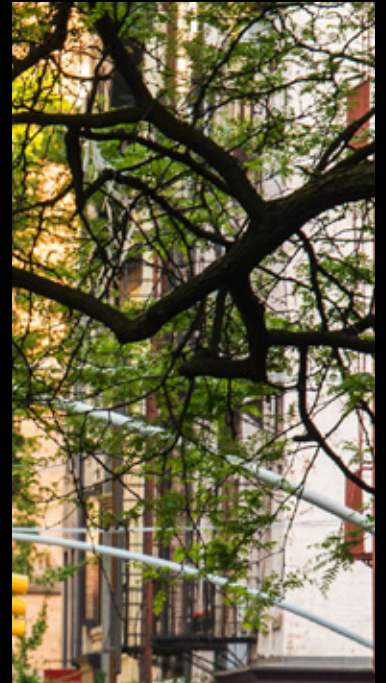
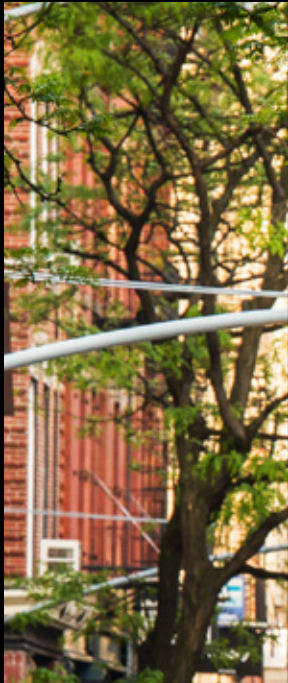
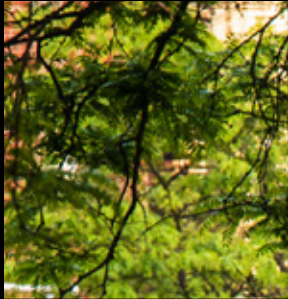


# MEET NYC



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# WELCOME

New York City's incredible energy, excitement and diversity set it apart from all other destinations on the planet—and that's no overstatement. Our five boroughs have five distinct personalities—each with its own vibrant cultures, dynamic art scenes and world-renowned shopping and dining. No matter what you're looking for, it'll be easy to find in New York City.



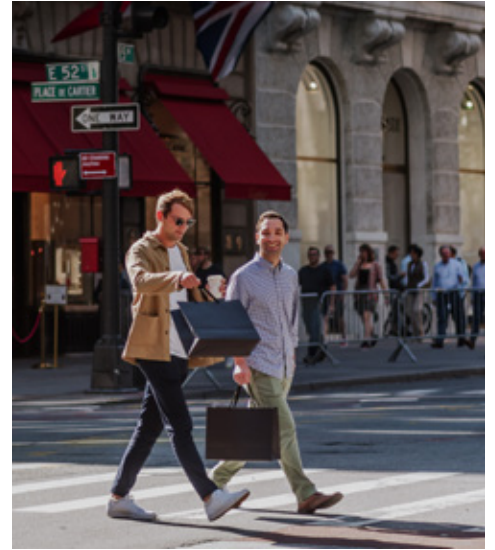
## DINING

In New York City, everything's on the menu. Start with local classics: mile-high pastrami sandwiches, bagels with lox, hot knishes and pizza pies—done better here than anywhere else. Then sample the ethnic cuisine tucked away in every corner of the five boroughs, originating from every corner of the globe. Whether you're in the mood for traditional fare or cutting-edge dining, the City has it all. Check out [Savor NYC](#) for the latest on the NYC restaurant scene.



## SIGHTSEEING

There's no better place than New York City to mix work and play: the five boroughs are overflowing with [iconic attractions](#) that event attendees can get excited about. From the breathtaking beauty of the Brooklyn Bridge, Central Park and Snug Harbor Cultural Center & Botanical Garden to the buzzing vibrancy of neighborhoods like Flushing and landmarks like Yankee Stadium, experience the sites that attract over 57 million tourists a year. Plus, getting around NYC is incredibly efficient and affordable via its 24-hour mass transit system. Hail a cab, rent a bike, hop on a ferry, board a bus or take the subway anywhere.



