

AIRPORT EXIT

Geneva Airport (GVA)

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THE ANSWER

Take the SBB/CFF train from the station directly under the terminal to Genve-Cornavin - CHF 3.00 on a unireso zone 10 ticket, 7 minutes, up to seven trains an hour at peak.

The airport sits inside Geneva's single fare zone 10, so a 7-minute mainline train ride into the middle of town costs exactly the same as a tram across the city - and the station is indoors, a five-minute walk from baggage reclaim.

Tight budget? The free 80-minute ticket Genve Aroport used to hand out ended on 1 January 2022 - the free options now are the Geneva Transport Card (hotel, hostel or campsite guests only) and the tpgArobus, free with an air ticket but only running towards the airport. In a hurry? Taxis from the rank outside Arrivals charge fixed airport fares: CHF 50 to the city centre right bank and CHF 60 to the left bank.

EVERY WAY OUT — REAL PRICES

SBB/CFF train to Genve-Cornavin *BEST FOR MOST* CHF 3.00

The station is directly beneath the terminal, signed from both the Arrivals and Departures levels and reachable in a five-minute indoor walk. Trains to Genve-Cornavin, the main station, take 7 minutes with no changes, up to seven per hour at peak. A unireso zone 10 ticket at CHF 3.00 covers it and is valid 60 minutes with unlimited changes; buy it at the machine in the baggage reclaim area, at the SBB machines or counters in the station, or in the SBB Mobile app.

tpg bus 10 to Cornavin, Bel-Air and Rive CHF 3.00

The bus stop 'Genve-Aroport, Terminal' is on the Check-in level, one level up from Arrivals. Line 10 runs Aroport - Charmilles - Gare Cornavin - Bel-Air - Rive, about 20 minutes to Cornavin, every 8 to 15 minutes at peak. Same CHF 3.00 zone 10 ticket; the machines at the stops take CHF, EUR and credit cards, or pay in the tpg/unireso app.

unireso zone 10 day pass CHF 10.00

Unlimited travel on every tpg tram and bus, the SBB trains inside zone 10 and the Mouettes boats from the moment you buy it until 05:00 the next morning. The full-fare CHF 10.00 pass is valid for two people travelling together on Saturdays and Sundays, and a version bought from 09:00 costs CHF 8.00.

Taxi from the Arrivals rank (fixed airport fares) CHF 25-60

Only taxis authorised by the airport may pick up at the designated rank outside the Arrivals level. Flat fares from the airport are CHF 25 for the area close to the airport, CHF 35 to the international organizations, CHF 50 to the city centre right bank and CHF 60 to the left bank; anywhere else runs on the meter. Drivers take cash and cards, and must give you a receipt.

Uber and other ride-hailing (VTC) platform price

Ride-hailing is allowed at the airport and fares are set by the platform, not by the cantonal tariff. Uber's own GVA page quotes an average of about EUR 60 for a ride of roughly 18 minutes from the airport and says cars are available 24/7; treat that as an average, not a fixed fare. Pick-up is in the signed VTC area rather than the taxi rank.

THE TRAPS — WALK PAST THESE

The free 80-minute ticket ended on 1 January 2022 - budget CHF 3.00 instead

Geneva Airport's own FAQ states that since 1 January 2022 the free bus/train ticket on the unireso network that used to be given to arriving passengers has been discontinued, yet most guides still send you to a machine in baggage reclaim. The free options that do exist are the Geneva Transport Card, which only accommodation providers issue to guests staying in a Geneva hotel, youth hostel or campsite, and the tpgArobus, which only runs towards the airport. **Do this:** buy a CHF 3.00 unireso zone 10 ticket from the machine in the baggage reclaim area, at the bus stop or in the SBB station before you board

No tram reaches the airport - trams 14 and 18 stop a bus ride away

The tpg timetables show tram 14 running Bernex, Vailly to Meyrin, Gravire and tram 18 running Grand-Lancy, Palettes to Meyrin, CERN. Neither serves the terminal. The airport is served by bus lines 5, 10, 23, 28, 50, 56, 57, 59, 66, 272 and 274 plus the train; you only meet tram 14 or 18 if you change at Vernier, Blandonnet or Meyrin. **Do this:** take the train or bus 5 or 10 straight to Cornavin instead of walking the airport looking for a tram

