



## New York Resource Guide

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### **United Nations Statistics Division**

Second meeting of the Technical Subgroup for the  
Classification of Individual Consumption According to Purpose

4-6 April 2017

United Nations Secretariat Building (27<sup>th</sup> floor - Conference Room S-2726/2727)

## 1. Meeting Information

### **Title**

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### **Dates**

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### **Venue**

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### **Time**

The sessions will be from 09:30 to 17:30 h on April 4, from 09:00-17:00 h on April 5 and 6. A preliminary agenda was provided with the invitation.

### **Registration and Ground Passes**

Participants will be met at the lobby of the UN DC 2 building (2 UN Plaza on East 44<sup>th</sup> Street between 1st and 2nd Avenue) by one of our staff members from 08:45 to 09:15 h on the first morning of the meeting to give them a temporary United Nations grounds pass and to be escorted to the meeting room. A grounds pass is required at all times to enter all United Nations buildings.

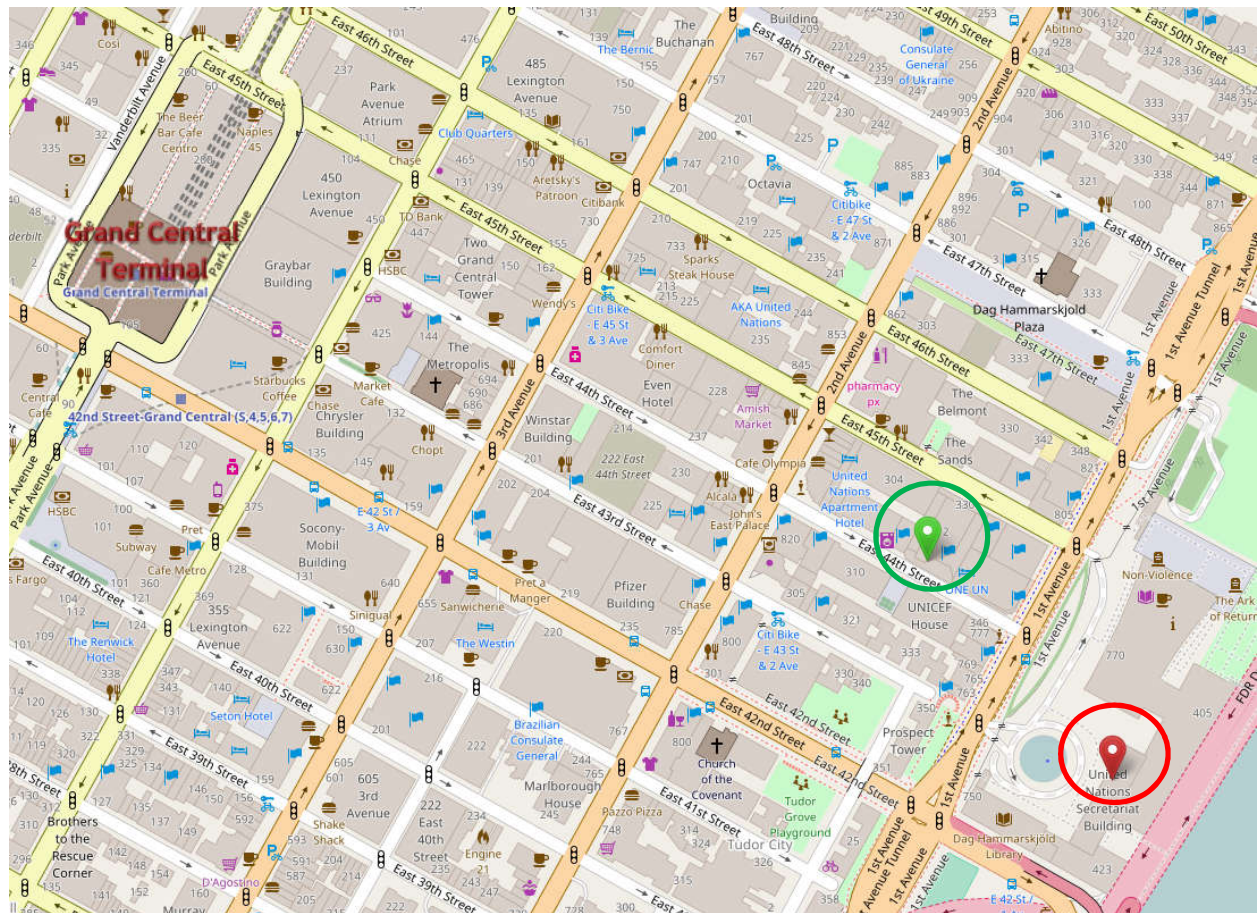
If you are arriving later than 09:15 h please notify Ms. Lingyan Hu at UNSD at +1 (917)367-2896 to make arrangements to pick up your grounds pass. You can call her from the lobby of DC 2.

