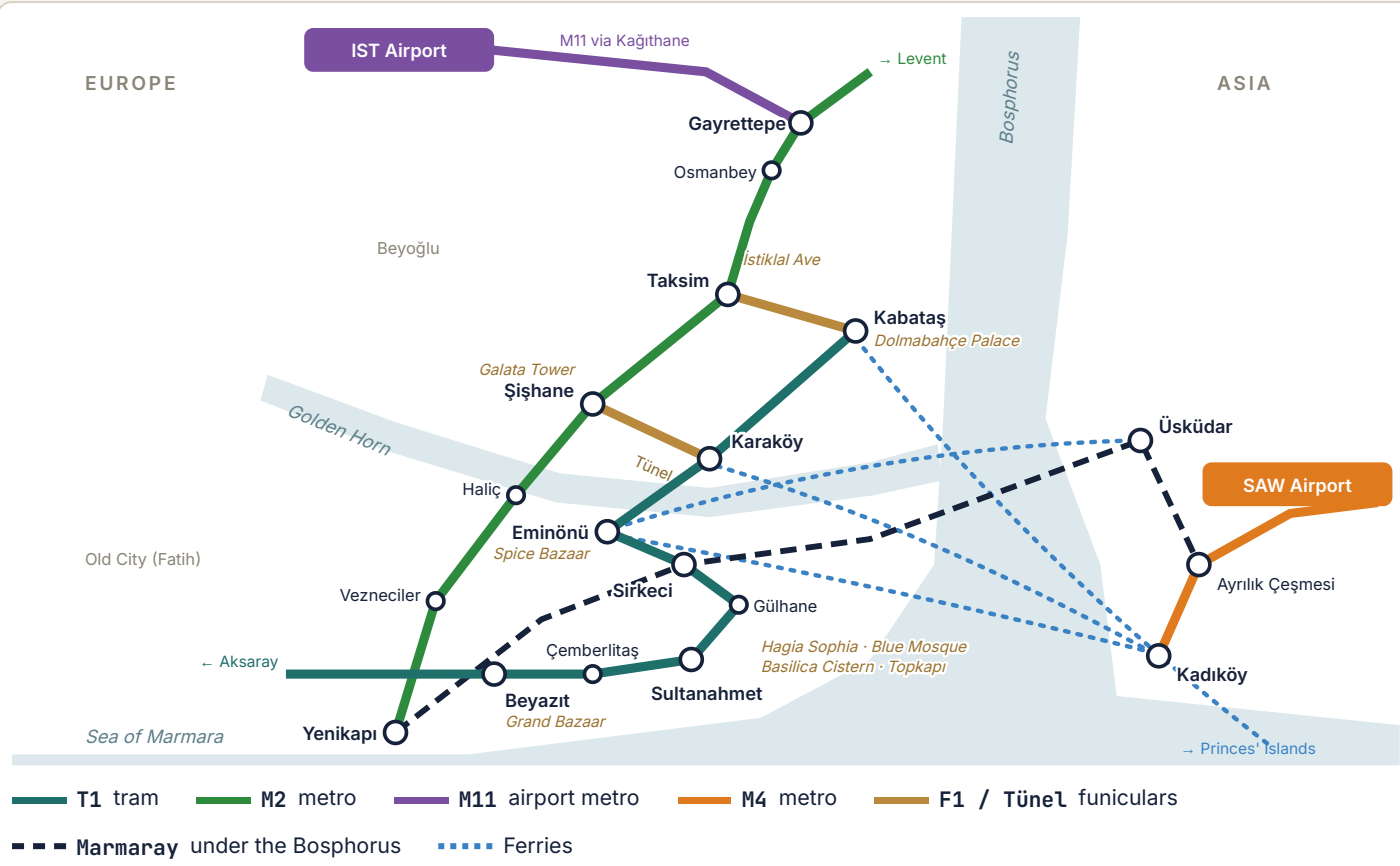


Getting Around Istanbul

The handful of lines most visitors actually use, how to get in from both airports, and which stop to use for the big sights.



From the airports

ISTANBUL AIRPORT (IST)

- **M11 metro** from the airport to **Gayrettepe**, then change to **M2** for Taksim and Şişhane.
- For Sultanahmet: M2 to **Vezneciler** and walk 10–15 min, or M2 to Taksim → **F1** to Kabataş → **T1** tram.
- **Havaist** express buses leave from floor –2 for central districts.

SABIHA GÖKÇEN (SAW)

- **M4 metro** to **Kadıköy**, then a **ferry** across to Eminönü or Karaköy.

ISTANBULKART

- Buy and top up at yellow machines in stations, airports and piers. Cash is easiest.
- One card covers metro, tram, bus, Marmaray, funiculars and city ferries.
- One card can pay for several people: tap once per person.
- Changing lines soon after tapping in is cheaper than a fresh fare.

Which stop for...

SIGHT	STOP • LINE
Hagia Sophia, Blue Mosque, Basilica Cistern	Sultanahmet • T1
Topkapı Palace	Gülhane • T1
Grand Bazaar	Beyazıt • T1
Spice Bazaar	Eminönü • T1
Galata Tower	Şişhane • M2
İstiklal Avenue, Taksim Sq.	Taksim • M2 / F1
Dolmabahçe Palace	Kabataş • T1 / F1
Süleymaniye Mosque	Vezneciler • M2
Kadıköy market streets	Kadıköy • ferry / M4
Princes' Islands	Kabataş • ferry

GOOD TO KNOW

- The T1 tram is packed 8–10am and 5–7pm. Walk short hops in Sultanahmet.
- Fares rise most years. Check metro.istanbul before you travel.