

THE ANSWER

Walk out of arrivals and take the Bizkaibus A3247 - EUR 5 for an occasional ticket, 20-25 minutes to Gran Va, Plaza Moya and Termibus, roughly every 15 minutes.

Bilbao has no metro and no train to the airport, so the A3247 is the only public transport link - and at EUR 5 it is a fifth of a taxi to the same place.

Tight budget? A Barik card turns the identical ride into the ordinary zone-2 fare, EUR 1.19 - but the card is not sold at the airport, so buy one at a Metro station once you reach the city. Three or four of you with bags? A taxi is EUR 27 on a working day and EUR 30 on a public holiday to central Bilbao, so the bus still wins.

EVERY WAY OUT — REAL PRICES

Bizkaibus A3247 (airport bus) *BEST FOR MOST* EUR 5

20-25 min to Gran Va 79, Plaza Moya (Osaguna/Hacienda) and Alameda Recalde 11, ending at Bilbao Intermodal (Termibus). April-October: from the airport 06:10-23:40 every 15 min; November-March: 06:00-00:00 every 20 min. Into the airport 05:00-22:00. The occasional ticket is EUR 5, payable in cash or by bank card at the Bizkaibus cabin on the arrivals floor or on board.

Barik card on the same bus EUR 1.19

The A3247 sits in Bizkaibus zone 2, so validating a Barik card charges the ordinary Creditrans fare of EUR 1.19 instead of the EUR 5 occasional ticket. The card itself is not sold at the airport - buy one at a Metro Bilbao vending machine in the city. It is transferable and works on the metro, tram, Bilbobus, Bizkaibus and Euskotren.

Taxi (official rank) EUR 27-35

15-20 min. Metered and regulated, run by the Auto Taxis Femade association with 64 cars at the arrivals rank. Aena's indicative fares are EUR 27 on a working day and EUR 30 on a public holiday to Bilbao, and EUR 32 / EUR 35 to Bilbao Intermodal (Termibus). Reservations on +34 944 800 909. Luggage carries no extra charge.

Uber / Cabify EUR 25-35

Both operate in Bilbao and can be called from the airport, quoting a price in the app before you travel. Usually close to the metered taxi and sometimes below it off-peak. Pick up in the signed VTC area rather than at the taxi rank.

Pre-booked transfer from EUR 46

Door-to-door with a driver waiting in arrivals. Worth it only for groups, late landings, or onward runs past Bilbao - the airport's own indicative taxi fares to Gernika (EUR 61), Vitoria (EUR 144) and San Sebastián (EUR 185) show how quickly a long metered run adds up.

THE TRAPS — WALK PAST THESE

There is no metro and no train to this airport

Bilbao Metro does not serve Loiu, and neither does Renfe or Euskotren. The A3247 bus is the only public transport link between the airport and the city. Plenty of guides still describe a 'metro to the airport' that has never existed. **Do this:** look for the Bizkaibus A3247 stop outside arrivals and ignore any Metro sign

The EUR 5 ticket is the tourist price

Bizkaia's own notice confirms the EUR 5 occasional ticket on the A3247 is the price for people without a Barik card. Validate a Barik card instead and the same journey costs the zone-2 Creditrans fare of EUR 1.19 - a saving of EUR 3.81 a head, each way. **Do this:** if you are in Bilbao more than a day, buy a Barik card in the city and use it for the return to the airport

Barik cards are not sold at the airport

The Bizkaibus desk on the arrivals floor can only recharge a Barik you already own. Arriving without one means paying EUR 5, and the EUR 1.19 fare is out of reach until you get to a Metro station in town. **Do this:** buy the Barik card at a Metro Bilbao vending machine in the city, not at the airport

Nothing runs in the small hours

The last A3247 leaves the airport at about 23:40 in summer and around midnight in winter, and there is no night service at all. A 2am arrival has the taxi rank and nothing else. **Do this:** for an arrival between 00:30 and 05:00, plan on a taxi or a pre-booked transfer

The taxi rate changes on holidays

Aena's indicative fare to Bilbao rises from EUR 27 on a working day to EUR 30 on a public holiday, and Termibus from EUR 32 to EUR 35. Drivers who quote one flat 'airport price' regardless of the day are not using the published tariff. **Do this:** check the working-day or holiday figure on the Aena list before agreeing a fare, and ask for a receipt

KNOW BEFORE YOU WALK

- The A3247 stops at Gran Va 79, Plaza Moya and Alameda Recalde 11 before terminating at Bilbao Intermodal, so Gran Va and Moya are the stops for most central hotels.
- The Bizkaibus cabin on the arrivals floor sells occasional tickets and accepts contactless bank cards, so you do not need coins.
- April to October the bus runs every 15 minutes from 06:10 to 23:40; from November to March it runs every 20 minutes from 06:00 to midnight.
- Bilbao's taxis are run by Auto Taxis Femade with 64 cars at the arrivals rank; the booking line is +34 944 800 909.
- Aena lists indicative taxi fares to Gernika (EUR 61 / EUR 67) and San Sebastián (EUR 185 / EUR 201) - for those runs a pre-booked transfer is usually cheaper than a meter.
- The airport sits about 12 km from central Bilbao in the municipality of Loiu, so allow 20-25 minutes by bus and 15-20 by car.

Prices verified October 2026 against Bizkaia's Bizkaibus page (the occasional ticket on line A3247 is EUR 5 without a Barik card), the Bizkaia Transport Consortium's Barik fare table (Bizkaibus zone 2, EUR 1.19) and Aena's Bilbao bus and taxi pages. A3247 EUR 5 occasional / EUR 1.19 with Barik - taxi to Bilbao EUR 27 working day, EUR 30 public holiday; Bilbao Intermodal EUR 32 / EUR 35 - Aena indicative fares: Gernika EUR 61 / EUR 67, Vitoria EUR 144 / EUR 158, San Sebastián EUR 185 / EUR 201. The EUR 25-35 ride-hailing figure and the EUR 46 transfer starting price are market rates, not published fares.

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