

THE ANSWER

No train exists at Dublin Airport. Walk out to the coach zones: Aircoach 700 - EUR 10, every 15 min, 24/7, to O'Connell Street.

Tight budget? Dublin Bus 16 is EUR 2.00 with a Leap card (arrivals vending machine). Cash = coins only, exact fare, NO change given.

EVERY WAY OUT - REAL PRICES

Aircoach 700 *BEST FOR MOST*

EUR 10

20-40 min to O'Connell St, Trinity, St Stephen's Green. Every 15 min, 24/7. EUR 13 return, from EUR 6 booked online. Zone 2 (T1) / Zone 20 (T2).

Dublin Bus 16 (+ Leap card)

EUR 2.00

60-80 min. Cheapest way out. Leap card from arrivals machine - cash is coins-only, exact fare, no change.

Dublin Express 782/784

EUR 10

30-40 min to O'Connell St / Custom House. Runs 04:30-00:30 (not 24h). Pick whichever stops nearer your hotel.

Taxi (official rank)

EUR 27-45

20-40 min door-to-door. Metered: ~27-35 by day, 35-45 from 20:00-08:00, plus EUR 3.80 M50 toll if used.

Pre-booked transfer

EUR 30-45

Fixed price, tolls included, flight tracked. Worth it for 3+ people or late-night arrivals.

THE TRAPS - WALK PAST THESE

The exact-change bus trap

Dublin Bus fares are coins only - no notes, and NO change given. Buy a Leap card at the arrivals machine (EUR 2 fare vs EUR 2.60) or take Aircoach, which takes cards.

Airport ATMs - the EUR 6-on-EUR 20 fee

Arrivals ATMs charge ~EUR 6 to withdraw EUR 20 plus a terrible conversion rate. Dublin is nearly cashless - pay by card; bank ATM in the city if you must.

'Train to the city?' offers

Dublin Airport has NO rail link - no DART, Luas, or metro. Anyone selling 'train tickets' is reselling a coach seat at a markup. Buy from Aircoach/Dublin Express directly.

The midnight meter shock

Taxi meters switch tariffs by law: premium 20:00-08:00, special rate 00:00-04:00 weekends, plus EUR 3.80 M50 toll. Same trip: EUR 29 at 2pm, EUR 50 at 2am.

KNOW BEFORE YOU WALK

- Book Aircoach online ahead - from EUR 6 vs EUR 10 at the stop; tickets valid 12h either side of your slot.
- Landing 00:30-04:30? Dublin Express has stopped; Aircoach 700 still runs every 30 min.
- Leap Visitor cards DON'T work on Aircoach or Dublin Express - city transport only.
- Aircoach zones: Zone 2 at T1, Zone 20 at T2. Follow 'Coaches' signs, not 'Buses'.