Public Transportation From Major Airports

This document provides general public transportation information, for specific travel information visit the MTA site and additional links. ** Please note: trains are occasionally under construction over the weekend and weeknights. Go to the MTA website for the most updated information.

https://new.mta.info/

Via Subway (least expensive, may take some time and transfers)

John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK)

From JFK you can take the AirTrain to a MTA subway or bus for a low cost way to travel to various NYC locations. The AirTrain cost $5.00 and can connect you to the E, J, Z, and A subway trains as well as a number of buses and the commuter train LIRR (see commuter train section). You pay for the AirTrain after your ride and before leaving the station by putting money on an AirTrain MetroCard at one of the vending machines located by the exit. A new card costs $1. The cost of the AirTrain is separate from the subway fare. There is typically a MTA representative at the vending machines to assist you with any questions. Please see the link below for additional information.

General link:

https://www.jfkairport.com/to-from-airport/public-transportation

AirTrain:

https://jfkairport.com/to-from-airport/air-train

LaGuardia Airport (LGA)

Unfortunately, there are no trains coming or going to LGA. However, there are several buses that leave from LGA and can take you to many different trains or the LIRR and MNR commuter trains (see commuter train section). You can use your MetroCard to pay for the bus and get a free transfer to the subway. It is advised that you pick up a MetroCard at one of the vending machines located in LaGuardia Airport. A new card costs $1. If you don’t have a MetroCard you can pay on the bus with exact change in coins (they don’t take paper money). To get on the bus at LGA you need to pre-pay with your MetroCard at a curbside machine and you will receive a receipt of payment to show the driver. If you have any difficulties turn to one of the friendly New Yorkers waiting for the bus. They can help you! See the link for additional information.

General link:

https://www.laguardiaairport.com/to-from-airport/public-transportation
Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR)

From EWR you can take the AirTrain Newark to connect to commuter trains (see commuter trains) or you can take the NY transit express bus. The express bus runs between EWR and three places in New York City; Grand Central Station, Bryant Park, and Port Authority. See links below for specific information.

General link:

https://www.newarkairport.com/to-from-airport/public-transportation

Express bus:

https://www.newarkairportexpress.com/

Via Commuter Train (more expensive but can be faster)

The commuter train can be faster but still requires taking a bus or an AirTrain from the airport. Depending on where you are staying in the city you may need to take an additional subway train from a commuter train station. See the general links under each airport for additional information on the commuter train.

Long Island Rail Road (LIRR): connections to JFK and LGA

http://www.mta.info/lirr

Metro-North Railroad (MNR): connections to LGA

http://www.mta.info/mnr

NJ Transit and Amtrak: connections to EWR


https://www.amtrak.com/home.html
Via Taxi (fast but the most expensive)

There are designated taxi areas at each airport. The lines can be long but usually move relatively quickly. Taxi fares can run between $50 and $100 depending on which airport you are coming from and where you are going. If you are taking a taxi from EWR you will have to pay for tolls as well.


Via Ride Sharing App (fast but more expensive)

You can request a rideshare app, such as Uber or Lyft, to pick you up at the passenger pickup area at most airports. LGA, Terminal B has a designated rideshare pick up location, just follow the signs. See the link below for specific information on airports and rideshare pickup policies.

https://ride.guru/airports/NYC