



## BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

### 2012 Dates and Fees

- Nov 7 - Dec 2, 2011
- July 2 - 27, 2012
- August 6 - 31, 2012
- October 1 - 26, 2012
- November 5 - 30, 2012

Budapest Course Fee: EUR 1300  
Accommodation: Approximately EUR 300

Budapest has always been known as a city of entertainment; Famous for their hospitality as well as their colorful outlook. During the 19th century it was a natural magnet for Europeans to travel far and wide who wanted to savor and luxuriate in all it had to offer.

Attracted as they were to the buzzing atmospheres in the nightclubs, where spirited interpretations of the 'csárdás' and the cancan were danced. Nowhere else could fiddlers move your very soul with the renditions of the popular music of the time.

Half a century of communist rule dampened the exterior but not the soul. By the time 1990 came round Budapest was ready to embrace all that Europe had to offer and blend it with their own unique style. The music scene is flourishing as are the theatres, cabarets etc. The cinemas offer phenomenal viewing with awesome sound systems. Like a phoenix from the ashes, Hungary has risen to show its true abilities in an array of fantastic colors.

To indulge all of the nectarous flavors available, it essential to spend time looking for the unexpected. One will find awesome atmospheres in the smaller eating and drinking establishments, it offers timeless Hungarian culture with exquisite wines and mouthwatering dishes to titillate any taste buds. All of this at the sorts of prices only usually found in dreams! In short, Budapest will give you state of the art 21st Century experiences & still be able to weave its ancient magic should you open your arms to embrace it.



## TEFL Training Center:

The training center is located in the Tudomány Nyelviskola Language Center which is a full service language school.

## Teaching English in Hungary:

Via Lingua Budapest offers you teaching opportunities right after you successfully finish our intensive Teaching English as a Foreign Language course. Our school is located in one of the best Hungarian private language schools, named Tudomány Nyelviskola.

This school organizes in-house and company courses as well. They require a minimum result of 'pass B' at your Via Lingua Certificate of TEFL at the application stage. They will also ask you for a demo lesson, where you can demonstrate your teaching qualities on spot. After discussing other conditions and details of the position, if both parties are satisfied you can start teaching.

Via Lingua Budapest can help you to get the official papers and work permit to work for Tudomány Nyelviskola. As for the accommodation, we can also help you find a suitable apartment.

The following things are important to have with you:

- a current copy of your C.V./resume,
- your Birth Certificate or a notarised copy and
- a copy of any degree certificates you may have.

Teachers considering spending a minimum of a year in Hungary may instead want to find a position at a university or college, a high school, or even an elementary school. Such positions are competitive in Budapest, but universities and colleges in rural regions have openings. Universities and public schools provide housing and expenses (including local transport and a 50 percent discount on national trains) and make sure that all the paperwork is in order. Classes are always held at the same place. One also can develop working relationships with colleagues more easily than in a language school.

## The Importance of English in Hungary:

Schools typically want someone with an ESL teaching certificate and at least a year's teaching experience. The vast majority of private language schools are in Budapest (over 200), but the smaller cities and mid-size towns also have schools. Pay rates vary considerably—from 2 euros to 8 euros an hour. While the hourly rate is often quite good by local standards, the hours may be few. Many teachers work for two or more schools and give private lessons in order to collect enough income. A monthly rate of HUF 150,000 (603 euros) should be possible by working 20 hours a week, and that's enough to live on comfortably.

Schools don't post job openings often, even in the local papers. The simplest way to find schools is to drop into the school in person, emailing a short letter of introduction and your CV works as well. Most of the larger schools have web sites. Hiring time is normally in mid-September and again in January and February.

## Food and Clothing:

In Hungary people usually have a large breakfast. Hungarian breakfast generally is an open sandwich with fresh bread or a toast, butter, cheese or different cream cheeses, túró cheese or körözött (Liptauer cheese spread), cold cuts such as ham, véres hurka (similar to black pudding), liver paté (called májkrém or kenőmájas),



bacon, salami, beef tongue, mortadella, disznósajt (head cheese), sausages like kabanos, beerwurst or different Hungarian sausages (kolbász). Even eggs, (fried, scrambled or boiled), French toast called bundáskenyér and vegetables (like peppers, bell peppers, tomatoes, radish, scallion and cucumber) are part of the Hungarian breakfast. Sometimes breakfast is a cup of milk, tea or coffee with pastries, a bun, a kifli or a strudel with jam or honey, or cereal like muesli and perhaps fruit. Hot drinks are preferred for breakfast. Lunch is the major meal of the day, usually with several courses. Cold or hot appetizers may be served sometimes (for example fish, egg or liver), then soup. Soup is followed by a main dish. A main dish can be a sweet pastry dish or dish including meat and salad, which precedes the dessert. Fruit may follow. In Hungary pancakes are served as a main dish, not for breakfast. Salad is always served with meat dishes, made of lettuce with tomatoes, cucumbers and onions or a simple thin sliced cucumber salad in vinaigrette. Salads like Salade Olivier or potato salad are made of boiled potatoes, vegetables, hard-boiled eggs, mushrooms, fried or boiled meat or fish, in vinaigrette, aspic or mayonnaise. These salads are eaten as appetizers or even as a main course. Dinner is a far less significant meal than lunch. It may be similar to breakfast, usually an open sandwich, yogurt or virsli (hot dog sausage) with a bun, more seldom a cake, pancakes (palacsinta), and it consists of only one course.