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### Map of the United Nations Buildings and public transportation



**Green marker:** DC 2 building, meet there from 08:45 to 09:15 on the first day.

**Red marker:** UN Secretariat building. For the second and third day please use the 46<sup>th</sup> Street entrance (visitors' entrance) to the compound. Please tell the guard that you are going to a meeting (and not a tour).

**Top left corner:** Grand Central Terminal (and subway station), entrances to Grand Central are on the corner of 42<sup>nd</sup> Street and Park Avenue and on the corner of 43<sup>rd</sup> Street and Lexington Avenue (the avenue between Park Avenue and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue).

## 2. New York Information

### **Hotels and Other Accommodations**

Arrangements for hotels need to be made by individual participants at hotels of their own choice. A list of hotels in the vicinity of the UN is provided below.

Please note that a credit card is normally required to make a reservation, participants should plan accordingly.

Below are two popular websites for hotels:

<https://www.booking.com>

<https://www.expedia.com>

### **Hotels in the vicinity of the United Nations**

Below is the list of hotels located in the vicinity of the United Nations (walking distance to the UN).

Hotel	Address	Telephone	Website
Algonquin	59 W. 44th St.	(1-212) 840.6800	<a href="http://www.algonquinhotel.com">www.algonquinhotel.com</a>
Bedford	118 E. 40th St.	(1-212) 697.8100	<a href="http://www.bedfordhotel.com">www.bedfordhotel.com</a>
Beekman	3 Mitchell Place (E. 48th and 1st Ave.)	(1-212) 355.7300	<a href="http://www.affinia.com">www.affinia.com</a>
Benjamin	125 E. 50th St.	(1-212) 753.2700	<a href="http://www.thebenjamin.com">www.thebenjamin.com</a>
Millennium Hotel	1 UN Plaza (E. 44th St at 1st Ave)	(1-212) 758.1234	<a href="http://www.millenniumhotels.com">www.millenniumhotels.com</a>
Crowne Plaza At The United Nations	304 E. 42nd St.	(1-212) 986.8800	<a href="http://www.ichotelsgroup.com">www.ichotelsgroup.com</a>
Diplomat Residence	210 E. 47 <sup>th</sup> St.	(1-212) 371.6029	e-mail: <a href="mailto:Diplomat210@aol.com">Diplomat210@aol.com</a>
Eastgate Tower	222 E. 39th St.	(1-212) 687.8000	<a href="http://www.affinia.com">www.affinia.com</a>
Dylan	52 E. 41st St.	(1-212) 338.0500	<a href="http://www.dylanhotel.com">www.dylanhotel.com</a>
Envoy Club	377 E. 33rd St.	(1-212) 481.4600	<a href="http://www.envoyclub.com">http://www.envoyclub.com</a>
Fitzpatrick	141 E. 44th St.	(1-212) 351.6872	<a href="http://www.fitzpatrickhotels.com">www.fitzpatrickhotels.com</a>
Helmsley Park Lane	36 Central Park South	(1-212) 521.6239	<a href="http://www.helmsleyhotels.com">www.helmsleyhotels.com</a>

