



Budapest

Public Transport Guide

In this Guide you'll learn about the Public Transport of Budapest:

- What are the kinds of Tickets and Passes Available?
- When do you need to Validate a ticket?
- What are the most important Tips and Information?
- What to do in different Scenarios



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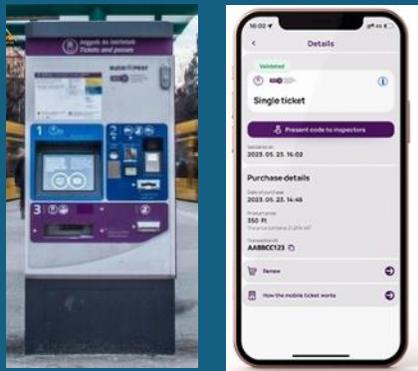
Are you 65 or older?

No

Yes

Great! Public Transport in Budapest is **Free for you**. Carry a Photo ID (passport, license etc.) that can verify your age, and you are good to go! You are all set! This is Valid for everybody irrespective of the Country of Origin.

You will need a Pass or a Ticket:
1, Physical Tickets and Passes via Vending Machine
2, Digital Tickets and Passes via the Budapest Go App



Did you arrive at the Airport and want to go to the city center with Public Transport?

No

Links with More Information About:
1, [Taxi](#)
2, [Shuttle Service](#)

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Yes

You have two Options:

Or

Special Service Bus 100E (Fastest)
Needs Special Ticket. Regular Tickets and Passes are Not Accepted.

Regular Bus 200E to Kőbánya-Kispest Subway Station, then the Subway M3 to City Center (Cheapest)
Regular Tickets and Passes Accepted

Airport Shuttle Bus (100E) Ticket
Price: 2500 HUF / ~6,5 € / ~8 USD (!)

Go to Next Page for details on Tickets and Passes >>>

Or

Pay and Go Service by using Tap & Pay Bank Cards.
[Link for more Info](#)



Physical Ticket from Vending Machine or Digital Ticket from Budapest Go



(!) Digital Pass holders (monthly or longer) can purchase discounted Airport Shuttle Bus ticket for 1000 HUF / ~2,5 € / 3 USD - only via Budapest Go app



Descriptions of Different kinds of Passes and Tickets

Type of tickets and passes	Description	Good For	When do I validate (see next pages for validation info*)
Single Ticket	Valid for a Single Fare on Bus, Tram, Trolley or Suburban Railway. On Subway it is valid for entire Subway Network, see last page for more info*	Using Public transport very rarely (not using Public transport more than 5 times in 24h)	When boarding a vehicle or entering the Subway Network
30 Minute or 90 Minute Ticket (Digital Only)	Valid for multiple fares, if each fare is started within the 30/90-minute period (if you board a Bus in the 29 th or 89 th minute after the first validation, that ride is still included)	A planned out single long-distance travel within the City of Budapest	Each time when boarding a vehicle or entering the Subway Network within the Validity period
24h or 72h Travel Card (Travel Pass)	Valid for unlimited travel within the Timeframe of 24h or 72h. Not to be Confused with the Budapest Card**	Using Public Transport frequently to explore Budapest efficiently and conveniently	It is Valid from the Date and time set up during the time of Purchase (By default this is the time of purchase but can be modified for a future date as well)
15 Day Budapest Pass	This Option has been discontinued, only Monthly and Yearly passes available		



What kind of Vehicles are included in the Tickets and Passes?

Single Tickets



Blue Buses



Yellow Trams



Red Trolley Bus



Subway



Green Suburban Rail (!)

Passes /
Travel Cards

**All of the
Above**

+



**Domestic Trains within
the Boundaries of Budapest**

Not Covered
by Any



**Heritage Services
(Nosztalgia Járat)**



**Castle
Funicular**



**Normafa
Children's Railway**



**Zugliget
Chairlift**



**Hop On
Hop Off Buses**

(!) Tickets and Passes to the Suburban Railway are only valid within the boundaries of Budapest. Outside of the Boundaries you need Supplemental Tickets. Daytrip town of Szentendre requires a Supplemental Ticket.





