Welcome to Hungary!

The staff of Habitat for Humanity welcomes you in Hungary. We wish you a pleasant stay and hope you will enjoy the beauties of our country, the hospitality of Hungarians and the joy of building with Habitat and helping families in need. Thank you for choosing Hungary, have a nice stay and we hope to welcome you back in the future!

In this brochure you will find:

- Information on Habitat for Humanity Hungary: our aims, plans, strategies and staff...
- All about our Miskolc project: the town, the affiliate, the project, the people...
- A section on Hungary: culture, language...
- R&R options—in Budapest and Miskolc

This booklet contains all you need to know about your Global Village trip to Miskolc, Hungary—we’ll try to cover all the details of your journey with us. You’ll find information on Habitat builds and our programme in Hungary, the affiliate you will visit, the construction site and the families that will become your daily life while you’re here and all the practical details about getting around, accommodation, restaurants, R&R options and background information about Hungary.

Please feel free to contact our GV Coordinator in case you have any further questions or need specific information on your Global Village trip to Hungary.

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Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit Christian organization, founded in 1976, that holds housing projects for people in lower layers of the population. The aim of Habitat for Humanity is to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness worldwide, to raise awareness about the need for decent housing and to urge people to take action concerning this problem. Habitat for Humanity builds and renovates homes for people whose houses are below the normal standard of living and for people who do not have a home of their own. By building and renovating homes, these families can enjoy a better standard of living and a better and brighter future. Habitat for Humanity builds houses through donations of money and building material, with the help of homeowner families and volunteer workers. The homes are then sold to low-income families without profit and are financed with affordable loans.

The partner families don’t just pay back the cost of the house but they also have to help building their own house (the so called “sweat equity”). The money that is paid back goes to a revolving fund so that Habitat for Humanity can build new houses for other people in need. In this way Habitat for Humanity creates a circle that helps more and more families.

Families who are in need of a housing solution can apply at the local Habitat for Humanity affiliate. The family is then chosen based on need assessment, willingness to cooperate with Habitat for Humanity and ability to repay the loan. Habitat for Humanity sees everybody as equal; nobody can be discriminated against on the basis of gender, marital status, race, religion or on any other grounds when applying for Habitat’s support.

Habitat for Humanity Hungary was founded in 1996, when former president Jimmy Carter and over 500 volunteers built 10 homes within one week in Vác. Since then, we have served more than 850 families in our program.

Habitat for Humanity Hungary has worked in Vác, Csepel, Dunavarsány, Göd, Csurgó, Szarvas, Hajdúböszörmény, Budapest, Várpalota and Miskolc.

In the Summer of 2009 the government announced that it would altogether abolish a non-returnable housing grant which families in our new construction program used for paying for their homes and which made up 30% of a Habitat home’s price. This renders it impossible for Habitat’s target group to pay for a Habitat home in Hungary and therefore our new construction program had to be suspended until this grant is somehow replaced. Unfortunately, this was only a part of a restructuring of government housing policy inspired by the crisis which resulted in the government’s total withdrawal from assisting families affected by poverty housing.

With 1.2 million people affected by the problem in our country, Habitat for Humanity Hungary is more determined than ever to help an increasing number of these families in increasingly effective ways. As repairs and renovations are an extremely effective tool in reducing poverty housing, we decided to extend this activity and find ways to involve volunteers in these projects. In the Fall of 2009 we renovated and extended the local homeless shelter in Várpalota, and renovated social rental units in Budapest. In 2010 we renovated social rental units in Nagykanizsa and Budapest, and helped a home for mentally challenged people in Miskolc to renovate the home and build a wall and a diversion ditch after the building was flooded in the Summertime.

To date, we have served 850 families at eleven different locations. About 150 families moved into a new Habitat home, and about 250 families participated in different repair and renovation projects. We also served 450 families with financial education and construction technical assistance.

We helped just above 470 families last financial year — more than in any single year in our history. We want to continue growing our program. We are convinced that with your help, we can do this.
Housing Situation in Hungary

Several thousand people are homeless in Hungary, and over one million live in inadequate housing.