Hotel	Address	Telephone	Website
Marcel	201 E. 24th St.	(1-212) 696.3800	<a href="http://www.themarcelatgramercy.com">www.themarcelatgramercy.com</a>
Melrose Hotel	140 E. 63rd St.	(1-212) 838.5700	<a href="http://www.melrosehotelnewyork.com">www.melrosehotelnewyork.com</a>
Metropolitan	569 Lexington Ave.	(1-212) 752.7000	<a href="http://www.metropolitanhotelnyc.com">www.metropolitanhotelnyc.com</a>
Middletown Helmsley	148 E. 48th St.	(1-212) 755.3000	<a href="http://www.helmsleyhotels.com">www.helmsleyhotels.com</a>
Bentley	500 E. 62nd St.	(1-212) 644.6000	<a href="http://www.bentleyhotelnyc.com">www.bentleyhotelnyc.com</a>
New York Helmsley	212 E. 42nd St.	(1-212) 490.8900	<a href="http://www.helmsleyhotels.com">www.helmsleyhotels.com</a>
Pickwick Arms	230 E. 51 <sup>st</sup> St.	(1-212) 355.0300	<a href="http://www.pickwickarms.com">www.pickwickarms.com</a>
Radisson	511 Lexington Ave.	(1-212) 755.4400	<a href="http://www.radisson.com">www.radisson.com</a>
Roger Smith*	501 Lexington Ave.	(1-212) 755.1400	<a href="http://www.rogersmith.com">www.rogersmith.com</a>
San Carlos	150 E. 50 <sup>th</sup> St.	(1-212) 755.1800	<a href="http://www.sancarloshotel.com">www.sancarloshotel.com</a>
Warwick	65 W. 54 <sup>th</sup> St.	(1-212) 247.2700	<a href="http://www.warwickhotelny.com">www.warwickhotelny.com</a>

### Hotels which are a long walk or a non-walking distance from the UN

The hotels listed below are located further from the United Nations Complex (long walk or non-walking distance to the UN).

Hotel	Address	Telephone	Website
Affinia Dumont	150 East 34th Street (Lexington and Third Avenues)	(1-212) 481-7600	<a href="http://www.affinia.com">www.affinia.com</a>
Belleclaire Hotel	250 W. 77 <sup>th</sup> Street	(1-212) 362-7700	<a href="http://www.hotelbelleclaire.com">www.hotelbelleclaire.com</a> e-mail: <a href="mailto:reservations@hotelbelleclaire.com">reservations@hotelbelleclaire.com</a>
Carlton Arms Hotel	160. E. 25 <sup>th</sup> Street	(1-212) 679-0680	<a href="http://www.carltonarms.com">www.carltonarms.com</a> e-mail: <a href="mailto:artbreakhotel@aol.com">artbreakhotel@aol.com</a>

Hotel	Address	Telephone	Website
Chelsea Hotel	222 West 23rd Street (7th and 8th Avenues)	(1-212) 243-3700	<a href="http://www.hotelchelsea.com">www.hotelchelsea.com</a>
Doubletree Metropolitan	569 Lexington Avenue (51st Street)	(1-212) 752-7000	<a href="http://www.metropolitanhotelnyc.com">www.metropolitanhotelnyc.com</a>
Excelsior Hotel	45 West 81st Street (Central Park West and Columbus Avenue)	(1-212) 362-9200	<a href="http://www.excelsiorhotelny.com">www.excelsiorhotelny.com</a>
Gershwin Hotel	7 East 27th Street (Madison & 5th Avenues)	(1-212) 545-8000	<a href="http://www.gershwinhotel.com">www.gershwinhotel.com</a> e-mail: <a href="mailto:reservations@gershwinhotel.com">reservations@gershwinhotel.com</a>
Hotel QT	125 West 45th Street (Avenue of the Americas and 7th Avenue)	(1-212) 354-2323	<a href="http://www.hotelqt.com">www.hotelqt.com</a>
Hotel Riverview	113 Jane Street (between W. 12 & 14 <sup>th</sup> Streets)	(1-212) 929-0060	<a href="http://www.hotelriverview.com">www.hotelriverview.com</a> e-mail: <a href="mailto:Hriverview@aol.com">Hriverview@aol.com</a>
Hotel Stanford	43 West 32nd Street (Broadway and 5th Avenue)	(1-800)-365-1114	<a href="http://www.hotelstanford.com">www.hotelstanford.com</a>
Hudson Hotel	356 West 58th Street (8th and 9th Avenues)	(1-212) 554-6000	<a href="http://www.hudsonhotel.com">www.hudsonhotel.com</a>
The Macaw Guesthouses	106 E. 101 <sup>st</sup> Street	(1-212) 348-4643	<a href="http://www.themacawguesthouse.com">www.themacawguesthouse.com</a>
Off SoHo Suites Hotel	11 Rivington Street (Bowery and Chrystie Streets)	(1-800)-633-7646	<a href="http://www.offsoho.com">www.offsoho.com</a>
The Time	224 West 49th Street (Broadway and 8th Avenue)	(1-877)-846-3692	<a href="http://www.thetimeny.com">www.thetimeny.com</a>

