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Nice Cote d'Azur Airport (NCE)

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THE ANSWER

Take Tram line 2 from the stations inside Terminal 1 and Terminal 2: Jean Medecin in the centre in under 30 minutes, a tram every 7-8 minutes - the airport machines sell the EUR 10 A/R 'Aero' card, but any Lignes d'Azur card loaded with a EUR 1.70 SOLO ticket (or bought in the app) pays the general fare even at the airport.

The tram is France's most direct airport link - the stop is inside both terminals - and the airport area (T2 T1 Grand Arenas) rides for free, so you can hop one stop west and load a normal ticket from any other machine if the terminal machine pushes the EUR 10 card. Promenade stay? Bus 12+ from the 'Aeroport/Promenade' stop (150 m from T1, in front of the Sheraton) runs the beachfront past Massena to the Old Port on the same EUR 1.70 ticket. Heading to Monaco? The ZOU! line 80 express goes airport -> Monaco -> Menton nonstop for EUR 21.40 - versus EUR 95 in a taxi.

EVERY WAY OUT — REAL PRICES

Tram line 2 into the centre *BEST FOR MOST* EUR 10 A/R Aero card / EUR 1.70 standard

The tram stop sits inside both Terminal 1 and Terminal 2. Line 2 reaches Jean Medecin (centre) in under 30 minutes and Port Lympia (cruise port), with a tram roughly every 7-8 minutes weekdays - except 1 May, when nothing runs. Tickets: 'AERO aller-retour EUR 10 (retour libre)' - one card for an out-and-back with 74-minute transfers - or a normal SOLO single at EUR 1.70, 1-day EUR 7 / 2-day EUR 13 / 7-day EUR 20 passes, valid 'with your Lignes d'Azur card' at the airport per the operator's own airport page. Anonymous 'La Carte' costs a refundable EUR 2 deposit. The airport section (T2-T1-Grand Arenas) is free.

Bus 12+ along the Promenade EUR 1.70 standard ticket

A bus high-capacity line boarding at 'Aeroport / Promenade' - 150 m on foot from Terminal 1, on the Promenade des Anglais in front of the Sheraton. It runs the beachfront through Place Massena (stop 'Albert 1er'), the Vieux Nice ('Opera'/'Cathedrale') and Garibaldi. Standard network fares apply (SOLO EUR 1.70; day pass EUR 7), but there is no buying on board - load a ticket first at the terminal's SELECTour desk, a machine, or the Lignes d'Azur Tickets app. Does not run on 1 May.

Taxi (fixed prefectoral fares) EUR 32 to Nice centre

2026 flat rates from the airport, identical on the airport's own taxi page and the government's taxi-fare bulletin: Nice-centre EUR 32, Cap d'Antibes / Juan-les-Pins EUR 72, Cannes EUR 85, Monaco EUR 95 - TTC, supplements on top, in both directions. Book via the official 'Taxi Nice Riviera' centre (+33 4 93 13 78 78, phone/WhatsApp or its app).

ZOU! line 80 express - Monaco & Menton EUR 21.40 single

NiceAirportXpress, the 100%-electric express coach: T2 (quai 1, arrivals level, doors A1/A3) then T1, nonstop to Monaco (Larvotto, Casino, Place d'Armes) and on to Menton. EUR 21.40 in the agency, online or by tapping your bank card on the on-board Open-Payment validator; EUR 21.80 from the driver; 4-11s EUR 10.70-EUR 11.10; a 10-trip card is EUR 149.80. Every ~30 minutes: toward Monaco/Menton 08:30-22:00, toward the airport 06:00-20:00 with an early 05:15 T2 arrival Tuesday-Sunday. Payment must be arranged before boarding on 81/82; bus 80 also sells at the T2 service centre (card only).

THE TRAPS — WALK PAST THESE

The EUR 12 tram: EUR 10 card plus EUR 2 deposit

Machines inside Terminal 1 and 2 deliver the airport product - the EUR 10 round-trip 'Aero' card - and, per the operator's fare grid as reported by actu.fr at the tariff change, not the EUR 1.70 singles or day passes sold everywhere else. A first-time visitor with no card pays EUR 10 plus a EUR 2 refundable card deposit to go one way into town. **Do this:** use the free airport tram section to Grand Arenas and buy a normal EUR 1.70 ticket there, or load the app ticket before you land

Half the trams say 'CADAM', not 'Aeroport' - and none run on 1 May

Line B shares the airport tracks and turns south to the CADAM administrative centre instead of the centre; from the other side, alternating airport services end at CADAM rather than Port Lympia. And the airport's own pages state both tram lines and bus 12+ skip 1 May completely. **Do this:** read the destination blind (2/Port Lympia for the centre) and treat 1 May as a taxi-only day

No tickets from bus drivers - and EUR 0.40 extra if you pay a ZOU driver

Bus 12+ explicitly sells nothing on board ('Pas de vente a bord'); fare evaders on trams and buses ride into a fine. On the intercity ZOU coaches the airport page warns of a +EUR 0.40 surcharge for buying on board - the EUR 21.40 Open Payment fare versus EUR 21.80 from the driver on line 80 shows exactly that gap. **Do this:** buy at the T2 service centre, machines or app before boarding; on the 80 just tap your bank card on the validator

EUR 95 taxi to Monaco when the bus is EUR 21.40

The flat Monaco fare is legal and fixed at EUR 95 (EUR 85 Cannes, EUR 72 Juan-les-Pins), but the express 80 does airport -> Place d'Armes in about 50 minutes for EUR 21.40 with your bag in the hold. Groups split a taxi, singles burn three times the fare. **Do this:** take the 80 for Monaco or Menton unless you land near midnight (it ends at 22:00)

KNOW BEFORE YOU WALK

- The EUR 10 Aero card is a round trip - 'retour libre' - so it covers your trip back to the airport on departure day at no extra cost; a standard EUR 1.70 single covers 74 minutes of tram/bus transfers.
- The EUR 2 refundable deposit on the anonymous 'La Carte' comes back at any Lignes d'Azur sales point or retailer - hold onto the card until you leave Nice.
- Line 2's Port Lympia terminus drops you at the cruise terminal - ferry passengers skip the whole city.
- For more than three tram or bus rides, a EUR 7 1-day pass beats five singles; check the app before the terminal machines.
- Catching a 06:00 flight from Antibes or Menton? The first line-80 coach lands at T2 from 05:15 Tuesday to Sunday - the timetable is on niceairportxpress.com.
- Grand Arenas is your cross-network hub: free airport shuttle ride to it, then line 3 west toward the Allianz Riviera or a normal-fare line 2 onward.

Tram line 2 duration/frequency (under 30 min, 7-8 min, no 1 May), free T2-T1-Grand Arenas link, AERO round-trip EUR 10 and ticket range read from nice.aeroport.fr's official transport page and the airport's taxi page; SOLO EUR 1.70, day/week passes (EUR 7/EUR 13/EUR 20), EUR 2 card deposit and the EUR 10 airport A/R rule confirmed on lignesdazur.com's own travel-tickets and FAQ pages (Nice Cote d'Azur tourist office lists the same grid); the terminal-machines-only-EUR 10 detail reported by actu.fr; 2026 taxi flat fares EUR 32/EUR 72/EUR 85/EUR 95 corroborated on service-public.gouv.fr; line 80 fares (EUR 21.40 / EUR 21.80 on board / children EUR 10.70-EUR 11.10 / 10-trip EUR 149.80) and hours from the operator's own site niceairportxpress.com and the ZOU! line-80 timetable PDF valid from June 2026.

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