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# Julius Nyerere International Airport (DAR)

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## THE ANSWER

**No rail or rapid-bus link reaches DAR yet - open Bolt (or Uber) at arrivals: an app-priced car to the centre runs TZS 25,000-50,000, 25-90 min depending on traffic.**

TAA publishes ranks but no fare table - the app quote is the only price you see before you get in.
To Zanzibar? Azam Marine ferry from the Sokoine Drive terminal: Economy US$35 non-resident / TZS 40,000 resident, ~2h to Stone Town.
Late landing? App cars thin after ~22:00 - pre-book a fixed transfer (US$25-40).

## EVERY WAY OUT — REAL PRICES

**Bolt / Uber app ride *BEST FOR MOST*** TZS 25,000-50,000 to the centre
Both apps work at DAR with upfront pricing; Bolt has the deeper pool. Pickup at the terminals' road edge; wait 5-20 min, longer at night or in rain. Msasani/Slipway (18 km) quotes about 40,000-70,000.

**Green-ribbon official taxi rank** TZS 40,000-70,000 to the centre (negotiated)
TAA-certified taxis - white plates, green ribbon, TAA logo - queue at marked ranks outside T1/T2/T3, 24/7. No meters, no published tariff: agree the TZS price per car before loading bags; night quotes run higher.

**Pre-booked fixed transfer** US$25-40 to the centre
Hotel or broker transfers fix the price before you fly - the pick after ~22:00, when app cars thin.

**Dala-dala minibus (budget)** TZS 400-650 per person
No bus serves the terminals - walk 7-9 min to Nyerere Road near the airport mosque, take a 'Mnazi Mmoja' bus toward Kariakoo, ~45-60 min. Crowded, no luggage space, daylight only.

**Rental car** desks at T2/T3
TAA names Tanzania Rent a Car (tzrentacar.com) for the exclusive desks at the new terminals.

## THE TRAPS — WALK PAST THESE

**The TZS 80,000 opening ask**
With no meter and no published tariff, the rank's first price is a test: 2026 guides log opening asks of TZS 80,000-100,000 to the centre; fair is 40,000-70,000. **Do this:** walk to the marked green-ribbon rank, or name the app quote first

**T3 arrivals, T2 onward flights**
All international arrivals use Terminal 3 (since 2019); domestic and Zanzibar onward flights leave from Terminal 2, a separate building; T1 needs a car ~1 km on. **Do this:** check your onward terminal before committing to a long city ride

**The 'cheap airport bus' from old guides**
DART BRT has no airport service yet - Phase 3 is ~50% built (2025) and its JNIA terminal works run to April 2027. Today's 'bus' is a hot walk to Nyerere Road. **Do this:** treat 'bus from the airport' as a roadside dala-dala stop, not a station

**The ferry tout selling 'Dar Express' tickets**
Street resellers ('papasi') sell the same Azam seat for US$80-126 against US$35 direct; missed boats are never refunded. 'Dar Express ferry' guides are stale - it's Azam Marine and Zan Fast Ferries from Sokoine Drive now. **Do this:** buy on azammarine.com or at the terminal window - never from anyone who approaches you

**After 22:00 the app dries up**
Driver supply is thin: 10-20 min waits are normal, night/rain worsens it - rank drivers quote up to double daytime to no-app arrivals. **Do this:** landing late? book a fixed-price transfer before takeoff

## KNOW BEFORE YOU WALK

- Install Bolt and Uber before takeoff; compare both - Bolt's pool is deeper.
- Pay in small TZS notes: the rank is cash-only, drivers lack change; the apps take card.
- Rush hour (07:00-09:00, 16:30-19:00) turns 12 km into 60-90 min; late arrivals reach the centre in ~25-30 min.
- Islands: ferries (~07:00-16:00) run several daily from Sokoine Drive terminal; arrive >=1 h early, 25 kg cap; Stone Town clears a passport check though still Tanzania.
- Msasani/Masaki is 15-18 km, not 12 - quote the app to your exact hotel before accepting a car.
- T2's domestic expansion is ongoing (reported 1.5M->3.5M pax/yr); T3 has taken all internationals since 2019 - expect worksite detours.

Azam Marine fares (Economy US$35/TZS 40,000, 25 kg, no refund) read on the operator's rates page; DART trunk fare TZS 1,000 on dart.go.tz - no BRT reaches the airport yet (TANROADS Phase 3; JNIA terminal works to Apr 2027). TAA's JNIA page publishes no fare table: taxi and app figures are flagged ranges from consistent 2026 guides, not a tariff.
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