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Transportation to and from the Local Airports

Laguardia (LGA)

Public transit

- MTA buses can be boarded at LGA and provide connection from LGA to the subway, the Metro-North Railroad and the Long Island Railroad. Bus maps, schedules, and fare information can be found [here](#).
- All buses accept prepaid Metrocards or exact change (coins only). Select Bus Services require a paper ticket to be purchased at the bus stop before boarding.

Taxis/Car Services

- Taxi stands are located at each terminal upon exit of LGA airport. There are a few things you should know about LGA airport taxi service:
  - Tipping is customary for good service
  - There is a $1.00 peak-time surcharge for trips from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on weekdays
  - There is a $.50 surcharge for trips from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. daily. There is also a NY State tax of $.50 added to trips within New York, but not for trips to New Jersey.
  - One fare pays for all passengers to one destination
● Four passengers (five in minivans) is the limit for New York City cabs
● Meter must read $3.00 at the start of the trip
● Credit cards and cash are accepted
● Most major car services such as Uber and Lyft will pick you up at the LGA airport. A surcharge fee may apply.

Car
● If you’re lucky enough to know someone in NYC with a car, they can pick you up from the LGA airport.
  ○ LaGuardia Airport offers hourly, daily and long-term parking. The first three hours are free to park in the Wait Area for arriving passengers. Locate Hourly Parking and get Driving Directions to the airport.

Car Rentals
● A number of car rental facilities are conveniently located at LaGuardia Airport. A list of car rental agencies with contact information and how to pay for tolls can be found here.

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John F. Kennedy Airport (JFK)

AirTrain
● AirTrain connects with MTA New York City Transit subways and buses and the Long Island Rail Road. AirTrain also makes frequent stops everywhere around the airport: airline terminals, parking lots, hotel shuttle areas and rental car facilities. Fare information can be found here.

Public Transit
● Travel to and from JFK airport is available via MTA bus, subway, and the Long Island Railroad. AirTrain fares are in addition to subway and bus fares. LIRR tickets must be purchased at the stations before boarding the train. MTA buses and subway fares can be paid using your MetroCard. Fares, times, and schedules can be found here.

Taxis/Car Services
● Taxi stands are available outside of each terminal at JFK. There are a few things you should know about JFK airport taxi service:
  ● Tipping is customary for good service.
  ● Taxis at JFK Airport charge a flat fare of $52 for trips between the airport and Manhattan. Taxis impose a $4.50 surcharge during peak hours (4-8 p.m. weekdays, excluding holidays), for a fare of $56.50.
● There is also a NY State tax of 50 cents added to trips within New York, but not for trips to NJ.
● One fare pays for all passengers to one destination.
● Four passengers (five in minivans) is the limit for New York City cabs.
● Meter must read $3.00 at the start of the trip (except for JFK-Manhattan $52 Flat Fare trips).
● Please take your receipt.
● Most major car services such as Uber and Lyft will pick you up at the JFK airport. A surcharge fee may apply.

Car
● If you’re lucky enough to know someone in NYC with a car, they can pick you up from the JFK airport.
  ○ JFK provides both short and long term parking. Information on prices and availability can be found here.

Car Rentals
● A number of car rental facilities are conveniently located at JFK Airport. A list of car rental agencies with contact information and how to pay for tolls can be found here.

Newark Liberty (EWR)

AirTrain
● AirTrain Newark provides easy connections to and from NJ TRANSIT, PATH and Amtrak through one gateway: Newark Liberty International Airport Station. Customers may purchase a ticket to ride on AirTrain from NJ Transit or Amtrak at their train stations, ticket offices or ticketing machines and the AirTrain Newark fee will be included - one ticket does it all. Passengers are required to use the AirTrain Newark system to connect to a NJ TRANSIT or Amtrak train from the airport. There is a $5.50 ticket fee. Fare and ticket purchasing information can be found here.

Public Transportation
● Bus service is available through NJ Transit Bus Lines go 28, 37, 62, 67, 107. NJ Transit schedules and fares information can be found here.
● Express Bus runs between Newark Liberty International Airport & New York City. The Express Bus runs from 4 a.m. until 2 a.m./ 365 days. The cost is $16 for one way, or $28
for round trip. Each bus stops at all 3 New York stops: Grand Central Station, Bryant Park, and Port Authority Bus Terminal. Express Bus schedules can be found [here](#).

