

## TRAVELLING

### TRAVELLING AND ACCOMMODATION

I like travelling but how I travel depends on where I am going and how much time I can spend on the journey. If I travel with my family, we like going by car because we can stop on the way to have a look at the sights. If I travel alone or with my friends, I prefer going by bus or train. Of course, if people travel very far, they can take an aeroplane.

In Hungary there are Intercity trains, fast trains and slow trains. Unfortunately, I'm not satisfied with the railway service, as the trains are often late. They are very crowded at weekends and sometimes rather dirty. Intercity trains are more comfortable but also they are more expensive.

I don't really like travelling by bus because buses are usually overcrowded and I hate sitting in one place for hours. The seats are not comfortable either.

You can buy tickets at the stations or you can book them on your mobile. As a student I can buy tickets at reduced prices.

Travelling by plane is fast but expensive. You can book your aeroplane tickets on the Internet. At the airport you have to do a lot of things before boarding the plane. First, you have to go to the check-in desk where your ticket is checked, your luggage is weighed and x-rayed and you get your boarding card. After that you go through the passport and customs control and the security check. You are not allowed to take any sharp objects, guns and other dangerous things. Then you wait at the Departures until it's time to board the plane. You can do shopping in the duty-free shops. Flights are sometimes delayed or even cancelled due to bad weather. If the weather is nice, you can see cities, towns and landscapes from high above.

When you travel to a foreign country you need a valid passport or an ID card if you travel to an EU country. To certain countries, you have to apply for visas.

Tourists can stay at hotels, motels, apartments, youth hostels and in campsites. You can find descriptions of the places on the Internet, where you can also book the accommodation. You can arrange your stay alone or turn to travel agencies, which organise everything for you. In a three-star hotel room there is a bed, either a single bed, or a double bed, or twin beds. There is a fridge or a minibar, a TV set, bedside tables, a table and two chairs. Each room has a bathroom with either a bathtub or a shower.

A lot of foreigners come to Hungary to see Budapest and spend some time at Lake Balaton. Some tourists come to see the Hungarian puszta with its cows and horses and try typical Hungarian spicy food.

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