CHF 3.00 only buys zone 10 - Nyon, Lausanne and France cost more

Zone 10 is the whole canton of Geneva, which is why the airport is included, but it stops there. To go beyond it - Nyon, Lausanne or the French border communes - you need a Lman Pass ticket or a supplementary ticket on top of your zone 10 ticket, and the Lman Pass supplementary tickets are valid for 90 minutes. **Do this:** buy your Lman Pass or SBB ticket to the final destination rather than boarding with only a zone 10 ticket

Only airport-authorised taxis may pick you up - the flat fare is CHF 50-60, not CHF 100+

Geneve Aroport states that only taxis authorised by the airport may pick up passengers, and the cantonal flat fares from the airport are CHF 25, 35, 50 and 60 depending on destination. Anyone soliciting inside the Arrivals hall or quoting CHF 100 or more for a city-centre run is selling a commercial transfer, not the regulated fare. **Do this:** walk out to the official taxi rank on the Arrivals level and confirm the flat fare before you get in

Away from the airport taxis run on the meter: CHF 7.80 airport pickup + CHF 3.20-3.80/km

The cantonal regulation sets maximum tariffs of CHF 6.30 for a normal pickup and CHF 7.80 for a pickup inside the Geneva Airport perimeter, then CHF 3.20 per kilometre at tariff I (06:31-20:30 on weekdays, Saturdays until 18:00) and CHF 3.80 at tariff II (20:31-06:30, Saturdays from 18:00, Sundays, public holidays, or more than three passengers). The only legal extras are luggage: CHF 1.50 per bag from 5 to 30 kg, per pair of skis or per dog, and CHF 3.00 per bag over 30 kg. Waiting time is CHF 60.00 an hour. **Do this:** check that the meter shows tariff I or II correctly and ask for the receipt, which the regulation requires the driver to give you

KNOW BEFORE YOU WALK

- One CHF 3.00 zone 10 ticket is valid for 60 minutes with unlimited changes between tpg trams and buses, SBB trains inside the canton and the Mouettes boats - enough for the airport train plus a tram across town.
- The CHF 10.00 zone 10 day pass runs until 05:00 the next morning, and the full-fare version covers two people travelling together on Saturdays and Sundays.
- The airport's own SBB/CFF station is a five-minute indoor walk from both Arrivals and Departures, so the 7-minute ride to Genve-Cornavin never involves going outside.
- Anyone staying in a Geneva hotel, youth hostel or campsite gets the Geneva Transport Card free for the whole stay - the airport train and every tram in the canton at no extra cost - so ask your accommodation before you fly.
- Genve Aroport subsidises CHF 10 off an SBB ticket for any journey to or from the airport.

Prices verified October 2026 against tpg/unireso's published fare table (tpg.ch), Genve Aroport's own passenger pages (gva.ch) and the cantonal taxi regulation RTVTC art. 32 (lexfind.ch). Every figure used: unireso zone 10 60-minute ticket CHF 3.00 full fare, CHF 2.00 reduced, CHF 5.40 first class; 'hop the line' three-stop ticket CHF 2.00, CHF 1.80 reduced; zone 10 day pass CHF 10.00 full fare, CHF 7.30 reduced, CHF 17.00 first class, and CHF 8.00 from 09:00; airport flat taxi fares CHF 25 (airport area), CHF 35 (international organizations), CHF 50 (city centre right bank) and CHF 60 (left bank); taxi maximum tariffs CHF 6.30 pickup, CHF 7.80 airport-perimeter pickup, CHF 3.20/km tariff I, CHF 3.80/km tariff II, CHF 60.00 per hour waiting, luggage CHF 1.50 and CHF 3.00. The tpgArobus and the Geneva Transport Card are free. Uber's roughly EUR 60 average for an 18-minute airport ride is the platform's own average, not a fixed price. The free 80-minute ticket formerly issued to arriving passengers was discontinued on 1 January 2022, and no tram currently serves the airport.

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