

AIRPORT EXIT

Palma de Mallorca Airport (PMI)

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THE ANSWER

Take the EMT Line A1 from outside arrivals - EUR 5.00 in cash but EUR 3.00 if you tap a contactless bank card, about 20 minutes to Plaa d'Espanya and the Estaci Intermodal.

Palma's airport has no train and no metro. The A1 is the only public transport into the city, and the 40% card discount has applied to the whole EMT fleet since 13 March 2026 - so the card in your pocket is worth more than the cash in it.

Two or more of you? Tap the same card once per person and the fare keeps dropping - EUR 2.75, EUR 2.50, EUR 2.25 and EUR 2.00 for the second to fifth passenger, so five people ride for EUR 12.50 instead of EUR 25.00. Heavy bags or a late landing? A taxi is EUR 25-35 to the centre; the minimum fare from the airport is EUR 16.95 and the airport surcharge EUR 4.65.

EVERY WAY OUT — REAL PRICES

EMT Line A1 to Palma *BEST FOR MOST* EUR 5.00 cash / EUR 3.00 card

About 20 minutes to Plaa d'Espanya and the Estaci Intermodal, ten stops through the city, roughly every 12-15 minutes from about 06:00 to 01:00. Boards outside arrivals on floor 0 (stop 547) and also calls at the departures stop on floor 2. Pay the driver in cash or tap a contactless card on the reader - no tap-off needed on EMT.

EMT Line A2 to s'Arenal EUR 5.00 cash / EUR 3.00 card

The same airport fare, but this is the beach bus: it runs east to Can Pastilla, Playa de Palma and s'Arenal, about 32 minutes, on average every 25 minutes. It does not go to Palma city. Same rules: tap a bank card for 40% off, and the discounts stack for companions on the same card.

AEROTIB A51 to s'Arenal EUR 4.50 cash / EUR 2.70 card

The TIB intercity coach, not the city bus, and the faster and cheaper way to s'Arenal: about 6 minutes against the A2's 32. Runs hourly, on the way to Campos and Lluçmajor. On TIB buses you must tap your card off as well as on. Hand the driver cash and you pay the full EUR 4.50.

Taxi (official rank) EUR 25-35

About 15 minutes to the centre. Mallorca has run a single island-wide reference tariff since Decreto 20/2025: EUR 2.50 flag fall and EUR 1.20/km on a weekday (EUR 2.85 and EUR 1.35/km at night, on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays), plus a EUR 4.65 airport surcharge applied once per service. The minimum fare from the airport is EUR 16.95 and includes the flag fall, the surcharge and 7 km. Luggage is free; card payment must be possible.

Uber / Cabify / Bolt EUR 25-40

About 15-20 minutes. Coverage in Palma is thinner than on the mainland and pricing is dynamic, so the metered taxi is often the cheaper and more predictable choice. Licensed taxis wait at the rank outside arrivals; anyone offering a ride inside the terminal is not one of them.

AEROTIB to the resorts EUR 6.75-13.50 cash / EUR 4.05-8.10 card

The A11 runs to Palmanova, Magaluf, Santa Pona, Peguera and Camp de Mar; the A32 to Inca, Alcúdia and Can Picafort; the A42 to Manacor, Cala Millor and Cala Bona. One fare zone from the airport, so the price is the same whether you get off early or ride to the end. Pay by contactless card and tap off at the end.

THE TRAPS — WALK PAST THESE

Cash costs 40% more than the card in your pocket

Since 13 March 2026 every EMT Palma bus takes contactless bank cards, and the card fare is 40% below the cash fare: EUR 3.00 against EUR 5.00 on the A1. There is no ticket machine and no ticket office at the airport stop, so the only two ways to pay are the driver's cash box and the reader - and the reader is the cheaper one. **Do this:** tap a contactless bank card (Visa, Mastercard, Maestro, debit or credit) when you board and skip the cash entirely

The A2 does not go to Palma

Both airport buses leave from the same stop and charge the same fare, but the A2 runs east to Can Pastilla, Playa de Palma and s'Arenal - the beach strip, not the city. Travellers who board whichever bus arrives first end up 15 km from their hotel. **Do this:** read the destination blind and take the A1 for Plaa d'Espanya; take the A2 only if your hotel is on the beach strip

Notes over EUR 10 may be refused

EMT drivers carry limited change and the company's own advice is that notes larger than EUR 10 may be refused (on TIB coaches the limit is EUR 20). Turning up with a EUR 50 note after a flight is a common way to be stuck at the door. **Do this:** break a large note before you fly, or pay by contactless card

Going to s'Arenal on the wrong bus

Two buses serve s'Arenal from the same airport stop. The A2 takes about 32 minutes and costs EUR 3.00 by card; the TIB A51 takes about 6 minutes and costs EUR 2.70. The cheaper bus is also the faster one, which almost nobody checks. **Do this:** for s'Arenal, take the A51 and tap off when you get out; take the A2 only for Can Pastilla or Playa de Palma

The 'free' bus is not for visitors

Public transport across Mallorca is free in 2026 for residents holding the Tarjeta nica or Intermodal card - but that card requires an empadronamiento (local registration) and a NIE, and the Balearic government confirms it is not available to tourists. Guides that say 'buses are free in Mallorca' leave that part out. **Do this:** plan on EUR 3.00 by card for the A1 and do not queue for a resident card you cannot be issued

KNOW BEFORE YOU WALK

- The A1 boards outside arrivals on floor 0 and also calls at the departures stop on floor 2 - when you come back to the airport the bus drops you at departures, one level above check-in.
- Children under five travel free on the A1 with a paying adult, up to four per adult.
- There is no train or metro to Palma airport. The SFM trains and the Metro de Palma both start from the Estaci Intermodal at Plaa d'Espanya, which is exactly where the A1 leaves you.
- Paying by card also helps the bus keep time - EMT asks passengers to tap so boarding does not stall on change.
- The A1 fare gives no transfer, so if you are continuing by TIB coach or SFM train from the Intermodal station you buy that separately.
- A pending EMT ordinance would raise the airport reference fare to EUR 4.50 and the ordinary city single to EUR 3.00; as of September 2026 EMT was still charging EUR 5.00 and EUR 2.00, so check the fare page before you travel.

Prices verified October 2026 against EMT Palma's published fares (linked from Aena's Palma bus page), the Balearic island taxi tariff in Decreto 20/2025 (BOIB 24 May 2025) as published by the Ajuntament de Palma, and the Balearic government's Tarjeta nica scheme. EMT A1/A2 airport fare EUR 5.00 cash and EUR 3.00 by contactless card (40% off, extended to EMT on 13 March 2026) - AEROTIB A51 EUR 4.50 cash / EUR 2.70 card, A11 EUR 6.75 / EUR 4.05 - taxi flag fall EUR 2.50 weekday and EUR 2.85 night or holiday, EUR 1.20/km weekday and EUR 1.35/km night, EUR 4.65 airport surcharge once per service, EUR 16.95 minimum fare from the airport. The EUR 25-35 taxi total to the centre and the EUR 25-40 ride-hailing figure are ranges: only the minimum fare and the surcharge are published.

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