

Transportation

Arriving by Plane

From Newark Liberty Airport to Princeton

Newark Liberty Airport is the best (nearest and most convenient) arrival point if it works from your departure point. It is probably one and a half hours travel time closer to Princeton than is Kennedy Airport. Thus, it might be worth a plane change somewhere along the line to access it on the arrival end.

Every terminal at Newark is served by the *AirTrain* light rail service. The baggage level upon arrival is at street level. One floor above that in each terminal, moving stairs go up another floor to the *AirTrain* level. Follow signs to this train. Not every train goes all the way to the train station, but during the day (6AM to 9 PM) a train goes to the station every 20 minutes. Take the light rail *AirTrain* to the train station at the end of the line beyond the parking lot.

Two train services run to Princeton from there. The services are *Amtrak* and *NJTransit*. *Amtrak* is the more expensive express service (make sure the train you take stops at Princeton Junction), and *NJTransit* is a local service. All things considered, *NJTransit* is to be preferred if available. These trains are well marked and you ought to buy a ticket (from one service or the other) in the station. Each will be operating separate ticket windows. You can pay the conductor on the train, but there is about a \$5.00US penalty for doing so. Buy a ticket to Princeton, if you are staying in town. If you are staying in a Route 1 hotel, buy a ticket to Princeton Junction and take a cab from the Princeton Junction station to the hotel.

If you are holding a ticket to Princeton, get off at Princeton Junction and you will be met by the shuttle train to take you to the Princeton station, five kilometers away but not on the main line of the railroad. The shuttle doesn't meet all trains on weekends, but otherwise you can rely on being met. On weekends ask about whether the shuttle meets your train when you buy your ticket.

NJTransit operates a web site at www.njtransit.com that has the schedules published. Schedules are revised, usually only slightly, on a monthly basis. So once the month of June begins, the schedule published there should be cast in stone. Remember when looking up schedules, you are interested only in 'Northeast Corridor'.

From Philadelphia International Airport

Philadelphia is the second choice international arrival airport for travel to Princeton. It is only 5 or 10 minutes longer travel time (and about the same expense) as travel from Newark, so it is not to be disregarded as an option.

There is a shuttle train run by *SEPTA* (Southeast Philadelphia Transit Authority) that stops at every terminal at the Philadelphia Airport and which goes to 30th Street Station in downtown Philadelphia for about a \$5.00US fare.

From that point, there are two routes that may be taken. *Amtrak* runs from 30th Street to Princeton Junction (again check to see that your train actually stops at Princeton Junction, not all *Amtrak* trains do).

The second, and preferable route for the same reasons as above, is to take *SEPTA* to Trenton; change in Trenton to *NJTransit* to Princeton Junction. *SEPTA* is a Pennsylvania state run railroad. *NJTransit* is a New Jersey state run railroad. Trenton is a border city between Philadelphia and Princeton. Since both railroads are anticipating a lot of people changing trains at the border, they schedule so that usually the outbound train to which you are transferring is across the platform from your arriving train. You will be met at Princeton Junction by the shuttle under the conditions stated above.

From Kennedy International Airport

Train service from Kennedy to Princeton is not the preferred method of travel. It can be done, but one will have to start with “The Train to the Plane” to Manhattan (a section of New York City). From there, one will have to get oneself to Penn Station or the NYPA Bus Terminal and follow directions given elsewhere in this section from there to Princeton.

Arriving By Train

From New York City’s Penn Station

The station servicing Princeton from New York City is Pennsylvania Station, always called “Penn Station” in everyday language. It is located at 33rd Street between 7th and 8th Avenues. Several lines leave Penn Station to go different directions. The line you are interested in is called the “Northeast Corridor”. It is serviced by both *Amtrak* and *NJTransit*. All trains of *NJTransit* that run on the Northeast Corridor stop at Princeton Junction, but *NJTransit* runs on some other lines as well, so not all *NJTransit* trains stop at Princeton Junction.

Follow the directions under “By Plane- from Newark Liberty Airport”. The second station you will encounter is Newark Airport, and you will be joined there by other colorists who are just as lost as you are.

From Philadelphia 30th Street Station

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Arriving By Bus

From New York Port Authority Bus Terminal

The New York Port Authority Bus Terminal is located in Manhattan at West 41st Street and 8th Avenue. Buy a ticket to Princeton from *Suburban Transit*. You can't get on the bus without a ticket. They will have a ticket window, as do all other bus companies, on the street level in the center of the building. The fare is presently \$14.65US. They will direct you to the departure gate. The departure gates are usually on an upper floor, sometimes way upper, with lots of moving staircases to get you up there.

Busses leave every half-hour during the day. It is a 90 minute ride to downtown Princeton. Get off at Palmer Square. This is one block from the Nassau Inn, if you are staying there. It is about four blocks from the meeting rooms, if you are going there. If you have to go to another hotel, Princeton's only taxi line is located across the street, and about a half-block to the north – the direction from which you have come.

Arriving By Airport Shuttle Bus

From Airports to Princeton or Route #1 Hotels near Princeton

The airport shuttle bus service serving Princeton is called *Princeton Airporter*. The web site at www.GoAirporter.com will tell you their schedule from various points (including 11 nearby hotels) to Newark and Kennedy airports. The fare is about \$35.00US to Newark and about \$55.00US to Kennedy.

The *Princeton Airporter* also operates an information counter in each terminal at Newark in the baggage arrival hall. No reservation is required. They will schedule you out on the next trip upon your arrival. At reasonable hours of the day, this will cause you no delay at all.

Failing to find *Princeton Airporter* in the baggage area, look for *Olympic Airporter*. They have recently purchased *Princeton Airporter*, and it is unclear at this writing how they may label their information booths in the future.

Arriving By Car Service

From Airports (or anywhere else) to Princeton

If you wish to order a car service where you are met by a driver and taken to your destination in Princeton by car, call *Al Limousine*. They operate a web site at www.ALimo.com. You will need to make advance reservations for being met at the airport upon arrival, and should make return plans with them at least a day before the return trip. This can best be done by phone at 609-951-0070.