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King Khalid International Airport (RUH)

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THE ANSWER

The Riyadh Metro Yellow Line (Line 4) terminates at King Khalid International with three stations - Airport T1-2, Airport T3-4 and Airport T5 - and a Regular 2-hour pass costs just SAR 4 (First Class SAR 10), giving unlimited rides on metro and buses for its window; the airport sells nothing pricier and taxis start around ten times that.

Riyadh Public Transport charges a flat time-based fare, so airport -> KAFD -> downtown is one SAR 4 ticket with a change at KAFD for the Blue or Purple lines - and you can simply tap a contactless bank card or phone at the gate.

Tight budget? One SAR 4 pass covers the metro and any onward Riyadh Bus ride inside two hours. Landed after midnight or on a Friday with luggage? The app cars (Uber, Careem, Bolt, Jeeny) run 24/7 from the terminals for roughly SAR 55-100 to central districts - no published tariff.

EVERY WAY OUT — REAL PRICES

Riyadh Metro Yellow Line (Line 4) - airport stations *BEST FOR MOST* **SAR 4 (2-hour Regular) - SAR 10 First Class - tap a contactless card**

Line 4 runs from KAFD to the airport with three stops matched to the terminals: Airport T5, Airport T3-4 and the terminus Airport T1-2, the station at Terminal 1 sitting near the arrivals area. Fares are network-wide time passes, not per-distance: Regular 2-hour SAR 4, 3-day SAR 20, 7-day SAR 40, 30-day SAR 140; First Class SAR 10/50/100/350; under-6s free with a paying adult. Pay by tapping a contactless bank card, Apple Pay or Mada Pay at the gate, or buy a reusable darb card (SAR 10) at station machines. Airport pages put service around 06:00-midnight - confirm first/last train in the darb app. At KAFD change to Line 1 (Blue) or Line 6 (Purple) for the rest of the network.

Ride-hailing - Uber, Careem, Bolt, Jeeny **app quote; city trips typically SAR 55-110 (not a published tariff)**

The airport's official taxi page lists four ride-hailing apps - Uber, Careem, Bolt and Jeeny - available 24/7 at all five terminals, with pickups at arrivals-floor columns (e.g. Terminal 1 Column 11-14; Terminals 3/4 Columns 33-34). No fare table is published; the in-app quote is the price, and it can surge after evening prayers and Thu/Fri nights.

Airport taxi rank (licensed operators) **meter/quote, not published; central Riyadh reported SAR 70-130**

Several licensed companies (including Airport Taxi, Serb, Shift and others per the airport page) queue at each terminal, 24/7, on the arrivals floor by column. Riyadh taxis are metered; insist it runs from departure. Treat any 'flat price' sold to you inside the hall as unlicensed.

Pre-booked private transfer **fixed quote - sedan commonly quoted SAR 120-200**

Hotel and chauffeur transfers are quoted in advance and meet you inside arrivals; useful for late flights when the metro has stopped, though the app cars are usually cheaper for the same car.

THE TRAPS — WALK PAST THESE

Terminal 5 is a separate cluster - get off at the right metro station

RUH is five terminals in two groups: T1-T4 sit in one connected complex and T5 (domestic, plus Saudia/Flyadeal hubs in the current layout) stands apart. The Yellow Line has three different airport stations (T1-2, T3-4, T5); alighting at the wrong one means a shuttle or inter-terminal walk before you even leave the airport. **Do this:** check your terminal on the baggage carousel screen, then alight at the matching 'Airport T...' station

No metro overnight - the 'SAR 4 plan' dies at midnight

The airport shows Line 4 airport service around 06:00 to midnight. A 01:00 landing into a metro-priced budget is really an app-car or taxi landing, at several times the fare. RPT does not publish an airport timetable you can rely on months ahead. **Do this:** open the darb app at the gate to check today's first/last train before you commit; land overnight -> book the car

One bank card taps one rider

The gate readers take contactless Visa/Mastercard/Apple Pay, but the official pages never say one card can pay for a group - a second tap will look like an unfinished journey and jam the gate. Each adult needs their own card, phone wallet, darb card or app QR ticket. **Do this:** buy one ticket per adult (darb cards/QR from the app cover everyone) before pushing through

The SAR 575 kerb fee - waiting in the wrong spot

The airport's own FAQ states drop-off/pick-up zones allow 5 minutes free, after which a violation fee of SAR 575 applies for exceeding the standing time. Friends circling to 'meet you at Column 11' rack this up against the designated pick-up areas. **Do this:** if someone is driving you out, they wait in the designated pick-up area (2 min walk to arrivals), not the kerb

KNOW BEFORE YOU WALK

- The SAR 4 pass is unlimited on BOTH metro and Riyadh Bus for two hours - transfers and a later evening hop are already paid.
- Staying a few days? A 3-day pass is SAR 20 and a 7-day SAR 40 - from about six rides the pass beats 2-hour tickets.
- The darb card costs SAR 10 once and is topped at any station machine; ticket offices are roughly 05:30-23:30.
- Compare Uber, Careem, Bolt and Jeeny side by side at Column 11 (T1) before confirming - app quotes move with demand and there is no published airport tariff.
- Under-6s ride free with a paying adult on metro and bus - no ticket needed for them at the gate.
- Terminal 1's metro station is near arrivals; for T5 arrivals follow 'Airport T5' signage before leaving the terminal precinct.

Metro fares, classes and payment verified October 2026 against King Khalid International Airport's own metro page and Riyadh Public Transport / Royal Commission published fare tables (Regular 2-hour SAR 4; First SAR 10; 3-day SAR 20; 7-day SAR 40; 30-day SAR 140). Metro hours at the airport and the five-terminal pickup columns are per airport pages (approx 06:00-midnight; confirm in the darb app). Taxi and ride-hailing totals are NOT published by the airport - quoted ranges are commonly reported app/meter fares, treat as estimates.

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