

GETTING TO AND FROM JFK AIRPORT TO MANHATTAN

Here are ways you can travel from JFK. What's best for you depends on your budget and any time constraints you may have.

1. Taxi- This is by far the easiest way to get from JFK to anywhere in Manhattan for up to a party of four, but of course it's not the cheapest. According to rules set out by the New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission, for trips between (to and from) Manhattan and JFK International Airport, the flat fare is \$52.00 plus any tolls and of course, you should tip 15% to your driver. There are signs that will direct you to the taxi stands outside every terminal in the airport. There will be queues/lines of taxis waiting. If you fly into JFK at 5:00 PM (rush hour), you'll be lucky if it only takes you two hours to get to your destination. Typically, it should take an hour or so. For more information, go to NYC Taxi and Limousine Commission's Website. www1.nyc.gov/site/tlc

2. Uber or Lyft- This is a great way to travel, though it's not inexpensive. About \$55.

3. Airport Shuttles- Several Airport Shuttle companies exist. Proceed to the Ground Transportation desk to get information on where you catch your shuttle, or you can use one of the courtesy phones in the baggage claim area. There will be other passengers on the shuttle and you might have to wait for their drop off before the shuttle takes you to your destination. Prices are around \$20 and more info is at www.nycairporter.com

4. The Airtrain - To save money traveling back and forth to JFK Airport, take the Airtrain to the subway, and the subway to your hotel. It will only cost \$11.50 each way. But be forewarned, you'll have to drag your luggage up and down a lot of stairs.

Board the Airtrain in the airport and travel to Howard Beach Station, where you can catch the blue Manhattan bound A Train. The Airtrain costs \$7.75 and entrance to the subway system costs \$2.75 plus a \$1 fee for a new Metrocard. Take the blue Manhattan bound A train to 42nd Street, Times Square. The hotel is at 43rd Street and 8th Avenue. Door to door, travel time is about an hour.

5. Do NOT get into any black cars without first asking "how much will I be charged in total?"

