

Helsinki-Vantaa Airport (HEL)

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THE ANSWER

Take the airport train - the I or P commuter train from the station under the terminal. It is EUR 4.50 for an ABC ticket bought in the HSL app or on an HSL card, or EUR 4.80 tapped with a bank card, and it reaches Helsinki Central in about half an hour.

There is no airport supplement: the airport sits in HSL zone C and the centre in zone A, so the ordinary ABC ticket is the whole cost - and the station is inside the terminal, reached by lift or escalator from arrivals.

Tight budget? Nothing beats the train, but bus 600 uses the same EUR 4.50 ABC ticket and keeps running around the clock, when the trains stop. In a hurry with luggage? The taxi station outside arrivals has four lanes with fixed prices to the centre - Taksi Helsinki EUR 38.05, Lahitaksi EUR 40.90, Meneva EUR 42 for 1-4 passengers.

EVERY WAY OUT — REAL PRICES

Airport train (I or P) *BEST FOR MOST* EUR 4.50

The station is directly beneath the terminal, with lifts and escalators from both the arrivals and departure halls. Both the I and P trains call there and both run to Helsinki Central; HSL quotes about 27 minutes for the I train and about 32 for the P train, and Finavia rounds both to about 30 minutes. Trains run roughly every 10 minutes through the day. Buy the ABC ticket in the HSL app or on an HSL card for EUR 4.50, or tap contactless for EUR 4.80; there are ticket machines on the station platform.

HSL trunk bus 600 EUR 4.50

The bus station is in front of the terminal on the arrivals level. Route 600 runs to Rautatientori, the square beside Central station, in about 40 minutes, and it operates around the clock - so it is the ride after the last train. Same ABC ticket, bought in the HSL app or tapped contactless on board.

Contactless bank-card tap EUR 4.80

Tap a Visa or Mastercard, Apple Pay or Google Pay on the reader: select the ABC zones first and the card itself becomes the ticket. It costs EUR 0.30 more than the HSL app and sells adult single tickets only, so children and anyone wanting a day ticket still needs the app or a machine. The ABC single is valid for 90 minutes with transfers included.

ABC day ticket EUR 12.80

One day of unlimited travel in zones A, B and C - the airport included - on trains, buses, trams, the metro and the Suomenlinna ferry. Each extra day is EUR 6.40, and tickets for 2-13 days are sold only in the HSL app. It beats three ABC singles (EUR 13.50) and covers the airport in both directions.

Taxi from the rank EUR 38.05-EUR 42

Four lanes outside arrivals, one per contracted company - FixuTaxi, Taksi Helsinki, Lahitaksi and Meneva - each with its prices on a board. For 1-4 passengers the published fixed fares to central Helsinki are Taksi Helsinki EUR 38.05 (lane 2, postcodes 00100-00180 and 00220), Lahitaksi EUR 40.90 and Meneva EUR 42; Lahitaksi charges EUR 65 for a 5-8 person minivan. Outside the fixed-price area it is the meter: EUR 2.18/km with Taksi Helsinki, EUR 2.14/km with Lahitaksi.

Ride-hailing and app-booked taxis EUR 50 (Lahitaksi app)

Bolt, Uber and pre-ordered cars have no airport lane: they pick up on the first floor of the P2 car park, reached indoors from the arrivals hall. Booking in an app costs more than walking to the rank - Lahitaksi publishes EUR 50 from elsewhere at the airport to the city centre against EUR 40.90 from its own lane, and adds a EUR 3.60 barrier fee. Bolt and Uber quote in the app before you confirm.

THE TRAPS — WALK PAST THESE

An AB ticket will not get you to the airport - you need ABC

The airport is in HSL zone C and Helsinki Central in zone A, so the airport run is an ABC ticket: EUR 4.50 in the HSL app or on an HSL card, EUR 4.80 tapped contactless. An ordinary Helsinki AB single (EUR 3.30) or AB day ticket (EUR 10.60) stops at the zone B boundary - and HSL's penalty fare for travelling without a valid ticket is EUR 100. **Do this:** buy ABC, not AB, and check the zone letters on the ticket before you board

Tapping contactless costs EUR 0.30 more and sells adult tickets only

The card reader is the easiest way to buy, but the price is EUR 4.80 against EUR 4.50 in the HSL app, and readers sell adult single tickets only. A child aged 7-17 pays EUR 2.25 for the ABC single and cannot buy it with contactless at all; the app or a ticket machine is the only route. **Do this:** install the free HSL app before you fly - it is the cheapest channel and sells the tickets the readers cannot

The taxi offered to you inside arrivals is not the airport's taxi

Only four companies may use the four lanes outside - FixuTaxi, Taksi Helsinki, Lahitaksi and Meneva - and everyone else, app rides included, has to collect from the P2 car park. Finland deregulated taxis in 2018: a 2026 inspection of 47 taxis at the airport found only about a third met the requirements, with 31 sanctions and 19 fines. **Do this:** walk out to the taxi station and pick a lane from the price boards, or order in an app and meet the car in P2

Booking the same taxi in the app costs up to EUR 9 more

Lahitaksi publishes EUR 40.90 from its airport lane to central Helsinki but EUR 50 for a car from elsewhere at the airport, where app bookings collect, plus a EUR 3.60 barrier fee. The fixed fares also only cover the city-centre postcodes - Taksi Helsinki's EUR 38.05 runs to 00100-00180 and 00220, Lahitaksi's to the same list - and outside them you are back on the meter at EUR 2.14-EUR 2.18/km. **Do this:** give your address at the rank before you get in and ask whether the fixed price covers it

There is no Terminal 1 or Terminal 2 any more

Since 21 June 2022 Helsinki Airport has run as a single terminal: the old Terminals 1 and 2 and the walkway between them were taken out of use, and check-in, security and baggage claim are all under one roof. Guides that send you to "Terminal 2 for the train" describe a building that no longer handles passengers. **Do this:** follow the train signs down from the arrivals hall; there is only one terminal to find

KNOW BEFORE YOU WALK

- The ABC single is valid for 90 minutes and includes every transfer - train into Central, then tram, metro, bus or the Suomenlinna ferry on the same ticket.
- Bus 600 leaves from the bus station in front of the terminal on the arrivals level and runs around the clock - about 40 minutes to Rautatientori, next to Central station.
- Children aged 7-17 pay half fare (ABC single EUR 2.25) and under-7s travel free; contactless readers cannot sell child tickets, so use the app or a machine.
- The ABC day ticket is EUR 12.80 for 24 hours and EUR 6.40 for each extra day (2-13 days, app only); three ABC singles cost EUR 13.50.
- Helsinki Card Region covers zones A, B and C and therefore the airport train; Helsinki Card City is zones A and B only and will not get you to the airport.

Prices verified October 2026 against HSL's price list valid from 2 June 2026, HSL's airport train, contactless and penalty-fare pages, Finavia's airport access pages, and the published airport fares of Taksi Helsinki, Lahitaksi and Meneva. ABC single EUR 4.50 in the HSL app or on an HSL card, EUR 4.80 tapped contactless - ABC day ticket EUR 12.80 plus EUR 6.40 a day - penalty fare EUR 100 - fixed taxi fares from the rank to central Helsinki EUR 38.05 Taksi Helsinki, EUR 40.90 Lahitaksi, EUR 42 Meneva for 1-4 passengers. Train times are HSL's own.

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