



Manhattan Cruise Terminal, New York Guide

Piers 88 and 90, parking, airports, hotels, restaurants, attractions, shopping, and embarkation planning

Information reviewed August 1, 2026. Cruise schedules, terminals, parking prices, hotel packages, store hours, and transportation options can change. Verify current details before travel.

Cruise Port Overview

The Manhattan Cruise Terminal is on the Hudson River in Midtown West, close to Hell's Kitchen, Times Square, the Intrepid Museum, and major New York attractions. Its central location is excellent for sightseeing but requires careful planning for traffic, parking, and luggage.

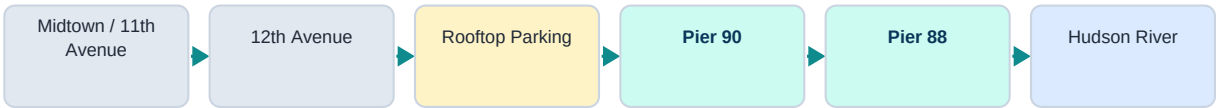
Terminal address	711 12th Avenue, New York, NY 10019
Primary piers	Pier 88 and Pier 90; Pier 92 may be used for special operations
Airports	LaGuardia (LGA), Newark (EWR), and JFK
Nearest neighborhoods	Hell's Kitchen, Midtown West, Columbus Circle, and Times Square
Public transit	Subway, bus, ferry, taxi, rideshare, and private car; no subway station is directly at the terminal.

Cruise Lines Sailing From This Port

Norwegian Cruise Line A major Manhattan homeport operator for Bermuda, Canada/New England, Caribbean, and transatlantic voyages.	Carnival Cruise Line Seasonal and selected departures from Manhattan.
Oceania Cruises Selected luxury and destination-focused voyages.	Regent Seven Seas Cruises Selected luxury itineraries and port calls.
Other seasonal lines Schedules may include Holland America, Princess, Cunard, and others. Some New York sailings use Brooklyn or Cape Liberty instead.	Verify the borough New York-area cruise terminals are not interchangeable. Confirm Manhattan, Brooklyn, or Cape Liberty.

Cruise Terminals and Orientation Map

Manhattan Cruise Terminal (not to scale)



Piers 88 and 90 are adjacent on 12th Avenue around West 48th to West 55th Streets. Vehicles enter according to posted terminal directions and may use rooftop parking above the piers. The exact pier is assigned by the cruise schedule.

Parking Options and Costs

On-site rooftop parking	\$45 per night, taxes included, as currently listed by the terminal.
Payment	Credit card only. Cash is not accepted.
Hours	Parking generally opens at 8 a.m.; published checkout time is 3 p.m.
Availability	On-site parking is convenient but not guaranteed. Arrive according to terminal guidance.
Alternative garages	Nearby private garages use dynamic prices. Reserve ahead and verify overnight access, vehicle size, and the total for the full cruise.
Luggage storage	The terminal does not offer luggage storage.

Airport Transportation

LaGuardia - LGA	Newark - EWR
Usually the closest by road, but traffic can vary. Taxi or rideshare is simplest.	Often competitive for airfare. NJ Transit to Manhattan plus a taxi can reduce cost, but luggage transfers are involved.
JFK	Public transit strategy
Many international flights but a longer trip to Midtown. Allow substantial time.	Airport rail or subway can save money, then use a taxi for the final trip to 12th Avenue.
Private transfer	
Often the easiest option for families, groups, mobility needs, or large luggage loads.	

Cruise-Friendly Hotels and Parking Packages

Hotel cruise-parking packages and shuttle schedules change frequently. Verify parking duration, transfer fees, vehicle access, and package restrictions directly with the hotel before booking.

Ink 48 Hotel	Romer Hell's Kitchen
Stylish Hell's Kitchen hotel relatively close to the terminal; parking is generally separate.	Convenient neighborhood location for restaurants and Broadway access.
Holiday Inn Express Manhattan Midtown West	Fairfield Inn & Suites Central Park
Practical option within the West Side area; verify parking partner and rates.	North of the terminal with access to Columbus Circle.
Arlo Midtown	Parking-package reality
Near Penn Station and Hudson Yards; use taxi or rideshare to the terminal.	True multi-night cruise-parking packages are uncommon in Manhattan. A hotel plus pre-reserved garage is often the practical approach.

