AIRPORT EXIT

Ben Gurion International Airport (TLV)

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THE ANSWER

The Israel Railways train from the station in the lower level of Terminal 3 reaches Tel Aviv HaHagana, HaShalom, Savidor Center and University stations in about 11-18 minutes; the Tel Aviv authority page prices it at NIS 13.50, running 24 hours Sunday-Thursday.

Nothing else in the airport comes close on price or speed - but the train stops from Friday midday until Saturday night (Shabbat), and after midnight it skips all but HaHagana and Savidor.

Tight budget? Train NIS 13.50 (aggregators list the base 15 km fare at NIS 11.50 - buy via the Israel Railways app or the machines). On Shabbat or door-to-door? Authorized taxis only: the Level-2 rank at T3 runs a flat NIS 150 to Tel Aviv, or order via Gett at the Exit 03 line.

EVERY WAY OUT — REAL PRICES

Israel Railways train to Tel Aviv *BEST FOR MOST* **NIS 13.50 single (city page; ~NIS 11.50 base per rail apps)**

The station is at the lower (S) level of Terminal 3; trains to Tel Aviv generally leave from platform 1. ~11-18 min to HaHagana/HaShalom/Savidor/University. Sun-Thu 24 hours; after midnight trains stop only at Tel Aviv-HaHagana and Savidor Center. NO trains Friday morning through Saturday evening. Tickets: Israel Railways app, machines or Rav-Kav card. The same station also links Jerusalem, Modi'in and Haifa.

Egged bus line 445 to central Tel Aviv **regular Egged fare (card/app; ~NIS 10-12 range)**

Per the Tel Aviv tourism page, line 445 runs between Terminal 3 and central Tel Aviv - Dizengoff, Burgasov, HaYarkon, Ben Yehuda and nearby streets - about every hour, excluding Shabbat (Friday evening-Saturday evening). Slower than the train but it drops you in the hotel quarter north of the rail stations.

Authorized airport taxi - Gett (metered / rank flat rate) **flat NIS 150 to Tel Aviv from the Level-2 rank; metered otherwise**

Gett is the official operator of authorized taxis. On-demand line: T3 ground floor, Exit 03; pre-booked: T3 Level 2, Exit 23; Terminal 1: main exit. Order in the Gett app or at self-service kiosks and show the ride code to the driver. The city's page describes the supervised Level-2 rank with a flat NIS 150 Tel Aviv fare and a taxi sorter; drivers must run the meter under traffic regulation 510(a). Israelis do not tip - don't.

Pre-booked private transfer **quoted at booking**

Meet-and-greet transfers work the full week including Shabbat, when the train and 445 do not. For Eilat, Dead Sea or the north, a pre-booked car beats negotiating airport taxi totals written for the Tel Aviv run.

Car rental **quoted**

The rental center sits at the airport's eastern side, a free internal shuttle ride from the terminals - and it's the only way to move on Shabbat or the High-Holiday closures without paying taxi rates.

THE TRAPS — WALK PAST THESE

'All flights are Terminal 3' is outdated - T1 reopened for international on 1 July 2026

The Israel Airports Authority notice (24 June 2026): Terminal 1 resumed domestic flights on 28 June and reopened for international departures on 1 July 2026, with full check-in, security, passport control and duty-free there. Arrivals still come into T3, and some airlines run from both - the old 'always T3' rule will send you to the wrong building on departure day. **Do this:** check your departure terminal on the IAA flight schedule before leaving the hotel

Shabbat is a transport blackout - no train, no 445

Trains do not run from Friday morning until Saturday evening, and line 445 also excludes that window. A Friday-afternoon landing has taxis, Gett and pre-booked cars only - at Tel-Aviv-flat-NIS-150-plus prices, surging into Shabbat. **Do this:** book the car or budget the taxi flat fare before you fly on a Friday, and remember holidays close the railway too

The midnight train skips your station

The city page is explicit: after midnight the train stops only at Tel Aviv-HaHagana and Savidor Center. A red-eye landing aimed at HaShalom or University arrives at the wrong neighborhood and pays a further city cab. **Do this:** ride to HaHagana/Savidor on late trains and hop a short taxi or walk from there

Terminal 2 doesn't exist anymore - and touts act like it does

The IAA's own aeronautical page lists just Terminal 1 and Terminal 3. Pre-2025 guides, PDFs and forum posts pointing to 'the T2 bus station' describe a closed building; anyone quoting fares from there is guessing. **Do this:** ignore signage-based advice older than 2025; the ranks you need are T3 Exit 03 / Level 2 Exit 23 or T1's main exit

KNOW BEFORE YOU WALK

- Get a ride code BEFORE joining the taxi line - the Gett app or the airport self-service stations generate it; the queue works on arrival order with the code.
- The IAA added a one-hour free waiting zone for pick-up cars (June 2026 notice) - tell your driver to use it instead of circling.
- Use the official Israel Railways app (or the Moovit/Google transit layers) to confirm the next platform and that service is running before walking down to level S.
- Tel Aviv addresses by street, not circle: HaShalom suits the Sarona/Atarim area, Savidor Central is the downtown rail hub, University is north - pick the station, not just 'Tel Aviv'.
- No tipping culture in Israeli taxis - paying exactly the meter/app fare is normal, not rude.

Train NIS 13.50 to Tel Aviv, 24h Sun-Thu, post-midnight stops only at HaHagana/Savidor, the no-service Friday-Saturday window, bus 445's hourly central-Tel-Aviv route and the NIS 150 flat Level-2 taxi rank were read October 2026 on the official Tel Aviv-Yafo tourism page (visit.tel-aviv.gov.il/move/airport). Gett as sole authorized operator, rank locations (T3 Exit 03 / Level 2 Exit 23 / T1 main exit), kiosks, ride codes and meter rule 510(a) from gett.com. Terminal 1 reopening dates from the Israel Airports Authority public notice dated 24 June 2026 (iaa.gov.il) and the T1+T3-only terminal list from IAA aeronautical information. Israel Railways' own fare table (rails.co.il) was unreachable from this verification environment; rail-info apps list the underlying single ride at NIS 11.50 for trips up to 15 km, so treat 11.50-13.50 as the live band and confirm in the app before riding. The 445 fare is Egged's distance tariff - stated as a range, not verified on Egged's page this run.

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