In the socialist times a great number of homes were built with low-quality pre-fabricated materials and poor craftsmanship. By now most of these units need some kind of repair. As home maintenance costs have grown to about 50% of an average family’s income, low-income families do not have the financial means to fix their housing problems.

Moreover, after housing privatization in Hungary in the late 1980’s only a small percentage of the rental sector remained in public ownership. Hungary today has one of the most limited public rental sectors in Europe. Although this is the only viable housing option for most low-income families, the public rental sector covers only a small part of the demand, and the rental units are in bad condition. They are often overcrowded and lack basic facilities. Other types of affordable rental housing are almost non-existent.

Decent shelter is critical for a person’s well-being; overcrowded, decrepit houses with no basic utilities affect the physical, emotional and mental health of people, resulting in huge social problems. By helping people to improve their housing, Habitat for Humanity Hungary believes we can break the cycle of poverty together.

Habitat for Humanity in Miskolc

Symbiosis Foundation was founded in 1999 to help Autistic and other mentally challenged people. The foundation supports their education, social integration and employment (they run a farm), and can also accommodate those whose families cannot take care of them.

The foundation runs two homes that can accommodate 14 people with special needs each, and also provide daily services to another 40 people each.

When one of the residential buildings was flooded during massive floods in June 2010 the foundation asked Habitat to help with volunteers to renovate the building, and to prevent similar flooding in the future. A wall was built with a diversion ditch at the bottom, damaged paint and mudding were removed, fixed and repainted. Habitat also helped the foundation to renovate windows of the other residential building.

In 2011 we are going to build a community room to create common space where the residents can spend time together, work, or just have a good time.

We work for Habitat for Humanity Hungary

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István Fésűs, Site Manager
The Global Village Programme

The GV volunteer program consists of short-term construction trips designed to give concerned people the opportunity to observe and contribute to Habitat’s work first hand. Working alongside families/beneficiaries and local volunteers, team members build a true “global village” of love, homes, families, communities and hope! Learning about the host community’s culture, language and social practices as well as developing new skills and confidence are additional benefits of participating in a GV trip. Working with a Habitat affiliate is often a life-changing experience. GV participants learn about poverty housing, development challenges and the mission to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness worldwide.

Habitat has several policies concerning construction, security suspension and cancellation of teams, insurance, finances, donations, gift-giving, child labour, teams traveling internationally and hosting programs. Please find out more about Habitat GV policies on the international Habitat website and on my.habitat.org!

Global Village teams in Hungary

Hungary hosts around 20 GV teams per year, from March till November. Our teams spend one or two weeks at the project site and they typically come from the US, Canada, Ireland, Northern Ireland or international schools around Europe. Many of our international volunteers tend to come back again and again for years - the Hungarian GV programme is very popular! In fact, our Csurgó GV programme received the 2006 Linda Fuller Award for Volunteerism as the best evaluated GV programme, and our Szarvas site received the award for Best Host Programme in 2007 in Europe and Central Asia!

Apart from international volunteers, we organize volunteer days for supporting local corporate partners who come to our builds for 1-2 days for a team-building exercise. We also receive teams from international schools in Budapest.

Usual GV itinerary:
- Day 1: arrival and welcome dinner in Budapest
- Day 2: sightseeing in Budapest and travel to construction site
- Day 3-4: construction work
- Day 5: R&R
- Day 6-8: construction work
- Day 9: R&R
- Day 10-12: construction work
- Day 13: packing, farewell
- Day 14-15: travel back to Budapest, farewell dinner, leave

Meet our national GV coordinator!

**Name:** Renata Scheili  
**Birthday:** 20 October 1983  
**Languages:** Hungarian, English, Italian  
**Pre-Habitat life:** studies in English and Hungarian literature  
**Habitat involvement:** I have been working with Habitat since April 2008.  
**Why Habitat?** I am very lucky to have the chance to work with Habitat as my first job. It is great to know that with my work I contribute to building homes for people in need. I also enjoy meeting enthusiastic, socially responsible people who are ready to help.  
**Job:** GV and communications coordinator. Renata is going to co-ordinate your trip from the National Office. She will be taking care of accommodation and R&R in Budapest and ensure smooth communication with the project site staff.
Project managers of HFH Hungary

During the build you are going to work with one of our experienced and popular construction managers. They will coordinate constructional work at the build site. They will show you how to do proper work, and they will help you take care of your safety. They will guide you around and spend time with you.

