



TED 5  
Budapest, 1-3 February 2012  
Practical information



## Venue of the Dialogue

Corvinus University of Budapest  
Main building  
Room: III Assembly Hall (next to Aula)  
Address: Fővám tér 8

The venue is very centrally located in Budapest.

Some history of the university:  
<http://portal.uni-corvinus.hu/index.php?id=8648>

## TED5 Hotels –

Both hotels are located close to the university. The distance is five minute walk at each of them.

## Danubius Hotel Gellért



Danubius Hotel Gellért  
Szent Gellért tér 1, 1111 Budapest  
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(1) 889 5505 (Fax)  
(30) 222 1672 (Mobil)  
[gellert.reservation@danubiushotels.com](mailto:gellert.reservation@danubiushotels.com)

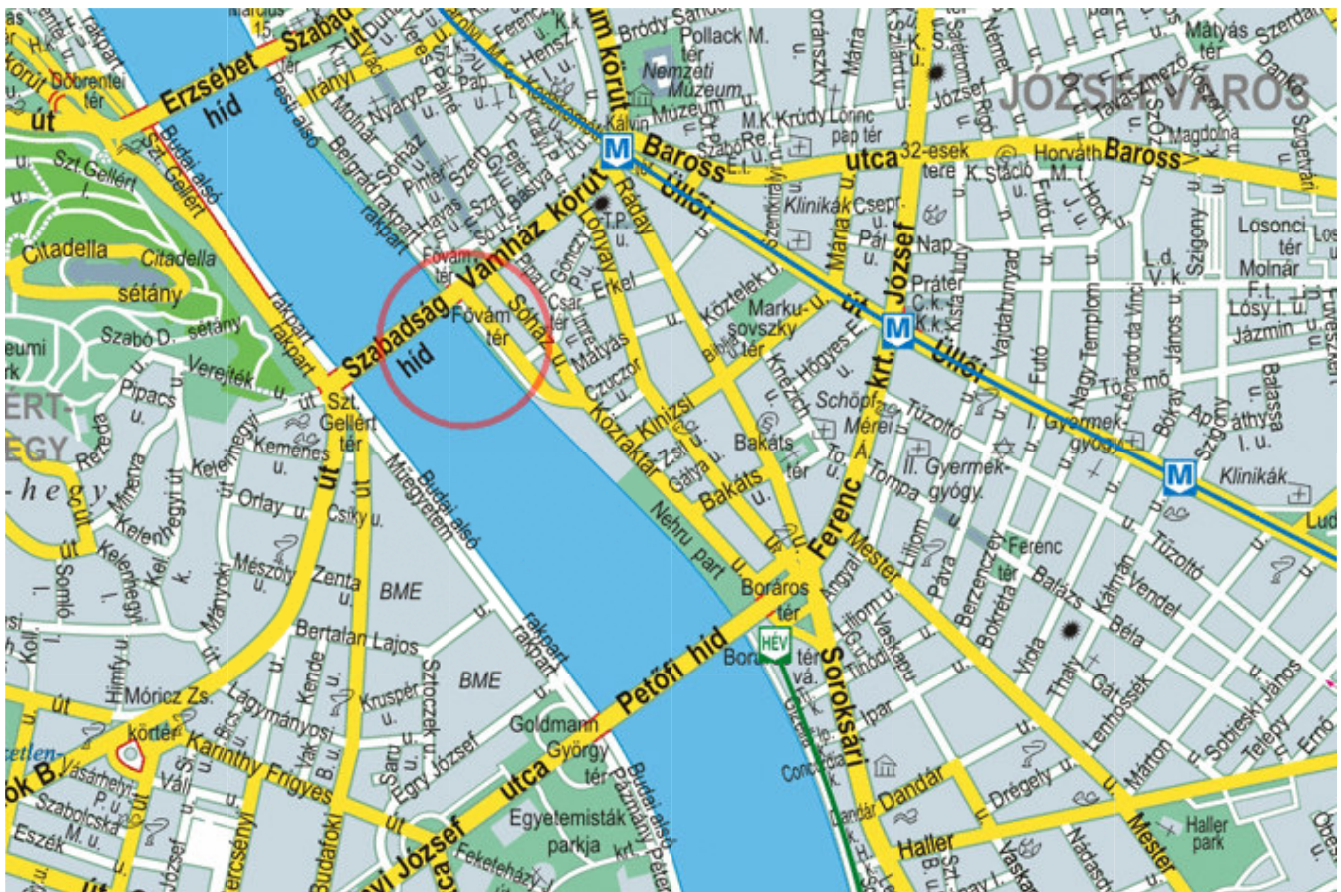
**Hotel Gellért** is a famous, first class [four star hotel](#) in [Budapest, Hungary](#). The hotel was erected on the right bank of the river [Danube](#) between 1916 and 1918 in the ([Secession](#)) [Art Nouveau](#) style with some [biomorphic](#) elements, at the foot of [Gellért Hill](#), next to [Szabadság Bridge](#). **Hotel Gellért** got the name „the first lady of Hungarian tourism”. Gellért is one of the most famous historical hotels in Europe, which is well-known among businessmen and tourists as well, who return to Budapest over and over. [Gellért Spa](#), connected to the hotel directly, is a special attraction and its indoor and outdoor swimming pool, wave bath, sunbathing terrace and thermal spa can be used by the hotel guests free of charge. Thermal baths is used for healing different diseases and illnesses. Jacuzzi with its glass roofs, which is opened in the summer, and the wave bath are the favourites among guests.

