

MOME HOUSE GUIDE



THIS GUIDE CONTAINS
SUGGESTIONS AND
RECOMMENDATIONS
ON HOW TO FIND
ACCOMMODATION IN
BUDAPEST.

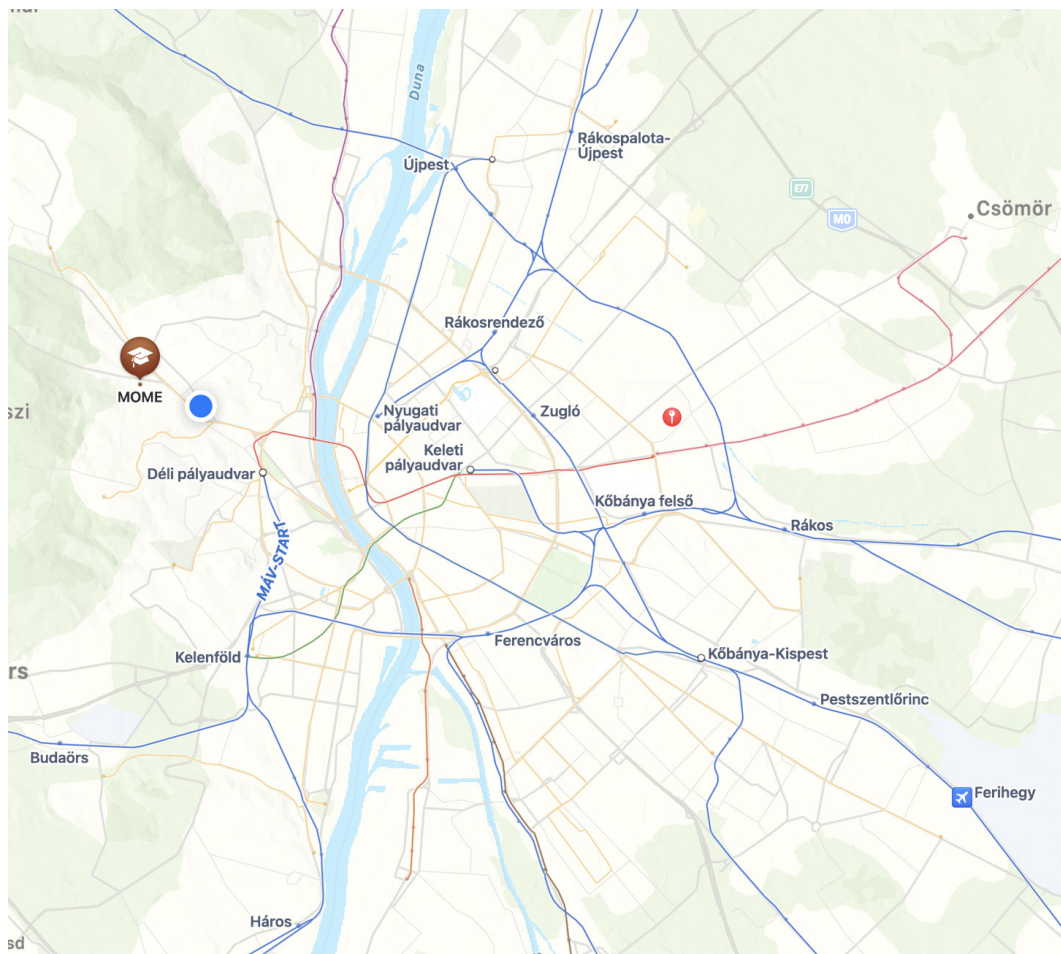
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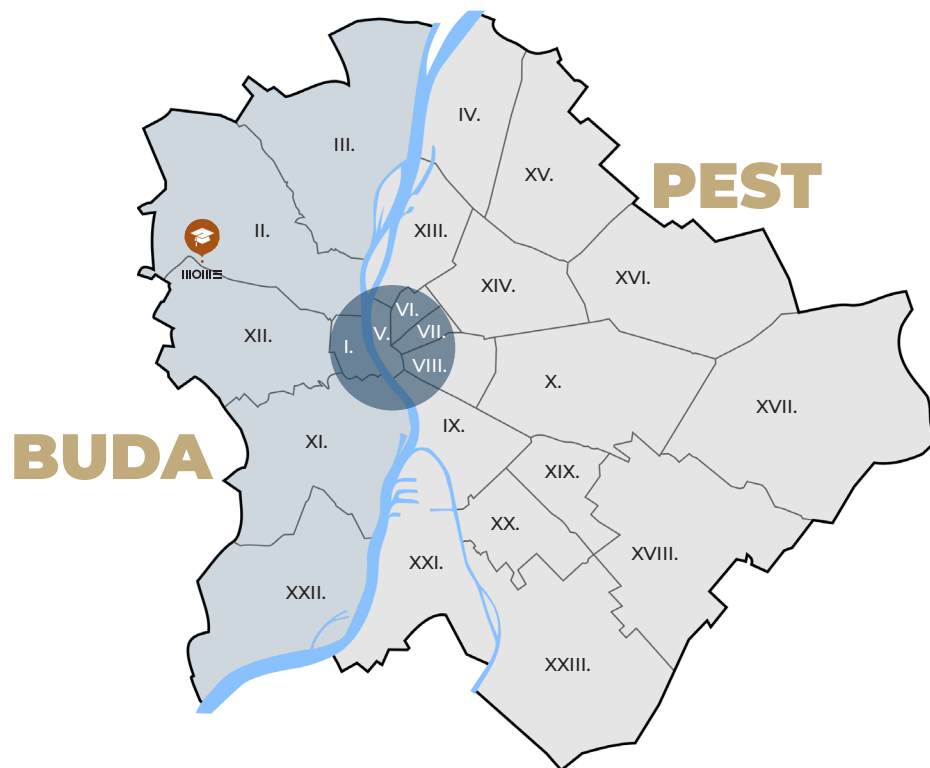
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Where is MOME located? An overview: The districts of the city