**Taxi/Car Service**

- To obtain ground transportation information, please visit the Port Authority Welcome Center located in the arrivals area of each terminal, where uniformed staff will be happy to assist you. There are a few things you should know about taxi service at EWR airport:
  - Tipping is customary for good service.
  - During weekday rush hours - mornings (6AM to 9AM) and afternoons (4PM to 7PM) and on weekends (Saturday and Sunday from 12PM to 8PM) - there is an additional $5 surcharge to all points in the State of New York, except Staten Island.
  - It is unlawful for an owner or driver of a taxicab to charge or cause to be charged, except as hereinafter provided, a greater sum for the use of a cab than in accordance with the rate schedule of fares for service from Newark Liberty International Airport when conveying one or more persons (in the same group) to any point in any municipality in New Jersey other than those specified in special areas and to any point in New York City, excluding tolls.
  - Round trip tolls are not included in quoted fare.
  - There is an additional charge for each piece of baggage over 24 inches.
  - There is a 10% senior citizen discount (62 years and older) upon presentation of proper identification.
  - Please take your receipt.
  - The local taxi commission automatically adds a $5.50 surcharge to all credit card transactions.
  - Information on sample fares can be found [here](#).
  - Most major car services such as Uber and Lyft will pick you up at the LGA airport. A surcharge fee may apply.

**Car**

- EWR provides both short and long term parking. Information on pricing and availability can be found [here](#).

**Car Rentals**

- A number of car rental facilities are conveniently located at EWR Airport. A list of car rental agencies with contact information and how to pay for tolls can be found [here](#).
Getting to NYC by Train

New York City has two main rail stations in Midtown: Grand Central Terminal (on the east side) and Penn Station (on the west side). Each is also served by numerous bus and subway lines. Grand Central is served by Metro-North Railroad, which goes to NYC suburbs in New York and Connecticut. Penn Station is served by the following: Long Island Rail Road, a commuter railroad serving Long Island; Amtrak, the US national passenger railroad, serving many points throughout the country; and NJ Transit, a commuter line serving points in New Jersey. [taken from NYC Official Guide http://www.nycgo.com/articles/nyc-transportation-getting-here]

Getting to NYC by Bus

There are a number of affordable, convenient bus lines that travel to New York City from around the United States and parts of Canada. These include BoltBus, Megabus and Greyhound. The main bus station in Manhattan is the Port Authority Bus Terminal. [taken from NYC Official Guide http://www.nycgo.com/articles/nyc-transportation-getting-here#3 ]

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Getting Around NYC

Subway and Buses
Subway map

(New) 2nd Ave. Subway (3 new stations at 2nd Avenue and 72nd, 86th and 96th Streets): 2016 NY Times article 2017 NPR article

Hotel Vicinity

Closest subway: F train at 57th Street and 6th Ave.; N-Q-R-W at 57th and 7th Ave.; B-D-E at 7th and 53rd

Buses: 104 goes uptown at 8th Ave. and turns on to Broadway (downtown at 7th Ave.) 10: starts at Columbus Circle and uptown on Central Park West 7: downtown on 7th Ave.; uptown same route as 104
5: uptown on 6th Ave.; downtown on 5th Ave.; left on Central Park South and up Broadway like 7 and 104
57: East/West on 57th Street; North up West End Ave. (West side)
31: same as 57; goes North on York Ave. (far East side)
**Parking:** The Hilton offers parking for guests at a rate of $70/a day per car and $75/a day per SUV. Alternatively, the following website provides a map of parking garages near the hotel with their rates based on date and time of day:
https://nyc.bestparking.com/destinations/hilton-parking

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**Street finders (if you have an address)**

http://gis.nyc.gov/doitt/nycitymap/
https://www.ny.com/locator/

**Metrocard tips/facts:**

- cost: $2.75 per ride: Metrocards only. Good for trains and buses (free transfer between one or other, or between buses).

**Taxi and other ride options**

NYC Taxi (yellow cabs): passenger information
Boro Taxis (boroughs other than Manhattan + Northern Manhattan, a.k.a. “Green apple” taxis due to their lt. green color

Uber
Lyft
Via: all rides $5 between 6 am and 8 pm (+ $3 for extra passenger), or unlimited rides with a ViaPass. Optional sharing available too in Manhattan, Brooklyn, and Queens.
Curb: Works with yellow taxis only, and sharing is available.
Other car services: https://www.carmellimo.com/

**How to hail a cab**


**Ferries**

(see Staten Island guide for SI Ferry information)
official site - 4 routes up and running at present
Things to Do near ferry stops
**Biking**

http://www.nycbikemaps.com/


**Citi bike program**

Pedicabs (a.k.a. rickshaws) are another way to get around in NYC or to take a tour, but beware of scams.

**Further Afield**

New Jersey: [NJ Transit (train)](http://www.njtransit.com/)

Connecticut: [Metro North (train)](http://www.mtrnorth.com/)

Long Island: [Long Island Rail Road (train)](http://www.lirr.gov/)

Buses to/from NYC: [Port Authority Bus Terminal (8th Ave. & 42nd St.)](http://www.portauthority.org/)

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