

AIRPORT EXIT

Madeira Airport (Cristiano Ronaldo) (FNC)

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THE ANSWER

Take the Aerobus (route 500/500R) from outside arrivals to the Funchal hotel strip - EUR 6.70 paid in cash to the driver, EUR 3.30 for children, about 50 minutes to the end of the route and 25 stops along the way. It leaves the airport between 08:30 and 22:00.

It is the only bus that runs to the hotels rather than the bus station, it takes luggage, and it costs a fraction of the EUR 25-40 taxi.

Landing outside 08:30-22:00? The Aerobus does not run then and there is no night bus - a taxi or a pre-booked transfer is the only way to Funchal. Cheapest ride? SIGA's intermunicipal buses cost EUR 2.65 on board, but take 50-70 minutes and end at the Funchal bus station, not at the hotels.

EVERY WAY OUT — REAL PRICES

Aerobus (route 500 / 500R) *BEST FOR MOST* EUR 6.70

CAM's airport shuttle runs the airport Funchal Praia Formosa corridor with 25 stops, first departure from the airport at 08:30 and the last at 22:00 (returns from Praia Formosa 07:00-21:00), about 50 minutes end to end. Adults EUR 6.70 and children EUR 3.30 paid on board in cash; a pre-purchased Aerobus ticket loaded on a GIRO card is EUR 5.55 adult and EUR 2.75 child.

SIGA intermunicipal buses (line 113 and others) EUR 2.65

The ordinary SIGA buses that pass the airport are the cheapest way in: EUR 2.65 on board or EUR 2.00 as a pre-purchased trip on a GIRO card. They take 50-70 minutes into Funchal with many stops, drop at the bus station rather than the hotels, and run only a few times a day.

SIGA day tickets EUR 4.95-6.55

One-day tickets cost EUR 4.95 for the municipal zone and EUR 6.55 for intermunicipal travel, loaded on a GIRO card. The airport run is intermunicipal, so it is the EUR 6.55 title that covers it - barely cheaper than a return on the Aerobus and only worth it if you ride several buses the same day.

Taxi (official rank) EUR 25-40

Yellow taxis with a blue stripe wait outside arrivals and take 20-25 minutes to Funchal. Madeira runs zone fares posted at the rank plus a meter, with roughly EUR 30-40 to the centre by day and more after 21:00, at weekends and on holidays; add about EUR 1.50 a suitcase and 20% for a 6- or 8-seat car.

Uber / Bolt EUR 15-25

Bolt operates on Madeira and is usually well below the rank - about EUR 15 from the Funchal centre - but supply thins late at night and when several flights land together. There is no published airport fare, so treat this as an app quote.

THE TRAPS — WALK PAST THESE

The EUR 5.55 Aerobus fare needs a GIRO card you cannot buy at the airport

The 2026 fare order sets the Aerobus at EUR 6.70 on board but EUR 5.55 pre-purchased - and the pre-purchased ticket only exists loaded on a GIRO card, which is sold at SIGA sales points in Funchal and not at the airport. Most arrivals therefore pay EUR 6.70 on the way in and can only use the cheaper fare on the way back. **Do this:** pay the EUR 6.70 on arrival, then buy a GIRO card in Funchal and load the return at EUR 5.55

The bus takes cash only

SIGA does not accept bank cards on the bus. The EUR 6.70 Aerobus fare and the EUR 2.65 ordinary fare must be paid in cash to the driver, whatever the airport's card-friendly signs suggest. **Do this:** draw euros before you fly or at the terminal, and keep small notes for the driver

The Aerobus stops at 22:00 and there is no night bus

The last Aerobus leaves the airport at 22:00, and nothing replaces it overnight - the island's night service does not cover the airport. A flight landing at 23:30 means a taxi or a transfer, at EUR 25-40 rather than EUR 6.70. **Do this:** check your landing time against the 22:00 last departure and pre-book a transfer if you arrive late

The EUR 9 return ticket is written into the tariff but not on sale

The 2026 fare order lists a pre-purchased Aerobus return at EUR 9.00 for adults and EUR 4.50 for children, but marks it as available on a date to be announced. Paying for it now is not possible. **Do this:** buy two singles and check the SIGA site before planning around a return ticket

The network was renumbered in 2024 and the fares changed on 1 April 2026

Horrios do Funchal, Rodoste and SAM no longer run as separate companies: they are one SIGA network with renumbered routes, and the fares are fixed by regional ordinance (Portaria 128/2026, in force since 1 April 2026). Route numbers and prices in older guides are out of date. **Do this:** check the route number and fare on the SIGA site or app, not in a guide written before 2026

KNOW BEFORE YOU WALK

- The Aerobus runs the full length of the Funchal hotel strip, so ask the driver for the stop nearest your hotel rather than riding to the end.
- A child's Aerobus ticket is EUR 3.30 on board or EUR 2.75 pre-purchased - the only child discount on the airport run.
- SIGA's on-board fares are EUR 2.05 municipal and EUR 2.65 intermunicipal; pre-purchased on a GIRO card they drop to EUR 1.45 and EUR 2.00.
- The taxi meter's night rate covers 21:00-06:00 and all of Saturday, Sunday and public holidays, which is when a EUR 30 ride becomes EUR 39.
- Madeira's taxi fares are set by the regional government and posted inside the car and at the rank - ask to see the card before you agree a price.

Prices verified October 2026 against the Madeira regional fare order (Portaria n. 128/2026, of 23 March, in force from 1 April 2026) and SIGA's published tariff tables. Aerobus on board EUR 6.70 adult / EUR 3.30 child, pre-purchased on a GIRO card EUR 5.55 / EUR 2.75, pre-purchased return EUR 9.00 / EUR 4.50 listed but not yet on sale - intermunicipal on board EUR 2.65, pre-purchased EUR 2.00 - municipal on board EUR 2.05, pre-purchased EUR 1.45 - 1-day tickets EUR 4.95 municipal and EUR 6.55 intermunicipal. Aerobus route 500/500R leaves the airport 08:30-22:00 and returns from Praia Formosa 07:00-21:00, roughly hourly. Madeira has no published flat airport taxi fare: the EUR 25-40 range is an estimate from the metered and zone tariff in force since 6 February 2026 (flag fall EUR 4 day / EUR 4.80 night, about EUR 1.54-1.92 a kilometre, 20% for 6-8 seat cars, about EUR 1.50 a suitcase), and the EUR 15-25 ride-hailing figure is an app estimate.

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