Night train journeys between major European cities



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Rail transport is the most environmentally friendly form of transport over the typical long distances between major European cities and it has many advantages over other modes of transport. This is especially true for night trains: the journey – in proportion to the long distance – undoubtedly takes a long time, typically 8-14 hours, but this time falls right at night, during sleep time. The trains to the key destinations of MÁV – Hungarian State Railways international night train network typically depart from Budapest in the evening and arrive the next morning, without any transfers. All this ensures that passengers can save the cost of a night's accommodation with a relaxing journey.

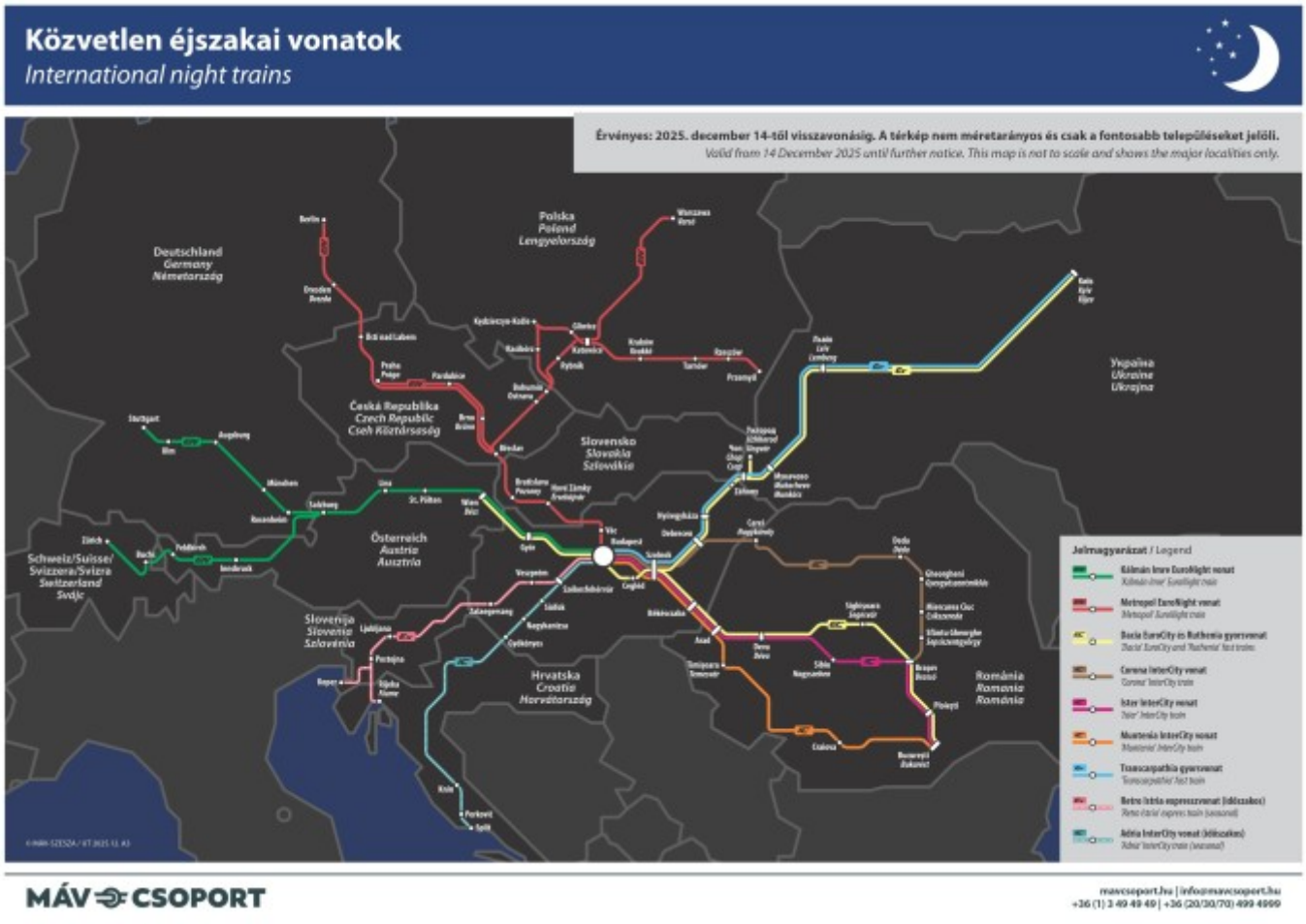
On most trains, there is a choice of three levels of comfort (classes): a well-equipped sleeper compartment that can also be reserved for exclusive use, a reasonably priced couchette compartment with 4 to 6 beds, or a seat, which is the cheapest. We always provide a compartment reserved for female passengers in the sleeper class and on some of our trains in the couchette class too.

The only size and weight restrictions in place for hand luggage are that the passenger must be able to get on and off the train with their hand luggage without assistance, taking into account the up to four steps between the station platform and the train floor. Within these reasonable limits, hand luggage is transported free of charge.

