

THE ANSWER

Take the SRT Dark Red Line - 33-42 THB, ~20 min to Krung Thep Aphiwat (Bang Sue), then the MRT Blue Line. Walkway from T1/T2. Ignore every taxi tout on the way.

Khao San or Pratunam? A1-A4 airport buses, 30-50 THB cash on board - A4 to Khao San, A3 to Pratunam. T1 Level 1, Gate 6.

EVERY WAY OUT - REAL PRICES

SRT Dark Red Line -> MRT *BEST FOR MOST* **33-42 THB**

~20 min to Krung Thep Aphiwat -> MRT Blue Line for Sukhumvit/Silom. Walkway from both terminals. ~05:00-midnight.

Airport buses A1-A4 **30-50 THB**

A1 Mo Chit BTS/Chatuchak MRT (30), A2 Victory Monument (30), A3 Pratunam/Lumphini (50), A4 Khao San (50). Cash on board, T1 Gate 6.

Metered taxi (official rank) **300-450 THB**

Meter + 50 THB airport surcharge + tolls (~50-70). Say 'meter, please' before getting in. Take a kiosk ticket.

Grab **350-700 THB**

Upfront price, surges at rush hour and late night. Designated Grab pickup points.

Free shuttle DMK <-> BKK **Free**

ONLY with an onward Suvarnabhumi ticket, ~05:00-midnight. Limo Bus Express to central areas: 150 THB (T1 Gates 6-8).

THE TRAPS - WALK PAST THESE

The flat-fare taxi offer

Touts quote 800-1,200 THB 'fixed price' - triple the meter. A metered ride to Sukhumvit is 300-450 THB all-in. Official rank, kiosk ticket, meter on.

The 'train is closed' line

Drivers near the walkway claim the Red Line is closed or not running. It runs ~05:00-midnight every 10-20 min for 33-42 THB. Check the platform screens.

The wrong-airport shuttle

The free DMK-BKK shuttle requires an onward ticket from BKK - staff check. No ticket? Limo Bus Express (150 THB) or Grab instead.

Bus fare exact-change scramble

A1-A4 buses are cash on board; conductors can usually change notes but a 1,000 THB note at rush hour gets you waved off. Break a note in arrivals first.

KNOW BEFORE YOU WALK

- Red Line token machines take coins and notes. Krung Thep Aphiwat = the MRT Blue Line interchange.
- Rush hour (07:00-09:30, 16:30-19:30): train wins - the tollway can double taxi time and meter.
- Landing after midnight? Trains and A-buses have stopped - Grab or a metered rank taxi, never the men at the doors.
- T1 international, T2 domestic - the walkway to the SRT station connects both, 5-10 min on foot.