

About New York



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A few things you should know about NYC

Currency

In New York City and throughout the United States, the dollar is the standard currency. [This converter](#) allows you to determine the value of other currencies compared with the dollar.

Geography

New York City is composed of [five boroughs](#). While Manhattan and Staten Island are islands, Brooklyn and Queens are geographically part of Long Island, and the Bronx is attached to the US mainland. The islands are linked by bridges, tunnels and ferries. Check here for [helpful NYC maps and guides](#).

Local Laws

If you're headed out for a night on the town, you should know that the drinking age in NYC—and throughout the United States—is 21, and smoking is banned in public places throughout the City, including bars, restaurants, subways and taxis. Cigar smoking is permitted at cigar bars that register with the City. In NYC, those who are 18 or older can purchase cigarettes and tobacco.

Power Plug

If you bring any electrical appliance to the USA, you may need an adaptor to fit the US electrical receptacles. You may also need a converter to change the voltage from 110 volts to 220 volts. Standard electric plugs have two flat blades.

Transportation

Getting to NYC and navigating the five boroughs is a breeze—and it's even easier with these [tips about airports, the subway system, taxis, ferries and more](#). For information about the City's airports, shuttles, train stations and more, visit [Getting Here page](#). For information about taxicabs, subways, buses and more, visit [our Getting Around page](#).

Taxes and Tips

Travelers from out of town may not be familiar with the way taxes and tips affect New York City price tags. [Check here for information about taxes and gratuities in New York City](#).

Time Zone

New York City is in the Eastern Standard Time Zone (Greenwich Mean Time minus four hours during daylight saving time, from March through November, and minus five hours the rest of the year).

Visa

Whether you live across the Hudson or across the Atlantic, getting to NYC is easy. If you're coming from outside the United States, [check this page for visa information](#).

Weather

New York City weather can vary from day to day, and even hour to hour, but a guide to the seasons can help you plan your wardrobe. Spring in New York City brings budding flowers, light winds and rain, with the season's temperatures ranging from cool to very warm. [Click here for weather forecast](#).

Further tourist info

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