Minors may not claim alcohol or tobacco products. Further restrictions apply when entering/exiting Hungary and Australia. Travellers are encouraged to familiarise themselves with these restrictions before crossing the borders of either country. For information on Hungarian customs please visit www.nav.gov.hu, or for information regarding Australian customs please visit www.homeaffairs.gov.au.

Electrical and Telephone Adaptors

Electrical Socket type: European.

Voltage: 220-240 volts (same as Australia, no voltage/frequency converter required).

Modem Plug: US.

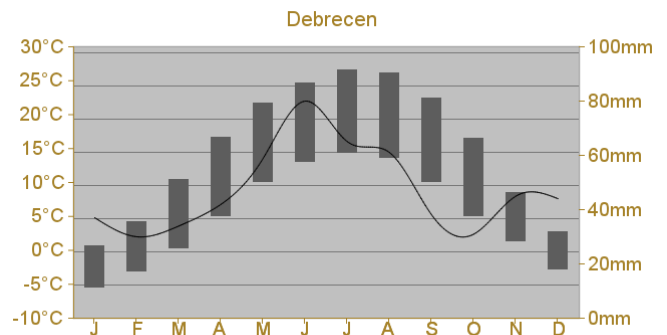
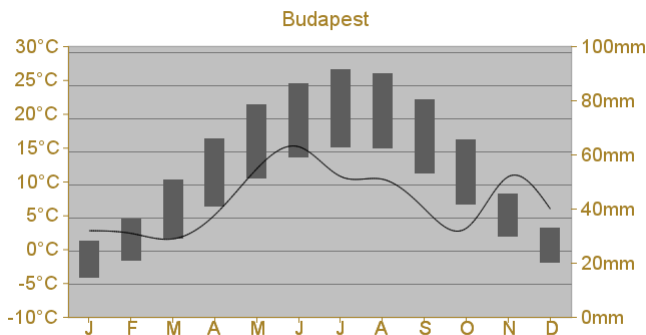
To purchase electrical/modem adaptors, or for further information on this matter, please view the Korjo adapter guide at www.korjo.com.au.



Hungarian Public Holidays 2018

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| 01 Jan: | New Year's Day | 20 Aug: | National Day |
| 15-16 Mar: | 1848 Revolution | 22-23 Oct: | 1956 Revolution |
| 02 Apr: | Easter Monday | 01-02 Nov: | All Saints' Day |
| 01 May: | Labour Day | 25 Dec: | Christmas |
| 21 May: | Whit Monday | 26 Dec: | Boxing Day |

Average Temperature (Bar) and Precipitation (Line) in Hungary



Source: Hungarian Meteorological Service. For 5 day local forecasts please go to www.bbc.co.uk/weather.

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Interbank Rate
 1 Australian Dollar (AUD) = 203 Hungarian Forint
 100 Hungarian Forint (HUF) = 0.49 Australian Dollars

With 4% Margin
 1 Australian Dollar (AUD) will buy 195 Hungarian Forint
 100 Hungarian Forint (HUF) will cost 0.51 Australian Dollars

All rates were correct at a point in time on Monday, 05 Nov 2018. The "Interbank Rate" does not take into account any exchange fees, while the "With 4% Margin" adds 4% to the exchange rate to simulate a typical margin that would be paid when exchanging currencies. These rates have been rounded and should not be used when calculating transactions of large value.

The following is a purchasing-power comparison of the Hungarian Forint and the Australian Dollar, using the Big Mac as a common good. While it does not present a faultless comparison, it is a useful indicator of the purchasing-power of the two currencies.

Big Mac Australia: \$5.95 (AUD) = 1,208 Hungarian Forint
 Big Mac Hungary: 864 Ft (HUF) = 4.26 Australian Dollars

A Big Mac in Hungary is therefore 28% less expensive than in Australia.

This comparison is based on 2018 prices using current exchange rates. Prices may not include variations by locality or local taxes.

Currency Cheat Sheet

| This cheat sheet uses the "With 4% Margin" rate of exchange listed above. | | |
|---|------------------------|---------------------------|
| 50 Ft = \$0.26 AUD | 1,000 Ft = \$5.12 AUD | 10,000 Ft = \$51.23 AUD |
| 100 Ft = \$0.51 AUD | 2,000 Ft = \$10.25 AUD | 20,000 Ft = \$102.46 AUD |
| 200 Ft = \$1.02 AUD | 3,000 Ft = \$15.37 AUD | 30,000 Ft = \$153.69 AUD |
| 300 Ft = \$1.54 AUD | 4,000 Ft = \$20.49 AUD | 40,000 Ft = \$204.92 AUD |
| 400 Ft = \$2.05 AUD | 5,000 Ft = \$25.62 AUD | 50,000 Ft = \$256.15 AUD |
| 500 Ft = \$2.56 AUD | 6,000 Ft = \$30.74 AUD | 60,000 Ft = \$307.38 AUD |
| 600 Ft = \$3.07 AUD | 7,000 Ft = \$35.86 AUD | 70,000 Ft = \$358.61 AUD |
| 700 Ft = \$3.59 AUD | 8,000 Ft = \$40.98 AUD | 80,000 Ft = \$409.84 AUD |
| 800 Ft = \$4.10 AUD | 9,000 Ft = \$46.11 AUD | 90,000 Ft = \$461.07 AUD |
| 900 Ft = \$4.61 AUD | | 100,000 Ft = \$512.31 AUD |

Notes and Coins

The legal currency of Hungary is the Forint, which is abbreviated using the symbol "Ft". The subunit of the forint is called the filler, however this is no longer in regular use. Most transactions are rounded to the nearest 5 forint. The following units of currency are the most common but other versions and denominations are also in circulation. Pictures are not to scale. As it is illegal in many countries to print copies of bank notes, travellers are advised to remove the below images prior to travelling.





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About Hungary

Full Name: Magyarország (Hungary).
 Independence: 1918 (from the Austro-Hungarian Empire).
 Size: 93,028 sq km (30% larger than Tasmania).
 Population: 10 million (45% the size of Australia).
 Budapest 1.7 mil; Debrecen 200,000; Miskolc 190,000; Szeged 175,000; Pécs 150,000.
 Religion: Catholic 52%, Calvinist 16%, Lutheran 3%.
 Language: Hungarian (Magyar) 94%.
 GDP Per Capita: US\$19,800 (Australia US\$40,800).

Significant Dates:
 800's AD - Magyars from the Caspian steppe settle in the area.
 1000 AD - Stephen I becomes first Christian King of Hungary.
 1241-42 - Mongol invasion devastates large parts of Hungary.
 1456 - Hungary defeat Ottomans at Siege of Belgrade.
 1526-1699 - Ottoman Turks conquer and control Hungary.
 1867-1918 - Hungary is part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire.
 1941-45 - Hungary fights in WW2 as part of the Axis powers.
 1945-1991 - Soviet Russia (USSR) occupies Hungary.
 1956 - Soviets crush the Hungarian Revolution.
 1956-58 - Prime Minister Imre Nagy executed by the Soviets.
 1991 - The Warsaw Pact and the USSR dissolve.
 1999 - Hungary joins NATO.
 2004 - Hungary joins the EU.

