1. Workshop venue and accommodation are all in one place

**Radisson Blu Béke Hotel**

H-1067 Budapest, Teréz körút 43.
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web: [http://www.radissonblu.com/hotel-budapest/location](http://www.radissonblu.com/hotel-budapest/location)
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The hotel is in the Budapest city centre, 23 kilometres from Budapest Liszt Ferenc Airport and a short walk from the nearest train station (Nyugati Railway Station).

Rate includes all taxes, full buffet breakfast, free use of swimming pool, free WI-FI.
2. Transport

Getting from the airport and from the railway station to the hotel

Participants either will fly to Liszt Ferenc Airport or by train from Vienna to Keleti Pályaudvar (East Railway Station). You can take a taxi or a minibus from the airport, a taxi or public transportation from the railway station.

Airport Taxi: The Főtaxi company (phone: +36-1/2-222-222) operates a stand outside the arrivals terminal. A taxi from the airport to downtown Budapest costs around 8,500 Hungarian forints (HUF) (appr. 28 EUR), depending on traffic conditions.

http://www.bud.hu/english/passengers/transport_and_parking/by_taxi

Airport Minibus: The minibus service will take you anywhere in Budapest. The information desk for the minibus service is found in the centre of the arrivals lobby. This option is a bit slower – as the minibus may take few other passengers to their destinations – but somewhat cheaper. A minibus from the airport to the city centre will cost about 4,800 HUF (appr. 16 EUR). You get a discount if you buy a return ticket in advance 8,800 (appr. 29 EUR).

Reservations can be made in person at the Airport Shuttle-Minibus Desks or 24 hours before your flight departure via online reservation system (www.airportshuttle.hu), through travel agencies or by calling the Call Centre by dialling the number (+36-1/ 296-8555).

Public transportation from the airport (appr. 45 minutes):
Single ticket are on sale at the BKK Customer Service Points at the arrivals level of airport terminals 2A and 2B (single ticket is 350 HUF) and on board from the driver for 450 HUF.

- At the front door of the Airport there is the bus stop for bus 200E.
- Take the bus No. 200E and go to Kőbánya-Kispest Metro Station/M3 (5 stops) where take off.
- Few minute walk to the other side to the entrance of the Metro 3 (M3). Take metro line M3 to Nyugati Pályaudvar (West Railway Station).
- Walk to the way out Teréz körút (Grand Boulevard). Walk 3 minutes to the Hotel.

http://www.bud.hu/english/passengers/access_and_parking/by_public_transportation

Public transport from the Keleti Railway Station (appr. 20 minutes):
- Take metro line 2 / M2 to the direction of Déli pályaudvar (South Railway Station) 1 stop to Blaha Lujza tér, take off.
- Take the Tram no. 4/6 to the direction to Széll Kálmán tér 4 stops, take off at Nyugati Pályaudvar/Nyugati Tér.
- Walk backward on Teréz körút (Grand Boulevard) 3 minutes to the Hotel.
Using public transportation in the city

http://www.bkk.hu/en/maps/

Buses, trams and trolleybuses run daily from 4.30 a.m. until 11.0 p.m. The three Metro lines interconnect at Deák tér Station, and service frequencies range from 3 minutes at peak time to 15 minutes late in the evening.

Tickets

Fares cannot be paid on board except new buses and there are fines for traveling without a validated ticket. Single tickets are good for one ride only and a new ticket must be used every time you change lines with them. The discount coupon book of 10 block of tickets (3,000 HUF) can be purchased at vendors, metro stations, hotels, news-stands; they can be validated in meters (red punch slots or orange meters), on board (tram, bus) or at station entrances in case of metro rides (orange boxes/meters). This is probably the most simple and economic way of public transport for the workshop participants, a pass (for 14 days or more), or a Budapest card, which offers dozens of free passes and tourist program discounts for Budapest visits. These are available at metro stations or at end stations of public transport. For more prices and information visit the Budapest Transportation Agency’s English-language website here: http://www.bkk.hu/en/prices/

Map of Metro, Trams, Buses and Suburban trains Map of the main lines can be found

http://www.bkk.hu/apps/docs/terkep/bpmetro.pdf

Suburban trains (called HÉV) can be used to visit the tourist attractions in small towns outside Budapest (Szentendre, Gödöllő).

Taxi

Cabs in Budapest are marked with the word "Taxi", often accompanied by a company name / logo such as "City Taxi". All taxi vehicles must have a yellow registration plate, as opposed to the white background on regular car plates. All taximeters’ are equipped with a receipt-printing function, displaying the fares charged and identification of the driver.

The fare is composed of 3 parts:

- Basic fee 450HUF (appr. 1.5 EUR)
- Per kilometre charge 280 HUF (appr. 1.0 EUR)
- Waiting fee 450 HUF (appr. 1.5 EUR)

It is customary to tip the driver about 10% of the full fare, if you were satisfied with the service.

