

# BVG Berlin: Complete Guide to Tickets, Rules, and FAQs (2025)

This document provides a comprehensive overview of the Berlin Transport Company (BVG) fares, key transport regulations, and answers to frequently asked questions.

## 1. Tickets and Fares 2025

Fares for public transport in Berlin are divided into three tariff zones:

- **Zone A:** Berlin's inner city, inside the S-Bahn ring.
- **Zone B:** Outside the S-Bahn ring, up to the city limits.
- **Zone C:** Greater Berlin area, including Potsdam and BER Airport.

### Common Tickets (Single Purchase)

Ticket Type	Fare Zone AB	Fare Zone BC	Fare Zone ABC	Validity Details
Single Ticket	€3.80	€4.30	€4.70	2 hours, one direction, transfers allowed.
Short Trip	€2.60	-	-	3 stops (S/U-Bahn) or 6 stops (Bus/Tram).
4-Trip Ticket	€11.60	-	€13.80	Four single trips, offering a discount.
24-Hour Ticket	€10.60	€11.20	€12.30	Valid for 24 hours from validation for one person.
24-Hour Group	€33.30	-	-	For up to 5 people, valid for 24 hours.
7-Day Ticket	€44.50	€45.70	€52.70	Valid for 7 consecutive days until midnight of the 7th day.

## Subscriptions & Monthly Tickets

Ticket Type	Fare Zone	Price	Key Features
Deutschlandticket	Germany-wide	€58 / month	Subscription, valid on all regional transport. Not transferable.
Berlin-Abo (S)	Berlin AB	€29 / month	Social ticket for eligible residents. Requires proof.
VBB Eco-Ticket	Selectable	from €71.40 / month	Transferable subscription. Can take people with you at certain times.
10 a.m. Ticket	Berlin AB	€76.80 / month	Valid from 10 a.m. on weekdays, all day on weekends.

## 2. Key Transport Rules

### Ticket Validation

- Tickets purchased from machines on S-Bahn and U-Bahn platforms **must be stamped** in the red or yellow boxes before you board.
- Tickets purchased directly on buses and trams are usually already validated.
- An unstamped ticket is not valid and will result in a fine.

### Traveling with Children

- Children under the age of 6 travel for free.
- Children aged 6 to 14 travel with a reduced-fare ticket (Ermäßigungstarif).

### Traveling with Luggage & Strollers

- Hand luggage, personal luggage, and one stroller per passenger can be carried free of charge.

### Traveling with Bicycles

- A separate bicycle ticket is required for each bicycle.
- Bicycles are allowed on S-Bahn, U-Bahn, and trams in designated carriages, provided there is enough space.

- **Bicycles are generally not allowed on buses.**
- Folded bicycles are considered luggage and can be carried for free.
- Wheelchairs and strollers always have priority over bicycles.

### **Traveling with Dogs & Pets**

- For each dog, a reduced-fare ticket is required.
- Dogs must be on a leash and wear a muzzle unless they are in a suitable transport container.
- Small pets in closed containers (the size of a domestic cat or smaller) can travel for free.

## **3. Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

Q: How do I buy a ticket?

A: You can buy tickets at:

- Multilingual ticket machines on all S-Bahn and U-Bahn platforms.
- The official BVG Ticket-App or Fahrinfo-App.
- BVG customer centers.
- On trams (from machines inside) and buses (from the driver, card payment only).

Q: What happens if I'm caught without a valid ticket?

A: You will be required to pay an increased fare (fine) of €60. This applies even if you simply forgot to stamp your ticket. You must show a valid ID to the inspector.

Q: What should I do if I lose my subscription card (fahrCard)?

A: Report the loss immediately at a BVG customer center. Your old card will be blocked, and a new one will be issued for a replacement fee (typically €10).

Q: Can I take another person with me on my ticket?

A: Most standard tickets, including the Deutschlandticket, are not transferable and do not allow you to take other people with you (except for children under 6). Some subscriptions, like the VBB Eco-Ticket, allow you to take one adult and up to three children with you for free during evenings (from 8 p.m.) and all day on weekends and public holidays.

Q: Are e-scooters allowed on public transport?

A: No. As of recent regulations, the transport of e-scooters is prohibited on BVG vehicles due to safety concerns regarding their lithium-ion batteries.

Q: How long is a single ticket valid?

A: A single ticket is valid for a 120-minute (2-hour) journey in one direction. You can transfer between different lines and modes of transport (e.g., from a bus to a U-Bahn) within this time. Return journeys are not permitted.