

EuroNTA Workshop, May 13, Friday, Budapest – Information Sheet

Below we provide some information about the city, possible hotels and the location of TÁRKI office.

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1. Workshop venue

La Prima Fashion Hotel Budapest
H-1052 Budapest, Pesti Barnabás utca 6.
phone: +36 20 776 2262
www.laprimahotel.hu

We've negotiated a corporate rate with the hotel for those who would like to stay in the same hotel as the workshop venue. The hotel is located in the center of Budapest on the Pest side, very near to the Danube and Váci utca, a busy shopping street. A breakfast buffet, taxes, use of the fitness room and wi-fi internet access are all included in the prices below.

Room prices:

Best daily room rate:

single room	EUR 75
double room	EUR 85

Nonrefundable daily room rate:

single room	EUR 68
double room	EUR 77

To make a reservation:

All reservations require a credit card number. In the case of the best daily room rate, the credit card will serve as a guarantee for the reservation. If the reservation is cancelled 24 hours before arrival then no charge will be made to the credit card, for cancellations after this period a single night will be charged to the card.

In the second case, with the *nonrefundable* daily room rate, the price of the room will be charged to the credit card upon confirmation of the reservation and is nonrefundable.

Reservations can be made by email at sales@laprimahotel.hu. Please reference "TARKI2011".

2. Staying elsewhere

You may want to stay in another hotel and visit La Prima Fashion only for the workshop. Feel free to ask for help finding another hotel, or, if you have your own arrangement, for further information on transportation.

3. Office contact information

TARKI Office
Budaörsi út 45
H-1112 Budapest
www.tarki.hu
Tel: +36 1 309 7676

4. Getting from the airport to downtown

Participants will fly into one of two airport terminals, Ferihegy 1 or Ferihegy 2. A taxi or minibus to a hotel can be had from either terminal.

Airport Taxi: The Főtaxi company operates a stand outside the arrivals terminal. A taxi from the airport to downtown Budapest costs between 3,300 – 5,500 Hungarian forints (approx. 13-24 EUR), depending on which part (or zone) of the city you ask to be taken to. The La Prima Fashion Hotel Budapest falls into Főtaxi's second zone (or körzet in Hungarian) and should cost 5,100 HUF or about 18 EUR. The fares can be found here: http://www.bud.hu/english/passengers/transport_and_parking/by_taxi.

Minibus: The Airport minibus service will take you anywhere in Budapest. The information desk for the minibus service is found in the centre of the arrivals lobby. This option is slower – you may have to wait for two or three other passengers to be taken to their destinations – but somewhat cheaper. A minibus from the airport to the city center will cost about 2,990 HUF (approx. 10 EUR). You get a discount if you buy a return ticket in advance (4,990 or 18 EUR).

5. Using public transportation

Fares cannot be paid on board and there are fines for traveling without a validated ticket. Tickets are good for one ride only and a new ticket must be used every time you change lines. Tickets cost 320 HUF and can be purchased at vendors, metro stations, hotels, news-stands and tobacco shops; they can be validated in meters (red punch slots or orange meters), on board (tram, bus) or at station entrances in case of metro rides (orange boxes/meters).

Instead of single tickets you may consider buying a “discount coupon book” of 10 tickets (2800 HUF), a pass (for 1 / 7 / 14 days or for a month), or a Budapest card. These are available at metro stations or at end stations of public transport.

For more prices and information visit the Budapest Transportation Agency's English-language website here: <http://www.bkv.hu/en/>.

Suburban trains called HÉV can be used to visit the tourist attractions in small towns outside Budapest (Szentendre, Gödöllő).

6. Money

Major credit cards are widely accepted in Hungary.

The Hungarian currency is the forint. The euro-forint exchange rate regularly fluctuates but the general range (at the moment) is 1 euro to 265-280 forints.

If possible, we recommend that you draw forints from a cashpoint or ATM, as you'll probably receive a better rate and be saved the trouble of seeking out a money exchange business or bank.

There are a number of places to exchange money in Budapest and most of them offer fair rates. With that said, a bank is probably your best bet. At money exchange businesses, be sure to check that the “buy rate” is advertised, for some less respected merchants will advertise the “sell rate” and yet pay out a significantly lower buy rate. Commissions are not usually charged.

7. Links to information on Budapest

Restaurants reviews at Caboodle: <http://caboodle.hu/>

Website of the Capital Municipal Government (includes information on sightseeing and cultural events):

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

Cultural events and Budapest city info: www.funzine.hu