

## **Travel tips from Liszt Ferenc Airport to Balatonföldvár**

When you book your flight to Budapest, please make sure that you consult the website of the Hungarian railway company (MÁV; <https://www.mavcsoport.hu/en>) to make sure that you arrive on time to catch the last train to Balatonföldvár on March 24 and that your flight doesn't depart too early in the morning on March 30 (see important schedule information at the bottom).

### Step 1: From the AIRPORT to the METRO STATION

From **Terminal 2 Liszt Ferenc International Airport**, take bus 100E to **Kálvin tér** (the first stop). The bus from the airport departs every 20 minutes from 5:00 a.m. until 1:20 a.m. the next day. A one-way ticket for the airport bus costs 900 Ft (Hungarian Forints), which is about 2.8 euros. You can either buy a ticket from the driver or the ticket vending machines. The ticket vending machines accept most traditional and contactless bank cards. This website has a tutorial on how you should use them:

<https://bkk.hu/automata/bemutato/>

(You can set the language to English in the top right corner).

**Note, that the airport bus ticket is more expensive and it can be found under the "Other tickets and passes" option.**

### Step 2: From the METRO STATION (Kálvin tér) to the TRAIN STATION

From **Kálvin tér**, take the **metro line M4** to **Kelenföld vasútállomás** (the last stop). The metro travels between 4:40 a.m. and 23:40 p.m. and it departs about every 5 minutes. You will have to buy a single ticket for 350 Ft (~1.1 euros) at the ticket vending machine. **Always** validate your tickets, even if you don't see a ticket controller around!

If you prefer, you can also take a taxi from **Terminal 2 Liszt Ferenc Airport** to **Kelenföld**. The taxi ride costs about 8000 Ft (~25 euros), but you can, of course, share this with your travel companions. The booth of FŐTAXI (reliable taxi company) is located in front of the arrival hall of Terminal 2.

### Step 3: From the TRAIN STATION to BALATONFÖLDVÁR

From **Kelenföld**, take the train to **Balatonföldvár**. See <https://www.mavcsoport.hu/en> for the timetable. The train ride takes approximately 2 hours, but the exact duration depends on the type of train. Note, that the first train departs at 4:12 a.m. and the **last departs at 19:42**. **There is a train departing at 21:47, but its travel time is 7 hours instead of 2 hours, so you will probably want to avoid that.**

You can buy your (return) ticket for the entire train ride at **Kőbánya-Kispest** station. A single ticket costs about 2700 Ft (~8.5 euros), but the exact price depends on the type of train. Don't forget to ask the clerk whether you need a seat reservation ticket and/or supplements for the particular type of train that you will take. Students with an International **Student ID** are eligible for a **50% discount**. The ID must include your name, photo, the name and address of your institute, and the expiry date. Note also that you will probably have to pay your ticket in cash, so make sure that you to hit the ATM/exchange money in the **baggage hall of the airport!**

### STEP 3. WALK TO HOTEL FROM BALATONFÖLDVAR TRAIN STATION

The **Jogar Hotel** (Balatonföldvár, Spúr István utca 18) is located at walking distance from the train station: USE GOOGLE MAPS. Official check-in starts at 14.00 p.m., but depending on availability, you might be able to occupy your room before 14.00.

## **VERY IMPORTANT SCHEDULE INFORMATION**

### **ARRIVAL**

The last train leaves at 19:42 from Kelenföld. It takes about an hour to get to this station from the airport but changing currency, figuring out where the bus stop is and how to buy bus/train tickets can easily add 1-1.5 hours to your journey. Please, book your flights to Hungary accordingly.

Note: Kelenföld is not a central railway station, so the train will not stay at the station for too long. Be prepared to board the train quickly.

### **RETURN**

The first train from Balatonföldvár departs at 5:26 a.m. and arrives at 7:16 a.m. to Kelenföld train station. If everything works out, you will arrive at the airport at around 8:45 a.m. Since there might be unforeseen delays (especially with the trains), you should book your flights to home after noon.