

## Budapest

### Getting Around

#### **Buses and Trams**

Budapest has an extensive public transport system that comprises of over 200 buses, 30 trams, trolley bus lines and a metro system that takes passengers all around the city and surrounding suburbs. Tickets can be purchased from vending machines at stops or at ticket offices, newsagents and metro stations and must be validated prior to boarding. Buses, Trams and the Metro all have a unified ticketing system, allowing visitors to travel with ease any way they choose. Daily, weekly and monthly passes are also available which work out to be very cost efficient.

There are four main bus stations in the capital, Árpád Bridge, Stadionok, Etele tér and Népliget. All international buses are operated by Eurolines and arrive and depart from Népliget Bus Station. Tickets can be purchased at the terminal building or via contacting the bus companies directly.

#### **Train**

Budapest has three main railway stations with each station linked with the Metro network and handling traffic to different parts of the country and beyond. Nyugati train station handles trains to the east, Déli to the South whilst Keleti train station handles services to most international destinations. Tickets can be purchased on the station concourse, but queues are often long so it's best to obtain them from the MÁV international information & ticket centre located on VI Andrásy út 35.

#### **Taxi**

There are many official taxis that operate in the city centre, which can be hailed in the street or pre-booked by telephone. Be sure to only use licensed vehicles that display a phone number and company logo on the outside of the car and have a yellow number plate. Predominantly operated by large companies, official vehicles are almost always licensed and use their meters – just make sure they are switched on before you set off.