Levi
Name: Levi Molnár  
Languages: Hungarian, English
Birthday: 15 March  
Family: Wife and daughters Pálma (7) and Lilla (3)
Pre-Habitat life: Car driver, general mechanic
Habitat involvement: construction manager since 2005
Why Habitat? It is a good feeling to help somebody, to build houses, and to work with good people.

Sándor
Name: Sándor Kerekes  
Languages: Hungarian, English
Birthday: 4 January 1983
Pre-Habitat life: technical college
Habitat involvement: local project manager in Hajdúböszörmény since July 2007
Why Habitat? I have always wanted to work in construction. My job with Habitat for Humanity allows me to do this and also help families in need to get a better home.

Pisti
Name: Pisti Fésűs  
Languages: Hungarian, English
Birthday: 7 March 1981
Pre-Habitat life: construction work in London
Habitat involvement: local construction manager in Hajdúböszörmény since July 2008
Why Habitat? I really like this job because I can meet new people. With my work I help families to get a better home, and they can give their children a better future!

Type of volunteer work

The renovation project will not be different from new construction in terms of the types of work involved (plaining wood, assembling wooden structures, painting wood, adding insulation to and possibly painting old windows) and appropriate supervision.

Teams usually work from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Safety is everybody’s concern and is always an important consideration at any construction site. Building construction is one of the most dangerous occupations. Since Habitat work crews normally have a high proportion of inexperienced people, everyone must pay particular attention to safety.

Be conscious of the safety of others as well as yourself. An observer can often see danger better than the worker involved in the project. Be cautious at all times and ask questions. Do not go ahead with a task if you are uncertain how it is done, or if you are unable to do it.

Safety is based on knowledge, skill and an attitude of care and concern. Supervisors should establish and implement a building site and safety orientation program and additionally instruct each worker about the correct and proper procedures for performing each task. This should familiarize the worker with the potential hazards of doing the tasks and advise him or her as to how such hazards can be minimized or eliminated. It is very important that we at Habitat know about safe work practices and follow them.

Habitat building site must have an appropriate construction signage and emergency contacts posted on the site. All the potential and actual hazards on the site are signed, marked and equipped with safety protections and guarding if necessary.

GUIDES FOR A SAFE ATTITUDE
1. Dress appropriate clothing; trousers, long sleeve shirt and hard soled shoes or special uniform.
2. Wear personal protective equipments properly as it is required on the site. Know the safety signs.
3. THINK, if you are clear with your task or assignment before you start working.
4. Have all the onsite training on your task implementation and tool operation techniques.
5. Concentrate on your task and eliminate distractions. Headphones and cell phones can be dangerous.
6. Be aware of potential hazards of the site, construction materials, tools and equipments.
7. Ensure all power and hand tools and equipments (ladders, scaffolding) are inspected by a professional before you use them. Double check if any guarding and protections equipped.
8. If you see any unsafe or hazardous tool or condition advice the site supervisor IMMEDIATELY.
9. Do not run on the site, watch out your way if a load is carried or machinery is operated next to you.
10. Know where the first-aid kit is located, who the first aider is and how to get emergency help on site.
11. Know your physical working limits; take short breaks and drink plenty of water depending on climate.
12. Maintaining a clean and tidy site and tools contributes to a SAFE and efficient work environment.
13. If any message has made you uncertain - ASK A SITE SUPERVISOR.
PERSONAL SAFETY SIGNAGE

✓ Wear sun cream of a suitable factor, reapply throughout the day
✓ Drink plenty of water – in hot climates, 4-6 liters per day
✓ Check water bottles have seals, and do not share water bottles
✓ Shorts and open toed shoes are forbidden