## SHOPPING

Shopping in New York City offers an experience found nowhere else. Stroll glamorous avenues of couture shops, explore neighborhoods studded with hidden vintage boutiques or satiate that craving at any number of gourmet food markets. Whether you're searching for diamonds or sample sales, NYC truly has something for every budget and interest. Come prepared with an extra suitcase—you'll be glad you did. Check out our [retail spotlight](#), featuring everything from small businesses to high-end retailers.

# NYC SEASONS



## WINTER

There's no experience anywhere quite like winter in New York City. Ice-skate around The Rink at Rockefeller Center, stroll through a snow-covered park with a cup of hot chocolate in your hands or escape from the cold into the world of a Broadway show. And, of course, there are the countless year-round attractions to enjoy—like museums, restaurants and soaring skyscraper observation decks that make up the world's most famous skyline.



## SPRING

In the springtime, New York City buzzes with energy and optimism. You can feel it walking along the High Line, Central Park, Prospect Park or the blossoming New York Botanical Garden. Explore Brooklyn and Queens, where diners take to outdoor patios and gardens to soak in the warmer weather. Or hop aboard the free Staten Island Ferry to visit St. George and see incredible views of the Statue of Liberty along the way.



## SUMMER

As the weather warms up, New York City heads outdoors. Take in a free concert from the grassy slopes of Central Park and Prospect Park, or spend an afternoon people-watching at a quaint sidewalk café. Plan a day trip to Staten Island for minor-league baseball and to take in the stunning landscapes of Snug Harbor—no matter where you go, the energy of the City in summer is unmatched.



## FALL

Fall in New York City conjures up images of hot coffee, crisply blowing leaves and tantalizing seasonal menus—there's nothing quite like it. Immerse yourself in rousing events like the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, the TCS New York City Marathon and the spectacular changing of the leaves in Central Park and Prospect Park. Or head to a sky-high observatory and take in some of the most spectacular sunsets the City has to offer.

# GOOD TO KNOW

## WEATHER

New York City weather can vary daily—even from morning to afternoon, but a guide to the seasons can help you plan your wardrobe. Spring (March–May) in New York City brings light winds and rain, with the season’s temperatures ranging from cool to very warm. Summer (June–August) is characterized by bright, sunny, hot days and later sunsets, sometimes accompanied by cool breezes in areas near the water. The fall season (September–November) is cool and crisp, so wearing layers is wise. The winter months (December–February) are cold with less daylight and can be snowy, though the weather is often clear.

## TIME ZONE

New York City is in the Eastern Time Zone. Eastern Standard Time is Greenwich Mean Time minus five hours, and Eastern Daylight Time, from March through November, is Greenwich Mean Time minus four hours. [Check here](#) for the current date and time in NYC.

## INTERNATIONAL VISITORS

If you’re visiting New York City from outside the United States, you may need a visa to enter the country. For details, visit the [US State Department’s visa information website](#).

## TIPPING GUIDELINES

- Hotel doorman: \$1 for hailing a cab
- Porters and bellhops: \$1–2 per bag
- Housekeeping: As much as \$5 per day
- Waitstaff and bartenders: 15–20 percent of total bill
- Taxi drivers: 15–20 percent of total fare

Tips for other service personnel, such as theater ushers, tour guides and coat-check staff, are always appreciated.

## SPECIAL-SERVICE NEEDS

New York City is committed to ensuring accessibility for everyone with special needs and has equipped all buses with lifts for those in wheelchairs and those with difficulty climbing stairs. In addition, many subway stations include elevators, ramps, visual display signs, accessible public telephones and tactile and audio features on vending machines. Subways also have automated voices indicating stops, and all buses and select subway stations are wheelchair accessible. Many street-hail taxicabs accommodate wheelchairs. To request a wheelchair-accessible taxi, call the accessible dispatch center at +1.646.599.9999; [book online](#); or download the free mobile app *Accessible Dispatch NYC* at Apple’s App Store or from Google Play. Passengers with disabilities are eligible for reduced fares on most mass-transit trips. For more information about NYC accessibility, call +1.212.NEW.YORK (639.9675) from outside the City or 311 while in town; contact the Mayor’s Office for People with Disabilities (+1.212.788.2830, TTY: +1.212.504.4115, [nyc.gov/mopd](#)); or visit the [accessibility page](#) on the NYC Tourism + Conventions website.