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The Ibis Budapest Centrum hotel is located in the centre of the financial, cultural and commercial district of Budapest. Ideal for business or tourist stays, it is within easy access by public transport. The hotel has 126 air-conditioned rooms. You will appreciate its garden with a terrace and its bar open 24/24 to serve light meals and snacks. Restaurants are immediately close by. Free Wifi Internet access for guests on a business trip. Covered pay parking.

Please book the rooms directly as early as possible to ensure you a better arrangement.



The University of Corvinus marked with a red circle. The location of Danubius Hotel is at Szent Gellért tér (square).

Next to the river at the Szabadság híd (bridge). The location of the IBIS Hotel Centrum Budapest is in the other direction via Kálvin tér (square) in the beginning of Ráday utca (street)

## Getting there?

### ***Budapest Airport Transfer***

As in all major cities, use caution and avoid taking a ride with strangers offering transfers to the city. Use either the shared shuttle (Airport Minibus) or the officially appointed cab company to service the airport (Főtaxi). There are also many private companies offering pre-booked limousines.

**Our strong recommendation are the following two ways of transfer:**

### **By taxi**

**Főtaxi, the taxi company with the longest traditions in Hungary can transfer the passengers between all three terminals and Budapest. Főtaxi's reputation, reliable and stable background, fair business behaviour and favourable rates are the guarantee for high-standard service quality.**

Főtaxi's several hundred cars, trained and experienced colleagues ensure a safe ground to satisfy the passengers' needs at high standard. Taxi drivers knowing at least one foreign language are in service with 'A' category big-size cars younger than five years. All cars are equipped with POS terminal, therefore passengers can pay with credit card as well.

Reservations can be made in person at Főtaxi booths located at the exit at Terminal 1, Terminal 2A and Terminal 2B terminals. At the taxi rank in front of the stands taxis are parking continuously waiting for passengers, in case of a special request there is only a few minutes to wait for the taxi arriving from the nearby parking.

Budapest Airport and Főtaxi will continuously monitor the service, thus regular checks, test purchases will be conducted, or have them done so that high-standard service will be ensured for passengers arriving to and departing from Airport and using Főtaxi's service in a long run.

Főtaxi pavillions can be found just before the entrances of each terminals at the airport (the pavillions are red-white coloured).

Payment in credit card should be mentioned at the pavillions before ordering the transfer.

Prices are as follows:

- Danubius Hotel Gellert 5300 HUF 22 €
- IBIS Hotel Centrum 5100 HUF 21 €

### **Airport Minibus**

Airport Minibus offers a shared ride to any address in the city for a flat fee. Discounted roundtrip tickets are also available. Advance booking is available online or over the phone; however it's not necessary, as they have a booth inside each terminal on the arrivals level. After purchasing a ticket, your name will be called when the driver arrives. Booking a transfer to the airport generally requires a 24-hour advance notice. We at visitBudapest.travel have been using this service for many years and they have always been reliable. A one-way trip to the city center is HUF 2,990 per person and a return trip is HUF 4,990.

Phone: (+36-1) 296-8555, or (+36-1) 999-8555

Website: [www.airportshuttle.hu](http://www.airportshuttle.hu)

In case you have any questions about these matters please do not hesitate to contact us for help!

## **Useful information**

### **Time**

Hungary has adopted the Greenwich Mean Time.

### **Drinking water**

Tap water of Budapest is of the highest quality and can be consumed safely throughout the country. Bottled mineral and spring water is available in shops and restaurants.

### **Smoking**

Smoking is prohibited indoors in public such as airports, bus and railway stations, theatres and cinemas. In restaurants and licensed premises smoking is only allowed in designated areas.

### **Electricity**

Electric current in Hungary runs at 220 volts. Wall sockets are for two-pin plugs and adapter can be brought at airports, department stores, hardware stores and specialist shops.

### **Opening Hours**

#### **Banks**

Banks are mainly open from 09.00 to 16.30 Monday to Friday but are closed on Saturday and Sundays. ATMs for cash withdrawal are widespread and open 24 hours a day. Office hours are generally from 08.30 to 16.30.

#### **Currency & credit cards**

The Hungarian currency unit is the forint (HUF). Major credit cards are accepted in hotels, restaurants and shops.

#### **Shops**

Weekdays: from 08:00 – 09:00 to 20:00 – 21:00

Saturdays: from 09:00 – 10:00 to 14:00 – 18:00

Sundays: Grocery stores with a floor space of less than 400 square meters may open between 12:00 – 21:00 throughout the year.

These times are a general guide and there are seasonal and regional variations.

#### **Post Offices**

Traditional post offices are open from 07:00 to 20:00 Monday to Friday, and Saturday from 08:00 to 18:00. Red mailboxes are for daily collections. Stamps are available at post offices, book and stationary shops, kiosks and hotels.

## Useful websites and phone numbers

### In all emergency situations dial 112

From these websites you can find information related to the topics such as

- general information about the capital city of Finland, Helsinki
- attractions
- current main events
- museums
- sightseeing tours

Hungarian Government

<http://www.kormany.hu/en>

Budapest Hungary

<http://english.budapest.hu/Engine.aspx>

Weather in Budapest (and Hungary)

<http://www.weatheronline.co.uk/Hungary.htm>

Budapest Airport, Information 24h

Tel. +36 (1) 296-9696

<http://www.bud.hu/english>

Public transportation

<http://bkv.hu/en/>

Taxi in Budapest :

Tel. + 36 1 222 2222

<http://www.fotaxi.hu/taxi-budapest-eng.php>

Tel. + 36 1 855 5555

Tele 5 : <http://www.radiotaxi.hu/home>

### **Tourist Information**

[http://www.budapestinfo.hu/index.php?id=home\\_en](http://www.budapestinfo.hu/index.php?id=home_en)

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*Enjoy your stay in Budapest!*