## Hostels

Hostel	Address	Telephone	Website
Central Park Hostel	19 West 103 <sup>rd</sup> Street	(1-212) 678-0491 Fax: (1-212) 678-0453	<a href="http://www.centralparkhostel.com">www.centralparkhostel.com</a> e-mail: <a href="mailto:info@centralparkhostel.com">info@centralparkhostel.com</a>
Hostelling International	891 Amsterdam Avenue	(1-212) 932-2300 Fax: (1-12) 932-2574	<a href="http://www.hinewyork.org">www.hinewyork.org</a> e-mail: <a href="mailto:reserve@hinewyork.org">reserve@hinewyork.org</a>

## Apartment/Residences/International Houses/YMCA

Name	Address	Telephone	Website
Chelsmore Apartments	205 W. 15 <sup>th</sup> Street (between 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Avenues)	(1-212) 924-7991 Fax: (1-212) 727-7284	<a href="http://www.chelsmore.com">www.chelsmore.com</a> e-mail: <a href="mailto:reservations@chelsmore.com">reservations@chelsmore.com</a>
DeHirsch Residence Operated by 92 <sup>nd</sup> Street YMCA	1395 Lexington Ave (at 92 <sup>nd</sup> St)	(1-212) 415-5650 (1-800) 858-4692 Fax: (1-212) 415-5578	<a href="http://www.92ndsty.org">www.92ndsty.org</a> e-mail: <a href="mailto:dehirsch@92ndsty.org">dehirsch@92ndsty.org</a>
Harlem YMCA	180 W. 135 <sup>th</sup> St.	(1-212) 281-4100	e-mail: <a href="mailto:harlemguestrooms@ymcanyc.org">harlemguestrooms@ymcanyc.org</a>
Vanderbilt YMCA	224 E. 47 <sup>th</sup> St (between 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenues)	(1-212) 756-9600 Fax: (1-212) 752-0210	<a href="http://www.ymcanyc.org">www.ymcanyc.org</a>

## Airports

There are 3 major airports serving New York City (IATA code: NYC). They are:

1. **John F. Kennedy International Airport (IATA code: JFK):**  
Located in Queens, New York, about 15 miles from Midtown Manhattan.  
Phone: +1-718-244-4444. Website: <https://www.panynj.gov/airports/jfk.html>
2. **Newark Liberty International Airport (IATA code: EWR):**  
Located in Newark, New Jersey, about 16 miles from Midtown Manhattan.  
Phone: +1-973-961-6000. Website: <https://www.panynj.gov/airports/newark-liberty.html>
3. **LaGuardia Airport (IATA code: LGA):**  
Located in Queens, New York about 8 miles from Midtown Manhattan. This airport serves mainly domestic flights.  
Phone: +1-718-533-3400. Website: <http://laguardiaairport.com>

Information regarding these 3 airports can be accessed online at:

<https://www.panynj.gov/airports/>

## Airport Transportation

For complete transportation information for the above 3 airports please consult the ground transportation of each airport's website: <https://www.panynj.gov/airports/>

Please find below the options of transportation from the airports to Midtown Manhattan:

### From JFK International Airport

Service	Fare	Travel time	Frequency	Notes
<p><b><u>AirTrain JFK - subway</u></b> <a href="https://www.panynj.gov/airports/jfk-airtrain.html">https://www.panynj.gov/airports/jfk-airtrain.html</a></p> <p>The AirTrain connects to the E, J, and Z subway at Jamaica station and to the A subway at Howard Beach: <a href="http://www.mta.info/nyc">http://www.mta.info/nyc</a></p> <p>Connection at Jamaica Station with</p>	<p>AirTrain + Subway: \$5 Enter/Exit Fare + Subway Fare (\$2.50) = \$7.50 total</p>	<p>Via subway: 50 minutes</p>	<p>Air Train: Service available 24 hrs every 4-10 minutes</p> <p>Subway: every 4-12 minutes.</p>	<p>Use pay-per-ride Metrocard is required to ride Air Train and subway. Purchase the Metrocard upon exiting the Airtrain at Jamaica / Howard Beach station (no purchase within JFK!).</p> <p>To Grand Central: use E subway train from Jamaica station to Manhattan and change at Lexington Avenue / 53<sup>rd</sup> Street to the downtown 6 subway</p>



