



Getting Around NYC



From the Airport



Most people travelling to New York City from international destinations arrive at one of the 3 main airports below:

- John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK)
- Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR)
- LaGuardia Airport (LGA)

We Can Book Your Airport Pickup!

We can arrange transportation from the airport to where you will be living. Please see our pricing information below.

- Transfer Service from JFK/Newark/LaGuardia Airport to a location inside Manhattan - **\$160 one way**
- Transfer Service from JFK/Newark/LaGuardia Airport to a location outside Manhattan - **\$180 one way**

If you would like the Global Pathways office to schedule this service for you, please contact pace.pathways@kaplan.com. Please provide the following information in your e-mail:

- *Name:*
- *Student ID number:*
- *Date of birth:*
- *Billing address:*
- *Airport of arrival:*
- *Airport of departure:*
- *Airline company:*
- *Flight number:*
- *Flight arrival time:*
- *Drop off Location with address:*
- *Phone Number to contact you (if you will have a US phone number when you arrive):*
- *If there is anything else regarding your flight and transportation that you feel we should know.*

You will be billed for this service through the Global Pathways office and receive your invoice via email. Please send in all requests for transfer service **2 weeks before your arrival date.**

From JFK

- The **AirTrain** (\$5) will take you from any terminal to the Howard Beach Station where you can transfer to the A subway train (after purchasing a \$2.50 MetroCard). Alternately, it can take you to Jamaica Station where you can transfer to the E, J, or Z subway trains or the Long Island Rail Road (LIRR)
- There is also an **New York Airport Express Bus service** for about \$16 which can take you from the airport to one of several central locations in the city
- Otherwise you can call a regular yellow **taxi** (or “cab”) which will take you to any Manhattan address for a flat rate of about \$55 (+ tolls and tip)

From Newark

- The **Olympia Trails Airport Express Bus** will take you to Grand Central, Port Authority, or Bryant Park for \$16
- You can purchase a **New Jersey Transit train ticket** at the airport, then take the AirTrain with the ticket from your terminal to the Newark Liberty International Train Station. There you can take a New Jersey Transit train to Penn Station.
- Otherwise you can call a regular yellow **taxi** (or “cab”) which will take you to Manhattan for about \$40-\$65 (+ tolls and tip)

From LaGuardia

- LGA mostly services domestic flights, but there is also a **New York Airport Express Bus** from outside any terminal to several locations in Manhattan for about \$13.
- Otherwise you can take the **M60 Bus** to 125th St. for \$2.50, then connect to a subway train with another \$2.50 MetroCard.
- Otherwise you can call a regular yellow **taxi** (or “cab”) which will take you to Manhattan for about \$30 (+ tolls and tip)

Getting Around in General

New York buses and subways are run by the Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA).

<http://new.mta.info/>

Subway



- To travel on the subway, you can buy a **MetroCard** (\$1.00 “new card fee” the first time you buy this card, which is also usable on the bus system). If you pay-per-ride with this card, you will be charged \$2.50 for subway and bus fare each time. Instead of paying per ride, you can also choose “Unlimited Ride” options for 7 days (cost: \$30) or 30 days (cost: \$112). For more information, and to calculate if it’s worth it to purchase pay-per-ride or unlimited rides, you can visit <http://www.mta.info/metrocard/>
- You can ask for a map of the subway at any station booth with an agent. Subway maps are also available here: <http://www.mta.info/maps/>
- While the subway can be extremely crowded, it is generally the fastest way to get around the city. It runs 24 hours a day, seven days a week, but may be much less frequent nights and weekends. Also, service changes and disruptions are common. Be sure to look for service change information posted on signs in the stations and check service on the MTA website.
- If you are unsure of how to get from one location to another, check out <http://triplanner.mta.info/> -- this is a great tool that even takes into account the time of day when you travel!

Bus



- You can pay for a bus ride with your MetroCard or by exact change (\$2.50 per ride). The fare for an express bus ride is \$6. Though buses are not the fastest way to travel, especially when there is a lot of traffic, they do offer the opportunity to sight-see.
- Every bus has a number indicating its route and a letter indicating the borough (M = Manhattan, Q = Queen, B = Brooklyn, Bx = Bronx, S = Staten Island). For traveling between boroughs, express buses can be useful.
- Note: If you are travelling late at night, you can ask to be let off at any point along your route for your safety, not just at the normal bus stops.

Taxi



- Yellow cabs are common within Manhattan and usually pretty easy to hail. They all have meters inside which indicate the fare.
- Cabs take both cash and credit/debit cards. If you're paying cash it's a good idea to have small bills because the cabbies (drivers) can't usually break anything higher than \$20. While cabs are relatively expensive for a single person, they can actually be a bargain with 3 or more riders. The rates for taxicabs are as follows:
 - Initial fare.....\$2.50
 - Each 1/5 mile (4 blocks).\$0.40
 - Each 1 minute idle.....\$0.40
 - Peak surcharge.....\$1.00 (after 4pm until 8pm Mon-Fri)
 - Night surcharge.....\$0.50 (after 8pm until 6am)
 - New York State tax.....\$0.50
 - Tolls.....\$extra
 - Additional riders.....FREE
- Pay only what's on the meter, plus a 15-20 percent gratuity.

Bicycling



- Cycling can be a great, sustainable way to commute and also allows you to see the city. However it may be difficult (and occasionally dangerous) due to congested roads, aggressive drivers, crowded pedestrian areas, etc. If you do not own your own bike, you may consider using the citibike program (<http://citibikenyc.com/>) which allows you to unlock a bike from a bike station, ride it to another location, and return the bike to a nearby station.
- Annual memberships which you can purchase online are \$95 + tax. 24-hour passes are \$10 + tax. 7-day passes are \$25 + tax. It can be a great deal if you like to commute by bicycle often!

Walking



- Not only is walking good for your health, it's probably the best way to see all the details of the city - the architecture, people, businesses, and street life!
- Manhattan is easiest for first-time visitors because all streets north of Houston St. are laid out in a numbered grid pattern. "Streets" travel east-west and "Avenues" go north-south. Streets are numbered higher going north, and avenues are numbered higher going west.