

Transportation Info Sabiha Gökçen Airport to City Center

There will be an ABU GA 2024 desk at Sabiha Gökçen Airport. Our teammates will be waiting for you, our valued guests, at the desk. Please find the ABU GA 2024 desk when you arrive at the airport. (Exact location of the ABU GA 2024 Welcoming desks will be shared soon.) Our teammates will assist you to have a comfortable transportation from the airport to your accommodation location.

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1. General Info for Transportation from Sabiha Gökçen Airport

Transportation options from Sabiha Gökçen Airport to the Taksim is similar with the İstanbul Airport. Unless, since the Sabiha Gökçen Airport is located in Anatolian side, and Taksim is in European side, the transportation could take more time and could require changing the vehicles. For that reason, we highly recommend you to use first option Havabus. The options and details for the transportation are given below.

1.1. Using Havabus Airport Bus

Havabus airport shuttle buses are an extremely easy and convenient way to get from SAW airport to city centre. Havabus operates three routes from Sabiha Gökçen according to a set timetable. The bus routes are as follows:

- **Havabus Taksim (SG-2):** Sabiha Gokcen Airport to Taksim Square
- **Havabus Kadıköy (SG-1):** Sabiha Gokcen Airport to Kadıköy
- **Havabus Yenısahra:** Sabiha Gokcen Airport to Yenısahra Metro Station

The bus that you are most likely to be taking are ones heading to Taksim. Havabus shuttles depart from SAW airport every **30 minutes**, starting from 06:30 until 00:30. This is ideal if your flight arrives very late at night. For the detailed departure time please [click here](#).

To reach the Havabus shuttle, you need to exit the airport at arrivals. You could take the closest exit (door 9) after you come out of arrivals You can also walk a bit further down to door 13.

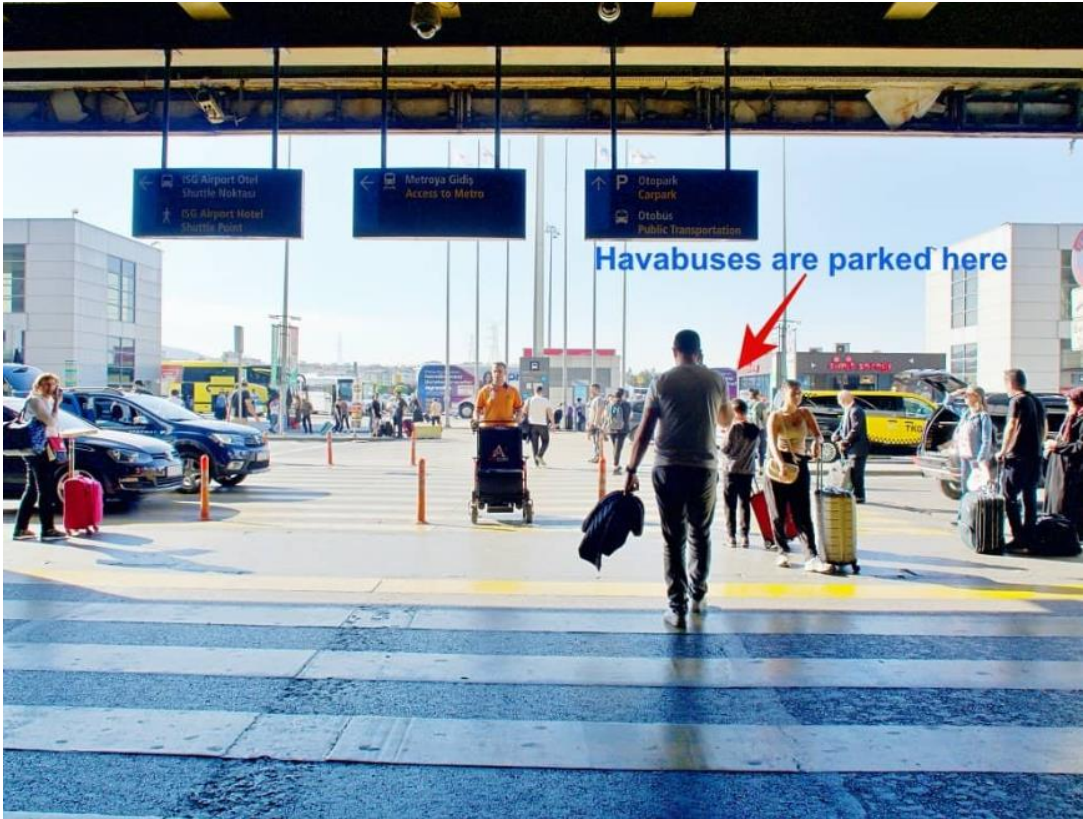
When you come out of arrivals, turn right and walk in the direction of the red arrow.



Near the Turkcell store you will see a sign pointing towards the exits for taxis, buses and the carpark. Here you can turn left and head towards one of the sliding doors.