You would like to board a Vehicle

Do you have a Single Ticket or a Pass/Travel Card?

Travel Pass

Do you have a Physical Paper based Pass or a Digital via your Budapest Go App?

Paper Pass

Is it a **Front Boarding Only****** vehicle?

Yes

Show the Driver your Pass/Travel Card with its validity period visible. **Enjoy your Ride!**

No

Board Vehicle and Enjoy the ride, nothing else to do!

Digital

Is it a **Front Boarding Only****** vehicle?

No

Yes

Single Ticket

Do you have a Physical Paper based Ticket or a Digital via your Budapest Go App?

Digital

Is it a **Front Boarding Only****** vehicle?

Not Front Boarding

Front Boarding

Paper Ticket

As soon as you Board the Vehicle, or enter the Subway Station, please validate Your ticket by inserting it into the Validator. Make sure it either printed text or punched a hole on your ticket. **Enjoy Your Ride!**



Select your ticket and Scan the QR Code at the doors of the Vehicle you are Boarding (There may be no QR Codes on the ride itself) **Enjoy your Ride!**



Select your ticket, Scan the QR Code at the front doors of the Vehicle you are Boarding. Show your Display to the Driver. **Enjoy Your Ride!**



You would like to Enter a Subway Station

Do you have a Single Ticket or a Pass/Travel Card?

Travel Pass

Nothing to do, Enter the Station and Enjoy the ride!

Single Ticket

Do you have a Physical Paper based Ticket or a Digital via your Budapest Go App?

Digital

Select your ticket, Scan the QR Code at the entrance of the Station Enjoy your Ride!



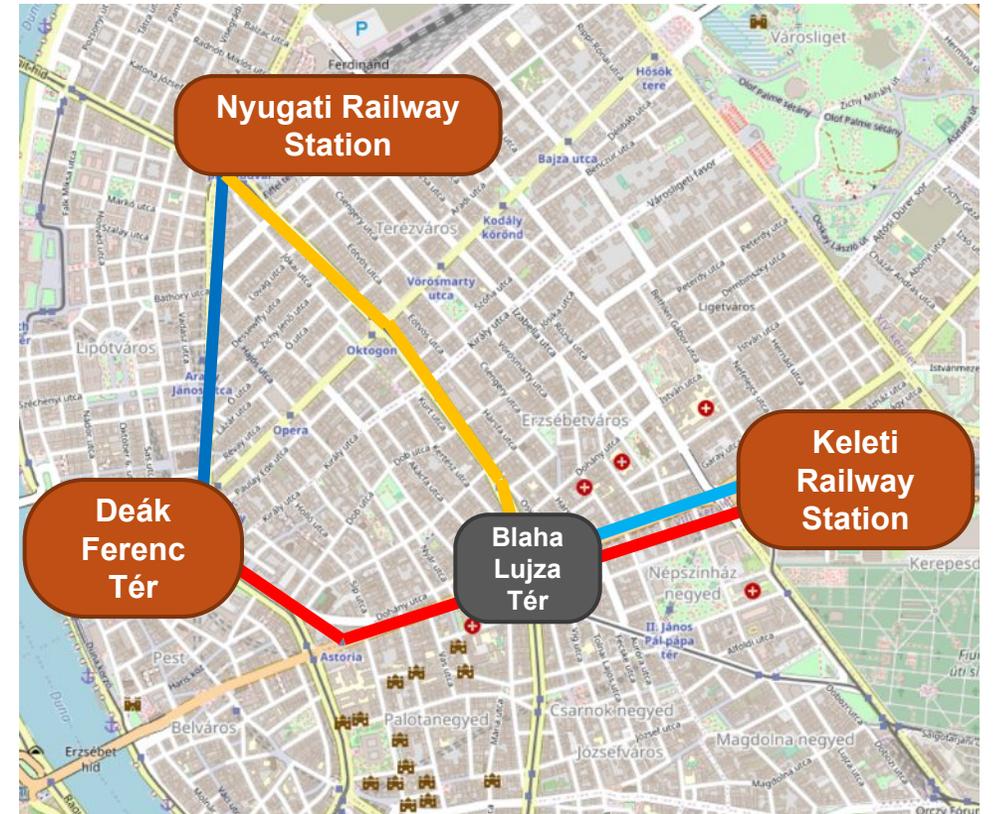
Paper Ticket

As soon as you enter the Station, or the Subway Station, please validate Your ticket by inserting it into the Validator. Make sure it prints text on your ticket. Enjoy Your Ride!