Best Restaurants Nearby

The Landmark Tavern	Empanada Mama
Historic Hell's Kitchen tavern near the waterfront.	Popular casual Latin American option, open late.

Pure Thai Cookhouse

Compact and well-regarded Thai restaurant on Ninth Avenue.

Gotham West Market area

Casual food choices in Midtown West; verify current vendors.

Marseille

French brasserie convenient for theater and pre-cruise dining.

Ninth Avenue dining

A wide range of international restaurants in Hell's Kitchen.

Local Attractions

Intrepid Museum

Aircraft carrier, aviation, submarine, and space exhibits directly beside the cruise area.

Central Park and Columbus Circle

Parks, museums, shopping, and dining north of the terminal.

Circle Line sightseeing cruises

New York Harbor sightseeing departures near the terminal area.

Times Square and Broadway

Major entertainment district a short ride or walk east.

Hudson River Park

Waterfront paths, piers, and recreational spaces.

Hudson Yards and High Line

Modern district, elevated park, dining, and shopping south of the terminal.

Shopping

The Shops at Columbus Circle

Upscale indoor shopping and dining.

Times Square

Flagship stores and souvenir shopping.

Ninth Avenue neighborhood shops

Pharmacies, specialty stores, markets, and everyday supplies.

Hudson Yards

Large modern retail and dining center.

Fifth Avenue

Major department stores and luxury brands.

Grocery and Liquor Stores

Whole Foods Market Columbus Circle

Full grocery store convenient to Midtown West.

Target and CVS

Travel essentials, toiletries, and snacks.

Morton Williams and Westerly Market

Neighborhood grocery options in Midtown.

Wine and liquor stores

New York wine and spirits are sold through licensed liquor stores; beer is commonly sold in groceries.

Cruise policy reminder

Check the cruise line's current alcohol and beverage carry-on policy.

Weather by Season

Winter	Cold, commonly 30s to 40s, with possible snow, ice, and strong Hudson River wind.
Spring	Variable 40s to 70s; rain and sharp temperature changes are common.
Summer	Warm to hot and humid, usually 70s to upper 80s.
Fall	Often pleasant 50s to 70s, then cooler in November. Layers work well.

Embarkation Day Tips

Confirm Manhattan	Use the assigned pier
Do not confuse the terminal with Brooklyn Cruise Terminal or Cape Liberty.	Pier 88 and Pier 90 are adjacent but have separate traffic flows.
Avoid over-early arrival	Plan around Manhattan traffic
The terminal indicates luggage processing generally does not begin before about 9:30 a.m.; boarding often begins later.	Street closures, theater traffic, and events can add significant time.
No terminal luggage storage	Consider public transit plus taxi
Use a hotel or verified service if sightseeing before or after the cruise.	Avoid driving in Manhattan when parking cost and congestion outweigh convenience.

Frequently Asked Questions

How much is terminal parking?	\$45 per night, taxes included, subject to change.
Can I reserve terminal parking?	Availability is not guaranteed. Check current terminal rules and nearby reserved garage options.
Which airport is best?	LGA is often closest; EWR or JFK may have better flights. Compare transfer time and cost.
Can I walk from Times Square?	Yes for travelers comfortable with a roughly 20-30 minute walk, but luggage makes a taxi easier.
Is luggage storage available?	No terminal luggage storage is offered.

Money-Saving Tips

Use transit for sightseeing	Reserve a private garage early
Subway, bus, and walking are usually cheaper than taxis.	Advance rates may be lower than drive-up pricing.
Stay outside Manhattan	Choose a hotel near Ninth Avenue
Jersey City, Queens, or airport hotels may cost less; include transfer expense.	Walk to many restaurants without paying tourist-area prices.
Avoid major event weekends	Let Scott organize the New York logistics
Marathons, holidays, conventions, and festivals raise hotel and parking costs.	KalviTravel can help compare borough, airport, hotel, and transfer choices.

Why Book With KalviTravel

Personal comparison	Complete trip planning
Scott helps compare cruise lines, ships, cabins, itineraries, ports, and travel dates instead of focusing on only one advertised price.	Cruise fare, hotel, parking, airport transportation, transfers, and protection decisions can be considered as one vacation plan.

Clear reminders

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Support from a real advisor

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Official and Planning Sources

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<https://nycruise.com/manhattan-terminal/>

NYCruise terminal FAQ

<https://nycruise.com/faq/>

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