

AIRPORT EXIT

Vienna International Airport (VIE)

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THE ANSWER

Take the OBB train from the station under the terminal - EUR 5.50 buys the Railjet non-stop to Wien Hbf in 15 minutes, the REX7 to Wien Hbf in about 20, or the S7, which no longer reaches the centre and now ends at St. Marx.

One EUR 5.50 ticket covers both the airport's outer zone and the whole Vienna city network - U-Bahn, tram and bus included - which is why locals leave the EUR 14.90 City Airport Train alone.

Tight budget? There is no cheaper train than EUR 5.50, so skip the CAT and buy the two-zone OBB ticket at the red machine. In a hurry? The Railjet is the fastest option at 15 non-stop minutes to Wien Hbf, twice an hour, and it is unaffected by the S-Bahn works.

EVERY WAY OUT — REAL PRICES

OBB Railjet, REX7 and S7 trains *BEST FOR MOST* EUR 5.50

The station sits under the terminal, a short indoor walk from arrivals and fully step-free. One EUR 5.50 ticket = EUR 2.30 for the airport's outer zone plus EUR 3.20 for Vienna's zone 100, and the city part covers onward U-Bahn, tram and bus. The Railjet runs non-stop to Wien Hbf in 15 minutes and the REX7 in about 20, both roughly twice an hour from early morning to around midnight; the S7 is shortened to St. Marx during the works. Buy at the red OBB machines, the OBB counter in arrivals or the OBB app.

City Airport Train (CAT) - now running as CAT by bus EUR 14.90

Non-stop to Wien Mitte/Landstrae in 21 minutes, up to five departures an hour (every 12 minutes between 07:00 and 19:00). EUR 14.90 one way, EUR 24.90 return, EUR 13.90 with an ARBO/OAMTC card and EUR 7 for Klimaticket, Wiener Linien annual pass, OBB Vorteilscard or PRM holders; under-15s travel free. Because the S-Bahn main line is closed, the CAT is a premium coach from outside Terminal 3 rather than a train, and its city check-in is suspended until the end of October 2027.

Vienna Airport Bus (VAB, ex-Vienna Airport Lines) EUR 11

EUR 11 one way, EUR 20 return, EUR 7 for Vorteilscard holders and students under 26, EUR 6 for children 6-14 and disability-card holders over 70%. Five express routes (VAB 1-5) link the airport with Westbahnhof, Hauptbahnhof, Schwedenplatz/Morzinplatz and Donaustadt, about 40 minutes to Westbahnhof, every 30 minutes from 04:30 to 01:00. Boards above ground at Terminal 3; buy online at viennaairportbus.com, at the machines, or from the driver (cash only).

Taxi from the official airport rank EUR 40-55

Vienna airport lies outside the City of Vienna's fixed taxi tariff, so a rank cab runs on the meter and the driver must tell you the price before setting off. The city meter is EUR 3.80 base (EUR 4.30 at night, Sundays and holidays) plus distance and time; a run to the centre commonly lands around EUR 40-55 in traffic. Pay by card or cash - card in the car is a legal right. Pre-booked fixed-price airport taxis advertise around EUR 36-42.

Uber / Bolt EUR 25-60+

Ride-hailing apps show a fixed price before you confirm, and by law a booked fare must stay within 20% of the metered comparison fare. Off-peak to the centre is commonly EUR 25-40; at surge it can pass EUR 60. Order in the app and meet the car outside arrivals - the rank is for licensed taxis.

THE TRAPS — WALK PAST THESE

The EUR 5.50 S7 no longer reaches Wien Mitte - it stops at St. Marx until late 2027

Almost every guide still says take the S7 to Wien Mitte. Since 7 September 2026, works on the S-Bahn main line mean the S7 terminates at St. Marx, outside the centre, and even the CAT is running as a coach. From St. Marx you continue by tram 18 or 71, or bus 74A to Landstrae. The REX7 and the Railjet still reach Wien Hbf - the Railjet non-stop in 15 minutes. **Do this:** take the Railjet or REX7 to Wien Hbf, or the S7 only as far as St. Marx and change there