MOME is based in the Buda side of the city, in **district XII.** It borders district II. to the north, district I. (Castle district and Gellérthegy) to the east and district XI. (**Kelenföld** and **Sashegy**) to the south. This district got its name “Hegyvidék” - Mountainous Area- not by chance! It's the greenest and hilliest suburban area of the city with quiet streets and gorgeous views. This district is home to Budapest's biggest national park, called **Normafa**, so if you are into hiking, you will be pleased to be so close to nature. Although MOME is in the heart of a residential area, the city centre is still easily reachable by public transport. At the same time if you prefer to cycle or walk you will also enjoy MOME's neighbourhood.

Google map- So where are we exactly? Moholy-Nagy University of Art and Design





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Strictly speaking, the city centre is divided into district V. on PEST side and district I. on BUDA side, however anywhere within the blue circle you are very much in a central area.

Directions to campus

Which public transport line should you try to live near to?

- Are any of the metro lines nearby? **Metro line 2** will bring you directly to [Széll Kálmán square](#) which is BUDA's main public transport hub. It takes only 5-10 minutes from this square to MOME campus by **bus 22/ 22A/ 222** or **tram 56/ 61**.
- Check if any of the following tramlines are near your potential accommodation: tram 56/ 61/ 59/ 17/ 4/ 6
- **Bus 291** comes directly from Nyugati station (West train station) to MOME's main entrance, so if you can reach Nyugati station easily, this can be another route.

An aerial photograph of Budapest, Hungary, taken at dusk. The Danube River flows through the center of the city, with the Chain Bridge prominently featured in the foreground. The city lights are beginning to glow, and the sky shows a soft gradient of colors from the setting sun. The word "BUDA" is overlaid in large, white, bold letters on the left side of the image.

BUDA

PEST

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PROS AND CONS OF EACH SIDE OF THE DANUBE

BUDA PEST

Choosing **Buda**, districts I, II, XI or XII will offer you **quieter areas** with more chances to immerse in the local life. Buda is a lot **greener and more residential**, but sometimes this can also be reflected in rental prices.

Staying in Buda means shorter travel time, (especially if you find a place in the I.,II.,XI.,or XII. districts) and from any direction you can catch a bus or tram to Széll Kálmán tér, a transport junction from where MOME can be reached in <https://www.airbnb.com/> a short time.

Nightlife in Buda involves more locals in their usual bars, or pubs.

Districts V, VI, VII and VIII are the city's most bustling areas with cool **cafés, bars, and clubs** and most of the **young crowds**. If you are after a buzzing **urban life** and would like to be out most of the nights, Pest is more likely to be right for you. Bear in mind, though, that these districts tend to attract more tourists which can elevate the prices.

Coming to MOME from this side would take you between **40 minutes to an hour**, depending on where you stay.

Generally, rent is more affordable in Pest than in Buda.

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Where to look for a temporary (short-term) accommodation

Before signing any long-term contracts, it is always better to check the apartment personally. Therefore, for your first days in Budapest it is advisable to stay in a temporary accommodation, which can be a short-term rental flat (AirB'nB), a hostel or a hotel. Remember that the best is to stay in a place from which you can easily travel to any parts of the city to see potential accommodations.

- [Airbnb](#)
- [Booking.com](#)
- [Hostelworld.com](#)
- [Wombats-hostels.com](#)



What are the options for long-term accommodation?

- **Private Dormitories**

Private dormitories are specialised in hosting international students studying in Budapest. Many of the big universities (e.g. Semmelweis University, Budapest University of Technology and Economics, Corvinus University of Budapest) have a large number of international students. If you are seeking a place to stay where you are instantly part of a big international community, these are the best options.

