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### **Local transportation**

Buses, street-cars and subways are the ordinary means of transportation in the main cities. Exact fare is required when using these modes of transportation. There is generally a standard charge for travel anywhere in the city, and the individual fare will sometimes be cheaper if tickets or a monthly bus pass are purchased. In some cities, it is possible to transfer from one bus-route to another to reach your destination, in which case the bus-operator should be asked for a "transfer" (ticket) when the fare is paid. Taxis are quite expensive in large cities. The taxi fare is registered on a meter and fares are generally charged at a fixed rate according to the distance travelled, with additional charges for heavy pieces of luggage, such as trunks, and sometimes for extra passengers.