Service	Fare	Travel time	Frequency	Notes
<p>Long Island Railroad (LIRR) direct to Penn Station  <a href="http://www.mta.info/lirr">http://www.mta.info/lirr</a></p>	<p>AirTrain + Train:            \$5 Enter/Exit Fare + Train Fare (Peak hrs: \$12.25 if purchased before boarding)            =\$17.75 total</p>	<p>Via train:            35 minutes</p>	<p>LIRR:            every 2-22 minutes depending on the time of the day.</p>	<p>see subway map:  <a href="http://web.mta.info/nyct/maps/subwaymap.pdf">http://web.mta.info/nyct/maps/subwaymap.pdf</a></p>
<p><b><u>New York City Airporter Bus</u></b>  <a href="https://www.nyairporter.com">https://www.nyairporter.com</a></p>	<p>\$18 oneway            \$27 round trip</p>	<p>45 - 65 minutes            ( longer at peak hours)</p>	<p>Every 20-30 minutes            05:00 to 23:30 h</p>	<p>The bus stops near Grand Central Terminal, Bryant Park, Penn Station and at the Port Authority Bus Terminal. For exact locations for drop-off and pick-up please consult their website.</p>
<p><b><u>SuperShuttle Manhattan</u></b>            Shared door to door minibus            1-800-258-3826  <a href="https://www.supershuttle.com">https://www.supershuttle.com</a></p>	<p>\$22</p>	<p>45 - 75 minutes            (depending on traffic)</p>	<p>Available 24 hours.</p>	<p>No reservation is required for trip from Airport to Manhattan. Rather slow and expensive but drops you off at your hotel. Follow the signs to Ground Transportation Desk near the Baggage Claim area. Ask an agent to arrange for service or call Super Shuttle directly from the courtesy phone.             24-48 hours reservations required for return service.</p>

<p><b>Taxi</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.nyc.gov/html/tlc/html/passenger/taxicab_rate.shtml">http://www.nyc.gov/html/tlc/html/passenger/taxicab_rate.shtml</a></p>	<p>Flat rate tom Manhattan \$52.80 + \$4.50 rush hour surcharge (16:00 to 20:00 h weekdays, excluding legal holidays) + toll (\$5.54 each) on some routes</p> <p>+ customary tip: 10 to 15% on the flat rate + surcharge (so give between \$5.50 to \$9.00)</p>	<p>40 - 60 minutes (longer at peak hours).</p>	<p>Available 24 hours a day.</p>	<p>Follow the signs to Taxi Stands in front of terminals.</p> <p><b>TAKE ONLY TAXIS AT THE OFFICIAL TAXI STAND!</b></p> <p>An agent will give you a ticket identifying the taxi.</p> <p><b>DO NOT HAIL AND TAKE TAXIS AT OTHER PLACES AROUND THE AIRPORT!</b> They might overcharge you.</p>
<p><b>Uber</b></p>				<p>You can also use Uber or the shared service Uber Pool from and to JFK</p>

### From Newark Liberty International Airport

Service	Fare	Travel Time	Frequency	Notes
<p>Air Train:</p> <p><a href="https://www.panynj.gov/airports/ewr-airtrain.html">https://www.panynj.gov/airports/ewr-airtrain.html</a></p> <p>Connection with NJTransit trains</p> <p><a href="http://www.njtransit.com">http://www.njtransit.com</a></p> <p>or Path subway</p> <p><a href="http://www.panynj.gov/path/">http://www.panynj.gov/path/</a></p>	<p>Air Train ticket is \$5.50</p> <p>If taking NJ Transit afterwards, the Air Train is included</p> <p>Total fare to NY Penn Station (\$12.50)</p> <p>For connection to Path change at Newark Penn Station</p>	<p>40 minutes</p>	<p>Air Train: every 8-12 minutes. Available 24 hours.</p> <p>NJ Transit: every 7-30 minutes depending on the time of the day between 04:46 and 01:55 h</p>	<p>Take Air Train to 'Newark Int'l Airport Station' and transfer to the NJ Transit Trains to New York Penn Station.</p>