The Subway Network can be used with 1 Single ticket (*) Example: You can take **M3 Subway** from Nyugati Railway Station and at Deak Ferenc Ter Station you can Transfer to **M2 Subway** to Keleti Railway Station for just 1 Single ticket. If you choose **Tramline 4 or 6** from Nyugati Railway Station to Blaha Lujza Ter and then transfer to a **Bus** towards Keleti Railway Station, you will need 2 tickets for the 2 fares you took.

This doesn't matter if you have a Pass/Travel Card.



You have been stopped for an Inspection

During your Travels, you may be stopped on vehicles or at the entrances/exits of Subway Stations by Inspectors for an inspection. During these encounters you must present a Valid Ticket/Pass.



Do you have a Physical Paper based Ticket/Pass or a Digital via your Budapest Go App?

Paper Ticket

Just show the Valid Paper Based Ticket or Pass to the Inspector!

The Inspectors may read the QR code on the Pass to check the validity, or on tickets there may be a small code that contains the Date and Time when it was validated. Older Validators (Usually Red) will Punch a hole onto the ticket at a specific spot.

Digital

Select your Valid Ticket/Pass in the Budapest Go App and Click the Inspector Icon. This will bring up your unique QR Code. Show it to the Inspector so they can scan the code and check validity.

Good To Know and other Asterisks from Previous Pages

* Single Tickets on the Subway Network

A Single ticket is valid for the entire Subway Network. This means that you can take for example M2 Subway to a Station with Transfer Options to M3 Subway. You can transfer to the other line without leaving the Network and use only 1 Single ticket. Example: From Nyugati Railway Station □ Deak Ferenc Ter Station □ Keleti Palyaudvar Station

Children under the Age of 6

Children under the Age of 6 can ride the Budapest Public Transport for Free, must be accompanied by an adult. For all the different Discounts please check the most recent Discounts page of BKK: [More info here.](#)

Children between Ages 6-14

Children between Ages 6-14 who do not attend a Hungarian School can get a discount Pupil ticket irrespective of their nationality. [More information available here.](#) Students attending EU, EEA or Switzerland schools/universities with valid Student ID can also buy a Discount Pass, but other students aged 15+ cannot unfortunately. [Higher Education student pass info here.](#)

** Travel Cards vs the Budapest Card

The Budapest Card is a Tourist Focused offering: Besides the Public Transport Pass it also offers Free Entry to some attractions and Discounts. It is expensive and proper planning and tight schedule is needed to get the most value out of it. [More info here.](#)



**** Front Boarding Only Vehicles

Buses and Trolley Buses will Display a Sign saying that it's Front Door Boarding. (Felszállás az első ajtón) In this case you can only Board the bus at the first Door. [More info here.](#)



Day trip to Szentendre

Szentendre is a small-town North of Budapest. The easiest way to get there is with the H5 Suburban Railway from Batthyány Tér Station. Travel Cards, Passes and Single tickets do NOT cover the whole trip. They only cover the distance within the boundaries of Budapest. At the Station you can buy Supplemental Tickets at the Vending Machines



Thank You



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You can find further details and information on the official Public Transport Company website:

- BKK Website – [Click Here](#)
- Budapest Go App Information – [Click Here](#)
- All Tickets and Passes Listed – [Click Here](#)
- Information about Airport Express – [Click Here](#)
- Discounts Available – [Click Here](#)
- Special Services (Heritage Rides, Funicular etc.) – [Click Here](#)
- Pay&Go with Bank Cards Information – [Click Here](#)

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