Wear hard hat when:
✓ You see this signage in the area. Ask Site Supervisor, if not.
✓ Site Supervisor Requires to be worn
✓ Working on demolition and somebody is working above your head

Proper gloves can protect your hands from:
✓ Cutting when carrying sharp edged materials and equipments
✓ Skin irritation from cement, paint, lime wash and other chemicals
✓ Getting a corn while working with the tools for long time

Wear ear protection when:
✓ A compactor and any other power saw is in use near you
✓ or other equipment that may cause damage to the ears
✓ Heavy machinery is working nearby you for prolonged time

Wear a face mask when:
✓ You are sure of the mask type and its designation
✓ Using chemicals, painting lime wash, mixing cement
✓ Scraping old paints and sanding the items to smooth

Wear eye protection when:
✓ Using hammers, chisels and planer is used by yourself or near
✓ You or somebody next to you is using any type of power tools
✓ Using lime wash, chemicals or mixing or pouring cement

Wear proper footwear when on site:
✓ Footwear must be covered and hard soled
✓ Decoration bands are dangerous, keep them tied tight
✓ Steel toecap safety boots must be worn in demolition works

When lifting an item:
✓ Know your capacity and weight limits. Ask Site Supervisor.
✓ Keep slightly apart, bend the knees, keep the back straight
✓ Grab by both hands, lift with the legs support, not the back

KNOW YOUR SAFETY SIGNS
Prohibition, Stop
A red circle with diagonal cross bar on a white background.
Symbols behind this sign describes that a certain behavior is prohibited.
Example: describes that entry or pedestrian is not allowed

Hazard, Danger, Warning
A yellow triangle with a black boarder and symbol within. Any symbol within this sign describes the warning of a health hazard.
Example: describes that there is a high voltage danger and electric shock risks

Mandatory, Obey
A blue circle with white symbol within. This indicates a specific course of action which must be taken.
Example: describes that the area should be kept clear and tidy. Or any request message.

Safety
A green square with white symbol within. This describes safe condition, direction, location and emergency exits.
Example: describes the location of the First Aid Kit.

Fire
A red square with white symbol within. This describes the location and types of fire extinguisher or emergency exits, etc.
Example: describes the position and correct use of the fire extinguisher
**BASIC POTENTIAL HAZARDS ON THE BUILDING SITE**

*BE AWARE of the following hazards can be met on the site when fulfilling the following tasks:*

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<td>P.S. Hard hats and all body covered safe dressing must be worn at all times on the building site.</td>
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<td>Ground work</td>
<td>Dust, heavy load, sharp tools, soil slide, loose rock, cave-in, bad air, overhead load in excavation.</td>
<td>gloves, back support, trench box, shoring, safe lifting.</td>
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<td>Foundation work</td>
<td>Cement dermatitis, airborne dust, exposed rebar, heavy loads, crystalline silica, alkaline compounds</td>
<td>mask, respirator, cloth gloves, safe lifting</td>
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<td>Timber work</td>
<td>sharp edges of timber, saw dust, sharp tools, exposed nails and screws,</td>
<td>penetration and abrasion resistant gloves, goggles, safe lifting</td>
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<td>Masonry</td>
<td>Cement and limestone dermatitis, awkward posture, heavy loads, debris, brick or block fall, etc.</td>
<td>toe capped boots, leather gloves,</td>
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<td>Insulation work</td>
<td>Asbestos, synthetic and glass fibers, skin irritant components,</td>
<td>vinyl coated insulated or penetration resistant gloves, respirator</td>
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<td>Drywall, OSB, Plywood sheathing</td>
<td>Gypsum and saw dust, heavy loads, awkward postures, sharp tools, sharp edges of the materials,</td>
<td>cloth gloves, goggles, mask, toe capped boots</td>
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<td>Roofing</td>
<td>Roofing tar, solvent vapors, heat, slope, height, awkward posture,</td>
<td>Rubber or vinyl coated gloves, hard soled boots, respirator, fall protection</td>
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<td>Load carrying</td>
<td>heavy load, path blockage, blind area, sharp edges of materials,</td>
<td>leather or cloth gloves, toe capped boots, back support,</td>
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<td>Old paint cleaning</td>
<td>sharp tools, heat, flame, volatile vapor, dust, lead</td>
<td>goggles, leather gloves, respirator, mask,</td>
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<td>Demolishing</td>
<td>Dust, heavy load, flying debris, sharp materials and tools, exposed power wiring, exposed gas and water pipes,</td>
<td>cloth gloves, goggles, mask, toe capped boots, safe lifting</td>
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<td>Floor finishing</td>
<td>Knee trauma, awkward postures, glue and glue vapor</td>
<td>Knee pads, respirator, good ventilation, cloth gloves</td>
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<td>Painting</td>
<td>Solvent vapors, toxic metals in pigments, paint additives</td>
<td>rubber or vinyl coated gloves, mask or respirator, goggle</td>
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<td>Working on the Ladder, scaffolds</td>
<td>falling and slipping from the height, vertigo,</td>
<td>safe shoes, harnessing, barricades, dry steps, 2nd person to support</td>
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<td>Using power and hand tools</td>
<td>Defective power cords, broken or absent protective guards and grounding, Silica dust, Saw dust, whole body vibration, noise</td>
<td>Appropriate type of gloves, ear plug, goggles,</td>
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Health and safety information

