

RULE OF THUMB: PACK ONLY WHAT YOU CAN CARRY



LUGGAGE LIMIT: For the group flights for Hungary, British Airways allows only 1 checked bag per person, the maximum dimensions of which are 35.5" x 29.5" x 16", including the handle, pockets and wheels and does not exceed 50 pounds. If you are on other carriers, check with them regarding the baggage allowance on your flights. In addition to the checked bag of luggage, you will be allowed to carry on 2 other pieces of hand baggage with your main piece being up to the dimensions of 22" x 18" x 10", including the handle, pockets and wheels. Your bag must fit into the bag gauge, available at the check-in area. Additionally, your laptop or handbag may be up to the dimensions of 18 in x 14 in x 8 in, including the handle and pockets. Your laptop or handbag must fit under the seat in front of you. **REMEMBER to pack only what you can carry.** Packing one medium-sized bag to check and one carry-on bag is best. Cars in Hungary are much smaller than ours and large bags present a huge (pardon the pun) problem for your trip to your church.

LUGGAGE TAGS: Be sure your name is on the outside and the inside of your bag. You may want to tie a distinctive colored ribbon around the handle to make it easier to recognize.

LET OTHERS HEAR ABOUT WHAT IS HAPPENING IN HUNGARY: During the project, Hungary Missions will be emailing reports about the Hungary project that can be sent to your friends and family. Of course, that can only happen if you send their email information to us. **Be sure to provide their name and email address.** [Send the email information by clicking here.](#)

WEATHER: During fall, from September through October, the days are still warm but not as hot as in the summer. Expect plenty of pleasant, sunny days in September, but with cooler temperatures. The average high / low September temperatures are 72°F / 51°F, and October temperatures are 61°F / 42°F.

C L O T H I N G

MEN:

- ⊕ For daily activities, casual dress is appropriate. Slacks or clean/nice jeans with polo-style shirts are fine.
- ⊕ For the church services, it would probably be best to have slacks and a collared sport shirt and if you are preaching/speaking, a sports/suit coat would be good.

WOMEN:

- ⊕ Pants/jeans will be acceptable for travel and for visiting.
- ⊕ A dress or skirt is always appropriate, especially for church services.
- ⊕ Short sleeves and sleeveless also are fine during the week.

MEN & WOMEN:

- ⊕ Take shoes that are sturdy and comfortable for walking.
- ⊕ Do not wear anything camouflage or military in nature.
- ⊕ A jacket or sweater may be needed for a cooler morning or evening.



LODGING, PHONE CALLS AND TIME: We will be using two hotels in Budapest: The Stacio for the first 2 nights and the Hotel Benczúr for the last, night. The phone number for the hotels from the USA are 011 36 29 353 053 for the Stacio and 011 36 (1) 479-5662 for the Benczúr. It is best to give this phone number to your family and friends. Have them call you from the USA since it is cheaper for them to call you, instead of you calling from the hotel. You will be responsible for any overseas calls you make from the hotel. **Do not make any calls to the USA from your place of accommodation, regardless of an offer from your host!** If you want to use a cell phone, be sure to contact your

carrier prior to departure to enable that service and sign up for an international plan. Be aware that the costs are very high to use your phone there. Hungary is on Central European Time (CET), so they are 7 hours later than Dallas. Remember when calling that Dallas is 7 hours earlier than CET!

FOOD: The food served at the project hotels is very reliable and very good. However, when you are away from the hotel you will need to be a bit cautious and use common sense. Here are some general rules to follow pertaining to food: all meat, poultry, and seafood should be well cooked and served hot. Coffee and tea are ok, as would be bottled water.

SNACKS: No matter how excellent or poor the food may be away from home, it will be different, and by the end of the week you may desire some of your favorite snacks. **If you take snacks, take enough to share with the host family. You do not want to leave the impression that their food is not good or is substandard.**

WATER: Any water given to you by the hotel or your host is fine to drink, as is bottled water you might purchase or be given.. Virtually all tap water is ok as well. If in doubt, ask.

MEDICINE:

- ⊕ Pack an ample supply of any prescription medicine that you may need for the length of the trip. Take whatever personal medicine you may need for your allergies, ailments, and possible sore throats or colds. Aspirin, Alka-Seltzer and Tums can be especially handy.
- ⊕ If you wear glasses or contacts, an extra pair of glasses can be handy.
- ⊕ If you are taking any medicine with you, it is of utmost importance to leave this medicine, (whether prescription or over-the-counter) in the original bottle/package. It is advisable to put medicine in your carry-on bag. If checked luggage is lost, you will not have your medicine.