They offer **single or double rooms** with private bathrooms and shared kitchens, **shared lounges** and study areas, as well as **gyms**, or **roof terrace**, **bars**, or **restaurants**. They are more like a really cool hotel for students, and their price range may not differ so much from the traditional privately rented apartments.

- [Dean's College Hotel](#)
- [Maverick Student Housing](#)
- [Shantee House_Backpack Budapest](#)
- [Korutimagánkollégiumok](#)

- **Private apartments**

Countless renting opportunities are available in Budapest for all budgets and tastes. You can decide to rent a small studio just for yourself, or to share a large house with a lot of other tenants. You may find listings for single rooms as well as for whole flats. You may find cheap solutions (even in the city centre) as well as prime properties. Therefore,



before starting searching make sure to have a clear idea of what you are looking for! Usually you are able to find **both furnished or unfurnished** apartments, and the owners prefer to rent it out for long-term, rather than short-term. In most cases, you will need to **pay a deposit**, (usually equal to 2 monthly rent) to cover any potential damages to the apartment. When you leave, you are entitled to get the deposit back (or some part of it), but we strongly recommend you to check these details before signing the contract.

- Facebook groups

[Rent a flat / room in Budapest](#)

[Flats for Erasmus in Budapest](#)

[Budapest flats/apartment for rent short or long term](#)

[City Budapest flats for rent and sale](#)

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- Specialised Housing Agencies

[SRS Budapest](#)

[Alberlet.hu](#)

[Belvárosi Albérletház](#)

[Budapest Housing Service](#)

[Helloroom](#)

[Flatio Student apartments Budapest](#)

[Housing Anywhere](#)

[Realestate Hungary](#)

[Uniplaces](#)

[Roomster](#)

[Tecnocasa](#)



The precautions to take when looking for housing

Some precautions should be followed when looking for housing. The list below includes our recommendations for minimising the risk of being taken advantage of.

NEVER SIGN ANY CONTRACTS, or SEND ANY DEPOSIT BEFORE CHECKING THE PLACE IN PERSON

Unfortunately, as in any big city, housing scams are possible: deceptive pictures and misleading descriptions are unfortunately commonplace, and sometimes flats advertised do not even exist in reality. The best thing to do is therefore to come to the city with a temporary accommodation booked in advance and look for a permanent solution once you are here.

TAKE TIME TO READ THE CONTRACT FULLY BEFORE SIGNING IT

Make sure that you do not sign a contract that is available only in Hungarian. Moreover, sign the contract **AT THE SAME TIME AS THE OWNER**. Never sign it remotely, as this may give the owner the possibility to change it after your signature, inserting unknown clauses. Remember that you will also need to present a contract for your residence permit application at the Immigration Authorities, therefore we do not advise you to rent a place without a contract. Below you will find more information about the registration with the Authorities.

<https://mome.hu/hu/arrival-and-settling-in>

Besides this, a rental contract may also protect you in case of any legal issue.

CONSIDER ALL POSSIBLE COMMISSION FEES IF RENTING THROUGH AN AGENCY

Some agencies will charge you a minimum of one month's rent, sometimes even more, on top of the deposit that you will have to pay to the owner. Make sure



to check these fees beforehand. Ask the agency if their fee is a percentage of the rent or if it is a fixed amount?

LAST BUT NOT LEAST, TAKE TIME TO MAKE YOUR DECISION, AS IT WILL BE HARD TO WITHDRAW AFTER YOU SIGNED THE CONTRACT

It's important to check the contract carefully before signing it, especially regarding some specific questions, such as:

- Is it possible to host visitors ? (in case you have friends or family members visiting)
- What exactly is included in the rent? (e.g: utility bills, internet, rubbish collection, etc)
- How much notice period do you need to give before terminating your contract?
- How can you extend the contract if you wish to stay longer?
- How much is the deposit? Is it 1or 2 months' rent? What are the conditions of getting back the deposit?
- Do you lose your deposit if you decide to move out earlier than the official move-out date?
- Is the apartment furnished/ semi-furnished/ or unfurnished?
- How well is it equipped? (kitchen appliances etc.)
- Is Wi-Fi installed ?
- In the case of a shared apartment, can you lock your own room?
- Is the apartment pet-friendly?
- Who bears the cost of a potential damage or broken appliances?
- Can you or not put up shelves, pictures etc.?

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How can we at MOME help you?

Our doors are always open to you! You can reach out to your coordinator if you have some questions regarding a contract or the place you are looking at renting. Please note, that although we are not a professional legal office, nor a specialist housing agency, we may be able to advise you on certain matters, or guide you to the right specialist advisor.

Please note that those who are staying at MOME's dormitory can seek advice and support from our Student HUB Office: studentservices@mome.hu

Best of luck with your house hunting!