Clothing: As the weather might be changeable please wear layered clothing. Long-sleeved trousers are recommended. Shirts are required at all times. Wearing closed, hard-soled shoes at the build site is obligatory to avoid injuries. Slippers, sandals, thin canvas boat shoes won’t do! Gloves and goggles are provided at the work site. Please prepare for hot as well as cold and rainy weather. Use sunscreen, wear a cap or head scarf to protect yourself from the sun. Bring a raincoat or waterproof coat and shoes in case of rainy weather.

Safety: Volunteers do not have to expect any specific danger factor (such as poisons, insects, snakes) at the work site. Please pay attention to general construction site risks (holes, falling objects etc). Please always follow the construction manager’s instructions.

The health and safety of every Global Village team member is a top priority of Habitat for Humanity Hungary. Hungary is considered to be a safe country, but it is wise to use the same precautions as you would in your country: for instance, not walking to the hotel alone very late at night. Should a personal safety issue arise, contact local the GV Coordinator who will facilitate any discussions with the police.

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Police 112 or 107
Emergency service 112 or 104

MEDEX Travelers Assistance Network (24/7)
For volunteers coming from USA and some European Countries
Policy number 6404-54-47, MEDEX code CHB
Tel: 1-800-527-0218 OR 1-410-453-6330 (US), 44-1-273-223000 (UK)

MASTERPOLICY Emergency Contact
For volunteers coming from Great Britain, Northern Ireland, Republic of Ireland
Tel: outside the UK + 44-870-606-1406
From the UK 0870-606-1406
TELEX 947736 EURA G
Some basic facts about Hungary

Local name: Magyarország
(magyar=Hungarian, ország=country)

Capital: Budapest (1.8 million)
Time difference: GMT+01:00

Population: 10 million
Ethnic groups: Hungarian 92.3%, Roma 1.9%, other or unknown 5.8%
Religions: Roman Catholic 51.9%, Calvinist 15.9%, Lutheran 3%, Greek Catholic 2.6%, other Christian 1%, other or unspecified 11.1%, unaffiliated 14.5%

Area: 93,030 sq km (slightly smaller than Indiana)
Border countries: Austria, Croatia, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Ukraine
Climate: temperate; cold, cloudy, humid winters; warm summers
Terrain: mostly flat to rolling plains; hills and low mountains on the Slovakian border
Highest point: Kékes 1015 m

International organization participation: EU, FAO, IBRD, ILO, IMF, Interpol, NATO, OECD, OSCE, UN, UNCTAD, UNESCO, UNHCR, WHO, WTO
Diplomatic representation from the US: Ambassador Eleni Kounalakis
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Useful information

Visa requirements: Volunteers from the US, Canada and countries that participate in the Schengen Cooperation do not need a visa to enter Hungary. To find out more about visa requirements please visit http://hungary.visahq.com/requirements/Hungary/ or http://www.mfa.gov.hu/kum/en/bal/consular_services/Entry_of_Foreigners_to_Hungary/.