After you exit the building, you can just about see that the right hand sign directs you towards the buses.





You can pay for your bus ticket using cash (Turkish Lira) when you are on the bus. If you want to pay for your Havabus ticket by credit or debit card you have to buy your ticket from the **Havabus ticket kiosk** which is in the grey building next to buses (it is opposite door 15). It is not possible to book Havabus tickets online.

The Havabus to Taksim makes five stops (including the final stop of Taksim) and at the time of writing costs 121TL (€3.25 / \$3.66). This price may change, you can reach the price list by [click here](#).

The approximate journey time from Sabiha Gokcen Airport to Taksim is 1 hour and 30 minutes. However, journey time is depend on traffic and could take more time.



1.2. Using Taxi

You'll usually find three types of taxis leaving from the rank outside arrivals at SAW Airport:

- “E” type luxury black taxis - usually Mercedes minivans or cars.
- “D” type blue taxis - a bit nicer and more comfortable than ordinary taxis
- “C” type yellow/orange taxis - the standard Istanbul taxi.

“D” taxis are around 15% more expensive than ordinary yellow taxis. “E” taxis are 70% more expensive.

To reach the price information please [click here](#).



The travel time from SAW Airport to the city centre will be around 1-1.5 hours depending on traffic.

If you end up in traffic jams during rush hour, your taxi fare is likely to be much higher than the prices quoted above.

1.3. Using Metro

The M4 line connects the SAW Istanbul airport metro station to the neighbourhood of Kadıköy on the Asian side of Istanbul. There is a train every 5-6 minutes: the journey has 23 stops (including the station you start from). To get to Kadıköy the journey takes around 52 minutes.

You can transfer to other methods of public transport (e.g. the Marmaray train line from the Ayrılık Çeşmesi station and to ferries, buses and trams from Kadıköy station) to get to other areas of Istanbul. Destinations like Taksim and Sultanahmet can take up to 1 hour 45 minutes to 2 hours to travel to.

Using the SAW Airport metro means that you can completely avoid Istanbul's traffic which is especially bad during rush hour (from 07:00 - 10:00 and 17:00 - 19:00 on weekdays).

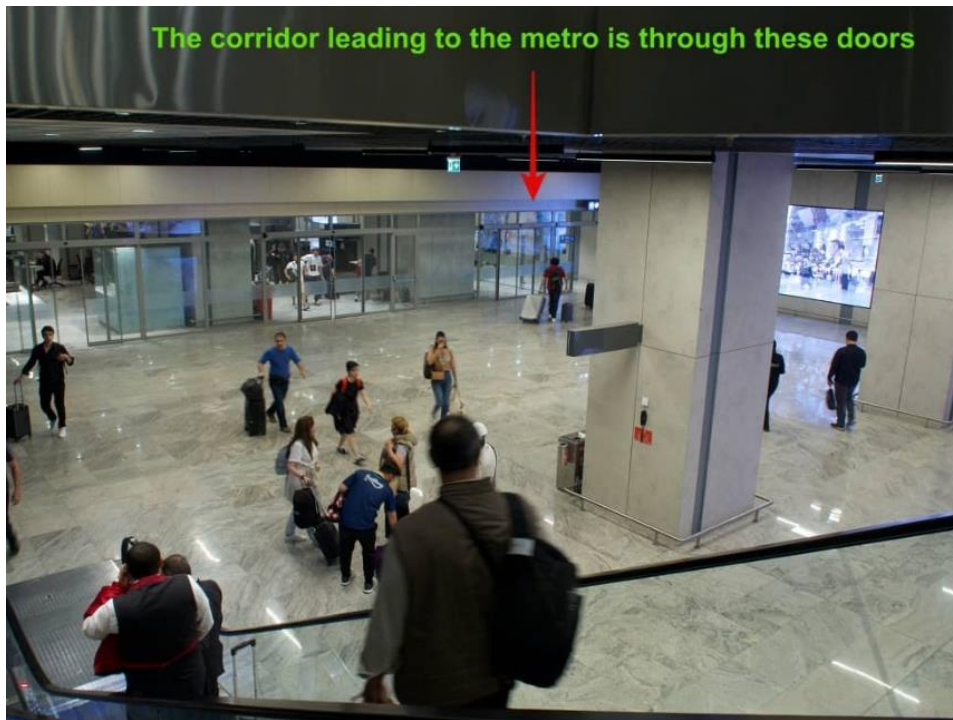
The M4 SAW Airport metro station is connected to the airport via a series of escalators, travelators (moving walkways) and a long pedestrian corridor.



This is what you'll see as you walk towards the escalators for the metro.



When you get off the escalator you will see sliding glass doors up ahead - walk through the doors furthest to the right (you'll see that the doors in the centre and on the left are used by people going through security checks to enter the airport).



Everything is clearly marked - keep following the signs that say **“Metroya Gidiş” (Access to the Metro)**.



As Sabiha Gökçen Airport is the first station on the line, you'll see that all the trains go to Kadıköy.



