

AIRPORT EXIT

Bologna Guglielmo Marconi Airport (BLQ)

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THE ANSWER

Take the Marconi Express monorail - EUR 12.80 one way, 7 minutes, non-stop from the airport to Bologna Centrale.

The airport is only 6 km out, but the monorail is the one link that ignores Bologna's traffic, and its ticket also covers 75 minutes of Tper city buses once you reach the station.

Tight budget? Tper's line Q bus costs the ordinary urban fare of EUR 2.30 and runs every 30 minutes, but by day it stops at Ospedale Maggiore - it reaches Bologna Centrale only on the overnight and early-morning runs. Two of you with bags? A taxi is metered with a EUR 12.80 minimum from the airport, so two people share one car for the price of two monorail tickets.

EVERY WAY OUT — REAL PRICES

Marconi Express monorail *BEST FOR MOST* EUR 12.80

7 minutes, non-stop from the airport to Bologna Centrale, every 7-10 minutes from about 05:40 to midnight. EUR 12.80 single, EUR 23.30 return, EUR 25.60 for a family (2 adults and up to 3 children aged 5-16), EUR 10.50 each for groups of 10 or more. Tap a contactless card at the gates, or buy at the machines, on the Roger app or at ticketweb.tper.it.

Tper line Q bus EUR 2.30

The ordinary urban fare, every 30 minutes. By day line Q links the airport to Ospedale Maggiore; between roughly 00:00-02:15 and 04:00-05:15 the runs extend to Bologna Centrale (piazza Medaglie d'Oro) with extra stops at San Pio V and Don Minzoni. Validators on board take contactless cards and the EUR 2.30 ticket is valid 75 minutes.

Taxi from EUR 12.80

Metered on the Comune di Bologna tariff, with a minimum departure charge of EUR 12.80 from the airport covering the first 6 km travelled above 20 km/h. Then EUR 1.45/km in the urban area, EUR 29.30 an hour (EUR 0.49 a minute) in slow traffic, EUR 0.60 a suitcase, EUR 2.20 on Sundays and holidays or EUR 3.15 at night (22:00-06:00), EUR 1.15 per person from the fifth passenger, and the airport toll on top. 15-25 minutes to the centre; the rank is outside arrivals.

Pre-booked transfer EUR 35-60

Door to door with the price fixed when you book - worth it for groups, heavy luggage, or an arrival after the monorail has stopped. A sedan to central Bologna runs about EUR 35-60 and a minivan EUR 50-80; compare that with the metered taxi, which starts at EUR 12.80 and climbs with traffic and supplements.

THE TRAPS — WALK PAST THESE

The monorail is regularly suspended

Marconi Express closes the line for testing and maintenance several times a year, and during those windows the link is a replacement bus that takes 35-40 minutes instead of 7. Tickets and prices stay the same, but the journey time does not: in 2026 the monorail was shut for days at a time in February, May and from late September into October. **Do this:** check marconiexpress.it on the day you travel and allow 40 minutes if a bus-navetta is running

Line Q does not reach the station by day

Tper's line Q is the EUR 2.30 option, but in daytime it terminates at Ospedale Maggiore. Only the overnight and early-morning runs (about 00:00-02:15 and 04:00-05:15) extend to Bologna Centrale. Anyone boarding at 10am expecting the station will need a second bus from the hospital. **Do this:** check whether your departure extends to Bologna Centrale before you rely on line Q

There is no flat taxi fare from this airport

Bologna taxis are metered, and any run starting at the airport has a minimum of EUR 12.80 covering the first 6 km - so a taxi to the Fiera or a nearby hotel costs the same as one to the centre. On top come EUR 0.60 a bag, the airport toll, EUR 2.20 on holidays or EUR 3.15 at night, and EUR 1.15 per person from the fifth passenger. **Do this:** expect the EUR 12.80 minimum plus supplements and ask the driver for an estimate before you set off

Calling a radio taxi starts the meter before it arrives

Ring CoTaBo on 051 372727 or CAT on 051 4590 and the meter runs from the moment of the call. It is capped at EUR 6.80 when the car reaches you, plus a EUR 1.35 booking supplement - up to EUR 8.15 before you have moved. Taxis in Bologna also do not stop when you wave at them. **Do this:** walk to the rank outside arrivals instead of calling, unless you need a car at a specific address

The old EUR 6 airport Aerobus has not existed since 2020

The BLQ Aerobus to Bologna Centrale was withdrawn on 18 November 2020, when the Marconi Express opened. Guides still describing a cheap airport shuttle from the station are describing a service that was abolished six years ago. **Do this:** choose the monorail, line Q or a taxi - there is no airport coach any more

KNOW BEFORE YOU WALK

- The Marconi Express ticket is also valid for 75 minutes on Tper urban buses when bought as the digital ticket online, on the Roger app or at the Pay&Go; gates.
- A family ticket on the Marconi Express is EUR 25.60 for 2 adults and up to 3 children aged 5-16, but it is sold online only, at ticketweb.tper.it.
- Groups of 10 or more pay EUR 10.50 each on the monorail, and group tickets must be bought online by midnight on the day before travel.
- The airport taxi rank is right outside the arrivals exit with 34 spaces; the station rank is on piazzale Medaglie d'Oro with 27.
- Bologna's two taxi co-ops run all night - CoTaBo on +39 051 372727 and CAT on +39 051 4590 - and CAT also takes a text message on +39 333 333 0749.
- A EUR 2.30 urban ticket is validated by tapping a contactless card on the green validator on board, and it is valid 75 minutes.

Prices verified October 2026 against Marconi Express's published fares (EUR 12.80 single, EUR 23.30 return, EUR 25.60 family, EUR 10.50 groups, EUR 2.30 FS-Lazzaletto), the Comune di Bologna taxi tariff sheet in force since 1 January 2025 (EUR 3.90 rank start, EUR 12.80 airport minimum, EUR 1.45/km urban, EUR 1.75/km extra-urban, EUR 29.30/hour, EUR 6.80 call cap plus EUR 1.35 supplement, EUR 0.60 a bag, EUR 2.20 holiday, EUR 3.15 night, EUR 1.15 from the fifth passenger) and Tper's line Q notice (urban fare EUR 2.30, every 30 minutes, overnight and early-morning extensions to Bologna Centrale). The EUR 35-60 transfer figure is a market rate, not a published fare.

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