

Good to know before travelling to Hungary

Visas and entry requirements and practical information for IGRC2027 participants

Budapest will host IGRC2027 from 24-28 May 2027. To make the journey as smooth as possible, we encourage all participants to check the entry requirements that apply to their nationality well in advance of travel.

Hungary is a member of the European Union and part of the Schengen Area. Travelling to Hungary is therefore generally similar to travelling to other Schengen countries.

Entry requirements may vary depending on your nationality, passport, country of residence, travel route and length of stay. Please always check the latest official information before travelling.

Here is a general rundown for your convenience:

Do you need a visa?

Some participants may enter Hungary without a visa for a short stay. Others may need to apply for a Schengen visa before travelling.

For short stays in Hungary and the Schengen Area, the general rule is a maximum stay of 90 days within any 180-day period.

US citizens

US citizens may enter Hungary without a visa for up to 90 days for tourism or business purposes.

Please make sure that your passport is valid for the required period beyond your stay. You may also be asked to show the purpose of your visit, accommodation details, a return or onward ticket, and proof that you have sufficient funds for your stay.

Before travelling, please check the latest official entry requirements that apply to US citizens.

Australian citizens

Australian citizens may enter Hungary without a visa for tourism or business purposes for up to 90 days.

Please ensure that your passport is valid for the required period and check the latest official entry conditions before travelling.

EU, EEA and Swiss citizens

Citizens of the European Union, the European Economic Area and Switzerland can enter Hungary without a visa.

If you plan to stay in Hungary for more than 90 days, additional registration or administrative requirements may apply. Please check the relevant official information before travelling.

General entry requirements

To enter Hungary, participants may generally be required to present:

- a valid passport or travel document;
- a Schengen visa, depending on nationality;
- proof of the purpose of the visit;
- accommodation details;
- evidence of sufficient funds;
- travel insurance, where required;
- a return or onward ticket, where required.

There are currently no general COVID-19 entry requirements for travellers entering Hungary, but participants are advised to check official information before departure, as travel rules may change.

ETIAS and EES

By the time of IGRC2027, some visa-free non-EU travellers may also need to check whether ETIAS travel authorisation applies to them.

The EU's Entry/Exit System may also affect border procedures for non-EU nationals travelling for short stays, including the collection of biometric data at external Schengen borders.

Please consult the official EU travel information before departure.

If you need a Schengen visa

If your nationality requires a visa to enter Hungary or the Schengen Area, you should apply for a short-stay Schengen visa through the competent Hungarian consulate, embassy or authorised visa application centre.

Please start the process early, as appointment availability and processing times may vary by country.

When completing the visa application, select the travel purpose that best reflects your visit, such as business or conference participation, according to the instructions of the competent authority.

Applications are generally submitted in person, and applicants may be required to provide biometric data. Requirements and submission procedures may vary by country, so please check with the competent consulate or visa application centre.

Suggested application steps for visa:

1. Check whether you need a visa to enter Hungary.
2. Prepare the required documents.
3. Select the appropriate purpose of travel on the application form.
4. Complete the visa application form.
5. Schedule a visa appointment, if required.
6. Submit your application to the competent authority.
7. Pay the visa application fee.
8. Follow the instructions of the consulate or visa application centre until a decision is made.

Please note that applications should be submitted in line with the official timing requirements of the competent authority. In many cases, visa applications cannot be submitted earlier than six months before travel and should not be left until the last minute.

Invitation letters and conference support

If you require an official invitation letter or supporting document for your visa application, please contact the IGRC2027 organisers after completing the relevant registration steps.

Official invitation letters for visa purposes will only be issued after the participant has completed the registration process and full payment of the registration fee has been received and confirmed by the Organiser. Further information on invitation letters, visa support documentation and participant assistance will be provided through the official IGRC2027 communication channels.

For visa-related conference documentation, please contact: igrc2027@mvm.hu

Useful official sources

Participants are advised to check the latest information through official sources before travelling, including:

- the Hungarian Consular Service;
- the competent Hungarian embassy or consulate in their country of residence;
- official EU information on Schengen travel, EES and ETIAS;
- the relevant visa application centre, where applicable.

Related link:

Hungarian Consular Service

<https://konzuliszolgalat.kormany.hu/en>

Important note

This page provides general information for IGRC2027 participants. Entry and visa requirements may vary depending on nationality, travel route, length of stay and individual circumstances.

IGRC2027 cannot provide legal or immigration advice. Participants are responsible for checking and meeting the entry requirements that apply to them.

Failure to obtain a visa, including visa refusal or delays in the visa application process, does not in itself entitle the Participant to a refund of the Registration Fees and Charges. Any refund will be subject to the applicable cancellation policy set out in the IGRC2027 Terms and Conditions.