Currency: Hungarian forint (HUF)
Exchange rate: 1 USD = approx. 200 HUF
1 EUR = approx. 270 HUF

Credit cards: credit cards are accepted in major stores in Budapest. However, you will probably not be able to pay with your bank/credit card in small shops and at our affiliates. In Budapest you will find banks ATM machines easily, at our affiliates, however, they are located in the center of town.

Business hours: Shops are usually open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. On Saturdays shops are open until 1 p.m. and they are closed on Sundays! Shopping malls are open also at the weekend, usually until 8 p.m.

Tipping: The usual tip in a restaurant or for a taxi driver is 10%. At some restaurants service fee is included in the bill, in this case you are not expected to give a tip.

Taxis and public transportation: Public transportation provides an easy way to get around in Budapest. A single ticket costs 320 HUF. As you have to use another single ticket every time you change it is worth buying a daily ticket for 1550 HUF. There are also many taxi services in Budapest, a usual fare should be around 2000-3000 HUF. At the affiliates teams usually use a rented van if necessary.

Entertainment: Budapest has a vivid and varied cultural life. There are numerous theaters, cinemas, clubs and bars. At the affiliates you can go to small local bars. A beer will cost 500 HUF in Budapest, and 400 HUF at the affiliates or other small towns. A bottle of water is around 200-250 HUF.

Internet access: There are many netcafes and bars that provide wireless access in Budapest. You will also have the opportunity to browse the Internet at our sites.

International calls: The easiest way to call your loved ones from Hungary is to top up your cell phone with a given amount of minutes. To make a phone call from abroad to Hungary dial +36.

Health requirements: No special requirements.

Dress code on site: Wearing old clothes is suggested and long-sleeved trousers and closed shoes are obligatory at the construction site. If you come to build in the summertime pack a hat/cap and sunscreen. Please also bring a light raincoat. (Pack lightly. Laundry service is available at our affiliates.)
Hungarian food, wine and culture

Food

Hungarian food is often spicy, using paprika, black pepper and onions.

In the picture: gulyás

Must try:
- Gulyás (gulasch soup)
- Pörkölt (paprika stew)
- Töltött káposzta (stuffed cabbage)
- Halászlé (fish soup)
- Rétes (strudel)

Wine

Hungary has a many centuries long tradition of wine-making in different wine regions in the hilly parts of the country. We also produce strong spirits and beer.

Must try:
- White wines from the Balaton region and red wines of Villány
- Tokaj wine (from Northern Hungary)
- Egri bikavér (Bull’s blood)
- Pálinka (a strong, fruit-based spirit)

Folk arts

Hungary has a very rich folklore:
- Handicrafts (potteries, woven fabrics, embroideries, wood curvings etc.)
- Folk music and gypsy music
- Folk dancing

Some useful Hungarian terms

Good morning = Jó reggelt! (Yow rehg-ghelt)
Good day = Jó napot! (Yow nawpot)
Good evening = Jó estét! (Yow esh-teht)
Hi = Szia (seeyuh) or Helló (even when saying goodbye)
How are you? = Hogy vagy? (Hod-yuh vud-yuh)
Goodbye = Viszontlátásra! (visontlatashruh) or Viszlát (visslat)
Yes = Igen  No = Nem  Good, fine = jó (yow)
Thank you = Köszönöm (kurssurnurm) or Köski (kussee)
Do you speak English? = Beszél angolul? (Bessayl ungoolool)
I can’t speak Hungarian = Nem beszélek magyarul (Nem bessaylekh mud-yarool)

I don’t understand = Nem értem (Nem ayrtem)
Please (offering) = Tessék (Teshayk )
Please (asking) = Kérem (Kayrem)
Beer = sör (shur)   Wine = bor   Coffee = kávé (caavey)
1 = egy (Ed-yuh)
2 = kettő (Kettur)
3 = három (Harom)
4 = négy (Nayy-d-yuh)
5 = öt (Urt)
6 = hat (Hut)
7 = hét (Hayt)
8 = nyolc (n-yolts)
9 = kilenc (Kilents)
10 = tíz (teez)