Dress codes in Budapest balance between Western-European-casual and Eastern-European-dapper. When teaching, be sure to adhere to the local working culture and basic ideas of professionalism. Business Casual is a safe bet. Outside of the classroom, Smart Casual will get you far; neatness and style can trump tradition.

## Climate:

With the Alps to the west and the flat, open Great Plain to the east, Budapest has warm summers and bitterly cold winters, with plenty of rain all year round. Winters are fairly short, the very cold weather arriving in mid-December, usually cloudy and damp with odd bright sunny days and frequent, but light, snow. In summer, from April to September, Budapest has a high proportion of sunny, warm days with relatively high humidity, the sun shining for about 10 hours a day.

## Accommodation:

Via Lingua Budapest can provide four types of accommodation for teacher trainees at very competitive rates. In all cases you will have a private room with access to essential facilities.

Type 1. Room in a shared flat  
Either with one or two other trainees, or with a Hungarian family. Self catering.

Type 2. \*\*\* Hotel Self catering.

Type 3. \*\*\*\*\* Hotel Close proximity to the school. Self catering.

Type 4. Host family Close proximity to the school. Own room, breakfast and evening meal included. Limited availability, please book early to avoid disappointment.

## Communication, Telephone and Internet:

To make a call from a mobile phone to a fixed line number, you always have to dial (06) and the two-digit area prefix. To call from a mobile to another mobile phone, you must add the prefix code of the mobile service provider of the person you are calling (0620 for Pannon GSM, 0630 for T-Mobile and, 0670 for Vodafone). If you are at the same mobile service provider, just call the number directly without the prefix. If you are not sure how to dial a number, just always add the country and area prefix, this will work in any case. (eg: 0620..., 0630..., 0670...). As in other European countries, Internet cafés are getting more and more popular in Hungary. Most available Internet cafés are of course in the capital but the trend is taking over to

the country as well. Internet cafés can be mainly found in larger Shopping Centers, in fast food restaurants or simply in the streets.

## Excursions and Cultural Highlights:



Take an excursion into Hungary's history on this popular Danube Bend full day trip. You'll visit the gorgeous old towns of Visegrad, Esztergom and Szentendre, includes a three-course lunch and a cruise on the River Danube – a highlight of any trip to Hungary! The day trip takes you to Visegrad, with its medieval citadel and romantic ruins of the former royal residence. Then it's on to Esztergom for an interior visit of the town's famous cathedral. You will continue on to the Baroque artists' village of Szentendre. Here you'll take a guided walk through the town and visit the Caprice Hungarian Jewelry Center, followed by coffee and soft drinks. Your tour returns to Budapest by boat on the River Danube (May 01 to September 30 only, tide permitting). During other times or at low tide the tour returns to the city center by bus.

### BUDA CASTLE LABYRINTH (Budavári Labirintus)

The only labyrinth of the World in operation. During the Middle-Ages the Turkish remodeled the original drip-stone caves into a complex of cellars and tunnels. During WW2 the labyrinth served as a shelter. Today, the Buda Castle Labyrinth can be visited with or without guides (but take a map!) There is a small historical wax museum and also some prehistoric cave paintings. The labyrinths are very dark!



## Special Offers:

Via Lingua has announced the first annual "**Ernestine Moore**" **Scholarship Award** to be offered to a deserving candidate in 2009 to any of the Via Lingua locations for a one-month intensive TEFL Course, including Free Job Placement! Ernestine Moore was a lifelong advocate of education and worked tirelessly to promote educational opportunities for children and young adults. Through her personal and professional advocacy in the field of Social Work and Children's Rights she had a lasting contribution to her field and all those around her. She lived and practiced Service Learning. The author of the widely adopted college textbook "Child Welfare and Family Services: Policies and Practice", Ernestine was a staunch supporter of Via Lingua and its dedication to global learning and multicultural understanding for all ages.

### Double-up discount

Book together with a friend for the same course and you can both claim a 100 EUR discount on the advertised price. Offer applies to all course dates and locations. We can also arrange for you to share the same accommodation if required.