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Essendon Fields Airport

YMEN / MEB · Melbourne, Vic · directions and private handling

YMEN / MEB	1,921 m	17.5 km	11 pm–6 am
Codes: ICAO and IATA	Runways: longest; second 1,503 m	To the CBD: about 22 min by road	Curfew: Essendon Fields regulations

Getting there: road distances and drive times

FROM ESSENDON FIELDS TO	BY ROAD	DRIVE TIME*
Melbourne CBD	18 km	about 20 min
Flemington Racecourse	13 km	about 20 min
Melbourne Cricket Ground	20 km	about 25 min
Albert Park	22 km	about 30 min
St Kilda	27 km	about 30 min
Healesville (Yarra Valley)	69 km	about 1 h 10 min
Geelong	82 km	about 1 h 10 min
Melbourne Airport (Tullamarine)	10 km	about 15 min

*About, no traffic; allow more in the peaks. OSRM router, 24 Nov 2026.

The curfew in one box

> No jet operations between **11 pm and 6 am** unless the aircraft is 50,000 kg or less and the flight is an emergency or police flight (Essendon Fields Airport Regulations 2018). Tower 6 am to 11 pm. Plan to be down well before 11 pm; Tullamarine is the fallback.

The address to give your driver

Give the driver the handler’s address in your flight brief; with five handlers on the field, the gate is not the same for all.

How your flight is handled

Arrival and departure at Essendon Fields

Arriving

1. We send the meeting point, the time to arrive and the aircraft details before you travel.
2. You are met at the aircraft or at the handler’s facility, as set out in your flight brief.
3. International arrivals: Border Force and biosecurity clearance is arranged in advance and the place is confirmed for your flight.
4. Your car, or a helicopter or boat transfer where the destination needs one, meets you on the other side.

Departing

1. Arrive at the time we confirm; it depends on the airport and the aircraft.
2. Identification is checked against the passenger details we hold.
3. The handler or the airport takes you and your luggage to the aircraft.
4. Domestic flights have no customs step; international departures include formalities.

Handlers and fuel

Platinum +61 3 9101 9300; ExecuJet +61 3 9937 2000; Melbourne Corporate Jet Centre 03 9094 3759; Sharp 03 9374 3987; Shortstop 03 9379 9299. Confirmed for your flight.

If Essendon Fields does not suit

AIRPORT	FROM ESSENDON FIELDS	NOTE
Melbourne Airport (YMML)	About 10 km north-west by road	No curfew, long runways: the fallback for heavier or later flights.
Moorabbin (YMMB)	South-east of the city	General aviation airfield for lighter aircraft; see our Moorabbin guide.

> If the flight is cancelled because of the weather, a full refund is provided, or you can rebook on another date, it’s your choice.

Plan your flight

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One fully inclusive quotation, no obligation.

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