

AIRPORT EXIT

Mlaga-Costa del Sol Airport (AGP)

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THE ANSWER

Walk out of arrivals and take the Renfe Cercanas C1 from the Aeropuerto station across the courtyard - EUR 1.80, 8 minutes to Mara Zambrano and 12 to Mlaga Centro-Alameda, roughly every 20 minutes.

The station sits under the terminal, the fare is a fifth of a taxi's, and it ignores the coast road entirely. It also runs the other way, so the same ticket takes you to Torremolinos, Benalmadena and Fuengirola.

Tight budget? The EMT Line A express bus is EUR 4.00 to Paseo del Parque - more than double the train, but useful when the 20-minute train gap hurts. Three of you with bags? A taxi takes 15-20 minutes and the minimum fare from the airport is EUR 17.37, so the meter lands somewhere between EUR 17 and EUR 30.

EVERY WAY OUT — REAL PRICES

Renfe Cercanas C1 *BEST FOR MOST* EUR 1.80

8 min to Mlaga-Mara Zambrano, 12 min to Mlaga Centro-Alameda, every 20 minutes or so. The station is a 2-3 minute walk across the courtyard from Terminal 3 arrivals, past the ticket office. Zone-based: EUR 2.05 for 3 zones, EUR 2.70 for 4 (Fuengirola, 34 min), EUR 3.60 for 5. Returns cost exactly double. Contactless bank cards work at the barriers.

EMT Line A express bus EUR 4.00

About 15-25 min to Paseo del Parque in the centre, calling at Mara Zambrano station on the way. Runs frequently through the day and into the evening. Luggage is carried free. Pay by card (VISA or Mastercard) or cash on board, or at the booth beside the arrivals exit. The airport ticket gives no transfer to another bus.

Taxi (official rank) EUR 17-30

15-20 min. Metered, but with a fixed minimum fare for journeys starting at the airport: EUR 17.37 on Fare 4 (Monday to Friday, 06:00-22:00), EUR 21.72 on Fare 5. Supplements: EUR 0.56 per bag in the boot, EUR 2.15 for services between 00:00 and 06:00, and a EUR 6.27 supplement on services to the airport, so the return leg is priced differently. White cars with a blue stripe, rank outside arrivals.

Uber / Cabify / Bolt EUR 20-30

15-25 min. All three operate in Mlaga and quote a fixed price in the app before you travel, which is usually below the metered taxi off-peak and above it at peak. Pick-up is from the signed VTC area, not the taxi rank.

Pre-booked transfer or shuttle from EUR 25

15-20 min door-to-door with a driver waiting in arrivals. Worth it if you are heading past Fuengirola - Marbella, Estepona and Nerja have no railway at all, so a transfer is the only direct option. Shared shuttles are cheaper but add waiting time.

THE TRAPS — WALK PAST THESE

The EUR 1.40 city ticket that doesn't work on Line A

The airport bus is a separate product. EMT's ordinary single is EUR 1.40, but the Line A airport ticket is EUR 4.00 and is valid only on that line, with no transfer to any other bus. Board the Line A with a normal ticket loaded and it will not cover the ride. **Do this:** buy the EUR 4.00 airport ticket at the booth by the arrivals exit or on board, and buy a separate ticket if you are changing buses

The metro that doesn't exist at this airport

Metro de Mlaga does not serve the airport - there is no metro station, and there never has been one. Plenty of transfer guides say 'metro to the airport' and mean the Cercanas C1, which is a completely different operator with a completely different ticket. Following a Metro sign will not get you there. **Do this:** look for the Renfe Cercanas signs and the 'Aeropuerto' station, not the Metro

Tapping in but not out costs you the whole network

Renfe's contactless gates (Cronos) charge by zones crossed, but only if you validate at both ends. Forget to tap out at Mara Zambrano or Centro-Alameda and you are charged the full all-zone fare for the network - several times the EUR 1.80 you were expecting. **Do this:** tap the same card on the reader at your destination as well as at the airport

The taxi surcharge that runs the wrong way

Aena lists a EUR 6.27 supplement on taxi services to the airport, and a night supplement of EUR 2.15 between 00:00 and 06:00 - but the trip from the airport is governed by a minimum fare, EUR 17.37 on Fare 4. Drivers who quote a flat EUR 40 'airport rate' are not using the tariff on the sticker. **Do this:** use the official rank outside arrivals, insist on the meter, and ask for a receipt

Nothing runs in the small hours

The C1 starts at about 06:44 and finishes at about 00:54, and the Line A bus stops around 23:50. A 3am arrival has no train and no bus at all - just the taxi rank and whatever the app quotes. **Do this:** if you land between 01:00 and 06:00, pre-book a transfer rather than discovering the timetable at the kerb

KNOW BEFORE YOU WALK

- The C1 covers the whole coast west of the city: Torremolinos in 10 minutes, Benalmadena in 17, Fuengirola in 34. It ends at Fuengirola - there is no station at Marbella, Estepona or Nerja.
- From the fifth journey in a calendar month, Renfe's contactless fares drop by 40% automatically; the counter resets at the start of each month.
- The EUR 4.00 Line A ticket carries luggage free, and it calls at Mara Zambrano, so you can use it to reach the AVE station as well as the centre.
- Mlaga taxis charge EUR 0.56 per piece of luggage in the boot - the Line A bus and the C1 train carry it free.
- Mlaga City Council has approved a new EMT ordinance raising the ordinary single to EUR 1.50; the airport Line A stays at EUR 4.00, and the new prices are not in force yet.
- Contactless cards work at the C1 barriers, but Renfe's readers take Visa and Mastercard credit cards reliably and some foreign debit cards are refused - keep a card that works at the ticket machine as backup.

Prices verified October 2026 against Renfe Cercanas Mlaga's published fares, EMT Mlaga's tariff page (in force 1 January 2025 and extended through 2026) and Aena's Mlaga-Costa del Sol pages. Cercanas C1 Aeropuerto -> Mlaga Centro-Alameda EUR 1.80 (zones 1-2), 3 zones EUR 2.05, 4 zones EUR 2.70, 5 zones EUR 3.60, returns double - EMT Line A EUR 4.00, ordinary single EUR 1.40 - taxi Fare 4 airport minimum EUR 17.37, Fare 5 EUR 21.72, Fare 9 EUR 24.93, EUR 0.56 per bag, EUR 6.27 supplement on services to the airport, EUR 2.15 between 00:00 and 06:00. The EUR 17-30 taxi total, the EUR 20-30 ride-hailing figure and the EUR 25 transfer starting price are ranges or market rates, not published fares.

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