

# The New York City Subway

So you want an affordable way to navigate around the 2nd largest city in the world? Taxi cabs may be door-to-door convenient, but at 3 bucks + .40 cents per 1/8 mile, one ride from LaGuardia to The Algonquin Hotel Times Square can cost you a pair of those Gucci heels or that Yankee game you were planning. Why not use the New York City subway instead?



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**The subterranean facts:** The New York City Subway is also one of the world's oldest public transit systems. This [rapid transit](#) system is owned by the [City of New York](#) and leased to the [New York City Transit Authority](#), a subsidiary agency of the [Metropolitan Transportation Authority](#). It is one of the largest public transportation systems in the world by number of stations, with [468 stations in operation](#). Ridership has been consistently increasing over the last several years, especially because of rising gas prices and the subway's energy efficiency.

I remember the first time I used the New York City subway, it seems like yesterday...  
..... That I was an 19 year old author, a Science Fiction writer just out of high school and a freshman in college. I had been invited to NYC by my publishers to 375 Hudson Street New York, NY, which may as well been Timbuktu as far as this Wisconsin farm girl was concerned.

After getting my luggage into my possession, I thought I would my per diem to catch a taxi to Hudson Street. BUT, the cabby looked like a Somali Pirate, before Somalia made the news and it scared me into looking into public transportation. That is when I found the New City Subway.



<http://images.nycsubway.org/logo/homepagemap.gif>

Now this map looks like a bad plate of spaghetti from Little Italy, right? Yeah me too, but don't let that intimidate you. If a green nineteen (yr old) can do it, so can you!

### More fun facts:

Since the **opening** of the original New York City Subway line in 1904, various official and planning agencies have proposed numerous extensions to the subway system. One of the better known proposals was the "Second System," which was part of a plan by the **Independent Subway** to construct new subway lines in addition and take over existing subway lines and railroad right-of-ways. Though most of the routes proposed over the decades have never seen construction, discussion remains strong to develop some of these lines, to alleviate existing subway capacity constraints and overcrowding, the most notable being the **Second Avenue Subway**. Plans for new lines date back to the early 1910s, and expansion plans were proposed in 1910, 1922, 1926, 1929, 1938–40, 1951, 1968, 1996, 1998, and 2007.

The New York City Subway is best way to get around the “City that Never Sleeps”.