

AIRPORT EXIT

Ruder Boskovic Airport (DBV)

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THE ANSWER

Take the Platanus official shuttle from just outside arrivals - EUR 10 one way, about 30 minutes to Ploce Gate at the Old Town, continuing to Gruz main bus station in ~35 minutes, departing ~30 minutes after every flight.

It is flight-timed, direct, fixed-price with luggage space, and an open return costs only EUR 15 - but tickets must be bought before boarding, at the arrivals desk or online.

Tight budget? Libertas public lines 11, 27 and 38 stop at the airport - EUR 2.50 for a single ticket bought in the bus, up to about EUR 4 on the Konavle stretch - on a commuter timetable, not a flight one. Four of you or late? The rank taxi to the Old Town runs EUR 35-55; Bolt usually lands EUR 25-40.

EVERY WAY OUT — REAL PRICES

Platanus official airport shuttle *BEST FOR MOST* **EUR 10**

The airport's own pages name Platanus as the official shuttle. Buses wait just outside Arrivals near the main entrance and leave about 30 minutes after each landing: first stop Ploce Gate, the Old Town's east entrance (~30 min), final stop the main bus station at Gruz (~35 min), 500 m from the ferry port. One way EUR 10, open return EUR 15 (valid 15 days), children under 6 free, one suitcase included, QR ticket on the phone accepted. Buy online, at the Platanus counter in arrivals, at Gruz bus station or the office by the Cable Car stop - not on the bus.

Libertas public buses 11 / 27 / 38 **EUR 2.50-4 (range)**

Dubrovnik's official site confirms Libertas lines 11, 27 and 38 run daily to and from the airport - suburban routes toward the Konavle/Cavtat corridor that happen to call at Cilipi, not a dedicated airport service. Libertas' price list: single ticket in the bus EUR 2.50 (one ride), 1-hour ticket EUR 1.73, day ticket EUR 5.31; on the Konavle stretch one-way fares run to EUR 4.00 (Cavtat). Timetables are commuter-based and not all lines run every day - check the day before relying on them.

Taxi from the rank **EUR 35-55 (range)**

Taxis queue in front of terminal B (arrivals) during airport operating hours. The airport publishes no online fare table - the official price list is displayed at the taxi information window and can be checked by phone on +385 20 640 100; drivers are legally obliged to give a receipt. 2026 guides put the metered ride to the Old Town/Gruz at EUR 35-55, up to an hour's traffic in July-August.

Bolt / Uber **EUR 25-45 (range)**

Bolt works well in the Dubrovnik region and typically undercuts the rank by 10-20%; Uber driver coverage is thinner. No official fare list - the price shown in the app before you accept is the price. After midnight Bolt coverage drops sharply, so pre-book if you land late.

Pre-booked private transfer **EUR 40-65 (range)**

Fixed-price cars met in arrivals, ~EUR 40-65 to Dubrovnik per 2026 operator listings - the safe option for night arrivals, groups with luggage, or hotels in Lapad/Babin Kuk where neither shuttle stop is close.

THE TRAPS — WALK PAST THESE

No ticket from the driver - EUR 10 is bought before you board

Platanus does not sell tickets on the bus (its FAQ is explicit). Older guides still say 'pay the driver EUR 8' - both the EUR 8 price and the cash-on-board habit are out of date. Show up with only a QR code bought online, or line up at the arrivals desk first. **Do this:** buy online at ticket.platanus.hr before you fly, or at the Platanus counter in arrivals

The shuttle stops at Ploce, not Pile - and no car enters the walls

The Old Town stop is Ploce Gate on the east side; the cruise-side western entrance, Pile, is not served. Taxis and Bolts also drop at whichever gate is nearer your address - everything inside the walls is stairs and stone, with luggage carts banned. Hotels with walls-adjacent addresses can mean a 5-10 minute carry. **Do this:** check which gate your accommodation is nearer, Ploce or Pile, before choosing where to get off

The airport's '22.5 km, 30-35 minutes' hides the summer multiplier

Dubrovnik Airport's own site says the drive averages 30-35 minutes but to plan up to an hour in the summer months - July-August traffic on the coastal D8 plus cruise-ship days can make 20 km take 90 minutes. A ferry or organized transfer booked tight to your landing time will not wait. **Do this:** in peak season pad 60 minutes onto every land-to-boat or land-to-hotel connection

Libertas is a commuter bus, not the airport bus

The airport lists lines 11, 27 and 38 as public transport, and they really exist - but they follow school-and-shift timetables; current schedules do not show all three running every day (lines 11 and 27 have no Sunday/holiday service, 38 is limited), and reaching the walls often means a change in town. Missing one can cost an hour of waiting with suitcases on a roadside stop. **Do this:** open the Libertas timetable for your exact day and hour before skipping the EUR 10 shuttle

KNOW BEFORE YOU WALK

- The EUR 15 open return saves EUR 5 versus two singles and is valid 15 days from your travel date - buy it on arrival if you fly home from DBV.
- Toward the airport from the city, Platanus departs Gruz bus station on schedule and also picks up at Grawe and the Cable Car stop near the Old Town.
- Gruz is the main bus station AND the ferry port - for the islands (Korcula, Mljet, Elaphiti) it drops you 500 m from the docks; for Lapad and Babin Kuk hotels it is the right stop.
- The taxi price list is real - ask at the arrivals information window or call +385 20 640 100, and always take the printed receipt; drivers are obliged by law to issue one.
- For Cavtat (many quieter hotels, 5 km from Cilipi) the Libertas Konavle line one-way ticket is around EUR 4 - a fraction of any car.

Prices verified 19 October 2026 on operator/official pages: Platanus FAQ and Dubrovnik shuttle page (EUR 10 one way, EUR 15 open return valid 15 days per operator pages, under-6 free, one suitcase, no on-board sales, flight-timed departures, Ploce then Gruz) and Dubrovnik Airport's own site (official shuttle = Platanus, Libertas 11/27/38, 22.5 km / 30-35 min / up to an hour in summer, taxi list at the window, receipt obligatory) and the Libertas price list (in-bus single EUR 2.50, 1-hour EUR 1.73, day EUR 5.31, Konavle/Cavtat one-way EUR 4.00). Taxi EUR 35-55, Bolt/Uber EUR 25-45 and transfer EUR 40-65 are ranges from 2026 travel guides - Croatia's county taxi tariff is not published online. The Sunday/holiday gaps on lines 11/27/38 are from an October 2026 guide's reading of Libertas timetables, not from a PDF read in this run. No ads. No affiliate rankings. Wrong price? Report it on the guide page — reviewed and merged before it appears.