Construction terms

To build
- Épít
- Kalapács

Hammer
- Kalapál

Nail
- Szög

To hammer
- Kalapál

Pliers
- Fogó

Paint
- Festék

Brush
- Ecset

To paint
- Fest

Mask
- Maszk

Tape measure
- Mérőszalag

To measure
- Mér

Screw
- Csavar

Screwdriver
- Csavarhúzó

Drill
- Fúró

Wall
- Fal

Ceiling
- Plafon

Floor
- Padló

Door
- Ajtó

Window
- Ablak
Welcome to Budapest!

Budapest lies in the heart of Hungary, on the banks of the river Danube (Duna). Budapest is a modern, lively metropolis with many different faces and layers of history. An evening walk in the peaceful castle district takes you back to the middle ages and a stroll in the old Jewish quarter with its synagogues and narrow streets shows the city’s similarity to Prague and Cracow. The illuminated avenues and boulevards of classicist-style Pest city centre remind you of the symmetry of Vienna or Paris and the glory of Austria-Hungary and 19th century bourgeoisie. And everywhere you’ll see the yellow trams, red trolleys and grey buildings of the communist times, right next to modern shopping centers and office buildings of the new capitalist era. Budapest offers you lots of possibilities for sightseeing, shopping, going out, enjoying many cultural activities or just getting lost in secret backstreets. Enjoy your stay in our capital city!

Must see in Budapest

The centre of Budapest downtown is the Vörösmarty square and the Váci Street. On the square visitors can find the famous Gerbaud Confectionery and the annual Christmas market in December. The biggest walking area of Budapest is the Váci Street, on which cafés, restaurants and shops are waiting for the visitors.

The Royal Palace is situated at the southern part of the castle. Nowadays the building houses cultural institutes and museums, like the Hungarian National Gallery.

Matthias Church was originally constructed in the 13th, and reconstructed in the 19th century, when it was rebuilt in neo-gothic style.

The aim of the Fisherman’s Bastion was to decorate the panorama from the Pest side. This city view was elected to the list of World Heritage as well.

Heroes’ Square is located at the end of the Andrássy Avenue. On the monument kings and main personages of the Hungarian history are figured.

Hungarian State Opera House Budapest is proud of one of the most beautiful opera houses in the world, in which the opening performance took place in 1884 after 9 years of construction.

St. Stephen Basilica is the largest church of Budapest. The church recalls St. Stephen, the founder of State and Church in Hungary.

Synagogue. With its 3000-seat building it is Europe’s largest, while the world’s second largest operating Synagogue.

Margitsziget (Margaret Island) is the green area located in the middle of the Danube. It is a preferred place for taking a walk, doing sports and entertaining.

Market Hall. The biggest and most attractive covered market of Budapest was built at the end of the 19th century. It used to serve as the central food market hall of Budapest.

If you have the chance go and spend a few relaxing hours in one of our world famous baths, like Lukács, Rudas or Gellért.
Hotels and restaurants in Budapest

**Hotel Császár**
(30 min drive from airport)
II. district, 35 Frankel Leó utca
info@csaszarhotel.hu

Habitat prices 2011:
- EUR 42 (single room)
- EUR 47 (double room)

- really friendly and helpful staff
- historic building, former convent on Buda side of Danube
- 15-min walk from Margaret Island
- 10-min walk from main tram line
- breakfast included
- air conditioning

Entrance to swimming pool included!

Restaurants close to Hotel Császár:

**Don Pepe**
(right behind the hotel)
A great place that offers pizza as well as international dishes, has a non-smoking room, terrace in the Summertime.