## THE LATEST FROM LOCAL EXPERTS

Something exciting happens every day (and every minute) in New York City. On [NYCtourism.com](#), you’ll find some of the best ways your attendees can experience the five boroughs’ energy when they’re in town. New attractions and restaurants, top sports and nightlife events, the hottest shops and seasonal guides—we’ve got everything you need to make the most of this moment in the world’s greatest city.





# MAXIMIZE YOUR TRIP

Even when business is your primary reason for travel to New York City, it's impossible not to get caught up in its energy and excitement. New York City's five boroughs are home to cultural and historic treasures, lush green spaces, renowned museums and more.

**Manhattan** features world-famous attractions at every turn: it's possible to visit Central Park, Grand Central Terminal, the Empire State Building and Rockefeller Center all in one afternoon. Flagship stores like Bloomingdale's, Macy's Herald Square and Saks Fifth Avenue have an almost magnetic appeal for the millions of shoppers who descend on the City each year, while beloved eateries like Katz's Deli and Tavern on the Green serve up a side of history. Of course, there are also the bright lights of Broadway in Times Square's Theatre District—not to mention the Off-Broadway playhouses where your attendees can catch the latest comedies, dramas, musicals and some avant-garde fare. (Here's where they can find the [latest NYC theater news and information](#).)

**Staten Island** is a free 30-minute ferry ride from Lower Manhattan's Whitehall Terminal. Highlights for visitors include the National Lighthouse Museum, whose nautical artifacts and exhibits are drawn from the island's history; the Richmond County Bank Ballpark, home of the minor-league Staten Island FerryHawks baseball team; and the beautifully restored St. George Theatre, which debuted in 1929 as a vaudeville house.

**The Bronx**, the City's northernmost borough, is the birthplace of hip-hop and home to the legendary Yankee Stadium, where your attendees can enjoy a baseball game—and, even during the off-season, stadium tours and special events at NYY Steak. Other borough favorites include the Bronx Zoo; the sprawling 250-acre New York Botanical Garden; and Wave Hill, a 28-acre public garden and cultural center.

**Brooklyn**'s rich cultural history shines through classic brownstone architecture and landmarks like the Brooklyn Bridge and Coney Island. The Brooklyn Academy of Music (BAM) features award-winning performances and film screenings, while Barclays Center hosts Nets and New York Liberty basketball and concerts by major touring artists.

**Queens** is where foodies can go to savor delicious, authentic cuisines from every region in the world—specifically in Astoria, Flushing or Jackson Heights neighborhoods. Besides its gastronomical riches, the borough has no shortage of notable sights. The Unisphere, a stainless-steel sculpture of the globe, 120 feet in diameter, stands in Flushing Meadows Corona Park, an 897-acre green space created for the 1964–1965 World's Fair. Here your attendees will find family-friendly attractions like the New York Hall of Science, the Queens Museum and the Queens Zoo.

# GETTING HERE

Six area airports serve New York City. Of these, three are major hubs: John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK) and LaGuardia Airport (LGA) are both in Queens, while Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR) is located in neighboring New Jersey. Other metropolitan-area airports include Stewart International Airport (SWF), Westchester County Airport (HPN) and MacArthur Airport (ISP). The City's three major airports provide easy access to the City via taxis, buses, vans, subways, trains and private limo and car services.

## JOHN F. KENNEDY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (JFK)

Jamaica, Queens | [jfkairport.com](http://jfkairport.com) | +1.718.244.4444

JFK is 15 miles from Midtown Manhattan. It handles the most international traffic of any airport in the United States. More than 70 airlines serve the airport's five terminals.

### Getting to Manhattan from JFK

**Taxi:** the flat-rate fare is \$70 (excluding surcharges, tolls and gratuity); 50–60 minutes to/from Midtown. Visit [nyc.gov/taxi](http://nyc.gov/taxi) or call +1.212.NEW.YORK (639.9675) from outside the City or 311 when in town for more information.

