

ABOUT THE LOCATION

The Centre is situated fifteen minutes from the centre of Budapest in a recently reconstructed building and serves as Lt. Gen. Mihály Arnold Regional Training Centre of the World Customs Organization. It is a two-storey building that includes the classroom, the seminar rooms, accommodation and other facilities.

Address of the Centre:

Vám Világszervezet Arnold Mihály Altábornagy Regionális Oktatási Központja

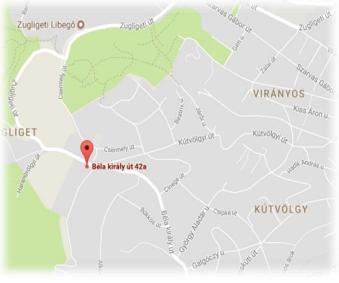
Lt. Gen. Mihály Arnold Regional Training Centre of the WCO

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GETTING THERE

Please ensure that you are aware of the visa requirements before departing for Hungary.

The Budapest airport is officially called "Liszt Ferenc International Airport". There are two terminals at the airport: 2/A and 2/B. It is helpful when you arrive to check which terminal your outward flight leaves from and to write this on your ticket to make sure that you do not end up in the wrong terminal.

Upon arrival in Budapest, there are three ways to get to the Centre.

BY AIRPORT MINIBUS

Take the airport minibus directly to the Centre from the airport. Please note that, as the minibus collects more passengers, the journey to and from the airport might take longer than planned. Tickets can be bought at the minibus desk at the airport and we recommend you to show the address of the Centre to the ticketing agent. You can book your seat at least 24 hours prior to the journey online, but in this case, please take into account a possible flight delay.

The minibus ticket will cost approximately as follows:

HUF 12.900 / person / one way ticket HUF 22.000 / person / return ticket HUF 12.900 / two persons / one way ticket HUF 22.000 / two persons / return ticket

→ The rate of exchange is approximately 1 USD to 361 Hungarian Forints (HUF) and 1 EUR to 390 Hungarian Forints (as of February 2024).

If you wish to order the airport minibus for your return journey, you need to order it at least 24 hours in advance by phone (+36 1) 550 0000 or on the <u>airport shuttle website</u>.

BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT

- Take Bus No. 100 E at Liszt Ferenc Airport 2 (arrival floor) to the last station " DEÁK FERENC TÉR
- 2. Take Metro no. 2 (red line) to SZÉLL KÁLMÁN TÉR M, direction Déli pályaudvar M (3 stops)
- 3. At SZÉLL KÁLMÁN TÉR M, take bus no.155 direction Zugligeti út felé (14 stops) and get off at BÉLA KIRÁLY UT

Costs: You may either buy a 24 hour ticket at a cost of 2500 HUF, a 72 hour ticket at a cost of 5500 HUF or individual tickets at 450 HUF each (please note, tickets bought on the vehicle cost 600 HUF). Or, you may also buy a ticket package (10pcs) at a cost of 4000 HUF.

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BY TAXI

Taxi fares in Budapest are standardised, which means there is no difference in fares between taxi companies from/to the Liszt Ferenc International Airport and within Budapest. The fare from the airport to the Centre is about 13000 HUF. Taxi fares may be paid with credit card and cash as well.

Fees are set as follows:

Base cost: 1100 HUF Fare/km: 440 HUF

Fare/minute of waiting: 110 HUF

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Below are taxi companies and their phone numbers:

Főtaxi: +36 1 222 2 222 City Taxi: +36 1 2 111 111 Tele5taxi: +36 1 555 5 555 Budapest Taxi: +36 1 777 7 777



ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

All experts and event participants will be accommodated free of charge at the Centre (including the night before the commencement of the seminar and the night following it as well). This provides a maximum opportunity for interaction and dialogue between experts and participants. Although the Centre is not a hotel, it provides towels, soap, etc. The Centre is quite comfortable and most people who stay there find it quite attractive.

The Centre has a restaurant where you can have breakfast, lunch and dinner free of charge. This restaurant is open every day from 07:00 to 09:00, 12:00 to 14:00 and 18:00 to 19:00 (subject to change according to the schedule of the event) and it is not usually open on the weekends. Please kindly note that as the Centre does not provide a full-time catering service, only meals pre-booked by the organizers can be provided. If you have any special dietary requests (e.g. you are a vegetarian), please contact Ms. Zsófia Fejős Kiss ahead of the event.

OFFICE FACILITIES AND SUPPORT STAFF

The Centre's main contact point is Ms. Zsuzsa Kecskés, who speaks English and French. Our staff will normally be on hand to welcome and assist you.

Our staff can typically be found in the office in the ground floor of the building next to the main entrance where you will find a telephone, printer and wireless Internet for your use. The classroom is equipped with an overhead projector and whiteboard. A technician is available on site for any problems that may arise.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Participants are invited to a welcome drink followed by a dinner and a short sightseeing tour of Budapest by night. All experts and participants are invited to these events as we find that this provides a good opportunity to get to know the participants on a social level and considerably enhances the discussions in the classroom in subsequent days. Details of social events will be provided by Ms. Zsuzsa Kecskés and Ms Zsófia Fejős Kiss.



TOURING BUDAPEST

Experts and Participants usually spend some evenings and any weekend days available visiting Budapest. You can take the bus which takes about fifteen minutes to get to the nearest metro station in the centre of Budapest. You may purchase a ticket on the bus. Tickets can also be purchased at Déli Pályaudvar M and Széll Kálmán tér M metro stations. The bus that serves the Centre stops at the latter station.

Other information on fares, routes and timetables can be found on the public transport website. In the evenings, it is usually easiest to take a taxi. Our staff on the spot will be very happy to order a taxi for you. If you are staying in Budapest for the weekend and wish to be located downtown, there are the usual four and five star international chains in the city as well as cheaper hotels. For information on tourism. accommodation tourist and cards. visit www.budapest.hu.

CURRENCY EXCHANGE FACILITIES

The official national Hungarian currency is the Hungarian Forint (HUF). All the major credit cards are accepted in Hungary in places displaying the emblem at the entrance. Though Hungary is a member of the European Union, only a few shops and restaurants accept Euros (EUR) for payment. Currency exchange bureaus are available in Budapest at the airport terminals, railways stations, travel agencies, banks and various places in the city. The exchange rate applied may vary. Click here to see actual official exchange rates. Major credit cards are also widely accepted.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Please do not hesitate to contact the following person if you have any queries about the administration of the event or workshop:

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