OTHER HANDY ITEMS TO PACK: A penlight flashlight, hat, sunscreen, insect repellent, Chap Stick, a small mirror, Kleenex, an umbrella and/or poncho (from Wal-Mart), and wet wipes or liquid antibacterial (e.g. Purell).

ELECTRICITY: The electricity in Hungary is 220-240 Volts, 50 cycles (U.S./Canada are 110-120 Volts, 60 cycles). Check out this web-site about world electricity: <https://www.worldstandards.eu/electricity/plugs-and-sockets>



DOCUMENTS: Keep up with your passport. You may want to use a money-belt or shoulder pouch while traveling. Of course, you need your passport to travel, but once in your accommodations, you can leave your passport. If you should lose a document, IMMEDIATELY inform the project coordinator or team leader.



MONEY: Around \$100 is the average amount of extra money that most project participants take, but it is not required. Traveler’s checks may be difficult to exchange. Be sure to carry your money with you at all times; resist the temptation to leave it in the hotel. Some believe it is a good idea to plan to shop for souvenirs in the latter days. The exchange rates as of April 2018 (some go through Germany and others go through England):

From	To: Country Currency	Amount	From	To	To quickly convert to approximate US Dollars/Euros/Forint
\$10	Hungarian Forint	Ft 2950	Ft 1,000	\$3.40	Make the comma a period and multiply by 3½
\$10	British Pound	£ 8.15	£ 10.00	\$12.30	Add ¼ or 25% of the amount back to the amount
\$10	Euro (Germany, etc.)	€ 9.00	€ 10.00	\$11.15	Add 10% of the amount back to the amount
€ 10	Hungarian Forint	Ft 3285	Ft 1,000	€ 3.00	Make the comma a period and multiply by 3

There are ATMs in Budapest, but some smaller cities may not have one.

GIFTS:

To your church– There is no need to take a gift to the church or school., but a picture of your church or a plaque with an appropriate inscription would be nice.



Personal Gifts – In addition to your host and translator, you will make special new acquaintances and may want to give them a **small** gift that you brought from the USA. Some examples:

- ⊕ **ADULTS:** Paperweights, ties, pen and/or pencils sets, hats, caps, etc. Handmade items such as plaques, bookmarks, etc., small home decor items typical of USA. Picture Books of your area, state or county. Music CDs from your church or any other source.
- ⊕ **CHILDREN:** Story books, crayons, coloring books, balloons, gum, stickers, etc.

HUNGARIAN CULTURE: Christians in Hungary tend not to use tobacco, but many do drink alcoholic beverages. You will need to agree to abstain from the use of tobacco products, illegal drugs, and any other behavior that would hinder Christian ministry.

JEWELRY: Jewelry is acceptable, but large, flashy jewelry may leave wrong impression. Leave valuable treasures safely at home. With jewelry or any other possession, if it will break your heart to come home without it, don’t take it.

PHOTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT: Be sure you have a large enough memory card for your camera and remember to take extra batteries, too.

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Packing Checklist

Everyone

- 1-2 (based on fare type) Medium suitcases tagged with your name
- Personal Testimony/Story
- Battery-operated alarm clock
- Small gifts for new friends
- Small flashlight
- Snacks (if desired)
- Light jacket/sweater
- Modest sleepwear and/or robe

Men

- 2-3 Pair of pants
- 4-5 Shirts
- 1 collared shirts
- Socks/Underwear
- Walking shoes/boots

Women

- 1-3 Skirts/dresses (your preference)
- 4-5 Tops
- 3-4 Slacks/jeans (your preference)
- Socks/Underwear
- Walking shoes/boots
- Hygiene products

***** **Carry-on Bag** *****

- Tickets and Passport
- Bible
- 1 Change of clothes
- Camera and batteries
- Copy of passport picture page
- Money belt or neck strap, if desired

▶ **In 3 oz. bottles (in sealed, quart-size clear plastic)**

- Toothpaste/toothbrush
- Liquid cosmetics
- Aftershave/cologne
- Contact solution
- Any liquid or jells

Pack any large bottled items in your suitcase inside a water-proof bag

▶ **Toiletry Pack**

- Tissue packs for TP
- Toothbrush
- Bath Soap
- Brush/comb
- Shaving items
- Deodorant
- Extra glasses or contacts
- Normal meds/prescriptions

Notes: _____

Visit www.tsa.gov/travelers/index.shtm for more information about prohibited items and guidelines regarding carry-on luggage.

Good sites for information about Hungary:

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hungary>

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Budapest>

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/\[put your city here\]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/[put your city here])