

GENIUS-EUROPE

International Exhibition of Inventions, Works of Fine and Applied Arts

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USEFUL INFORMATION

Passport and visa

Foreign participants traveling to Hungary are required to hold a passport and except for citizens of European Union, a valid Visa. Please check visa regulations between your country and Hungary when making travel arrangements. Visa applications can be obtained from Hungarian Embassies or Consulates or can be obtained on arrival at Ferihegy Budapest, International Airport. Two photos are required.

Currency, exchange, credit cards

The official currency is the Hungarian Forint (HUF). The exchange rate: 1 EURO is about 260 HUF (September 2003), which is subject to changes depending on the daily rate of exchange. Foreign currency can be brought into Hungary without restriction.

American Express, Visa, Dinners Club, Mastercard, Eurocard and others are accepted in most hotels, restaurants, and city stores, gas stations, but you should ask before ordering services.

Climate

The climate during May in Hungary is mild with temperatures around 15-20 °C.

Prices

The prices are generally fixed (included 25% V.A.T.), typical examples: A cup of coffee or a Coke (automates): 150 HUF Mc Donald's Hamburger: 400 HUF A cooked meal (Self-service restaurant): 500-700 HUF A tram, subway or bus ticket (in Budapest): 120 HUF Petrol 95 Euroshell: 230 HUF/liter Highway fee (M1 and M3): 2300 HUF (9 days)

Notice to drivers

The speed limit is 50 km/hour in villages and towns, 80 on roads and 120 km/hour on motorways. Hungary has zero tolerance level for drinking and driving. When driving in rural areas headlights must be turned on at all times and seat belts must be fastened.

Electricity supply

Electricity supply: 220 V, 50 Hz. There is a two pin connecting plug as in Germany, Austria but different from that used in some other countries.

Accommodation

There are almost two hundred hotels in Budapest. It is recommended to book the room before arrival, since there are a lot of tourists in May usually. We have booked rooms in several hotels of different categories for the participants of the GENIUS. You can indicate your request for accommodation by the following form. If you arrange your accommodation through us you can have significant discounts.