

Practical information about CEU and Budapest

Addresses

Hotel Central Basilica: Hercegprimás utca 8., 1051 Budapest (<http://www.hotelcentral-basilica.hu>).

Phone: +3613285010

CEU: Nádor utca 9., 1051 Budapest

Transport to and from the airport (Főtaxi Phone No.: (+361) 222-2222)

The airport taxi company is called Főtaxi. They have fixed rates according to zones within the city. If you walk out to the street at the same level as the baggage claim, they will have a stand where you can request a taxi and give them the hotel address. There is no need to reserve in advance. The fare is 5100 Hungarian Forint (17 EUR). In case you require reimbursement you need to request a receipt (called ÁFÁS Szamlá in Hungarian). You can pay in cash (Hungarian Forint) or by credit card, but you must indicate that you want to pay by card when you request the taxi. You can pick up Forints at the automated bank machine or currency exchange office in the airport outside the baggage claim area.

Taking the shuttle airport buss is also an option, a return ticket to Hotel Central Basilica costs 5000 Hungarian Forint (17 EUR). Tickets can be bought on the spot from the counters found at the airport terminal. The approximate waiting time for a shuttle is 5 minutes.

Bus 200E operates on the route Ferenc Liszt Airport (T1 and T2) – Kőbánya-Kispest metro station; you will need special tickets (400 HUF, approximately 1.5 EUR) for this bus that can be purchased at the ticket machines or news stands at the airport. From Kőbánya-Kispest you will have to change to Metro line 3 (the blue line), direction Újpest, to Deák Ferenc Tér. Regular tickets are valid on this route. The walk from Deák Ferenc to the hotel and to CEU takes 5-10 minutes (see map below).

Transport to and from the train stations

The taxi will cost you around 1000-2000 Hungarian Forint (4-8 EUR) from the train station (Nyugati, Keleti or Deli) or central bus station (Népliget) to the hotel. For a cheaper alternative, you can take Metro line 2 (the red line) from Keleti train station 3 stops to Deák Ferenc Tér (6 stops from Deli train station). Deák Ferenc Tér is 2 stops away from Nyugati train station and 6 stops away from Népliget bus station by Metro 3 (blue line).

Access to Computer Facilities

Wireless internet is publicly available in most parts of CEU's premises. There is a laptop area where you can sit just inside the main entrance. You may be asked to sign in with the security guards at the entrance.

Emergency numbers: General emergency number 112, Police 107, Ambulance 104.

Taxi for transport within Budapest

The rate is cheaper when you call and when you pay cash, rather than flagging one down. The dispatchers speak English, but the taxi driver might not. So it is a good idea to write down the address where you would like to go. It is customary but optional to tip 10% or a bit more. Two reliable taxi companies you could call are: "5x5": +36 1 3555-555 or "6x6": +36 1 2666-666. You will not need transportation from the hotel to the Central European University.

Public transport tickets

If you use public transportation, you will need to buy tickets. You may buy individual tickets (**vonaljegy**) for 320 Hungarian Forints each (just over 1 Euro) or a book of ten tickets ([10 darabos gyűjtőjegy](#)) for 2800 Hungarian Forints (around 10 Euro). **You have to validate a new ticket whenever you transfer to another line.** Individual tickets must be punched at ticket machines in the metro station (*before you go* on the train) or *on* the bus and tram.

Recommendations of restaurants and cafés near CEU

10th floor cafeteria of CEU Faculty Tower
(Nádor u. 9.)

Buffet-style lunch with salads.

Roosevelt Café (Roosevelt tér 8, near Vigyázó u.)

Delicious buffet-style lunch, pay by weight. Tell them you are from CEU for a 10% discount.

Sir Morik Café (Nádor utca 5.)

Best coffee in town. Sandwiches, ice cream, cookies.

Cafe Kör (Sas utca 17.)

Excellent food, great salads, polite service.

Govinda (Vigyzó Ferenc utca 4.)

A real feast for vegetarians. Exotic salads, herb teas, stylish design with authentic music.

Főzelékfaló Ételtár (Herceprímás utca 3.)

Cheap lunches and coffee.

Brunch and sandwich bar (Arany J. utca 16.)

Fresh bakery and dairy products and sandwiches.

Sundance Sandwiches (Október 6. utca 9.)

Mouth-watering sandwiches and salads. Tea and coffee.

