

DIRECTIONS FROM JOHN F. KENNEDY (JFK) INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

JFK is pretty far from Manhattan, so taxi cabs and public transportation are equally viable options. A taxi is more expensive but is hassle-free, whereas public transportation involves several train and subway transfers, some of which might be slightly confusing. Don't be intimidated. Most New Yorkers are very helpful and friendly, despite what you may have heard. Avoid asking directions from people who are clutching guidebooks or maps and who look confused.

FROM JFK BY TAXI. The easiest way to get from JFK Airport to CUNY or NYU is by taking a NYC yellow taxi cab. (**\$45 + tip**). Some but not all cabs take credit cards. You are entitled to a nonsmoking ride. Get a receipt and take down the medallion number and driver's name if there's a problem.

- 4 Follow the signs from baggage claim to "ground transportation"/ "taxis" and wait in line for an official yellow taxi (NOTE: do not accept an offer from a roaming "taxi driver," they are often not legal cabbies and might rip you off; go to the official queue and wait for an official yellow taxi.
- 5 The taxi fare from JFK is a regulated "flat" fare of \$45, not including tip or tolls. It is customary to give a 15-20% tip to taxi drivers.
- 6 If the driver takes one of the tunnels to Manhattan, you'll also have to pay the \$4.00 toll. Tell the driver to take one of the free bridges to avoid the toll. Note: the bridges may take a little longer if there is traffic.

FROM JFK BY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION. There is no subway at JFK. The easiest way and cheapest way is to take the **AirTrain** from any terminal. You pay for the ride *after* you get off the train. (**\$7 total: \$5 for the AirTrain; \$2.00 for the subway**)

- 1 Make sure you get on an AirTrain that is leaving the airport; some of the trains just circle the terminal. You need to get on a train that goes to **Jamaica Station** (The subway at the Howard Beach Station takes forever to get to the city!)
- 2 When you get to Jamaica Station, you can buy a Metrocard at one of the machines before the exit turnstiles. You'll need at least a \$7.00 Metrocard to get to Manhattan.
- 3 Upon exiting the turnstiles, follow the signs for the **E train** (Don't take the J/Z trains!!!) Subway maps are free from the subway booth—just ask for one.
- 4 **TO CUNY GRADUATE CENTER:** Take the **E train** towards Manhattan.
- 5 Get off at Lexington Ave./53rd Street, the first stop in Manhattan.
- 6 **Transfer to the downtown 6 train.** Look for signs pointing to the #6. Make sure you're on the side that goes DOWNTOWN, *not* uptown.
- 7 Take the 6 train two stops to **33rd Street**.

Directions from the 33rd Street stop on the 6 train: walk one block north on Park Ave. to 34th Street (if you walk to 32nd street you've gone the wrong way). At 34th Street, make a left and walk two blocks to Fifth Ave. Make a right and enter the Graduate Center, which is between 34th and 35th Streets on Fifth Ave.

- 8 **TO NYU:** Take the E train to West 4th Street. Walk east to the NYU dorms at 5 University Place or to the NYU conference site at 24 Waverly Place).

See <http://www.mta.nyc.ny.us/mta/airtrain.htm> for more information, or <http://www.panynj.gov/aviation/jgtsfram.htm> for more transportation options from JFK.

FROM JFK BY AIRPORT SHUTTLE BUS (“New York Airport Service): \$15 one way; \$27 round trip. (Less of a hassle than public transportation but more expensive; cheaper than a taxi.) <http://www.nyairportservice.com/>

After deplaning, look for “Ground transportation.” It should be near baggage claim. Go outside and look for a sign for New York Airport Service. There should be an official dispatcher who will sell you a ticket. **For the return trip to the airport, discounted rates are available for Students and Senior Citizens and can be purchased only at the Grand Central Terminal Office, 125 Park Ave. (Bet. 41st and 42nd St.) every day from 9:00am to 5:00 pm.**