A little further down the corridor and opposite the entrance turnstiles for the metro are the blue Istanbulkart vending machines. It is recommended to buy an Istanbulkart (a prepaid, contactless transport card) to use the metro and all other methods of public transport (ferry, trams, metro bus, municipal buses) in Istanbul.

Buying an Istanbulkart from the machine is simple - instructions are available in English plus a number of other languages. The card you buy will be a red-coloured Istanbulkart, also known as an 'anonymous' Istanbulkart. **An Istanbulkart costs 70TL (€1.90 / \$2.12)**. After you have purchased the card, you can use the same machine to top-up your card. It's recommend topping up a minimum of **100 TL** per person on the card for travelling to Taksim, Sultanahmet, Karaköy or Galata by metro. You can also purchase an Istanbulkart pre-loaded with 5,10 or 20 rides in advance and pick it up from the airport.



From SAW Airport metro station take the **M4 line** (bright pink on the metro map) 21 stops to **Ayrılık Çeşmesi** station.

At **Ayrılık Çeşmesi** you will need to change to the **Marmaray Line** aka the **B1 line** (grey on the metro map). When you get down from the metro you will see signs for the **exits 1, 2, and 3** (Çıkış 1, 2, 3 in Turkish). You might also see signs directing you towards the **Marmaray line**: it will read **Halkalı-Gebze (Marmaray)**.

The Marmaray Line is basically in the same direction as these exits. If you are using the escalators, just follow these signs and the stream of people leaving the train.

The entrance to the Marmaray Line is clearly signposted with signs hanging from the ceiling with arrows pointing towards the entrance to the turnstiles for the line. It's also marked on the walls.



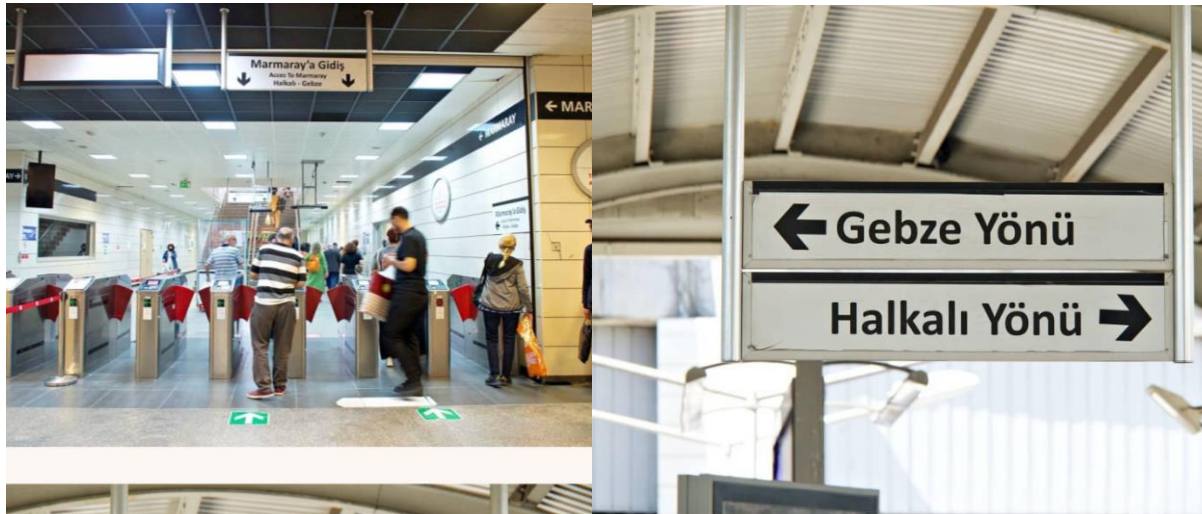
Depending on the exit you use, you might arrive at the exit turnstiles for the M4 metro line and see this. The Marmaray line is clearly signposted here.



You can enter the Marmaray line from either side of the station.



You will see signs that show you which side of the platform you need to stand on depending on where you are travelling to. To travel to Taksim, you need to take the Marmaray line train heading towards **Halkalı**.



Take the Marmaray Line train in the direction of **Halkalı** and ride three stops, getting down at **Yenikapı Marmaray station**.



At Yenikapı Marmaray station follow the exit signs that are closest to you. All the exits lead away from the platform to the same place so it doesn't matter which one you take.



Once you exit, head towards the entrance to the metro lines. You will see signs hanging down from the ceiling showing the different metro lines from Yenikapı station: the M1a, M1b and the M2 Metro line. **You need the M2 Yenikapı-Haciosman metro line (green on the metro map).**



At the bottom of the escalators walk to the platform on the right hand side and wait for the train. Yenikapı is the first stop on the M2 line going in this direction - all the trains are heading towards Haciosman. Ride four stops and get off at Taksim station.

The journey from Sabiha Gokcen Airport to Taksim takes around 1 hour 45 minutes, which includes transfer times between the M4, Marmaray and M2 lines.