

Hungary

Europe



Travel & Possession Not Permitted Under Any Circumstance



Summary

Hungary enforces zero tolerance for cannabis in all forms. Recreational and medical use are illegal, with harsh penalties comparable to those for heroin. CBD products are allowed only if containing 0.00–0.2% THC, and true medical cannabis access is practically impossible for both residents and tourists.

Background

Cannabis is classified as a Schedule I narcotic under Hungarian law, treated on par with heroin or cocaine. Medical cannabis is technically permitted under extremely rare, individual case approval, typically only when a licensed medication like Sativex is justified by patient care, and only granted by the National Centre for Public Health and Pharmacy (NNGYK) (formerly OGYÉI). Industrial hemp cultivation is legal under strict criteria, but CBD-based products with minimal THC are confined to regulated categories like food supplements or cosmetics.

Non-Medical Cannabis

Consumption: Illegal. Even minor use is a criminal offense and may result in fines, mandatory rehabilitation, or jail time.

Possession: Illegal. Treated as a narcotic offense, amounts under 1 gram may result in penalties or jail time depending on circumstances.

Sale and Distribution: Strictly prohibited. Considered a serious criminal offense punishable by several years in prison.

Traveling to Hungary with Medical Cannabis

Medical access to tourists is not permitted. There is no mechanism for foreign patients to import or use prescription-based cannabis in Hungary.



Steps to Take Before Departure:

1. Do not pack any cannabis or CBD products, regardless of origin or dosage.
 2. Ask your doctor for non-cannabinoid alternatives that you can bring legally.
 3. Bring documentation for all other medications to avoid confusion during customs.
 4. Reach out to the Hungarian embassy or NNGYK beforehand if you're uncertain about product legality.
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Practical Tips

- In the event of detention, immediately request legal representation and embassy assistance. Leave all cannabis and CBD products at home.
- Substitute with THC-free alternatives before your trip.
- Avoid using cannabis in the weeks prior to travel, THC builds up and may trigger police suspicion.
- Carry only standard prescription medicines clearly labeled and separated from any cannabis-related supplements.

The information provided reflects the most current data available; however, as cannabis laws are continually evolving, this content should not be interpreted as legal advice.

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