

AIRPORT EXIT

Krakow John Paul II International Airport (KRK)

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THE ANSWER

Take the SKA1 train from Krakow Lotnisko station - PLN 20 to Krakow Główny, about 17 minutes, every 30 minutes. The station is behind the multi-storey car park, joined to the terminal by a covered footbridge.

It is the only fast option that ignores the traffic: the train has its own line to the main station on the edge of the Old Town, luggage travels free, and the fare is a fifth of a taxi.

Tight budget? Bus 300 or 209 is PLN 6 on a 30-minute agglomeration ticket, but takes 30-45 minutes and neither terminus is in the Old Town. Landing after 01:47? The night bus 902 (PLN 6) is the only public transport until the 04:17 train, and the only bus that ends at the main station.

EVERY WAY OUT — REAL PRICES

SKA1 train (Koleje Małopolskie) *BEST FOR MOST* **PLN 20**

Krakow Lotnisko station is behind the multi-storey car park, joined to the terminal by a covered footbridge - go up from arrivals and follow the 'Kolej' signs. The SKA1 runs Krakow Lotnisko - Krakow Główny - Wieliczka, reaching the main station in 17 minutes. Trains leave at :17 and :47 past each hour until 23:17, with late services at 00:07, 00:57 and 01:47. PLN 20 to Krakow Główny, luggage free, a dog PLN 3. Buy from the machine on the train (cash or card), the platform machine, the airport ticket point (08:10-19:45) or the conductor.

Bus 300 or 209 (daytime) **PLN 6**

Both leave from the stop outside the terminal and are agglomeration lines, so the ticket must cover zones I+II+III: PLN 6 for 30 minutes or a single trip, PLN 8 for 60 minutes, PLN 9 for 90 minutes. Line 300 ends at Os. Podwawelskie in about 30 minutes; line 209 ends at Salwator. Neither terminus is in the Old Town. Buy from the machine in the arrivals hall or at the stop, and validate it as you board.

Night bus 902 **PLN 6**

The night agglomeration bus, and the only one that reaches the main station: it ends at Dworzec Główny Wschód, beside Krakow Główny and the MDA coach station, in about 35 minutes. Same fares as the day buses - PLN 6 for 30 minutes, PLN 8 for 60. It is the only public transport between the 01:47 train and the 04:17 one.

24-hour KMK ticket **PLN 25**

A 24-hour ticket for zones I+II+III covers the airport buses plus every tram and bus in Krakow - but not the Koleje Małopolskie train. The zone-I-only version at PLN 20 does not reach the airport. The 7-day equivalents are PLN 80 and PLN 65.

Krakow Airport Taxi (official) **PLN 89-109**

Krakow Airport Taxi is the only official taxi at the airport and charges flat rates by distance band, whatever the hour or day: PLN 29 to 2.9 km, 49 to 4.9 km, 69 to 7.9 km, 89 to 11.9 km, 109 to 14.9 km, 129 to 18.9 km, 149 to 22.9 km, 169 to 27 km. The Old Town and Krakow Główny normally fall in the PLN 89-109 bands. Beyond 27 km the price is agreed first, at no more than PLN 8/km; waiting is PLN 35 an hour. Book on +48 12 258 0 258 or +48 668 307 307.

Bolt / Uber **PLN 50-85**

Both apps work at the airport, with the pickup zone shown in the app rather than at the arrivals kerb. Reported fares into the centre run about PLN 50-85, and surge on a Friday night has pushed past PLN 110 - at which point the PLN 20 train is the better answer. Neither app publishes a fixed airport tariff, so the price in the app is the only real one.

THE TRAPS — WALK PAST THESE

A city ticket does not cover the airport train

The SKA1 is run by Koleje Małopolskie on its own tariff, so a KMK single (PLN 6), a 24-hour ticket (PLN 25) or a Krakow Card season does not pay for it: the airport fare is PLN 20 on top. The ticket that looks like it should work - the 70-minute KMK+KML combined ticket at PLN 10 - is valid on KML trains only around stations with 'Krakow' in the name, excluding Krakow Airport. Riding without a valid ticket carries a PLN 400 charge. **Do this:** buy a separate PLN 20 Koleje Małopolskie ticket for the train and keep the KMK ticket for the city

Buses 208 and 252 no longer serve the airport

Plenty of guides still send you to 'bus 208 or 252'. The airport's own page lists exactly three lines: 209 and 300 by day and the night line 902, all run by MPK as agglomeration lines. Turning up looking for 208 or 252 means watching the right bus leave without you. **Do this:** look for 209, 300 or 902 at the stop outside arrivals

The cheaper zone-I ticket stops at the city boundary

Three tickets come in a zone-I-only version that does not reach the airport, which sits in zone II: the 24-hour (PLN 20 against PLN 25), the 7-day (PLN 65 against PLN 80) and the group ticket for up to 20 people (PLN 50 against PLN 60). The time tickets are all valid across I+II+III, but bus 300 takes about 24 minutes to its terminus, so the 15-minute one expires on the way. **Do this:** buy the I+II+III version - the five zloty you save becomes a PLN 400 penalty if an inspector boards

Drivers who approach you inside arrivals are not the airport taxi

Krakow Airport Taxi is the only official taxi at the airport, its cars wait under cover at the terminal, and the flat price to the centre is PLN 89-109. Anyone offering you a ride inside the arrivals hall is naming their own price, and travellers report being charged PLN 200-350 for a trip the official tariff prices below PLN 110. **Do this:** walk to the covered Krakow Airport Taxi rank or order through Bolt or Uber, and never follow someone who approaches you at the belt

The train station is not at the terminal door

Krakow Lotnisko station is behind the multi-storey car park, reached from the terminal by a covered footbridge - go up from arrivals and follow the 'Kolej' signs. Uber and Bolt cannot collect you at the kerb either: the apps send you to a designated pickup zone and tell you to allow time to walk there. **Do this:** add ten minutes of walking to your margin and read the app's pickup pin before you leave the building

KNOW BEFORE YOU WALK

- The SKA1 leaves Krakow Lotnisko at :17 and :47 past the hour, every 30 minutes, until 23:17, with late trains at 00:07, 00:57 and 01:47; the ride to Krakow Główny takes 17 minutes.
- The airport train fare is PLN 20 to Krakow Główny and PLN 24 straight through to Wieliczka; luggage is free and a dog costs PLN 3. Krakow Główny to Wieliczka on its own is only PLN 7.50.
- Koleje Małopolskie's ticket point at the airport is open 08:10-19:45. Outside those hours buy from the machine on the train, the machine on the platform, or the conductor.
- Validate a paper bus ticket in the machine the moment you board - an unvalidated ticket counts as no ticket, and the charge is PLN 400.
- Krakow Główny sits on the northern edge of the Old Town: Rynek Główny is about a 1 km walk south through the Planty ring, or one tram stop.
- The airport is roughly 11 km west of the centre. The airport's own figures are about 17-20 minutes by train, 25 minutes by taxi and 45 minutes by bus.

Prices verified October 2026 against Krakow Airport's own train, bus and taxi pages, MPK Krakow's KMK tariff effective 2 March 2026, and Koleje Małopolskie's published fares and SKA1 timetable. The 70-minute KMK+KML combined ticket (PLN 10) excludes Krakow Airport station, and riding without a valid ticket carries a PLN 400 charge. The PLN 50-85 Bolt and Uber range is a reported estimate, not a published tariff.

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