**Subway:** \$11.00 (\$8.25 for AirTrain JFK and \$2.75 for subway); 50–75 minutes to Midtown Manhattan on the A subway line at the Howard Beach–JFK Airport station, or the E, J, Z subway lines and Long Island Rail Road (LIRR) train at the Sutphin Blvd/Archer Ave station.

**Train:** \$8.25 AirTrain JFK connects to LIRR Jamaica Station, \$10.75 peak/\$7.75 off-peak train to Penn Station (NOTE: \$5.75–6.50 surcharge for tickets purchased on board train). On Saturday and Sunday, the CityTicket fare to Penn Station is \$5.00. The trip to Penn Station is 20 minutes (not including AirTrain ride).

**Public bus:** \$2.75 (with free transfer to subway line into Manhattan); 60–75 minutes to Midtown. The Q3 bus at JFK connects to the F subway line, the B15 connects to the 3 line, and the Q10 bus connects to the E and F lines.

Private bus, van companies and limo car services are also available. Check at the Port Authority Welcome Center on the Arrivals Level of each terminal.

## LAGUARDIA AIRPORT (LGA)

Flushing, Queens | [laguardiaairport.com](http://laguardiaairport.com) | +1.718.533.3400

LaGuardia is on the northern shore of Queens and is the closest airport to Midtown Manhattan at about eight miles away. With three terminals that serve nine airlines, it handles domestic and international air traffic.

### Getting to Manhattan from LaGuardia

**Taxi:** Metered fare is approximately \$30–38 (excluding surcharges, tolls and gratuity); 30 minutes to/from Midtown. Visit [nyc.gov/taxi](http://nyc.gov/taxi) or call +1.212.NEW.YORK (639.9675) from outside the City or 311 when in town for more information.

**Public bus:** fare is \$2.75 for the Select Bus Service M60 between LaGuardia and Manhattan's Upper West Side (106th Street and Broadway), with stops at all major Manhattan subway lines (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, A, B, C, D); 45–60 minutes. The express Q70 bus goes to the 74th St/Roosevelt Ave subway station (for 7, E, F, M or R lines); add 15–20 minutes for the subway ride.

Private bus, van companies and limo car services are also available. Check at the Port Authority Welcome Center on the Arrivals Level of each terminal.

# GETTING HERE

## NEWARK LIBERTY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (EWR)

Newark, New Jersey | [newarkairport.com](http://newarkairport.com) | +1.888.397.4636

Newark Liberty is served by more than 30 international and domestic carriers. The airport is across the Hudson River from New York City—16 miles and 45–60 minutes from Midtown Manhattan.

### Getting to Manhattan from Newark Liberty

**Taxi:** Service to Midtown is permitted only via New Jersey–regulated taxis. Metered fares range \$50–70 (excluding surcharges, tolls and gratuity). Seniors (ages 62 and older) receive a 10% discount.

- Newark Taxi Division, +1.973.733.8912;
- Elizabeth Taxi Commission, +1.908.820.4000, ext. 4178
- NOTE: When traveling to Newark Liberty from Midtown, taxi service is via NYC’s regulated taxis. Metered fares range \$70–85 (excluding surcharges, tolls and gratuity). Visit [nyc.gov/taxi](http://nyc.gov/taxi) or call +1.212.NEW.YORK (639.9675) from outside the City or 311 when in town for more information.

**Train:** AirTrain Newark is free between EWR terminals. Purchase a flat-rate \$15.25 ticket for a connection on NJ TRANSIT into New York’s Penn Station. Note: Retain your receipt to show to conductors on each train connection. When you buy an NJ TRANSIT or Amtrak ticket to or from Newark Liberty International Airport Station, that one ticket includes the AirTrain Newark portion, which is \$8.25.

Private bus, van companies and limo car services are also available. Check at the Port Authority Welcome Center on the Arrivals Level of each terminal.

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**Other Ways to Get Here:** In addition to nearby airports, New York City is easily accessible via an extensive network of bridges, tunnels, ferries, trains, light rail, buses, heliports and even cruise ports. Driving to the City is an option, but you certainly won’t need a car to get around.