MÁV – Hungarian State Railways, in cooperation with numerous partner railway companies in Western, Central and Eastern Europe, offers comfortable overnight travels to major cities and regions in Switzerland, Germany, Austria, the Czech Republic, Poland, Ukraine, Romania, as well as to the Adriatic Sea in the summer. With just one additional transfer, destinations such as Paris, Venice, Milan, Rome, Vilnius or the Benelux countries can be easily reached too.

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Routes and destinations



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[Click for downloadable map](#) [3]

There are 8 night train departures every evening, departing from or via Budapest and up to 10 departures in the summer, to all directions of the continent. These are operated by MÁV together with other European railway companies, so the service providers of the services differ in certain directions. The detailed routes, frequencies and service providers of the trains can be found in the tables below.

Towards Western and Central Europe

Route	Major cities served	
Budapest – Zürich		
Budapest – Stuttgart		C
Budapest – Berlin	Dresden	Vác,
Budapest – Prague		Vác,
Budapest – Warsaw		Vác, Štúro
Budapest – Przemyśl	Vác, Štúrovo,	Nové Zám

The night trains listed above are all airconditioned and operate daily (holidays included).

In addition to the above, Austrian Railways (ÖBB) Nightjet trains depart from Vienna to other destinations, including Venice, Rome, Milan, Hanover, Brussels and Amsterdam. Railjet and EuroCity trains run hourly between Budapest and Vienna.

For more current information and primary ticket purchase options, please visit www.nightjet.com **[8].**

Alternatively, tickets for some ÖBB night trains (with limited availability) can also be purchased at our international ticket offices [9], with the option of paying by card or in cash in euros or forints.

East direction

Route	Major cities served	Train number and name	Service provider	Available services
Budapest – Braşov (runs Budapest – M. Ciuc only between 25.05.2026 and 16.09.2026.) [10]	Szolnok, Debrecen, Gheorgheni, M. Ciuc, Băile Tuşnad, Sf. Gheorghe, Szolnok, Debrecen, Gheorgheni, M. Ciuc, Băile Tuşnad, Sf. Gheorghe	Corona InterCity (407/406)	MÁV (Utasellátó) [4]	Seating car, couchette car, sleeping car, dining car (non-air-conditioned train)
Budapest – Bucharest	Szolnok, Békéscsaba, Sibiu, Braşov, Sinaia, Ploieşti	Ister InterCity (473/472)	Romanian railways (CFR Călători) [11]	Seating car, couchette car, sleeping car
Budapest – Bucharest	Szolnok, Békéscsaba, Arad, Timişoara, Craiova	Muntenia InterCity (79/78)	Romanian Railways (CFR Călători) [11]	Seating car, couchette car
(Vienna) – Budapest – Bucharest	Mosonmagyaróvár, Győr, Alba Iulia, Sighişoara, Braşov, Sinaia, Ploieşti	Dacia EuroCity (347/346)	Romanian Railways (CFR Călători) [11]	Seating car, couchette car, sleeping car
Budapest – Kyiv	Szolnok, Debrecen, Nyíregyháza, Kisvárda, Chop, Mukachevo, Lviv	Transcarpathia fast train (10/9)	Ukraininan railways (UZ) [12]	Sleeping car
(Vienna) – Budapest – Kyiv	Mosonmagyaróvár, Győr, Szolnok, Debrecen, Nyíregyháza, Kisvárda, Mukachevo, Lviv	Dacia-Ruthenia fast train (347/8/749//749/7/346)	Romanian Railways (CFR Călători) [11]	Sleeping car
(Vienna –) Budapest –Uzhhorod	Mosonmagyaróvár, Győr, Szolnok, Chop	Dacia-Ruthenia fast train (347/8//7/346)	Wagon Service (WSBA) [13]	Couchette car (non-air-conditioned), seating car

The night trains listed above operate daily.

Seasonal trains (summer only, no more trains in 2026)

Route	Served major cities en-route	Train number and name in Hungary	Running period	Service provider	Available services
Budapest – Split	Székesfehérvár, Siófok, Nagykanizsa, Knin, Kaštel Stari	Adria InterCity [14] (1204/1205)	03.07.2026 – 02.10.2026 (no more trains in 2026)	MÁV (Utasellátó) [4]	Couchette car, sleeping car, dining car
Budapest	Székesfehérvár, V	Retro Istria	26.06.2026	MÁV (Utasellátó	Seating car,

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			– Koper /Capodistria	eszprém, Ajka, Zalaegerszeg, Ljubljana, Postojna	express [15] train (1246/1247)	– 29.08.2026 (no more trains in 2026)	) [4]	couchette car, sleeping car (non-airconditioned train)
			Budapest – Rijeka	Székesfehérvár, Veszprém, Ajka, Zalaegerszeg, Ljubljana, Postojna, Opatija	Retro Istria express [15] train (1246/480)	26.06.2026 – 29.08.2026 (no more trains in 2026)	MÁV (Utasellátó) [4]	Seating car, couchette car, sleeping car (non-airconditioned train)

Services

On night trains, usually there is a choice of **three comfort categories** – sleeping car, couchette car and 2nd class seating car.

