

AIRPORT EXIT

Munich Airport (MUC)

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THE ANSWER

Follow the green "S" signs down to the station in the basement of the central area and take the S8 or S1 - EUR 15.10 for the M-5 single, about 40 minutes to Hauptbahnhof and a few minutes more to Marienplatz. Buy the M-5 ticket, never a zone-M one.

Both lines run to the same station at the same EUR 15.10 fare, so the only real decision is the ticket: Munich Airport is in fare zone 5, and the EUR 4.20 city single that locals use is worthless the moment you leave zone M.

Two or more of you? The Airport-City-Day-Ticket Gruppe is EUR 32.60 for up to 5 people and covers zones M-5 until 6am the next day - three singles already cost EUR 45.30. Staying by Hauptbahnhof with heavy bags? The Lufthansa Express Bus is EUR 12.50 online (EUR 13.50 from the driver), runs every 20 minutes and drops you on Arnulfstrae.

EVERY WAY OUT — REAL PRICES

S-Bahn S8 *BEST FOR MOST* EUR 15.10

About 40 min to Hauptbahnhof, then Marienplatz and Ostbahnhof. Runs every 20 min; with the S1 the two lines give a train roughly every 10 min. Comes into town through the east (Hallbergmoos, Ismaning, Unterfhring, Ostbahnhof) and continues west past Hauptbahnhof. Station is under the central area between T1 and T2.

S-Bahn S1 EUR 15.10

Same station, same fare, same 40 min. Comes into town through the west (Neufahrn, Oberschleiheim, Moosach, Laim) and continues east through the Stammstrecke. Read the destination board: this line is usually split at Neufahrn and only the rear half goes to the airport.

Lufthansa Express Bus EUR 12.50 online / EUR 13.50 on board

About 45 min to Munich Hauptbahnhof (Arnulfstrae 12) with one stop at Schwabing/Nordfriedhof. Every 20 min, roughly 06:25-22:25 from the airport. Open to any airline. Two bags plus one carry-on free; EUR 7 per extra item. Return EUR 20.30 online, family ticket EUR 29.50 online only.

Taxi (official rank) EUR 70-90

35-55 min for the 35 km into the centre. Metered on the Munich tariff: base fare plus roughly EUR 2.50-2.70/km, with waiting billed about EUR 39/hour and a EUR 10 surcharge for a large vehicle. Ranks are outside both terminals on the arrivals level; cards are accepted. Estimate only - the meter decides.

Uber / Bolt / FreeNow EUR 55-85

35-55 min. All three operate in Munich and track the metered taxi price plus demand, so they can be cheaper off-peak and dearer at peak. Munich is also introducing minimum prices for ride-hailing platforms to stop loss-leader pricing, so expect app prices to sit closer to the taxi meter than they used to. Ordered in the app.

THE TRAPS — WALK PAST THESE

The EUR 4.20 city ticket that never reaches the airport

Munich Airport sits in MVV fare zone 5, so the EUR 4.20 zone-M single that covers the whole city is not valid to or from it. The ticket you need is the M-5 single at EUR 15.10. There are no ticket barriers anywhere on the S-Bahn, so nothing stops you boarding with the wrong ticket - you find out when an inspector walks through, and the penalty fare is EUR 60. **Do this:** buy the M-5 single (EUR 15.10) or the EUR 17.50 Airport-City-Day-Ticket and never the EUR 4.20 zone-M ticket

The paper ticket you forgot to stamp

Tickets from the MVV or DB machines come out unvalidated and are worthless until you stamp them in one of the blue boxes on the platform. Tickets bought on a bus or tram are already stamped, which is why locals never think about it. Inspectors on the airport line check constantly and the penalty fare is EUR 60. **Do this:** stamp your ticket in the blue box on the platform before you board the train

The S1 that splits at Neufahrn

Most S1 trains divide at Neufahrn into two separate trains: the front half goes on to Freising, the rear half goes to the airport. If the departure board reads "Freising und Flughafen", sitting in the wrong half drops you 20 km the wrong way with no easy way back. The S8 never splits. **Do this:** board the rear portion of an S1 showing "Freising und Flughafen", or simply take the S8

Your airline moved to the new Terminal 1 pier

A EUR 700m non-Schengen pier opened at Terminal 1 in April 2025 and now takes American, British Airways, Delta, Emirates, Turkish and Qatar out of the old modules A-E. It is 360 m long, so the walk to the S-Bahn is much longer than the module you may remember. Changing between T1 and T2 means clearing security again - allow 75-120 minutes. **Do this:** check which terminal and module your flight uses, and add 20 minutes if you are arriving at the new T1 pier

KNOW BEFORE YOU WALK

- Two of you pay EUR 30.20 for singles. The Airport-City-Day-Ticket Gruppe is EUR 32.60 for up to 5 people and covers the whole M-5 area until 6am the next day - from three travellers up it is the cheapest ticket there is.
- The Airport-City-Day-Ticket Single is EUR 17.50 against EUR 15.10 for a single - EUR 2.40 more buys unlimited S-Bahn, U-Bahn, tram and bus across Munich until 6am.
- Have a Deutschlandticket (EUR 63/month)? It already covers the S-Bahn to the airport in every zone. Do not buy an M-5 single on top of it.
- The station is in the basement of the central area between the two terminals, not under either one - follow the green "S" signs and allow 5-10 minutes' walk from the arrivals hall.
- Since 1 January 2026 the MVV tariff rose by about 3.9%: the zone-M single is now EUR 4.20 and the Streifenkarte EUR 18.70. Tickets bought at 2025 prices can only be used until 31 March 2026.
- The Lufthansa Express Bus is the cheapest single option but the last bus leaves the airport around 22:25, so late arrivals are back to the S-Bahn or a taxi.

Prices verified October 2026 against MVV/MVG published fares valid 1 January 2026, the S-Bahn Mnchen airport page and the Lufthansa Express Bus operator's own fare list. Single M-5 EUR 15.10 - Airport-City-Day-Ticket EUR 17.50 single, EUR 32.60 group (up to 5) - zone-M single EUR 4.20 - Lufthansa Express Bus EUR 12.50 online / EUR 13.50 on board, return EUR 20.30 - taxi metered on the Munich tariff (base plus about EUR 2.50-2.70/km, waiting about EUR 39/hour); the EUR 70-90 total is an estimate, not a published fare.

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