

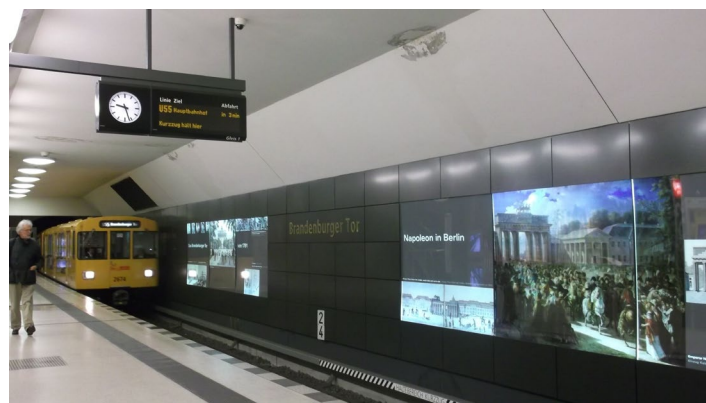
Public Transport Information

Schedules and Tariff Zones

Public transport in Berlin is operated by the Berliner Verkehrsbetriebe (BVG) with city trains (S-Bahn), subway/metro (U-Bahn), buses (Bus), tramways (Straßenbahn), or ferry boats (Fähre).

You can find schedules at each stop. Maps are displayed at the stops and in the trains. There are separate maps for S-Bahn and U-Bahn on the one hand, and for trams on the other hand. Maps for buses do not exist.

Berlin and its surrounding area consist of three tariff zones: A, B and C which are indicated on the S- and U-Bahn map. The city center is in tariff zone A, the centrally located residential districts are in tariff zone B, and the outskirts are in tariff zone C. Unless you go to Potsdam or to Schönefeld Airport, you will probably not need a ticket for the tariff zone C.



Ticket Machines

There are several options for buying tickets in Berlin, depending on your mode of transportation. When travelling on the U-Bahn and S-Bahn, there are touch-screen ticket machines, usually located at each entrance to the platform. They accept paper money and coins in addition to cards. On buses, you buy your ticket directly from the driver. On tramways, the ticket machines are usually located in the middle of the train.

IMPORTANT: After you buy your ticket, you **MUST** stick your ticket in a machine (Entwerter) to validate it. On underground platforms, they usually stand next to the ticket machine. In buses and tramways, they are located inside the vehicle. Your ticket will have an arrow on it indicating what end of your ticket you have to place in the machine. A non-validated ticket is worth the same as having no ticket at all.

Tariffs

For a single and direct journey in one direction, you have to buy a **single ticket** (Einzelfahrausweis – Regeltarif, tariff zones AB) for 3,00 EUR which is valid for two hours. During these two hours you can change trains, trams, buses, etc. When you buy four single tickets for the tariff zone AB at once (4-Fahrten-Karte Einzelfahrausweis), you can get one single ticket for only 2,60 EUR.

For more than two journeys on one day, you can buy a **day ticket** (Tageskarte - Regeltarif, tariff zones AB) for 8,80 EUR which is valid until 3 a.m. on the following day.

Should you need a ticket only for a short trip, you can buy a **short-trip ticket** (Kurzstrecke) for 2,00 EUR which is valid for three stations on the U-Bahn or S-Bahn (transfers permitted) or for six stops on the bus or tram (transfers not permitted).

Additional Information

Please note that Berlin is well known for late busses, trains and sudden construction works between different stations.

More information is available on the following website: <http://www.bvg.de/en>