Istanbul transport map for visitors

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Lines on this map

- T1 tram: Kabataş – Sultanahmet – Bağcılar
- M2 metro: Yenikapı – Taksim – Hacıosman
- M11 metro: Gayrettepe – Istanbul Airport – Halkalı
- Marmaray: Halkalı – Sirkeci – Üsküdar – Gebze
- M4 metro: Kadıköy – Sabiha Gökçen Airport
- F1 funicular Kabataş–Taksim · Tünel Karaköy–İstiklal
- Ferries (dashed): main visitor routes

Schematic map, not to scale: it shows only the lines most useful to visitors. Official network map: metro.istanbul

Istanbul transport cheat sheet

Fares, stops for the sights, airports and official apps · JustIstanbul

Fares (tariff in force since 20 July 2026)

Ticket	Price	Good to know
İstanbulkart (card only)	about 165 TL	No credit included, not refundable
Metro, tram, bus, funicular	46.20 TL	Per ride with the İstanbulkart
Contactless bank card	about 65 TL	Higher single fare, no discounts
Marmaray and Metrobüs	33–82 TL	By distance: tap out to get the difference back
Ferry Eminönü – Üsküdar	58.52 TL	Kadıköy – Eminönü or Beşiktaş: 65.21 TL
Ferry to the Princes' Islands	171.89 TL	From Bostancı (city ferries)
Taxi	71.94 TL + 47.92 TL/km	Minimum fare 230 TL; tolls extra

How to pay and ride

- One İstanbulkart can be tapped for up to five people travelling together.
- Tap on every vehicle and every gate; on Marmaray, Metrobüs and the M11, tap out too.
- Buy and top up the card at the Biletmatik machines in stations and at piers (cash or card).
- Most rail lines run from about 06:00 to midnight; some lines run all night on Fridays and Saturdays, with higher fares after 00:30.
- Avoid rush hours (about 07:00–10:00 and 17:00–20:00) with luggage.

Which stop for the main sights

Sight	Stop	Line
Hagia Sophia, Blue Mosque, Basilica Cistern	Sultanahmet	T1 tram
Topkapı Palace, Gülhane Park	Gülhane	T1 tram
Grand Bazaar	Beyazıt-Kapalıçarşı	T1 tram
Spice Bazaar, Galata Bridge, ferries	Eminönü	T1 tram
Süleymaniye Mosque	Vezneciler (or walk from Eminönü)	M2 metro
Galata Tower	Şişhane · Karaköy · Tünel	M2 · T1 · funicular
Taksim, İstiklal Avenue	Taksim	M2 metro or F1 from Kabataş
Dolmabahçe Palace	Kabataş	T1 tram
Kadıköy (Asian side)	Kadıköy pier	Ferry or M4
Üsküdar (Asian side)	Üsküdar	Marmaray or ferry

Airports

Istanbul Airport (IST): M11 metro to Gayrettepe (change to the M2 for Taksim) in about 35 minutes; since June 2026 the M11 also runs to Halkalı for Marmaray. Havaist coaches run day and night to Taksim, Sultanahmet, Kadıköy and other districts.

Sabiha Gökçen (SAW): M4 metro to Kadıköy in about 50 minutes, or Havabus coaches to Kadıköy and Taksim. Taxis to the European side are expensive.

Official sites and apps

metro.istanbul – official rail network maps and timetables
istanbulkart.istanbul – card, fares and the İstanbulkart app
iett.istanbul – buses and Metrobüs routes
sehirhatlari.istanbul – city ferry timetables and Bosphorus tours
hava.ist – Havaist airport coaches
BiTaksi · Uber – licensed taxis booked by app