

AIRPORT EXIT

Bristol Airport (BRS)

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THE ANSWER

A1 Airport Flyer from the forecourt runs 24 hours a day, up to every 8 minutes, to Bedminster, Bristol Temple Meads and the city bus station - GBP 9.50 single, or GBP 16 return that is valid for a whole month (so a round trip is really GBP 8 a leg).

Bristol Airport has no station and no tram - the Flyer is the only frequent public route out, and its monthly return fare makes it the best value for anyone staying put.

Tight budget? Nothing public beats GBP 9.50 to the city - First's GBP 2.60 Bristol-zone single does NOT extend to the airport; even local fares on the Flyer route start at GBP 3.30 only for short hops that don't include the airport stops. In a hurry / late night? Zoom Cars, the airport's only official taxi partner (0117 955 5555), is 25-40 minutes door to door, quoted fares typically GBP 35-55.

EVERY WAY OUT — REAL PRICES

A1 Airport Flyer to the city *BEST FOR MOST* **GBP 9.50**

Express coach from the Transport Interchange outside the terminal: 24/7, up to every 8 minutes at peak, ~25 min to Bristol Temple Meads station and ~35 min to Bristol Bus Station (Marlborough Street). Adult single GBP 9.50, return GBP 16 VALID FOR ONE MONTH, child GBP 6.50/GBP 9.50, student GBP 7.50, group return (5 people) GBP 32. Pay the driver, use the First Bus mTickets app, or tap contactless on board.

Rail onward via Temple Meads (Flyer + train) **GBP 9.50 + rail**

There is no station at the airport, so the rail play is A1 -> Temple Meads and change nothing else: the Flyer ticket even allows a 3-hour connection onto other First buses in the West of England zone when bought by app or contactless. A rail ticket machine sits on the Arrivals concourse itself, so you can buy the train leg before you board the bus.

Taxi - Zoom Cars (official partner) **GBP 35-55 (quoted)**

Zoom Cars is the ONLY taxi company with an official Bristol Airport partnership: office on the forecourt between the Transport Interchange and terminal, walk-up or call 0117 955 5555, bays on the top level of the Transport Interchange Pickup & Drop-off car park. Fares are quoted rather than flat - the GBP 35-55 city range is a guide estimate, not a published tariff; agree the price in the booking.

Uber / Bolt (rideshare zone) **app-priced**

Both apps operate legally from a designated rideshare pickup zone a short walk from arrivals - NOT the terminal kerb (Uber's own Bristol page says follow the in-app pin). The airport is a hard case for last-minute cars after the final flight wave; late-night fares surge, so many locals pre-book Zoom or a hire firm instead.

A2/A3/A4 Flyers (west & Bath) **GBP 5.00 / GBP 9.50**

Same kerb, different compass: A2 Portishead and A3 Weston-super-Mare run from GBP 5 single (A3 up to every 30 min at peak), A4 Bath is GBP 9.50/GBP 16 like Bristol, hourly. Return tickets again hold a month's validity - useful if your real base is the Somerset coast or Bath rather than Bristol.

THE TRAPS — WALK PAST THESE

The GBP 16 return is a month long - buy it on day one

Every Airport Flyer return (Bristol, Bath: GBP 16 adult; A2/A3: GBP 7) is valid for ONE MONTH, per the airport's own fare notes. Visitors buy two GBP 9.50 singles on landing and departure day and pay GBP 19 for the same trips the return covers - the open-ended validity means it doesn't matter when you come back. **Do this:** buy the return at the start of the trip, not a single in each direction

GBP 2.60 First city fares do NOT reach the airport

First's capped singles in the Bristol zone (GBP 2.60 since January 2026) stop short of the terminal; the Flyer is priced separately and its airport fares apply to any trip touching the Airport Tavern / Fox & Goose stops, while local fares only exist between Hobbs Lane and the inner stops. England's GBP 3 national cap also excludes airport services outright. **Do this:** expect GBP 9.50 on the A1 - don't step aboard with a city zone day ticket hoping it covers the airport

Your app car waits in a zone, not at the doors

Uber/Bolt collect from a designated rideshare pickup point (the app draws the walking route); Zoom's booked cars wait on the TOP LEVEL of the Transport Interchange Pick-up & Drop-off. Reddit travellers routinely end up at the wrong level or in Drop&Go; while the driver circles - and the official rank is a separate ground-floor spot for walk-ups only. **Do this:** open the app and walk to the exact pin before the driver cancels on their timer

English bus passes are void on airport trips

The airport's fare terms state plainly: the English national concessionary bus pass is NOT accepted for travel to or from Bristol Airport - it only works for non-airport local segments. A pass holder boarding at the airport expecting a free ride will be charged the full GBP 9.50 on the spot (Scottish/Welsh terms differ; BS40/48/49 and BS41 8 locals need a special scheme card). **Do this:** budget the full Flyer fare even if you hold a concessionary pass

KNOW BEFORE YOU WALK

- A1 runs 24 hours at up to 8-minute frequency at peak - it is the standard answer for 5am departures and last-flight arrivals, long before taxis are cheap or plentiful.
- Buy the Flyer as an mTicket or tap on with contactless in the First Bus app: that ticket version carries a 3-hour onward connection on any other First bus in the West of England zone, which website bookings do not yet support.
- There is a rail ticket machine on the Arrivals concourse - buy the Temple Meads-> onwards leg there so the GBP 9.50 bus ride doubles as your train prep.
- Under-5s travel free on all Flyer services when accompanied; child fares (5-15) run GBP 6.50 single / GBP 9.50 return into Bristol or Bath.
- If you're basing in Bath, the A4 Flyer is the direct hourly coach at the same GBP 9.50/GBP 16 terms - don't ride to Bristol and reverse onto a train.

Verified 22 October 2026 against Bristol Airport's own Airport Flyer fare table (A1/A4 Bristol & Bath GBP 9.50 single / GBP 16 return / child GBP 6.50 / student GBP 7.50 / group GBP 32; A2/A3 GBP 5/GBP 7; one-month return validity; English concession pass exclusion; 24-hour, up to every 8 min; child age bands) plus the airport's April-2026-based concessionary T&Cs; PDF, the Flyer FAQ (25 min to Temple Meads, 35 to centre, GBP 3.30 short-hop local fares), the airport taxis page (Zoom Cars sole official partner, 0117 955 5555, PTI top-level bays), Uber's own BRS pickup page, and First's January-2026 fare-changes notice (GBP 2.60 city singles, GBP 3 cap >6 miles). GBP 35-55 Zoom range is a guide estimate - the airport publishes no flat fare.

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