**Trófea**
(a 10-min walk from the hotel)
An excellent all-you-can eat restaurant, has a non-smoking area.

**Hotel Medosz**
(30 min drive from airport)
VI. district, 9 Jókai tér
info@medoszhotel.hu

Habitat prices 2011:
- 44 EUR (single room)
- 53 EUR (double room)

- on the Pest side, in the city center
- right across Liszt Ferenc tér, a busy square with lots of restaurants and cafés
- 1 min to Oktogon (main tram line and metro)
- breakfast included
- no air conditioning

Restaurants close to Hotel Medosz:

**Magdalena Merlo**
(a 10-min walk from the hotel)
International and Hungarian food, nice service, has a non-smoking area.

**Menza**
(a 5-min walk from the hotel)
Fancy retro-style design, international food and Hungarian favorites in a new interpretation, has a non-smoking area, terrace in the Summertime.

**Hotel Casa Sol**
(30 min drive from airport)
VIII. district, 108 Baross utca
info@medoszhotel.hu

Habitat prices 2011:
- 40 EUR (single room)
- 50 EUR (double room)

- friendly and helpful staff
- on the Pest side, 10-min walk from main tram line
- breakfast included
- air conditioning

Restaurants close to Hotel Casa Sol:

**Stex**
(a 10-min walk from the hotel)
Great food for a moderate price, has a non-smoking area, terrace in the Summertime.

**Csiga**
(a 15-min walk from the hotel)
A charming little restaurant with lovely food for a reasonable price.
Welcome to Miskolc!

Miskolc is a city in northeastern Hungary, mainly with heavy industrial background. With a population close to 180,000 Miskolc is the third-largest city of Hungary (behind Budapest and Debrecen; second-largest with agglomeration.) It is also the county capital of Borsod-Abaúj-Zemplén and the regional centre of Northern Hungary.

Miskolc is now trying to become known as a cultural – instead of merely an industrial – city. Among the various cultural events, one of the most important festivities is the International Opera Festival, held every summer.

Miskolctapolca, where most of our teams our going to stay, is a beautiful suburb of Miskolc. Tapolca is famous for its amazing cave bath.

Getting to Miskolc

You can take a train to Miskolc, but we highly recommend getting a private bus to the town. The town is about 200 km from Budapest. The drive takes about two hours.

Places to sleep

Hotel Lido, Miskolctapolca
The hotel can accommodate guests in double rooms. The rooms have bathroom, fridge, TV, and free wireless internet connection. The centre of Miskolc is 20 mins by public trasportation. The work site is a 30 min drive by rented bus.

City Hotel, Miskolc
It is a 4 * hotel located in the centre of Miskolc. The hotel has 39 rooms with baths. The rooms are spacious and have air-conditioning. Each room has a TV, telephone, minibar and Internet access. The hotel also has a small wellness section. The work site is a 30 min drive by rented bus.

Places to eat

Breakfast is provided at the hotel. Lunch is delivered to the work site. There are also a few of restaurants around town where a variety of Hungarian and continental meals can be had at decent prices (see budget for details).

Vegetarian meals can be arranged, please inform the host co-ordinator about these and other dietary requirements in advance.
Must see in and around Miskolc

**Miskolc**

The main street preserved a 19th-century atmosphere. There are historical buildings as well as modern shopping malls downtown. You can also take a nice walk to the Avas hill to see a pretty Gothic church or enjoy the view from the lookout tower.

**Miskolctapolca**

Enjoy the amazing cave bath... Spring water with a temperature of 30 °C in cave passages unique in Europe, and outdoor pools for the hottest days of the Summer. You don’t want to miss it!

**Diósgyőr**

Diósgyőr is a district of Miskolc, with a population of around 60,000 (about one third of the population of the larger city of Miskolc.) The medieval castle in Diósgyőr was a favourite holiday residence of Hungarian kings and queens; today it is a popular tourist attraction.

**Eger**

A really pretty town famous for its wine “bikavér” (bull's blood). Visit the castle for a taste of history, take a walk in town, and visit one of the many cellars to try world-famous Hungarian wine!

**Aggtelek**

Visit the vast stalactite caverns of the nearby Baradla-Domica cave system, part of the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Aggtelek and Slovak Karst.
We wish you a very good time in Hungary!

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