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ISTANBUL AIRPORT (EUROPEAN SIDE)

HavaIST → Official airport transportation buses from Istanbul Airport.

To reach Üsküdar you can

- Go to Besiktas (1.5 hours approx) and take a ferry from 1. there to Üsküdar (Ferry takes about 10 mins)
- Go to Kadiköy (1.5 2 hours) and take a bus/taxi (20-30 2. mins depending on traffic)
- If you are a fan of underground travel, one option is as follows: 3.
  - From IST Airport to Gayrettepe (M11) (20 mins walk + 25 1. mins travel time)
  - From Gayrettepe go to Yenikapi (M2 line) (20 mins) 2.
  - From Yenikapi you can take "Marmaray" (B1) to Üsküdar (7-10 mins, 2 stations)
  - Overall trip should be 1.5 hours
- Last option is to take a taxi directly, it will take around 1  $h-1.5\,h$ , depending on traffic and total cost would be 40-45 EUR. 4.
- 5. If you land after 16PM, then avoid Taxi since you'll be stuck in rush hour and everyone goes from European side to Anatolian in the rush hour.

If you are a light packer, I suggest to use the first option. It's the easiest way with fewest transfers, even if not the fastest.

Subway is also a good option – air conditioning and no traffic 😊 you just need to do some walking in the beginning (it takes 15-20 mins to walk to the subway from airport arrival) and later it's 2 transfers where you don't even leave the stations.

## **HAVABUS**



Cabiba Călcean Havalimani'ndan Kadılığı ve Talcim'a hizmat ve

- SABIHA GOKCEN AIRPORT (ANATOLIAN SIDE)
   HavaBUS → official airport transportation
   buses from SABIHA GOKCEN Airport.
   To reach Üsküdar you can:
- 1. Go to Kadiköy with HAVABUS (1.5 hours approx) and take a bus/taxi (20-30 mins depending on traffic)
- 2. Take the Subway (M4) to Kadikoy (takes 45-50 mins)
  - A. Get off at Ayrilik Cesmesi Station and change to "Marmaray" (B1) in the direction of Ataköy/Halkali. Üsküdar is only 1 stop away.
- 3. Take a taxi directly, takes approx 50 60 mins, 30-40 EUR
  - Rush hour shouldn't affect you as much as coming from Istanbul Airport-

I would use option 2 or 3. From Kadiköy it's a bit painful to go to Üsküdar, especially in Rush hour. There is no direct subway.

## To use public transport, you need an ISTANBULKART where you can top-up your balance.

- •Istanbul Airport: the Istanbul card vending machines are located at floor -2. Just follow the sign to reach the Havalst shuttles and you can't miss.
- •Sabiha Gökçen Airport: after existing the arrivals terminal, cross the street and look for the kiosk selling Istanbul public transportation cards.
- •Metro and tram stations: most metro and tram stations across the city have vending machines where you can buy and/or top-up your Istanbul Kart.

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For HAVAIST and HAVABUS, you can pay with CARD/CASH at the bus entrance.