

TRAVELING INFORMATION - NEW YORK CITY

There are three major and two minor airports that serve New York City. The closest to Manhattan is LaGuardia and often offers lower fares than JFK, an international airport. The third major airport is Newark airport in New Jersey. While the fares are often lower than the other two airports, it is much further away but still manageable by public transportation. Call us if you wish to fly into Newark. The two minor airports are White Plains and Long Island. It would be a longer distance to get to Manhattan and may not be cost-effective.

Transportation Options to Manhattan from LaGuardia and JFK

JFK International Airport

Located in Queens, JFK is fifteen miles from midtown Manhattan and located on Jamaica Bay

Getting from JFK to Manhattan (& back):

- **Public Transit:**
 - Take the quick and easy [AirTrain](#). Consult the [New York City Subway Map](#) to determine the best connections to take to get to your destination. \$2 subway fare (available 24 hours). If you return to JFK via subway, make sure to take the A train marked Far Rockaway or Rockaway Park, NOT Lefferts Blvd.
 - For other public transit options, including suburban areas and the five boroughs, consult [JFK Transportation Options](#) or the [MTA's Airport Service information](#).
- **Taxis:** \$45 flat fare (plus tolls) to any Manhattan location. Taxis are available outside of every terminal and there is typically a taxi stand where you will be directed to a taxi. For destinations outside of Manhattan, consult the [TLC Fare Guide](#). You may also want to familiarize yourself with the [Taxi Rider's Bill of Rights](#). There is no additional charge for luggage and rates are based per car, not per passenger (up to four passengers). To return to JFK from Manhattan, taxis will charge you the metered rate, plus any

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- **Private Shuttles:** Several companies offer shuttles to Manhattan, including:
- New York Airport Service Express Bus: Available from 6:30 a.m. - 11:10 p.m., these shuttles leave every 15-30 minutes. Fare is \$13 (\$15 if you want to be dropped off at your midtown hotel), but you can save by buying round trip tickets online, as they are \$22 (you can also buy discounted one way tickets online). One free child under 12 is included in the fare. You can choose to disembark at Grand Central, Port Authority or Penn Station, in addition to hotels between 31st Street and 60th Street. The ride takes about an hour. Return schedules and more information are available on their website.
- Super Shuttle: Available 24 hours a day, this shuttle provides door to door service for your party. Fares are \$15 - \$19, depending on destination. No reservations are required to get from the airport to your destination, but they are required for your return trip to the airport. Consult their website or call 1-800-258-3826 for more information. Book your SuperShuttle Transfer through Viator. tolls.

LaGuardia AIRPORT

LaGuardia Airport (LGA), also in Queens (on the Grand Central Parkway) mainly handles domestic flights. If you're flying in from anywhere in the U.S., chances are you'll come through here. Particular exceptions include Continental Airlines. The airport has a Ground Transportation Desk where you can get information when you arrive.

Taxis

[Taxis](#) into the city take anywhere from 20-40 minutes. They cost between \$16-\$26 NOT including bridge tolls (these are an additional 3 dollars). Taxis are cash only. Make sure to hail a cab in the designated areas or ask a uniformed airport employee to help you. Generally, it's polite to tip at least a dollar per bag if the taxi driver assists you.

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Bus and Van Services

[New York Airport Service Express Bus:](#)

The fare is \$10, which you pay in cash to the bus driver. The busses operate once every twenty to thirty minutes between 6:45am and midnight. For exact schedules call (718) 875-8200. The trip is 40 minutes to an hour and there are several stops in Manhattan:

Grand Central Terminal, 125 Park Avenue (betw. 40 and 41st Streets)

Transfer available to hotels between 27th and 59th Streets.

Air Trans Center located in the Eighth Avenue and 42nd St. Wing of [The Port Authority Bus Terminal](#)

Penn Station, 34th Street (betw. 7th and 8th Avenues)

[Express Shuttle USA \(formerly Gray Line\):](#)

One-way fare is \$13. The busses run from 7am to 11:30 pm to locations in Manhattan from 23rd to 96th Streets. When you arrive at the airport, go to the ground transportation desk. A shuttle bus will come to pick you up within twenty minutes of your arrival. For exact schedules call (212) 315-3006 or (800) 451-0455.

[SuperShuttle:](#) (800) BLUE VAN (258-3826)

Public Transportation

The New York City subways and buses run to LaGuardia for \$2.00. If you have large quantities of luggage, you will find it very difficult to manage this trip. You will need \$2.00 in change, a token or Metrocard for any public bus and a token or Metrocard for any train. For more information on fares, see our [bus](#) and [train](#) pages.

The easiest route is the M60 bus which picks you up at the airport and drops you off at 116th and Broadway in front of the gates of Columbia University. From here you can take a bus, taxi or subway to anywhere in Manhattan; we don't suggest riding the subway at night if you are new to New York.

You can also take the Q33 bus to Roosevelt Avenue-Jackson Heights or 74th Street and Broadway in Jackson Heights Queens. If you get off the bus at Roosevelt Avenue, you can catch the E or F trains into Manhattan. If you get

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off the bus at 74th Street, you can catch the #7 train heading into Manhattan. This train stops at Times Square where you can transfer for free to another train to take you anywhere in the city. For a detailed subway map, visit the [MTA's page](#).