Please, ask for invoice as detailed in the financial information.
List companies with telephone number

- Főtaxi: +36-1-2222-222
- City Taxi: +36-1-2111-111
- Buda Taxi: +36-1-2333-333
- 6x6 Taxi: +36-1-6666-666
- Barát Taxi: +36-(20)(30)(70)5-200-200
- Budapest Taxi: +36-1-4333-333

3. Money

Major credit cards are widely accepted in Hungary, but we recommend to always having cash. The Hungarian currency is Forint. The euro-forint exchange rate fluctuates in a range of 1 euro to 280-320 forints.

We recommend that you draw forints from a cashpoint or ATM, as you’ll probably receive a better rate and be saved the trouble of seeking out a money exchange shops or banks. However, there are a number of places to exchange money in Budapest and most of them offer fair rates. At money exchange businesses, be sure to check that the “buy rate” is advertised. Usually, commissions are not charged.

4. Workshop Dinners

During the evenings of the workshop two dinners are organised at the following restaurants. More information on timing, menu and direction will follow later on.

27 November at Kőleves Restaurant, 45 Kazinczy street

https://www.facebook.com/Koleves?ref=stream&hc_location=stream
5. Time out at the end of November

Budapest Christmas Market: Each year, from the end of November to the end of December, Vörösmarty Square is transformed into the annual Budapest Christmas Market. Visitors can browse over 100 stands offering Christmas-themed arts and crafts. Venue: Vörösmarty tér, Budapest, Pest, City Centre

Art Market Budapest focuses on modern and contemporary art. The main element of the venue is the art fair itself. What makes this event unique and different from others is the dominant presentation of art from the Central and Eastern European region within an international context. The main exhibition area of Millenaris, a former industrial district, is a state of the art and conveniently located art complex that provides the ideal facilities and environment for both exhibitors and visitors. The indoor attractions of the fair will be complemented by an outdoor sculpture exhibition installed among the buildings of the cultural complex. (28 November – 1 December 2013)

Folklor show
The famous (Gypsy) Rajkó Orchestra offers a unique musical experience. The fifty strong main orchestra and the six to eight splinter chamber groups are equally celebrated guest on the world’s most prestigious stages. They perform in the Danube Palace at 30 November 2013.


Budapest Underground (interesting places, “ruin pubs” and more with music, theatre, youth and crown):

- [http://www.mikativadarmulato.hu/](http://www.mikativadarmulato.hu/)
There are several restaurants, bars, coffee houses nearby (10 minute walk), on Andrassy Avenue & Liszt Ferenc Square.

Recreation ideas – baths

Budapest is rich of thermal water sources which is the cornerstone for thermal baths. Brought by the Turks a lot of baths were built up, in and around Budapest bringing the Turkish tradition of bathing to Budapest.

Széchenyi Bath
The Széchenyi Bath includes a wellness centre, where trained instructors await guests with services, such as fat burning, weight- and body-toning gymnastics, and aqua aerobics. The swimming pool and the thermal pools are open from 6am until 10pm every day. The steam area closes at 7pm. Address: 1146 Budapest, Állatkerti körút 11., phone: +36-1/363-3210

Rudas Bath
The Rudas Bath in Budapest is located on the foot of the Gellért hill next to the Erzsébet híd. It was built in 1550 during the Turkish occupation of Hungary and like the Király bath it kept its Turkish style like the octagonal pool. Address: 1017 Budapest, Döbrentei tér 9., phone: +36-1/356-1322
Gellért Bath
The Gellért bath in Budapest is a massive bath in the complex of the Gellért Hotel. The Gellért bath is divided in an inside and an outside part whereas the inside part is again divided in a lot of small rooms with whirlpools, pools and thermal sources. The Gellért bath is a quiet, relaxing place with place for everybody to swim, sit in one of the whirlpools. Address: 1118 Budapest, Kelenhegyi út 4, phone: +36-1/466-6166

6. Useful information

• address and phone numbers
  Radisson Blu Béke Hotel, Terez Körút 43, Phone: +361-889 3900
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  or use ews@tarki.hu, non-stop mobile in any case during the meeting: +3630-3332-763

• Links to information on Budapest

  Restaurants reviews at Caboodle: http://caboodle.hu/
  Website of the Capital Municipal Government (includes information on sightseeing and cultural events): http://english.budapest.hu/Engine.aspx
  Cultural events and Budapest city info: http://www.funzine.hu/ or http://www.budapest.com/

• Basic words in Hungarian
  Hello: Hello
  Good morning: Jó reggelt
  Good afternoon: Jó napot
  Good evening: Jó estét
  One: Egy
  Ten: Tíz
  Thank you: Köszönöm
  Please: Kérem
  Goodbye: Viszontlátásra
  I'm sorry: Elnézést kérek
  Hundred: Száz
  Thousand: Ezer