<p><b><u>Newark Airport Express</u></b></p> <p><a href="https://newarkairportexpress.com">https://newarkairportexpress.com</a></p>	<p>\$29 round-trip or \$17 one-way</p>	<p>30 - 60 minutes (longer at peak hours)</p>	<p>Every 15-30 minutes 04:00 to 01:00 h</p>	<p>Drop off service to Grand Central Terminal (East 41st Street between Park and Lexington Ave.), Bryant Park (42nd Street &amp; 5th Avenue), Port Authority (West 41st Street between 8th and 9th Avenues)</p>
<p><b><u>SuperShuttle Manhattan</u></b></p> <p>Shared door to door minibus 1-800-258-3826</p> <p><a href="https://www.supershuttle.com">https://www.supershuttle.com</a></p>	<p>\$21</p>	<p>30 - 60 minutes (longer at peak hours)</p>	<p>Available on demand 24 hours.</p>	<p>No reservation is required for trip from Airport to Manhattan. Follow the signs to Ground Transportation Desk near the Baggage Claim area. Ask an agent to arrange for service or call Super Shuttle directly from the courtesy phone.</p> <p>24-48 hours reservations required for return service.</p>
<p><b><u>Taxi</u></b></p>	<p>From EWR to Manhattan: Flat rate ranging from \$55 to \$75 + tips (10-15%) on base fare + tolls (\$21 round trip toll) + \$5.50 for credit cards</p> <p>For taxi fares FROM Manhattan to EWR check: <a href="http://www.nyc.gov/html/tlc/html/passenger/taxicab_rate.shtml">http://www.nyc.gov/html/tlc/html/passenger/taxicab_rate.shtml</a></p>	<p>40 minutes (longer at peak hours).</p>	<p>Available during flight hours.</p>	<p>Very expensive. No flat rate like at JFK.</p> <p>Follow the signs to Taxi Stands outside arrival areas.</p>

### From LaGuardia Airport:

Service	Fare	Estimated Time of Arrival	Frequency	Notes
<p><b><u>New York City Airporter Bus</u></b>  <a href="https://www.nycairporter.com">https://www.nycairporter.com</a></p>	<p>\$24 round trip            \$15 one way</p>	<p>30 - 45 minutes,            ( longer at peak hours)</p>	<p>Every 30 minutes            05:00 to 23:30</p>	<p>The bus stops near Grand Central Terminal, Bryant Park, Penn Station and at the Port Authority Bus Terminal. For exact locations for drop-off and pick-up please consult their website.</p>
<p><b><u>SuperShuttle Manhattan</u></b>            Shared door to door minibus            1-800-258-3826  <a href="http://www.supershuttle.com">http://www.supershuttle.com</a></p>	<p>\$19</p>	<p>45 - 75 minutes            (depending on traffic)</p>	<p>Available on demand            07:00 to 23:30</p>	<p>No reservation is required for trip from Airport to Manhattan. Follow the signs to Ground Transportation Desk near the Baggage Claim area. Ask an agent to arrange for service or call Super Shuttle directly from the courtesy phone. 24-48 hours reservations required for return service.</p>
<p><b><u>Taxi</u></b>  <a href="http://www.nyc.gov/html/tlc/html/passenger/taxi_ab_rate.shtml">http://www.nyc.gov/html/tlc/html/passenger/taxi_ab_rate.shtml</a></p>	<p>Metered Fare!            Approximately \$21 - \$30 plus tolls (\$4.00) and tips (10-15% is customary) plus night surcharge (\$0.50 from 20:00 to 06:00 h) or weekday surcharge (\$1 Mon to Fri from 16:00 to 20:00 ) if applicable.</p>	<p>20 - 30 minutes            (longer at peak hours).</p>	<p>Available during flight hours.</p>	<p>Follow the signs to Taxi Stands in front of terminals.</p>

## Confirmation of Return Flights

If necessary please contact the airline directly to reconfirm your flight.

## Local Transportation

### Subway and buses

<http://www.mta.info>

Subway and buses are a convenient way to get around Manhattan. **MetroCard** valid for subway and bus can be purchased at subway stations. Riding the subway is generally safe even at night, especially within Manhattan.

Subway map: <http://web.mta.info/nyct/maps/subwaymap.pdf>

Use google maps for finding the best and quickest way to your destination.

Fare info: <http://web.mta.info/nyct/fare/FaresatAGlance.htm>

Single: single ride ticket is \$3.00 (no transfer to bus).

