

# Travel from Sofia Airport to Plovdiv

Transport Information & Routes

## General Information

Distance	~150 km via Motorway A1 (Trakia)
Starting Point	Sofia Airport
Destination	Plovdiv

## Shuttle between Terminal 1 and Terminal 2

"Vasil Levski" Sofia Airport has two terminals located ~2 km apart. A free shuttle runs between them.

Price	Free
Frequency	Every ~15–30 minutes
Operating Hours	05:00 – 23:00
Duration	~3–5 minutes
Stop	In front of each terminal entrance — follow the signs
Outside Hours	Tel: +359 2 937 2211 or taxi (~3–5 EUR)

**Important:** Terminal 1 is mainly used by low-cost airlines (Wizz Air, EasyJet). Terminal 2 is the main terminal with a metro station. Please check which terminal your flight arrives at!

## Transport Options from Sofia to Plovdiv

### Where to Catch Buses to Plovdiv

Buses to Plovdiv do **NOT** depart directly from the airport. The standard route is:

- Step 1: From Terminal 2 — take the metro (Line M4, blue floor markings) to "Serdika" station (~20 min, ticket ~0.80 EUR) – Sofia Public Transport: <https://www.sofiatravel.bg>
- Step 2: At "Serdika" station, transfer to Metro Line 1 (red). Take the direction "Slivnitsa" and exit at Central Railway Station. Follow the signs for Central Bus Station.
- Step 3: Buses to Plovdiv depart from the Central Bus Station.

### Online Ticket Links

- Union Ivkoni: <https://union-ivkoni.com>
  - Etap-Address / Group Plus: <https://www.etapgroup.com>
- Both companies offer online ticket purchases.

### By Bus

- Departure: Central Bus Station Sofia – [centralnaavtogara.bg](http://centralnaavtogara.bg)

- Duration: ~2 hours
- Price: ~6–9 EUR
- Schedule: Every 30–60 minutes



## By Car

- Duration: ~1.5 hours (normal traffic)
- Route: Airport → M1 → A1 (Trakia) → Plovdiv
- Motorway fee: A valid vignette is required
- Options: Car rental from the airport or taxi/transfer



## By Train

- Departure: Sofia Central Station (transfer from airport by metro or taxi ~20 min). The Central Bus Station and Central Railway Station are next to each other.
- Duration: ~2 – 2.5 hours
- Price: ~5–8 EUR
- Schedule: [bdz.bg](http://bdz.bg)

*We recommend carrying cash, as card payments are not always accepted.*

**Public Transport in Plovdiv:** Bus tickets in Plovdiv are purchased directly from the driver when boarding and are paid in cash only.

To track Plovdiv city buses in real time, use the [LiveTransport Plovdiv](#) app. **Note: the app is available on Android only.**

# Directions

*How to reach DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Plovdiv City Centre?*

**If you prefer to travel by taxi:** the hotel is located at 1 St. Petka Square, 4000 Plovdiv, Central District.

Upon arrival in Plovdiv, the bus will stop at South Bus Terminal (Avtogara Yug).

Cross the boulevard and go to the bus stop opposite South Bus Terminal. You can take city buses **7, 20, or 26**. (Tickets are purchased from the bus driver – price is €0.50.) After boarding at the South Bus Terminal stop, **exit at the 4th stop: "Tunela Yug – Iztok"**.

You will have approximately 6 minutes of walking to the hotel.



For your convenience, scan the QR code to access the website and app (Android only), or type manually: <https://livetransport.eu/#/plovdiv>

The app allows you to see the real-time movement of buses.



If you prefer to take a taxi, the journey to the hotel takes approximately **8–12 minutes** depending on traffic. Information valid as of April 2026.

Service	Day Rate (06:00–22:00)	Night Rate (22:00–06:00)
Initial charge	2.93 BGN (1.50 €)	2.93 BGN (1.50 €)
Price per km	1.66 BGN (0.85 €)	1.86 BGN (0.95 €)
Waiting per minute	0.68 BGN (0.35 €)	0.88 BGN (0.45 €)
Booking fee	0.96 BGN (0.49 €)	0.96 BGN (0.49 €)

