

THE ANSWER

Singapore is nearly scam-free - the trap is surcharge stacking, not touts. Cheapest out: the MRT, ~\$1.60-2.50, 45-60 min to town with one change at Tanah Merah. Tap your contactless bank card - no ticket needed.

Landing after 23:18? The MRT has stopped. Metered taxi \$25-45 to the city - read the surcharge trap before judging the meter.

EVERY WAY OUT - REAL PRICES

MRT (East-West Line) *BEST FOR MOST* **\$1.60-2.50**

45-60 min to City Hall/Bugis, one change at Tanah Merah. Tap any contactless bank card or phone. Last train ~23:18 from Changi.

Metered taxi **\$25-45**

20-30 min. Meter PLUS airport surcharge \$8 (17:00-23:59) or \$6 other times, +25% peak, +50% midnight-06:00. All legal, all on top.

Grab / Gojek / TADA **\$18-35**

Upfront price, no surcharge guessing. There is NO Uber in Singapore. Designated app-ride pickup points per terminal.

Public bus 36 **~\$2**

60-90 min to the city via East Coast. Cheapest with a view. Exact cash or contactless - no change given.

THE TRAPS - WALK PAST THESE

The meter isn't the final number

Changi taxis are honest but surcharges stack: airport fee \$6-8, +25% peak, +50% midnight-06:00, plus ERP tolls. An \$18 meter can settle at \$32. Budget \$25-45 - or use Grab for a locked price.

The 'I'll take Uber' plan

Uber does NOT operate in Singapore. Travelers stand at the curb refreshing a dead app. Grab, Gojek or TADA instead - set up before you fly.

The EZ-Link purchase reflex

EZ-Link costs \$10 with only \$5 usable credit - your own contactless bank card already works on MRT and buses (foreign cards may add a small daily admin fee). EZ-Link only for long stays.

The last-train miscalc

Last MRT from Changi ~23:18. A 23:00 touchdown plus immigration means a taxi at midnight-surcharge rates. Landing after 22:30? Price the ride before you land.

KNOW BEFORE YOU WALK

- MRT station sits between T2/T3. T1: walk or Skytrain. T4: free shuttle bus to T2 first.
- One change at Tanah Merah - same platform, city-bound East-West Line.
- Peak taxi +25% (Mon-Fri 06:00-09:30, daily 18:00-23:59); midnight-06:00 +50%.
- Jewel waterfall is landside - see it before or after immigration, budget time separately.