Ötkert Restaurant, Café and Club (Zrinyi u. 4)

Good food, cheap 2-course lunch menus, friendly environment, smoking allowed, 50m away from CEU.

István Cukrászda (Október 6. utca 17.)

Home-style cakes and cookies, ice cream, etc.

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Chinese Fast Food Restaurants

Several of them around CEU, e.g. Október 6. u. 6., Nádor u. 20.- Herceprímás u

Tom George Restaurant and Café (Október 6. utca 8.)

Contemporary Hungarian and international cuisine. Sushi, cocktails, salads. Expensive.

Leroy Kávéház (the corner of Sas utca and Szt. István tér)

Big salads, soups and other dishes

La Fontaine (Mérleg utca 10.)

French-style cuisine in authentic surroundings.

Mokka Restaurant (Sas utca 4.)

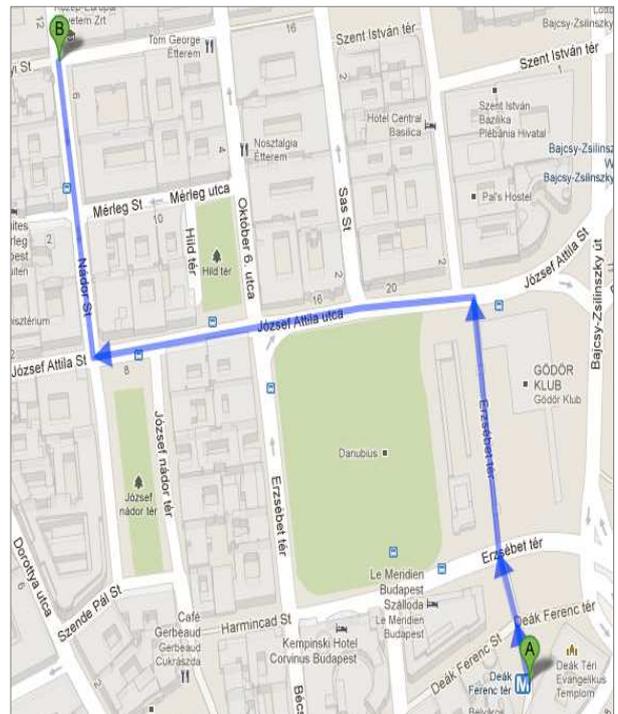
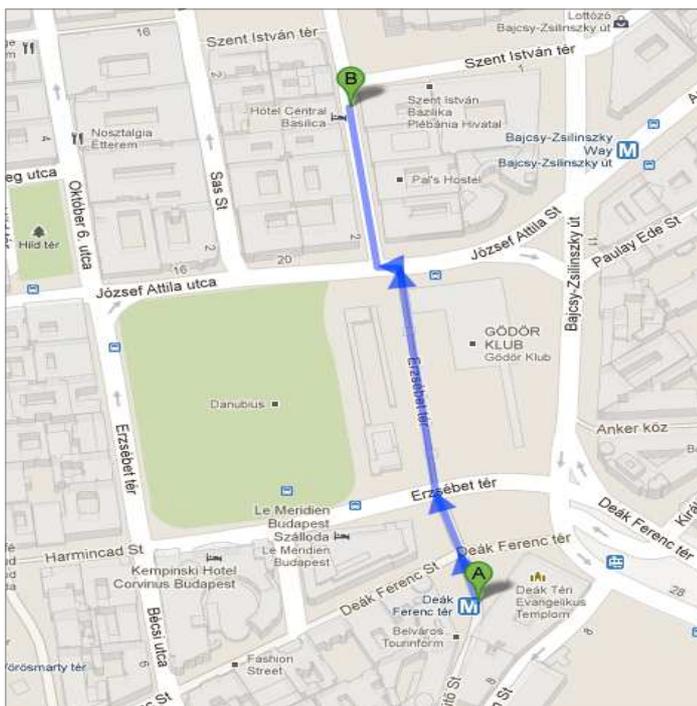
French cuisine with Moroccan touch.

Shakespeare (Sas utca 2.)

Trendy layout, surprising menu.

Kisharang (Október 6. utca 17.)

Homemade Hungarian-style cooking, limited seating, reasonable prices.



Point A: Deák Ferenc Tér metro stop; Point B: Hotel Central Basilica (left), Central European University (right)