The CAT charges EUR 14.90 for the same 21 minutes the train does for EUR 5.50

The City Airport Train runs the same corridor and, since the closure, as a coach rather than a train, yet it still costs EUR 14.90 one way against EUR 5.50 for the OBB train. It is no longer the fastest way into town - the Railjet beats it to the main rail hub - it only goes to Wien Mitte, and its city check-in is suspended until the end of October 2027. **Do this:** buy the EUR 5.50 OBB ticket and keep the EUR 9.40

A EUR 10.20 Vienna 24-hour ticket does not reach the airport

Wiener Linien's 24-hour ticket covers zone 100 (the city) only. The airport sits in the surrounding zone, so you must add the EUR 2.30 outer-zone ticket for EUR 12.50 total, and the same applies to the 7-day and 31-day tickets. There has been no 48-hour or 72-hour ticket since 1 January 2026 - for two or three days buy two 24-hour tickets (EUR 20.40). **Do this:** add the EUR 2.30 airport-zone ticket at an OBB machine before you board

Anyone inside arrivals offering a EUR 60-80 fixed taxi is overcharging

The airport is outside the City of Vienna's regulated taxi tariff, so a trip to town is legally a freely priced ride - exactly what touts exploit. A licensed rank taxi on the meter is normally EUR 40-55; anyone quoting far above that, or refusing to run the meter, is ripping you off. Drivers who approach you inside the terminal are not the official rank. **Do this:** walk out to the marked taxi rank and insist the meter runs, or book a fixed price in an app before you leave

The EUR 8 airport bus in old guides is now the EUR 11 Vienna Airport Bus

Older guides quote EUR 8 for the Vienna Airport Lines (VAL) and still name viennaairportlines.at, which now redirects to viennaairportbus.com. The operator is OBB Postbus and the full fare is EUR 11 one way / EUR 20 return - dearer than the EUR 5.50 train and slower, at about 40 minutes to Westbahnhof. **Do this:** compare against the EUR 5.50 train before choosing the bus

KNOW BEFORE YOU WALK

- One EUR 5.50 OBB ticket is all you need: the airport fare is EUR 2.30 for the outer zone plus EUR 3.20 for Vienna's zone 100, and the city part covers U-Bahn, tram and bus for the rest of your journey.
- The Railjet leaves the airport for Wien Hbf twice an hour and takes 15 non-stop minutes; trains run to around midnight, so a very late landing is the Vienna Airport Bus (to 01:00) or a taxi.
- Buy the EUR 5.50 train ticket before boarding at the red OBB machine, the OBB counter or the OBB app - Vienna has no ticket gates, but inspectors fine unvalidated tickets.
- Digital fares are about 5% cheaper: a 24-hour Vienna ticket is EUR 9.70 in the WienMobil app against EUR 10.20 on paper, and a single is EUR 3.00 against EUR 3.20.
- There is no 48- or 72-hour Vienna ticket any more - both were abolished on 1 January 2026, so for two or three days buy two 24-hour tickets (EUR 20.40) or the 7-day ticket (EUR 28.90, EUR 25.20 digital).

Prices verified October 2026 against Wiener Linien's published 2026 fares, OBB/VOR airport fare information via wien.info, and the operators' own fare pages (cityairporttrain.com, viennaairportbus.com, shop.vor.at). Published fares: OBB train (Railjet/REX7/S7) EUR 5.50 = EUR 2.30 airport outer zone + EUR 3.20 Vienna city ticket, child 6-14 EUR 2.80; City Airport Train EUR 14.90 single / EUR 24.90 return / EUR 13.90 reduced / EUR 7 concession; Vienna Airport Bus EUR 11 single / EUR 20 return / EUR 7 special / EUR 6 half / EUR 27 family; Vienna 24-hour ticket EUR 10.20 paper (EUR 9.70 digital), 7-day EUR 28.90 (EUR 25.20 digital), 31-day EUR 75.00 (EUR 65.20 digital); VOR 'VIE Airport <=> Wien 24h' EUR 14.20, 2x24h EUR 26.20, 3x24h EUR 33.90. The taxi figure (EUR 40-55 to the centre) and the Uber/Bolt range (EUR 25-60+) are REPORTED ranges, not published fares: Vienna airport lies outside the City of Vienna's fixed taxi tariff, so those trips are freely priced and the meter only supplies a comparison figure. The pre-booked fixed-price airport-taxi figure of about EUR 36-42 is likewise an estimate from operator listings, not a tariff.

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