AIRPORT EXIT

Addis Ababa Bole International Airport (ADD)

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THE ANSWER

In Terminal 2 follow the Blue Line SkyBus signs to Level 1: the shuttle runs every 15-30 min (about 06:00-22:00) to Bole Road in ~20 min for ETB 10.

The only fixed-price exit from ADD: Ethiopia publishes no airport taxi tariff, Uber does not operate here (per Ethiopian Airlines' own arrival page), and light rail misses the terminal.
Door to door? The RIDE app quotes before you book - typically ETB 400-800 to Bole, Piazza or Kazanchis. Late landing? The bus stops near 22:00 - pre-book a RIDE or a hotel pickup.

EVERY WAY OUT — REAL PRICES

Blue Line SkyBus *BEST FOR MOST* **ETB 10 single**
Named on Ethiopian Airlines' own arrival page; leaves Terminal 2 Level 1 every 15-30 min until about 22:00, reaching Bole Road in ~20 min (free T1-T2 landside shuttle runs 24/7). Cash birr, small notes - finish the last 2-5 km by RIDE or taxi.

RIDE app (ride-hailing) **ETB 400-800 to central Addis (flagged range)**
Uber does not operate in Ethiopia; RIDE leads the local market. Its own app listing claims 30,000+ cars, 24/7, no surge, sedan/7-seat minivan/12-seat minibus, pre-bookable days ahead (dispatch 8294). Fare is shown in-app; pay cash.

Yellow-cream taxi rank (NTO) **ETB 600-1,000 to the centre (flagged range)**
Government/NTO cars wait outside arrivals; blue-and-white private taxis queue near them. No published airport tariff - negotiate in ETB, per car, before loading bags. ~8 km, 15-30 min, longer at 07-09 and 17-20. Check a RIDE quote first; over 1,500 is high.

Line minibus from Bole Road **ETB 10-55 (official tariff)**
Public minibuses stop under the Ring Road bridge, a ~10-min walk - the vans at the terminal are charter-only. The Transport Bureau tariff effective 16 Mar 2026: 10 ETB up to 2.5 km, 55 ETB at 20 km. Crowded, no luggage space; ask for "Piazza".

THE TRAPS — WALK PAST THESE

The tout who flashes a RIDE screenshot
Drivers inside arrivals flash a ride-app photo to look licensed, steer you to an unregistered car, then run the trip in another app - or none. A documented case: bags ransacked en route. Legit taxis are yellow/green with a visible license. **Do this:** book in your own app only; refuse any trip not registered to your phone number by SMS

The USD quote at the kerb
Touts inside the hall quote $50-80 - 3-5x the going rate. Taxis charge in birr; the birr floated in 2024, so old USD guidebook math is wrong in both directions. **Do this:** withdraw birr at the arrivals ATMs; negotiate only in ETB, after checking your in-app price

The luggage-helper swarm
One loader becomes twenty men demanding tips, and daypacks vanish in the exit crush. A fair tip for real help: 5-15 birr. **Do this:** let one person touch your bags, keep zips closed, ignore demands above 15 birr

Night arrivals: the bus stops, the kerb talks
SkyBus stops around 22:00 (2026 guides; hours not posted officially) - after that the rank sets prices with no benchmark. Light rail is no help either: its nearest station is 4+ km from the terminal, an airport line is only planned. **Do this:** landing late? pre-book a RIDE the day before or get the hotel pickup confirmed in writing

KNOW BEFORE YOU WALK

- Baggage claim has ATMs, bank counters, a telecom booth and a 24/7 Ethiopian Airlines desk - take cash and a local SIM before you exit; drivers and apps want birr.
- Oct-2024 fare lists (4.5 birr minibus) are dead - the 16 Mar 2026 tariff starts minibuses and city buses at 10 ETB.
- Entry needs the approved one-page e-visa printed from evisa.gov.et - a payment receipt alone gets you turned away.
- The $12.5bn Bishoftu airport broke ground 10 Jan 2026, first phase due 2030 - ADD is still the airport; never book a 'Bishoftu' pickup.
- International arrivals use Terminal 2; the refurbished domestic Terminal 1 is a shorter kerb-to-hotel hop.

SkyBus name, 'Uber does not operate in Ethiopia', arrivals ATMs/SIM booths and the e-visa rule verified Nov 2026 on Ethiopian Airlines' own arrival pages. ETB 10 fare and the ~22:00 cut-off come from 2026 airport guides (Sleeping in Airports), not the official page - flagged. Minibus 10-55 ETB: Addis Ababa Transport Bureau tariff effective 16 Mar 2026, per Wahid Business News and Addis Fortune. RIDE fleet/no-surge/8294 from the operator's app listing. Taxi 600-1,000 and RIDE 400-800 are flagged ranges - no airport taxi tariff is published. ethiopianairports.com unreachable from our network.
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