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Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport (ABV)

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THE ANSWER

Bolt or inDrive into the city runs about 18,000-25,000 (flagged range; app shows the price), 30-50 min on the airport expressway - against 30,000+ at the official board.

Abuja has no train, no bus, no Uber (it exited Nigeria in Sep 2026) - and Bolt's published airport charges beat what the rank desk posts as 'final'.

No data / no card? The official taxi desk inside arrivals prints its fares on a board - the price there is final. Late flight? App driver supply thins after dark; pre-book a transfer.

EVERY WAY OUT — REAL PRICES

Bolt / inDrive *BEST FOR MOST* **18,000-25,000 to central Abuja (flagged range)**
Bolt publishes its airport supplements: a fixed route charge of 3,500-4,000 depending on which city boundary you cross, plus a 500 toll on every airport-starting trip. inDrive works on bids. Card in-app; availability is thin at night.

Official airport taxi (board prices) **30,000+ to the city (flagged range)**
The desk inside arrivals posts fares on a board and the board price is final. Press through Aug 2026 put official airport cars at 30,000 or more into the centre - c. 10,000+ over the apps. Cash.

Pre-booked private transfer **EUR 66-75 booked (flagged range)**
Meet-and-greet, flight tracked, price locked before you fly - foreign booking engines list sedans from EUR 66-75 into Abuja. The calm option for Maitama/Asokoro business arrivals; compare against Bolt first.

Rental car **Agency quoted**
All major desks on site; the airport expressway is a well-maintained dual carriageway and Abuja drives far more easily than Lagos.

THE TRAPS — WALK PAST THESE

Paying the board price before comparing
The rank's 30,000+ to the centre was normalised when FAAN suspended e-hailing in July 2026 - fares jumped ~50% until Bolt was cleared to resume in August. The apps' published charges undercut the board every time. **Do this:** get data or Wi-Fi, check Bolt/inDrive, and only then decide whether the board is worth it

Asking for Uber
Uber closed Nigeria on 2 September 2026. Old guides promising 'UberX to Wuse' are dead links - and a driver at the kerb 'calling you an Uber' is a rank car in disguise. **Do this:** use Bolt or inDrive - installed and card-verified before departure

Expecting any public transport
There is no bus or train to ABV - everything is road, and the airport sits ~40 km from the Central Area (15 km to Gwagwalada, 30 to Jabi/Utako, 38 to Wuse). Anyone selling a 'cheap shuttle' is a taxi. **Do this:** budget a road fare; if a quote smells like 1,000, it isn't a ride to town

Empty ATMs at a late landing
The rank and most Abuja taxis are cash-only, and terminal ATMs can run dry overnight - a 30,000 board price with no naira is a bad negotiation. **Do this:** withdraw on arrival early, or carry backup forex to exchange

KNOW BEFORE YOU WALK

- Quote by area, not 'the city': Gwagwalada 15 km, Jabi/Utako 30 km, Maitama 35 km, Wuse 38 km, CBD 40 km.
- Every airport-origin Bolt trip adds a 500 toll on top of the 3,500-4,000 fixed route charge - read the total in the app before confirming.
- 30-50 min is the normal drive in daylight; rush hour pushes it toward an hour.
- Driver cancellations at the airport are common - request the ride while you're still at baggage claim.
- The expressway is safe and well-lit; the horror stories in Nigerian press are about prices, not the road.

Bolt's 3,500-4,000 airport route charges and 500 toll read on bolt.eu's Nigeria airport page (Nov 2026). The 30,000+ official-car vs ~20,000 app comparison and the 50% fare spike come from BusinessDay's Aug 2026 reporting on the FAAN suspension; Uber's 2 Sep 2026 Nigeria exit per BBC. Distances and the 'board price is final' note from 2026 transfer guides (airporttransferportal). ABV fares move with fuel and FX - confirm on the day.

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