

# POST OFFICE® CITY COSTS BAROMETER 2014

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Budapest is this year's best value city break destination for a second year running, according to the new *City Costs Barometer* by Post Office Travel Money.

Key findings include:

- Hungary's capital, Budapest emerges as the cheapest of 25 city break destinations for accommodation, city travel, drinks, meals and sightseeing
- Lisbon is best value in the eurozone – half the price of Amsterdam, Paris or Rome
- Prices for meals and drinks are lowest in Prague, but three-star city-centre accommodation costs the least in Budapest
- Sightseeing comes with the lowest price tag in Riga and Vilnius, but Copenhagen and Dublin are also bargains for culture with free entry to top museums and galleries

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Budapest



Lisbon



Prague



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	Budapest Hungary	Vilnius Lithuania	Warsaw Poland	Prague Czech Republic	Lisbon Portugal	Riga Latvia	Tallinn Estonia	Dubrovnik Croatia
Cup of coffee	£1.15	£1.32	£2.32	£1.14	£0.60	£2.46	£2.16	£1.39
Bottle of beer/lager	£1.58	£1.59	£1.69	£1.14	£1.12	£2.46	£2.59	£2.09
Coca-Cola/Pepsi	£1.12	£1.32	£1.27	£1.18	£1.21	£1.90	£2.16	£1.74
Glass of wine	£1.01	£3.17	£3.16	£1.63	£2.59	£3.02	£4.09	£4.64
3-course evening meal for 2 with bottle of wine	£25.63	£33.81	£41.12	£22.23	£34.48	£60.34	£46.55	£46.41
Return bus/train transfer airport-city centre	£4.03	£1.32	£1.86	£2.09	£3.02	£1.03	£2.76	£8.12
48-hour travel card	£9.50	£5.55	£5.06	£7.19	£10.78	£4.31	£4.31	£6.96
Sightseeing city bus tour	£14.40	£10.57	£12.65	£14.71	£12.93	£12.93	£13.79	£6.96
Top tourist heritage attraction	£2.88 Matthias Church	£2.11 Campanile of St John's Church	£4.64 The Royal Castle	£0.00 Old Town Square/ Astronomical Clock	£6.03 Jerónimos Monastery	£2.59 Dome Cathedral	£3.45 Tallinn Town Hall	£11.60 Dubrovnik City Walls
Top museum	£4.61 Hungarian National Museum	£2.64 National Museum of Lithuania	£2.95 Warsaw Uprising Museum	£3.27 Museum of Cubism	£4.31 Gulbenkian Museum	£1.84 Natural History Museum	£3.88 Kiek in de Kõk	£8.12 The Cultural Historical Museum
Top art gallery	£4.03 Hungarian National Gallery	£1.59 National Gallery of Art	£3.16 Zacheta National Gallery of Art	£4.90 Schwarzenberg Palace	£0.00 Berardo Collection	£2.46 Art Museum Riga Bourse	£3.62 Kumu Art Museum	£3.48 Dubrovnik Art Gallery
2 nights' weekend 3* city centre accommodation for 2 adults	£47.00	£53.00	£52.00	£77.00	£60.00	£53.00	£59.00	£60.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£116.94</b>	<b>£117.99</b>	<b>£131.88</b>	<b>£136.48</b>	<b>£137.07</b>	<b>£148.34</b>	<b>£148.36</b>	<b>£161.51</b>

