

AIRPORT EXIT

Athens International Airport Eleftherios Venizelos (ATH)

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THE ANSWER

Take Metro Line 3 (the blue line) from the station inside the terminal - the dedicated airport ticket is EUR 9.00, or EUR 16.00 return valid 30 days. It reaches Syntagma in about 40 minutes and continues to Piraeus in about 55.

The airport ticket also covers 90 minutes of onward buses, trolleybuses, trams and the suburban railway from first validation, so the EUR 9 gets you the whole way to your hotel rather than just to the terminus.

Tight budget? The X95 express bus to Syntagma is EUR 5.50 and runs 24 hours, but takes 60-90 minutes. Staying three days? The EUR 20.00 three-day tourist ticket includes a two-way airport trip and unlimited city travel.

EVERY WAY OUT — REAL PRICES

Metro Line 3 airport ticket *BEST FOR MOST* EUR 9.00

The metro station is inside the terminal building. Airport trains run roughly 06:30 to 23:30 every 30 minutes, about 40 minutes to Syntagma and 55 to Piraeus. The dedicated airport ticket is EUR 9.00 single, EUR 16.00 for a two-way ticket valid 30 days, and reduced to EUR 4.50 for children 6-18, over-65s and students. It covers 90 minutes of onward OASA buses, trolleybuses, trams and the suburban railway, but not the X80 or the airport express buses.

Airport express buses (X95, X96, X93, X97) EUR 5.50

Four express lines run 24 hours a day: X95 to Syntagma Square (60-90 min), X96 to Piraeus port (60-90 min), X93 to the Kifissos intercity bus terminal and X97 to Elliniko in the southern suburbs. Tickets are EUR 5.50 (reduced EUR 2.70) from the machines by the stops outside Arrivals on Level 1, and each is valid for one airport journey only - no onward transfers.

Taxi from the official rank EUR 50 day / EUR 65 night

Taxis wait at Exit 3 of the Arrivals level, 24 hours a day. The fare to the central Athens ring is fixed and includes tolls, luggage, the airport pickup fee and VAT - EUR 50 by day (05:00-24:00) and EUR 65 between midnight and 05:00 under the Ministry's September 2026 revision, up from EUR 40 and EUR 55. The airport's own page still shows the old figures, so confirm at the rank. Destinations outside the central ring revert to the meter.

Three-day tourist ticket EUR 20.00

Three times 24 hours of unlimited travel on metro lines 1, 2 and 3, buses, trolleybuses, trams and the suburban railway, plus a two-way trip from and to the airport by metro or airport express bus, and the X80 line. Cheaper than two EUR 9 singles plus three days of city travel, and it is the only pass that includes the airport.

Free Now / Uber (licensed taxis) EUR 50+

Both apps dispatch licensed Athens taxis and show the price in advance, which removes the argument at the rank. They should charge the same regulated flat fare for city-centre trips, and the app receipt is useful if a driver tries to add luggage or toll extras.

THE TRAPS — WALK PAST THESE

The EUR 1.20 city ticket does not cover the airport

The ordinary 90-minute Athens ticket is EUR 1.20, and it explicitly excludes the metro section from Koropi to the airport and the airport express buses. The EUR 4.10 24-hour ticket and the EUR 8.20 five-day ticket exclude them too. Only the EUR 9 airport ticket, the EUR 5.50 express bus ticket and the EUR 20 three-day tourist ticket will get you out. **Do this:** buy the dedicated airport product at the machine before you board - a EUR 1.20 ticket will not open the gate

The airport taxi fare rose to EUR 50 and EUR 65 in September 2026

The Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport raised the fixed Athens airport fare from EUR 40 to EUR 50 by day and from EUR 55 to EUR 65 overnight. The airport's own private-transport page still publishes the old EUR 40/EUR 55, and so does every guide online, which means a driver quoting EUR 50 looks like a cheat when he is simply correct. **Do this:** expect EUR 50 daytime and EUR 65 after midnight, and check the tariff card rather than a blog

The flat fare already includes tolls and luggage

The fixed price covers the Attiki Odos motorway tolls, all bags, the airport pickup fee and VAT. There are no legitimate extras, so a demand for a suitcase charge, a toll supplement or a night surcharge inside the flat-fare window is an overcharge. **Do this:** refuse add-ons, ask for a receipt, and note the plate if the driver insists

The express bus ticket buys one journey and nothing else

The EUR 5.50 airport express ticket is valid for a single trip from or to the airport. It is not valid for onward transfers onto the metro or city buses, and it is not valid on the X80 line - unlike the EUR 9 metro airport ticket, which does include 90 minutes of onward travel. **Do this:** if you need to continue after the bus, buy the metro airport ticket instead or pay for the connection separately

Unlicensed drivers work the arrivals hall

Men offering a taxi inside the terminal are not the rank: the official rank is at Exit 3 of the Arrivals level, and only yellow licensed taxis may use it. The price quoted inside is always above the regulated fare. **Do this:** walk out to Exit 3 and join the rank, or order through an app

KNOW BEFORE YOU WALK

- Airport metro trains run roughly 06:30 to 23:30 every 30 minutes; the last train leaves the airport at about 23:30, after which the X95 bus runs through the night.
- The X95 to Syntagma and the X96 to Piraeus port both run 24 hours a day, which makes them the reliable option for a late landing.
- The EUR 9 metro airport ticket includes 90 minutes of onward OASA buses, trams, trolleybuses and the suburban railway, but not the airport express buses or the X80.
- A EUR 16 two-way metro airport ticket is valid for 30 days from first validation, so it covers both your arrival and your departure journey.
- Reduced fares are half price - EUR 4.50 on the airport metro ticket and EUR 2.70 on the express bus - for children 6-18, over-65s and registered students; under-6s travel free.
- Metro airport tickets from Pallini, Kantza and Koropi cost EUR 5.50, which is the cheap fare for the three stations nearest the airport.

Prices verified October 2026 against OASA's published price list and the airport operator's private-transport page. Metro airport ticket EUR 9.00 single and EUR 16.00 two-way (valid 30 days), reduced EUR 4.50; airport express bus ticket EUR 5.50, reduced EUR 2.70, valid for one airport journey only; three-day tourist ticket EUR 20.00 including a two-way airport trip; urban 90-minute single EUR 1.20, 24-hour EUR 4.10, five-day EUR 8.20, all excluding the airport; metro airport ticket from Pallini/Kantza/Koropi EUR 5.50. Taxi flat fare EUR 50 daytime (05:00-24:00) and EUR 65 overnight (00:00-05:00) to the central Athens ring, including all surcharges, under the Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport revision reported on 16-17 September 2026; the airport's own page still publishes the previous EUR 40/EUR 55 and has not been updated, so confirm the figure at the rank. Ride-hailing is shown at EUR 50+ because Free Now and Uber dispatch licensed taxis on the same regulated fare. No ads. No affiliate rankings. Wrong price? Report it on the guide page — reviewed and merged before it appears.