

AIRPORT EXIT

Lisbon Humberto Delgado Airport (LIS)

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THE ANSWER

Take the Red Line metro from the station outside Terminal 1 arrivals - EUR 1.90 on a Carris/Metro ticket, or EUR 1.72 if you load zapping credit onto a EUR 0.50 navegante card. It runs 06:30-01:00, with about 6 minutes to Oriente, 15 to Alameda and 18 to Saldanha.

Lisbon is the rare capital whose airport station carries no surcharge: the fare is the same as any other ride in the city, and the Red Line is step-free end to end, so luggage is not a problem.

Arriving after 01:00? There is no night metro - Carris night buses serve the airport at the same EUR 1.90 fare, otherwise it is a taxi. Departing from Terminal 2? No metro or bus goes there: all public transport is at Terminal 1, then the free inter-terminal shuttle.

EVERY WAY OUT — REAL PRICES

Metro Red Line (Linha Vermelha) *BEST FOR MOST* EUR 1.90

The station entrance is outside Terminal 1 arrivals, and the Red Line runs Aeroporto -> Encarnao -> Moscavide -> Oriente -> ... -> Alameda -> Saldanha -> So Sebastiao. EUR 1.90 on a Carris/Metro ticket, EUR 1.72 charged from zapping credit on a navegante card, or EUR 1.92 if you tap a contactless bank card at the gate. Trains run every day from 06:30 to 01:00.

Carris buses (705, 744, 208 night) EUR 1.90-2.30

The airport's own transport page lists Carris lines 705, 744 and the 208 night bus, which link the terminal to Gare do Oriente and the city. EUR 1.90 with a Carris/Metro ticket or zapping credit, but EUR 2.30 if you pay the driver on board. Urban buses only take bags up to 50x40x20 cm.

Taxi from the airport rank EUR 16-19

From 15 October 2026 taxis that joined the airport's self-regulation protocol charge fixed prices from the arrivals rank: EUR 16 for zone 1 (Alvalade, Areeiro, Avenidas Novas, Beato, Lumiar, Marvila, Olivais, Parque das Naes, Penha de Frana, Santa Clara) and EUR 19 for zone 2 (Arroios, Belm, Campolide, Campo de Ourique, Estrela, Misericrdia, Santa Maria Maior, Santo Antnio, So Vicente and the rest of the centre). Between 22:00 and 07:00, at weekends and on holidays those become EUR 20 and EUR 23. Taxis that did not sign still run the meter, roughly EUR 15-20 to the centre plus EUR 1.60 for bags.

Uber / Bolt (TVDE) EUR 10-20

Both apps operate legally at Lisbon airport and are usually cheaper than the rank. Pick-up is at the designated TVDE area rather than the taxi rank, so follow the app's pin. Expect EUR 10-20 to the centre depending on traffic and demand, more at peak times.

24-hour Carris/Metro ticket EUR 7.25

Unlimited metro, bus and tram for 24 hours from first validation, on the same EUR 0.50 navegante card. It pays off from the fourth ride of the day. EUR 10.35 adds the Cacilhas ferry and EUR 11.40 adds suburban CP trains to Sintra, Cascais and Azambuja.

THE TRAPS — WALK PAST THESE

The Aerobus that every older guide recommends does not exist

Lisbon's dedicated airport shuttle was withdrawn and the airport's own transport page now lists only the metro, Carris network buses (705, 744, 208), the free inter-terminal shuttle, trains and taxis. Arriving with a printout that says 'take the Aerobus' leaves you looking for a stop that is not there. **Do this:** take the Red Line from outside Terminal 1 arrivals, or a Carris bus from the same kerb

Terminal 2 has no metro, no bus and no taxi rank of its own

T2 is a departures-only satellite for Eurowings, Norwegian, Ryanair, Transavia, Volotea, Vueling and Wizz Air - every arrival, including theirs, comes into Terminal 1. The free shuttle runs every 12 minutes from the departures kerb of each terminal, 03:30-00:30, and takes about 3 minutes; T2 is shut between 00:30 and 03:30 and the two buildings are not walkable. easyJet, low-cost or not, departs from Terminal 1. **Do this:** check which terminal your flight leaves from, and add 30 minutes to your margin if it is T2

Paying the driver costs EUR 0.40 more for the same ride

A Carris bus fare bought on board is EUR 2.30 against EUR 1.90 prepaid, and a tram on board is EUR 3.30. The same network ticket loaded on a navegante card is EUR 1.90, or EUR 1.72 charged as zapping credit. **Do this:** buy the EUR 0.50 navegante card and load zapping credit at the metro machines before you board anything

The new fixed taxi prices only bind the taxis that signed up

The EUR 16/EUR 19 (and EUR 20/EUR 23 at night, weekends and holidays) prices from 15 October 2026 are protocol prices set by the Lisbon Tourism Association and accepted voluntarily by the taxi associations that joined - they are not municipal tariffs. A taxi outside the protocol still charges the meter. **Do this:** ask for the protocol price for your zone before you get in, and if the driver says there isn't one, take the meter or the next car

Unlicensed drivers work the arrivals hall

Men offering 'taxi, taxi' inside arrivals at Terminal 1 are not the rank: the licensed rank is outside, and the TVDE pick-up point for Uber and Bolt is somewhere else again. The price quoted inside is always above the meter. **Do this:** walk out to the official rank or order through the app, and never follow someone who approaches you at the baggage belt

KNOW BEFORE YOU WALK

- The metro runs every day, weekends and holidays included, from 06:30 to 01:00 - there is no night metro, so a post-01:00 landing is a bus or a taxi.
- The Aeroporto station is at Terminal 1 arrivals: about 6 minutes to Oriente, 15 to Alameda (change for the Green Line) and 18-19 to Saldanha or So Sebastiao.
- A Carris/Metro ticket gives 60 minutes of unlimited bus, tram and metro travel from first validation, but it cannot be used for two metro journeys back to back - load zapping instead if you plan to double back.
- The navegante ocasional card costs EUR 0.50, lasts a year and tops up in steps of EUR 3 to EUR 40; zapping is the cheapest single fare at EUR 1.72.
- Tapping a contactless bank card at the metro gate is EUR 1.92 - more than buying the EUR 1.90 ticket, so only use it if you have not bought a card.

Prices verified October 2026 against Metro Lisboa's published occasional fares, Carris's 2026 price table and the airport's own terminal and transport pages. Carris/Metro ticket EUR 1.90 - zapping metro journey EUR 1.72 - contactless bank card EUR 1.92 - 24-hour Carris/Metro EUR 7.25 (with Cacilhas ferry EUR 10.35, with CP suburban trains EUR 11.40) - navegante ocasional card EUR 0.50 - Carris bus on board EUR 2.30, tram on board EUR 3.30. The fixed airport taxi prices of EUR 16 (zone 1) and EUR 19 (zone 2), rising to EUR 20 and EUR 23 at night, weekends and holidays, are the self-regulation protocol prices agreed on 11 September 2026 and effective 15 October 2026; they are not municipal tariffs and apply only to taxis that joined the protocol, so the meter still governs the rest. The EUR 10-20 TVDE and EUR 15-20 metered-taxi ranges are estimates from those published tariffs, not published airport fares.

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