

New York Transportation Guide

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MTA New York City Transit

For an inexpensive and environmentally friendly way to explore the five boroughs, look no further than the MTA New York City Transit. Ride the subway or catch a bus to experience all the city has to offer. Your first step is to get an OMNY card, which can be purchased at any subway station from multilingual vending machines (which accept cash and credit and debit cards) or from booth attendants. For information about routes, check out the city's [subway and bus maps](#).

Regional Railroads

- [Long Island Rail Road](#): Service runs 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with schedules that vary by destination and time of day. It covers over 700 miles of track on 11 branches, stretching from Montauk at Long Island's eastern tip to Penn Station in Manhattan, approximately 120 miles away.
- [Metro-North Railroad](#): Departing from Grand Central station, Metro-North serves customers throughout New York and Connecticut on the Harlem, Hudson, New Haven, Port Jervis, and Pascack Valley lines.

Taxis

Grabbing a taxi is another convenient way to navigate the city, especially for visitors who are tired of walking or weighed down by luggage or shopping bags. Taxis are available 24 hours a day and can take passengers to any destination in New York City.

Walking and Biking

No matter what means of transportation you use to get around New York City, expect to walk a lot. The city is designed for it, and it's easy to explore multiple attraction-packed neighborhoods on a single stroll. Biking is another popular – and environmentally friendly – way for locals and visitors alike to take in the sights; there are over 1,500 miles of bike lanes, more than a third of them protected. Visitors can rent a bike from [Citi Bike](#), [Unlimited Biking](#), or [Cycle Park NYC](#), to name a few.

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Port Authority Trans-Hudson Corporation (PATH)

PATH is a rail rapid-transit system that serves as the primary transit link between Manhattan (midtown and downtown) and neighboring New Jersey urban communities. It also connects to suburban commuter railroads. With multiple stations in New York and New Jersey, PATH is a handy way to travel through the region.

Ferries

Ferries can take you uptown, downtown, or between boroughs.

- [Staten Island Ferry](#): A staple for many morning and evening commutes. Great for any sightseeing itinerary, and it's free!
- [NYC Ferry](#): A waterway transportation network with stops in Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens, the Bronx, Staten Island, and more.
- [NY Waterway](#): A commuter ferry service with routes connecting Manhattan to various points in New Jersey.