# GETTING AROUND NYC

## MTA

Getting an MTA MetroCard is your first step to navigating the City by subway or bus. You can purchase a MetroCard at any subway station from multilingual machines (which accept cash and credit and debit cards) or booth attendants. You may also use exact change (no dollar bills) to ride any city bus.

Riders have three options for fare payment: a single-ride ticket, a pay-per-ride MetroCard or an unlimited-ride MetroCard. There is a \$1 fee to purchase a MetroCard, so be sure to retain it—and check the expiration date on the back of the card (the MTA will issue a new MetroCard for no charge if your card has expired or is damaged). A single-ride ticket costs \$3, is sold only at vending machines and must be used within two hours of purchase. With a pay-per-ride MetroCard, the base fare for a subway or bus ride is \$2.75; minimum purchase is \$5.50, maximum is \$80. An unlimited MetroCard enables users to ride all subways and buses as often as they like and costs \$33 for seven days or \$127 for 30 days. Additional discounts are available for seniors ages 65+ and disabled riders. For a map of New York City's subway and bus system, [click here](#). Note: MetroCards will officially phase out in 2024.

In 2023, the City rolled out a new contactless fare payment system, OMNY (One Metro New York), which combines fare payments and ticketing across subways, buses, paratransit and commuter rail. OMNY readers are available at all subway turnstiles and on all buses; simply tap your contactless card or smart device and watch the screen for confirmation to proceed. During the OMNY rollout, you can still use MetroCard, eTix and other existing fare payment options. [Learn more.](#)

## NYC TAXIS

The City's fleet of taxicabs is regulated by the NYC Taxi & Limousine Commission (TLC). Taxicabs operate 24 hours, provide door-to-door service and accept cash or credit cards. The City's famous yellow fleet is primarily seen throughout Midtown but can be hailed for trips to other boroughs and states. NYC's apple-green Boro Taxis can pick up passengers in the Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens (excluding the airports) and Staten Island, plus northern Manhattan (north of West 110th Street and

The best way to get around NYC is through a combination of walking and the City's inexpensive and energy-efficient 24/7 mass transit system. NYC's subways and buses are operated by the MTA (Metropolitan Transportation Authority). They provide a fun way to extend sightseeing while getting you where you need to go. Other interborough connections include a recently expanded ferry system and even an aerial tramway.

East 96th Street); they are not authorized to pick up any trips elsewhere in Manhattan.

To hail a taxi, stand at the curb and look for a yellow cab with an illuminated white number on top. Off-duty cabs display the illuminated words "Off Duty" on the same sign. Board and exit the cab curbside. For yellow or green taxis, there is a minimum meter fare of \$3, and prices increase based on the distance and duration of the trip (assume prices are higher during peak rush-hour traffic). Surcharges apply to the meter price. Drivers appreciate a 15–20 percent gratuity at the end of a trip. Bridge and tunnel tolls are not included in the taxi's metered fare. You may also use e-hail apps such as *Arro*, *Curb*, *Myle*, *Waave* and *Wapanda*, available in Apple's App Store or Google Play, which will connect you with cab services across the five boroughs. Visit [nyc.gov/taxi](http://nyc.gov/taxi) or call +1.212.NEW.YORK (639.9675) from outside the City or 311 when in town for more information.

## CONGESTION PRICING

Congestion pricing is in effect for areas of Manhattan south of and including 60th Street. This excludes FDR Drive to the east, the West Side Highway/Route 9A to the west and the Hugh L. Carey Tunnel connections to West Street in Lower Manhattan.

- Passenger and small commercial vehicles will be charged \$9 to enter the zone during peak hours (5am–9pm weekdays, 9am–9pm weekends). The cost is reduced to \$2.25 during overnight hours. This charge is assessed once per day per vehicle.
- Motorcycles are subject to the same schedule as above, but the cost is \$4.50 during peak hours and \$1.05 overnight.
- Taxis and other for-hire vehicles have a surcharge for trips taken to, from, within or through the zone: \$1.50 for for-hire vehicles and \$.75 for cabs.

For more information, including the full toll schedule, visit [mta.info](http://mta.info).