Sleeping car

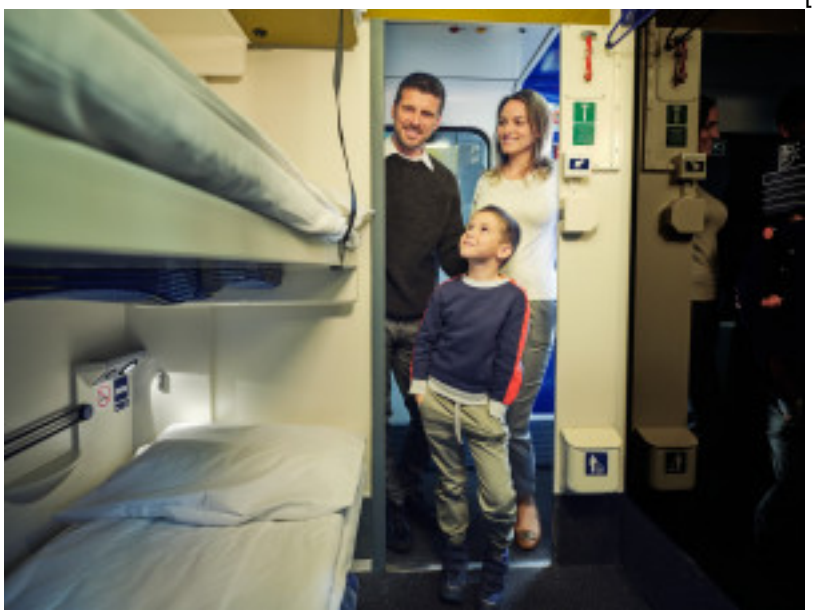
More information about the MÁV (Utasellátó) sleeping car class here. [16]



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Couchette car

More information about the MÁV (Utasellató) couchette car class here. [20]



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Seating car



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Ticket purchase information

Tickets for night trains are available at varying prices, depending on the time of purchase, the train route, the distance traveled and the comfort category (class). The fare (incl. ticket and reservations) for one person, one way, in a seating car is typically 20 to 100 euros, in a couchette car 40 to 150 euros, while in sleeping cars it is on average 50 to 400 euros. Ticket prices usually increase as the travel date approaches. The best prices can usually be found one month before travel, and for certain seasons (around Christmas and New Year holidays, long weekends, or summer destinations) 2-3 months before travel. Although international fares are uniformly determined in euros, ticket prices can be paid in forints on the jegy.mav.hu [24] website, at our international ticket offices [9] by card in forints, and in cash in forints and euros.

Discounted tickets are typically non-refundable and non-refundable; check the ticket conditions during the ticket purchase process. Some ticket types are refundable with favourable conditions.

The actual timetable and prices are available on jegy.mav.hu [1] for the chosen date and train. In our international ticket offices you are also kindly assisted about our trains.

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It is not possible to purchase tickets for night trains in the MÁV and MÁV+ applications. To avoid queues at the ticket office, we recommend the jegy.mav.hu [24] website, which – with the exception of some Polish routes – offers the best prices on the given route. For travel to Poland, the lowest prices are only available at our international ticket offices [9] – to a limited extent – or at the Polish Railways website www.intercity.pl [25].

Discounts

- Children under 6 years of age can travel free of charge on MÁV night trains, provided they do not occupy a separate seat or bed.
- Children between the ages of 6 and 15 are eligible for a discounted child ticket.
- If at least six passengers are traveling together, in many cases they can purchase tickets with a group discount, and on some routes, primary and secondary school classes – including adult companions – are eligible for a special discount.
- Discounts for domestic travel (e.g. student ID, national pass, free travel based on age) cannot be used on our international night trains, not even partially.
- Travelers with an Interrail/Eurail passes need to buy a reservation for night trains, which is also possible on jegy.mav.hu [24] by selecting the "Pass (Interrail)" discount.

Useful tips for using night travel

- Train **schedules** may change without prior notice due to track engineering works and extraordinary circumstances. A few days before your trip, check online timetable search engines, the websites of the railway companies, or at train stations and customer services to see if the departure or arrival of your train has changed..
- Most trains **have power outlets**, but it's worth bringing a portable charger for your trip.
- For those who sleep poorly, it is worth bringing earplugs and an eye mask.
- The bathrooms on couchette and sleeping cars offer privacy for minor grooming and dressing.
- Luggage storage space in the compartments are limited, so it is important to respect the above mentioned, rather practical size and weight restrictions (how much each passenger can handle and lift alone, without help). The primary task of the train crew is to ensure safe transport conditions, and handling voluminous or heavy luggages usually cannot be guaranteed.
- Bicycles are typically not allowed on night trains (except on Retro Istria express).
- **Small sized domestic animals** (e.g. cats, dogs, birds) can only be transported **in seating carriages, and only in closed containers (free of charge)**. Middles sized dogs can be transported in seating carriages on a leash and muzzle, upon a corresponding dog ticket. In some cases, additional fare conditions may apply. For everyone’s safety and hygiene, animals cannot be transported in couchette or sleeping cars.

Forrás:https://www.mavcsoport.hu/node/98707

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