

THE ANSWER

Taxis to central Paris have a legally fixed flat fare: EUR 56 right bank / EUR 65 left bank, luggage and tolls included, 24/7. Anyone quoting more, or offering 'the meter instead', is scamming you. Prefer cheap? RER B train, EUR 14, 35 min to Gare du Nord.

Landing late? RER B stops ~midnight; the flat-fare taxi runs 24/7 at the same price - no night surcharge on the flat rate.

EVERY WAY OUT - REAL PRICES

Official taxi (flat fare) *BEST FOR MOST*

EUR 56 / 65

EUR 56 right bank, EUR 65 left bank. By law: luggage, tolls and 4 passengers included. Marked rank only - white 'TAXI PARISIEN' roof light.

RER B train

EUR 14

35 min to Gare du Nord, ~45 to Chatelet/St-Michel. ~05:00-midnight. Watch your bags - Paris's pickpocket hotspot.

Bus / night options

EUR 2-18

RoissyBus DISCONTINUED March 2026 - ignore older guides. Bus 9517 does NOT go to central Paris. Night buses cover post-midnight.

Uber / Bolt

EUR 45-70

Often under the flat fare off-peak, over it at surge. Flat-fare taxi is the safer bet when apps surge.

THE TRAPS - WALK PAST THESE

The terminal-door touts

Men inside arrivals asking 'Taxi?' are illegal, unlicensed drivers - the famous fake-meter scam has charged EUR 360 for a EUR 56 trip. Licensed taxis never solicit inside. Follow 'Taxis' signs to the rank.

'The meter is better for you'

For airport->Paris trips the flat fare REPLACES the meter by law. A driver insisting on the meter is setting up an overcharge. State your bank (right/left) and price - EUR 56 or 65 - before the car moves.

Outdated RoissyBus / CDG Express advice

RoissyBus was discontinued 1 March 2026; the CDG Express rail link opens March 2027. Most blogs still recommend both. Your two real options: RER B or flat-fare taxi.

The RER B bag lift

The RER B between CDG and Gare du Nord is where jetlagged travelers lose phones and passports - distraction teams work the crowded trains. Bag in front, zipped, phone away near doors.

KNOW BEFORE YOU WALK

- Right bank = north of the Seine (EUR 56). Left bank = south (EUR 65). Check your hotel's arrondissement before landing.
- RER B station: Terminal 2 (between 2C/2E); from T1/T3 take the free CDGVAL shuttle.
- Flat fare covers up to 4 passengers and bags - per person it beats the RER for groups.
- The rank marshal assigns your cab - roof light + working card reader = legitimate.