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	Istanbul Turkey	Brussels Belgium	Berlin Germany	Edinburgh Scotland	Barcelona Spain	Belfast N Ireland	Vienna Austria	Dublin Ireland
Cup of coffee	£1.99	£1.72	£2.16	£1.85	£1.16	£2.00	£2.59	£1.72
Bottle of beer/lager	£3.41	£2.16	£2.59	£3.00	£2.16	£3.80	£2.84	£4.31
Coca-Cola/Pepsi	£1.14	£1.72	£2.59	£2.00	£1.81	£1.40	£2.84	£2.16
Glass of wine	£4.27	£3.02	£4.31	£3.50	£2.16	£4.70	£1.98	£4.31
3-course evening meal for 2 with bottle of wine	£36.97	£58.62	£59.14	£49.00	£43.10	£62.00	£43.97	£56.90
Return bus/train transfer airport-city centre	£5.69	£6.90	£5.52	£7.00	£7.07	£3.60	£3.45	£10.34
48-hour travel card	£5.69	£11.21	£11.55	£7.00	£12.07	£6.40	£10.69	£11.21
Sightseeing city bus tour	£17.24	£18.97	£12.93	£13.00	£23.28	£12.50	£12.07	£15.52
Top tourist heritage attraction	£8.53 Hagia Sophia Museum	£0.00 Grand Place	£0.00 Brandenburg Gate	£16.00 Edinburgh Castle	£12.76 Sagrada Familia	£14.75 Titanic Belfast	£9.91 Hofburg	£7.76 The Old Library & the Book of Kells, Trinity College
Top museum	£8.53 Topkapi Palace Museum	£6.90 Comic Strip Museum	£10.78 Checkpoint Charlie Museum	£0.00 National Museum of Scotland	£9.48 Museu Picasso	£0.00 Ulster Museum	£12.07 Kunst Historisches Museum	£0.00 National Museum of Ireland
Top art gallery	£4.27 Istanbul Modern	£6.90 Magritte Museum	£6.90 Alte Nationalgalerie	£0.00 National Gallery	£9.48 The Joan Miró Foundation	£0.00 Metropolitan Arts Centre	£10.26 Albertina	£0.00 National Gallery of Ireland
2 nights' weekend 3* city centre accommodation for 2 adults	£76.00	£84.00	£84.00	£113.00	£105.00	£121.00	£125.00	£145.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£173.73</b>	<b>£202.12</b>	<b>£202.47</b>	<b>£215.35</b>	<b>£229.53</b>	<b>£232.15</b>	<b>£237.67</b>	<b>£259.23</b>

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	Moscow Russia	London England	Rome Italy	Copenhagen Denmark	Amsterdam Netherlands	Paris France	Stockholm Sweden	New York USA	Boston USA
Cup of coffee	£4.22	£2.00	£2.16	£3.24	£1.72	£1.72	£2.98	£1.06	£1.57
Bottle of beer/lager	£6.73	£3.50	£3.02	£4.48	£2.37	£6.03	£6.45	£3.14	£4.86
Coca-Cola/Pepsi	£3.14	£2.00	£2.16	£4.13	£1.94	£4.31	£2.78	£1.25	£1.25
Glass of wine	£7.63	£4.00	£4.31	£7.37	£3.88	£5.17	£6.95	£3.76	£5.65
3-course evening meal for 2 with bottle of wine	£57.46	£49.00	£62.93	£99.06	£56.03	£68.97	£89.35	£47.05	£62.74
Return bus/train transfer airport-city centre	£12.21	£11.40	£9.48	£8.49	£6.90	£15.95	£21.35	£9.41	£2.82
48-hour travel card	£7.18	£17.80	£6.90	£17.69	£10.34	£15.22	£24.82	£18.82	£13.80
Sightseeing city bus tour	£10.77	£28.00	£10.34	£18.28	£12.93	£18.10	£25.81	£27.60	£25.03
Top tourist heritage attraction	£4.49 St Basil's Cathedral	£19.75 Buckingham Palace (The State Rooms)	£10.34 Colosseum, Roman Forum, Palatine Hill	£11.67 Tivoli Gardens	£12.93 Canal Cruise	£0.00 Notre Dame	£10.92 Skansen Open-Air Museum	£11.29 Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island	£0.00 The Freedom Trail (self-guided)
Top museum	£6.28 The Kremlin	£0.00 Natural History Museum	£13.79 Vatican Museum	£0.00 National Museum of Denmark	£12.93 Rijksmuseum	£10.34 Louvre	£12.91 Vasa Museum	£13.80 American Museum of Natural History	£15.68 Museum of Fine Arts
Top art gallery	£5.39 The Pushkin Museum of Fine Arts	£0.00 Tate Modern	£9.48 Galleria Borghese	£0.00 National Gallery of Denmark	£12.93 Van Gogh Museum	£9.48 Musée d'Orsay	£11.91 Moderna Museet	£15.68 Metropolitan Museum of Art	£9.41 Institute of Contemporary Art
2 nights' weekend 3* city centre accommodation for 2 adults	£144.00	£154.00	£168.00	£132.00	£175.00	£156.00	£147.00	£213.00	£270.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£269.50</b>	<b>£291.45</b>	<b>£302.91</b>	<b>£306.41</b>	<b>£309.90</b>	<b>£311.29</b>	<b>£363.23</b>	<b>£365.86</b>	<b>£412.81</b>

**Source:** Post Office. Data relates to exchange rates on 21 March 2014.

Prices supplied by National and Regional Tourist Offices of participating countries, except for Edinburgh, London, Rome and Warsaw (researched online). Two-night accommodation prices sourced from Hotels.com (6 March 2014) based on the cheapest available weekend stay (Fri-Sun or Sat-Mon) for two adults travelling between 11-28 April, sharing a double/twin en-suite room in three-star accommodation within one mile of the city centre.