

AIRPORT EXIT

Budapest Ferenc Liszt International Airport (BUD)

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THE ANSWER

Take the 100E Airport Express from the arrivals level between Terminals 2A and 2B - 2,500 Ft (EUR 6.85), about 40 minutes to Deak Ferenc ter via Kalvin ter and Astoria, 24 hours a day.

It is the only direct bus, it runs all night, and the fare is flat - tap a bankcard on the on-board Pay&GO; device and nothing else is owed. Tight budget? Bus 200E to Kobanya-Kispest then the M3 on one ordinary 500 Ft ticket (EUR 1.37), about 55 minutes. Three or four of you? At the official tariff - 2,100 Ft airport base fare plus 520 Ft/km and 130 Ft/min - an 18-22 km run to the centre is about 13,000-15,000 Ft (EUR 36-41).

EVERY WAY OUT — REAL PRICES

100E Airport Express (bus) *BEST FOR MOST* **2,500 Ft**

The only direct airport bus, from the arrivals level between Terminals 2A and 2B to Kalvin ter, Astoria and Deak Ferenc ter, about 40 minutes, 24 hours a day. The airport shuttlebus single ticket is a separate product for one uninterrupted trip with no transfers, sold at BKK vending machines and customer service points, in BudapestGO, or by bankcard on the on-board Pay&GO; device; no cash on board.

Bolt 200E + metro M3 **500 Ft**

200E runs day and night between Terminal 2 and Kobanya-Kispest, where the M3 continues into the centre - about 55 minutes. Ordinary BKK tickets, travelcards and passes work on 200E; the airport shuttle ticket is refused. One 500 Ft ticket covers it, 700 Ft bought on the spot from the driver. From about 23:00 it runs on to Hatar ut for night buses 914, 914A, 950, 984 and 985.

Taxi from the official rank (Fotaxi) **13,000-15,000 Ft**

Fotaxi is the airport's contracted company, with ranks at the 2A and 2B entrances. The tariff since 1 August 2026 is 1,300 Ft base + 520 Ft/km + 130 Ft/min, and a 2,100 Ft airport base fare applies when the trip starts at the airport or ends there - Budapest Airport's page gives the airport transfer as 2,100 Ft base, 520 Ft/km and 130 Ft/minute.

Bolt / Uber **13,000-15,000 Ft**

BKK lists Bolt and Uber Taxi among Budapest's licensed taxi companies and the official tariff binds all of them, so an app does not undercut the rank - it shows the fare before you accept. Taxis collecting at the departures level and the outer arrivals lane pay an 800 Ft airport access fee, and non-contracted drivers can be sent to a distant pick-up point.

MAV train via Ferihegy station **300 Ft + MAV fare**

200E reaches Ferihegy vasutallomas, beside the closed Terminal 1, in about 10 minutes, and MAV trains run on to Nyugati pályaudvar in 21-25 minutes, about 60 direct trains a day; the station has no ticket office, only card vending machines. BKK's 300 Ft airport bus extension ticket covers the bus only with a MAV ticket whose origin or destination is Ferihegy, so buy the rail ticket in the MAV app before boarding.

THE TRAPS — WALK PAST THESE

A 500 Ft city ticket will not get you on the 100E

Nothing ordinary is accepted on the 100E: the airport shuttlebus single ticket is a separate 2,500 Ft product for one uninterrupted trip with no transfers, and BKK's fare table excludes every listed city product, the 24-hour travelcard (2,750 Ft) and the Budapest Card included. Riding without it is a 12,000 Ft on-the-spot penalty fare. **Do this:** buy the 2,500 Ft airport shuttlebus single ticket before boarding - vending machine, BudapestGO, or bankcard on the on-board Pay&GO; device

Only three passes unlock the 1,000 Ft add-on, and only in the app

Holders of a valid digital or paper Budapest-pass (except the 15-day one), Pest County Pass or Hungary Pass can buy a 1,000 Ft add-on airport shuttlebus single ticket instead of the 2,500 Ft one - but BKK sells it only in the BudapestGO app. The Budapest Card is not on that list, so its holders still pay 2,500 Ft. **Do this:** put your pass in BudapestGO and buy and validate the 1,000 Ft add-on before boarding

