



your *New York City* fact sheet

GETTING THERE: The easiest way to get to NYC is to arrive by plane at either John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK) or LaGuardia Airport (LGA).

LANGUAGE: English is the official language of New York.

CLIMATE: The climate of New York City is generally warm, humid, subtropical. The average temperatures are:

- Winter (December – February) highs in the upper-30s to mid-40s and lows in the mid-20s to 30s.
- Spring (March – May) highs in the mid-50s to low-70s and lows in the upper-30s to mid-50s.
- Summer (June – August) highs in the low to mid-80s and lows in the mid to upper-60s.
- Fall (September – November) Temperatures slightly decline month over month with highs in the mid-70s to mid-50s and lows in the low-60s to low-40s.

MONEY/CURRENCY (CREDIT CARDS, DEBIT CARDS, TIPPING, ATMS): The main currency is the United States Dollar with all restaurants, stores, and hotels accepting credit cards, debit cards, and cash. Tipping ranges from 15% to 25%.

ELECTRICITY: United States uses type A and type B plugs operating on 120V supply voltage and 60Hz.

TOURS/EXCURSION IDEAS

1. Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island
2. Harbor Cruise on the Staten Island Ferry
3. Spend some time in the famous Metropolitan Museum of Art aka The Met
4. Check out the observation deck on the Empire State Building
5. Visit the 9/11 Memorial & Museum
6. Catch a play or musical on Broadway
7. Have a picnic in Central Park or at The High Line
8. Ice Skate at Rockefeller Center (during winter season)
9. Big Bus New York Sightseeing Tour





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5 FAST FACTS

1. New York City is the largest city in the United States and has a little over 8 million residents.
2. Oysters were so popular in NYC in the 19th century that the shells were used to pave Pearl Street.
3. More than 800 languages are spoken in New York City, making it the most linguistical city in the world.
4. Who says lightning doesn't strike the same place more than once? The Empire State building gets hit by lightning an average of 23 times per a year.
5. While pizza can be traced back to Naples, Italy, the American version we distinctly know was born in New York City.

5 THINGS TO PACK

1. Comfortable walking shoes!
2. Rain jacket or poncho
3. Backpack
4. Small bills for tips (be sure you secure your belongings since pick-pockets abound!)
5. Map or smart phone with map capabilities (a must for getting around)

QUICK TIPS

No need to rent a car while in New York City. Public transportation is readily available and very affordable. Parking is very limited throughout the city and can be very expensive. Additionally, traffic is very heavy.