Pay-per-ride: \$2.75 (\$2.50 if you add at least \$5.50 to your MetroCard)

7-Day Metro Card costs \$31.00 (unlimited ride for one week for one person)

### Yellow Cab Taxis

Yellow taxis are readily available around Manhattan. While taxis are relatively expensive for a single person, they are affordable with 3 or more riders. Taxis are also a safe alternative for late night travel when train and buses can be few and far between. All taxis usually accept credit cards. Pay only what is on the meter, plus a 10% to 15% gratuity (tip for safety and good service).

**Caution:** Do not to take taxis without meters (illegal taxi) or with the meter turned off and do not use black cabs that you have not ordered beforehand using a smartphone app like Uber, Gett, Lyft, etc., as they could charge you exorbitant fares. At the airports only get onto a taxi at the official taxi stand where usually an agent should be present.

On all trips within New York City, any bridge and tunnel tolls to the destination shall be paid by the passenger, who shall be so informed before the start of the trip. On all trips within the City of New York, return tolls shall not be charged except for trips over the Cross Bay Veterans, Marine Parkway-Gil Hodges Memorial, and Verrazano Narrows Bridges. On trips beyond the City of New York, all necessary tolls to and from the destination shall be paid by the passenger. There are additional charges for crossings outside the metropolitan area and New Jersey. Passengers are required to pay one way.

The rates for taxis are as follows:

Initial fare	\$2.50
Each 1/5 mile (4 blocks)	\$0.50
Each 1 minute idle	\$0.50
Night surcharge	\$0.50 (after 20:00 until 06:00 h)
Peak hour weekday surcharge	\$1.00 (Mon-Fri, 16:00 until 20:00)
New York State Tax Surcharge	\$0.50
Additional riders	FREE

For more fare information, including airport rides:

[http://www.nyc.gov/html/tlc/html/passenger/taxicab\\_rate.shtml](http://www.nyc.gov/html/tlc/html/passenger/taxicab_rate.shtml)

**Black Cabs (Uber, Uber Pool, Gett, Via, Lyft, etc.)**

There are many black cabs operating in New York. Most of them are now hailed using an app like Uber, Uber Pool, Gett, Via, Lyft, etc.. Uber accounts from abroad were reported to work also in New York. So this might be a good alternative for trips within the city and to the airports. Especially when using their shared service Uber pool, where several passengers share the costs of the ride.

**Ferries**

New York has different networks of ferries. Please consult the following websites:

On the Hudson River: <http://www.nywaterway.com>

On the East River: <http://www.eastriverferry.com/>

Staten Island Ferry (free): <http://www.siferry.com>

**Money**

The majority of ATMs (Automated Teller Machines) networks in New York City are linked to a network that most likely includes your bank at home. Hence, you would be able to make a cash withdrawal if you have a cash card (ATM Card) that offers Cirrus ([www.mastercard.com/atmlocator/index.jsp](http://www.mastercard.com/atmlocator/index.jsp)) or Plus ([www.visa.com/atm](http://www.visa.com/atm)), the 2 most popular networks. There are fees and daily limits associated with withdrawing money using the above networks. Please check with your bank at home for this information and also check for any additional fees charged by the ATM operator displayed on the ATM's screen.

Travelers cheques are another good and safe alternative. But they are less and less used in New York. Be sure to keep a record of their serial numbers, so you are ensured a refund in case they are lost or stolen. The 3 most popular travelers cheques providers are **American Express** (American Express branches [www.americanexpress.com](http://www.americanexpress.com)), **Visa** (Citibank branches), **MasterCard** (Thomas Cook Currency Services).

Credit Cards are a convenient way to pay for transactions. **American Express**, **Visa** and **Master Card** (among others) are accepted virtually everywhere in New York and locals use them to pay even for very small amounts.

It is suggested that you give 18% of your total bill as a gratuity. It usually adds up to multiplying tax by two. ex) Tax = \$2.50, then tip would be  $\$2.50 \times 2 = \$5.00$ .

**Postal Services****United Nations Post Office**

UN General Assembly Building  
First basement (shop area)  
New York, NY 10017

1st Avenue (between East 45th and East 46th Street entry via Visitors' Entrance)

**US Postal Offices**

Search for postal offices on this website: <https://tools.usps.com/go/POLocatorAction.action>

Closest office to the UN: near Grand Central on 450 Lexington Avenue Fl 2 (btw. 44th and 45th Street)

***Time***

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