
Getting around Berlin with public transport

Berlin has a combined transport system of **underground (U-Bahn)**, **suburban rail (S-Bahn)**, **bus** and **tram lines** that will take you easily, safely and cheaply to all the most interesting spots in the city.

TRANSPORT OPTIONS

Underground (U-Bahn)

The Berlin underground, known as the U-Bahn, has quite an unusual history as well as an extensive network that covers practically the entire city.

Suburban Rail (S-Bahn)

The S-Bahn is an efficient system of suburban or commuter trains. Used in conjunction with the underground, it's a quick way to get anywhere you want to go in the city.

Trams

The tram was the most advanced and widely used mode of transport in East Berlin during the Cold War. Many people still ride the tram today, and it has grown slightly to reach other areas of the city.

Bus

What started out as a network of five routes where passengers travelled on omnibuses drawn by 120 horses has now become a vast 150-line system.

Fares

Berlin has three fare zones.

- **Zone A** covers all areas within the S-Bahn circle line, including the entire city centre.
- **Zone B** extends to Berlin's city limits.
- **Zone C** includes destinations just outside the city (such as the Berlin-Schönefeld Airport, Potsdam and Oranienburg).

Depending on where you need to go, you can purchase combined tickets for Zones AB, BC or ABC. Adults pay standard fare, while a discount fare applies to children between the ages of 6 and 14; children under 6 ride for free.

Tickets can be purchased at one of the many BVG or S-Bahn ticket sales points or from the ticket vending machines you will find at the stations. For your convenience, these machines are available round the clock and offer a simple menu in 6 different languages (German, English, French, Spanish, Turkish and Polish).

Overview of all fares

Short trip 2 €
Single trip AB 3 €
Single trip ABC 3.80 €
4-trip ticket AB 9.40 €
All-day ticket AB 8.80 €
All-day ticket ABC 10 €
All-day ticket small group AB** 25.50 €
All-day ticket small group BC** 26.50 €

NB

Make sure to validate your ticket before beginning your journey. When using regional rail systems, such as the S-Bahn and U-Bahn, tickets must be validated on the platform.

Please make sure you have cash before trying to use the automatic ticket vending machines, as they do not take most credit cards.