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Travel Information

The city of Pécs does not have an international airport. The nearest international airport is in Budapest, about 220 kms from Pécs.

Discount Shuttle from Budapest Airport to Pécs

A local (Pécs) airport shuttle company “Travel 4 You” has offered a discount round trip fare for MESEA participants from Budapest Airport to Pécs. The round trip Budapest Airport-Pécs hotel-Budapest Airport costs 52 EUR (14 000 HUF). You can make reservations at: <http://www.travel4you.hu/eng> . Please indicate “MESEA” in your reservation in order to get the discount price.

Train

There is regular and convenient direct intercity train service from Budapest, Keleti Railway Station (Keleti Pályaudvar) to Pécs. Trains run every two-three hours or more often in the afternoons. The trip takes two hours and fifty minutes, which will be reduced by 10 min. after March, 2010. A round trip ticket costs about 35 euros (economy class), and 40 euros (first class); it is valid for one month.

Please note that train schedules change from May 1 every year. Please check for schedules and times at the Hungarian Railway Company’s official information site: <http://www.mav.hu/english/index.php> . It is possible, though not necessary, to book tickets via the Internet in advance; it is easy to get tickets at the train station.

Getting from Budapest Ferihegy Airport to Keleti Railway Station (Keleti Pályaudvar)

Ferihegy Airport is located about 16 kms from Budapest. It has three terminals serving major and low-cost airlines. Low cost airlines use Terminal 1 (except for Air Berlin, Vueling and Smart Wings). Ferihegy 2 is located a few kms from Ferihegy 1 and has two terminals: 2A and 2B within 5 minutes walk of each other. All major airlines and the three indicated low cost airlines arrive at and depart from Ferihegy 2A and 2B.

There are three options to get to Keleti Railway Station from the Budapest airport.

- 1) **Airport shuttle to Keleti Railway Station** can be arranged at the “Airport minibusz” desk in the arrival lounge. It is possible to purchase the ticket there or make online reservation in advance. E-mail: info@airportshuttle.hu or foglalas@airportshuttle.hu . A one-way trip ticket for one person costs 12 EUR (2990 HUF) and a round trip ticket

costs 19 EUR (4990 HUF). Please remember that return trips must be confirmed 24 hours before departure from Budapest: <http://www.airportshuttle.hu>
Tel: +36 1 296 8555.

- 2) **Taxis** are available at special airport desk as well and the trip costs about 15-20 EUR (3500-5300 HUF) from the airport to the railway station.
- 3) **The airport bus 200E** departs from Ferihegy 2 and it goes via Ferihegy 1 to the metro (subway) terminal "Kőbánya-Kispest", which is Line 3 (blue line). You should take the metro to "Deák tér" station and change there to Line 2 (red line) to "Keleti Pályaudvar" station. A map of Budapest's three major metro lines (blue, red and yellow) are available at: <http://metros.freeweb.hu/terkep/nagyterkep.html>. The trip to the city center where the railway station is located takes approx. 44 min. from Ferihegy 1 and an hour from Ferihegy 2 and costs about 4 euros. You should buy one transfer ticket (átszállójegy) and one single trip ticket (vonaljegy) or three single trip tickets. You may purchase single trip tickets from the bus driver on bus 200E at the airport. The airport bus 200E runs every 10-12 minutes. Buses go from the metro terminal "Kőbánya-Kispest" to the airport from 4:38 – 23:45 and from the airport to "Kőbánya-Kispest" metro terminal from 4:52 - 0:16. The metro runs every 3-5 minutes during the day, and 10-12 minutes in the evening from 4:30- 23:10.

From Vienna International Airport to Pécs

Train

Should someone find considerably cheaper airfares to Vienna International Airport, it is possible to travel by train to Pécs. Trains must be changed in Budapest, however, IC trains arrive from Vienna and depart to Pécs from Keleti railway station (Keleti Pályaudvar). The trip takes about 7 hours and requires 3 changes of trains. You will find more information of departure and arrival times at <http://www.mav.hu/english/index.php> . There may be direct IC service from Vienna to Pécs, starting in April 2010, but this is as yet unconfirmed. The same website will make updated information available.

Bus

It is also possible to travel from Vienna International Airport to Budapest by bus. The timetables can be checked at

<http://www.viennaairport.com/jart/prj3/via/website.jart?rel=en&content-id=1135697462792&reserve-mode=active> .

Shuttle

"Travel 4 You" also offers shuttle services from Vienna Int'l Airport, yet it may be an expensive solution unless there are four people sharing the same car. The round trip Vienna Int'l Airport-Pécs hotel-Vienna Int'l Airport costs 275 EUR (80 000 HUF) for one vehicle (1-4 travellers). You can make reservations at <http://www.travel4you.hu/eng> , please remember to mention "MESEA" in your reservation.

From Pécs Main Railway Station to your hotel or the conference venue

The city bus terminal is located at the Pécs Main Railway Station. Bus tickets can be purchased at newsstands (approx. 1 EUR) or on the bus from the driver (slightly more expensive). There is also a taxi station outside. The most reliable services as well as the best prices are offered by "Volan taxi" or "Euro taxi". Most MESEA hotels can be reached from the railway station for a price of approximately 10 EUR or less by taxi. The Main Railway Station is now being renovated and new services will be installed within two months. For further information please check www.mesea.org.