Men offering a taxi inside arrivals are not the contracted taxi

Budapest Airport's own taxi page warns that non-contracted companies, "which may offer their services in the terminal building", are not bound by the official tariff. The contracted company is Fotaxi, with ranks outside at the 2A and 2B entrances; since 3 August 2026 taxis collecting at the departures level and the outer arrivals lane pay an 800 Ft access fee, and non-contracted drivers may be sent to a distant pick-up point. **Do this:** walk out to the Fotaxi rank at the 2A or 2B entrance, or order Bolt, Uber or City Taxi and follow the app's pin

The fare rose on 1 August 2026 and the airport adds 2,100 Ft

The official Budapest tariff rose on 1 August 2026 to 1,300 Ft base + 520 Ft/km + 130 Ft/min, the first rise since 2023, and a 2,100 Ft airport base fare now applies when the journey starts at the airport or ends there. It is the same for every licensed operator, so no app undercuts the rank - any guide quoting 1,100 Ft base and 440 Ft/km is out of date. **Do this:** check the meter is started and expect the first line of the bill to read 2,100 Ft

Terminal 1 is closed and the airport train still does not exist

Every flight uses Terminal 2, split into T2A and T2B; Terminal 1, beside the Ferihegy railway station, has been shut since 2012. The direct rail link the government approved in 2025 - a new line from Kobanya to the airport with an underground station - had its first procurements launched only in mid-2026 and is years from opening, and the new Terminal+ building begun in February 2026 has no opening date. **Do this:** plan around Terminal 2 only, and treat any guide promising a train to the terminal as out of date

KNOW BEFORE YOU WALK

- The 100E runs 24 hours a day: every 6-10 minutes in the daytime on Mondays and Fridays, 7-10 other days, 10-15 mornings and evenings, 30-40 at night.
- Airport bus stops are on the arrivals level between the terminals; the 100E drops off at Kalvin ter, Astoria and Deak Ferenc ter, picking up at Astoria only 00:04-04:47.
- Buy a single ticket before boarding - 500 Ft at a machine or in the app, 700 Ft on the spot from the driver - and keep BudapestGO ready: BKK is replacing its 300-plus vending machines through 2026.
- Over-65s travel free on the 100E on proof of age, as do under-14s with a Hungarian student ID card, so a family with grandparents may only need adult tickets.
- On 200E one ordinary 500 Ft ticket or any pass works; the last three 200E departures from the airport - 23:28, 23:38 and 23:48, Sunday to Thursday - pull into the Kobanya-Kispest bus terminal for the night-bus transfer.

Prices verified 18 October 2026 against BKK's published fare list, the airport's transport pages and the municipal taxi tariff. 100E airport shuttle single ticket 2,500 Ft - add-on 1,000 Ft, BudapestGO only, for Budapest-pass (except the 15-day pass), Pest County Pass or Hungary Pass holders - airport bus extension ticket 300 Ft - BKK single ticket 500 Ft, 700 Ft on the spot - 24-hour travelcard 2,750 Ft, 72-hour 5,750 Ft - on-the-spot penalty fare 12,000 Ft - taxi 1,300 Ft base + 520 Ft/km + 130 Ft/min with a 2,100 Ft airport base fare, the tariff effective 1 August 2026 per BKK, City Taxi and Budapest Airport's Fotaxi page. Euro figures are conversions at about 365 Ft to the euro. The 800 Ft airport access fee and the pick-up points for non-contracted drivers come from Hungarian press reports of the 26 June 2026 council decision, not an operator page. The 13,000-15,000 Ft (EUR 36-41) taxi figure is an estimate from that tariff for an 18-22 km trip, not a published fare. No MAV point-to-point fare for Nyugati-Ferihegy is printed: MAV's 2026 table gives 450-500 Ft for 15-20 km, but the rail distance was not verified.

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