

AIRPORT EXIT

Hamburg Airport (HAM)

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THE ANSWER

Take the S1 S-Bahn - EUR 4.10 for a Hamburg AB single (EUR 3.81 bought in the app), 25 minutes to Hamburg Hauptbahnhof, every 10 minutes, from a station directly beneath the terminals.

There is one rail link and it is the right one: the S1 runs under the airport, under the city centre and out to Altona and Wedel, so no transfer is needed and the Hamburg AB ticket covers buses, U-Bahn and the harbour ferries as well.

Tight budget? The S-Bahn is already the cheapest way in - the EUR 2.10 Kurzstrecke ticket does not reach the airport. Late arrival? The S1 stops running to the airport overnight; the 606 night bus (weekdays) or the 274 to Ohlsdorf (weekends) is the link.

EVERY WAY OUT — REAL PRICES

S1 S-Bahn *BEST FOR MOST* EUR 4.10

25 min to Hamburg Hauptbahnhof, every 10 min from about 06:00 to 23:00 and every 20 min before and after; first train from the Hauptbahnhof 04:04, last from the airport about 00:13. It leaves the Hauptbahnhof from platform 3 and the station sits directly under the terminals. Hamburg AB single EUR 4.10, or EUR 3.81 online and in the hvv switch app (7% discount).

Bus 274 / X95 / 292 / 392 EUR 4.10

The same Hamburg AB fare as the S-Bahn, so buses are a fallback rather than a saving. The 274 links the airport with U/S Ohlsdorf and continues through the night at weekends; the X95, 292 and 392 cover the northern districts. 30-40 min to the city depending on traffic.

Night bus 606 EUR 4.10

The S1 does not serve the airport in the small hours. On weeknights the 606 night bus connects the airport with the city centre; at weekends the 274 covers the airport to Ohlsdorf leg, where the S1 and U1 run through the night. Standard Hamburg AB fare, no supplement.

Taxi (official rank) EUR 30-40

Metered on the Hamburg tariff of 1 February 2025: EUR 4.50 base, EUR 2.70 per km up to 9 km, EUR 2.00 per km beyond, waiting EUR 38 per hour. About 20-30 min and roughly EUR 35 to the Hauptbahnhof. No night or weekend rate. On request the driver may apply the city's flat rates instead - EUR 38 up to 12 km, EUR 52 up to 20 km - which is more than the meter for the airport run.

Ride-hailing (fixed price) EUR 35

Since 1 February 2025 Hamburg's intermediaries - Hansa Funktaxi, FreeNow, Uber, Bolt, Taxi Alstertal and Taxenanruf Blankenese - may quote a binding fixed price before you book, and the city requires those prices to sit at the level of an average metered fare. A trial from 15 October 2025 to 14 June 2026 let Bolt, FreeNow and Uber deviate by up to 20% in price corridors, so app quotes move. A fixed price agreed directly with a driver at the rank is still not allowed.

THE TRAPS — WALK PAST THESE

The S1 divides at Ohlsdorf - sit at the front

Trains from the city run as one set until Ohlsdorf, where they are split: the front three carriages go to the airport and the rear three carry on to Poppenbttel, a completely different part of town. The on-board displays and the platform announcements say which half is which, but it is easy to board the wrong end at the Hauptbahnhof and end up in the suburbs. Coming in from the airport you need to do nothing - the two halves re-couple at Ohlsdorf and continue to the city. **Do this:** board the front three carriages and check the carriage display says Hamburg Airport

The EUR 2.10 Kurzstrecke ticket does not get you there

Hamburg's short-trip fare is EUR 2.10 and only covers up to three stops on bus and U-Bahn or two stops on the faster S-Bahn and regional lines, with no changes. The airport is ten stops from the Hauptbahnhof. The correct ticket is the Hamburg AB single at EUR 4.10 (EUR 3.81 in the app), which is valid for one journey in one direction with transfers. There are no ticket gates, but inspectors work the S1 and the penalty fare is charged per person. **Do this:** buy the Hamburg AB single for EUR 4.10, or EUR 3.81 in the hvv app - not the Kurzstrecke

The S1 stops running to the airport overnight

The last S1 leaves the airport at about 00:13 and the first arrives from the Hauptbahnhof at about 04:32. In between there is no train to the airport at all. On weeknights the 606 night bus connects the airport with the city centre; at weekends the 274 runs the airport to Ohlsdorf leg, where the S1 and U1 continue all night. The airport itself also has a night flight ban - scheduled operations run 06:00 to 23:00 - so a 02:00 arrival is rarer than at most European airports, and the bus is the only way out. **Do this:** check the 606 and 274 times before booking a flight that lands after midnight

The EUR 38 "flat rate" is not a saving, and the surcharge is EUR 8

Hamburg publishes flat rates that a driver may apply on request: EUR 38 up to 12 km, EUR 52 up to 20 km, EUR 82 up to 35 km. The airport is about 10 km from the Hauptbahnhof, where the meter normally lands near EUR 35, so asking for the EUR 38 flat rate costs you money. Separately there is a fixed EUR 8.00 surcharge for a large taxi carrying more than four passengers or a bike carrier - worth knowing if you are a group of five. **Do this:** let the meter run on the airport run, and split a large taxi only if the EUR 8 surcharge still works out cheaper

KNOW BEFORE YOU WALK

- Every single and day ticket bought online or in the hvv switch app is 7% cheaper: the Hamburg AB single is EUR 3.81 instead of EUR 4.10.
- A Hamburg AB day ticket is EUR 8.20 (EUR 7.63 in the app) and covers buses, S-Bahn, U-Bahn and the HADAG harbour ferries until 6am the next day; the group version for up to five people is EUR 16.40.
- The Deutschlandticket at EUR 63 a month covers the S1 and every bus, U-Bahn and ferry in Hamburg - do not buy a single on top of it.
- Children aged 6 to 14 pay a flat EUR 1.50 for any journey inside Hamburg AB and under-sixes travel free.
- The S-Bahn station is directly beneath the terminals and Terminals 1 and 2 are joined by the Airport Plaza, so you never go outside between the plane and the train.

Prices verified October 2026 against Hamburger Verkehrsverbund (hvv) published fares valid 1 January 2026 and the City of Hamburg taxi tariff valid 1 February 2025. Hamburg AB single EUR 4.10 (EUR 3.81 online, 7% discount), Kurzstrecke EUR 2.10, child EUR 1.50, day ticket EUR 8.20, group day ticket EUR 16.40, Deutschlandticket EUR 63 - S1 25 min, every 10 min, first from Hauptbahnhof 04:04, last from the airport about 00:13 - taxi EUR 4.50 base + EUR 2.70/km to 9 km + EUR 2.00/km beyond, waiting EUR 38/hour, flat rates EUR 38/EUR 52/EUR 82 on request, EUR 8.00 large-vehicle surcharge - app fixed prices permitted since 1 February 2025 with a 20% corridor trialled 15 October 2025 to 14 June 2026.

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