

Getting to the meeting from MSY and getting around town

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Wondering how you will get from MSY to the hotel or convention center? Options are somewhat limited, but there are a few. MSY has a rental car center in the old terminal, a quick 15-20 minute trip from the new terminal. For more information, check out the MSY rental car page: <https://flymsy.com/car-rentals/>

Ride Apps are the most popular way that people travel between MSY and downtown New Orleans. MSY supports both Lyft and Uber- pick up is available outside of Level 1 Baggage Claim on the middle curb. A usual trip between MSY and New Orleans is around \$45, but be prepared for surge pricing during Jazz Fest. For more information about ride shares, see: <https://flymsy.com/ride-app-2/>

Airport Shuttles are also available- cost is \$24/per person, with 3 pieces of luggage included. Shuttles can take you to hotels or other locations in downtown New Orleans. Tickets can be purchased at the Airport Shuttle ticket booth on Level 1 of MSY between Doors 3 and 4. There are also a few courtesy shuttles (which bring to offsite services) available in the Ground Transportation Center between Doors 1 and 5: <https://flymsy.com/passengers/shuttles/>

Taxis are another great option at MSY- prices are set at \$36/person. All taxis in New Orleans are required to accept credit card payments, so don't worry about having cash. You can stop at the dedicated taxi loading zone outside of Baggage Claim Door 7. Taxi drivers are also very happy to help, as their business is being pushed out by riding sharing apps in the city: <https://flymsy.com/taxis-2/>

There is also some public transportation available from MSY to downtown New Orleans- buses are available from the Level 3 (the highest level of MSY) Ticket Lobby. See more about bus options here: <https://flymsy.com/public-transportation/>

As for public transportation in the city- be prepared for delays. New Orleans is not known for reliable public transportation (*laissez les bons temps rouler!*), but we have buses and street cars available for getting around town. The New Orleans Rides Transit Authority (RTA) has an online trip planner: <https://norta.com/> where you can plan your trip, check out routes and schedules, and updates on live arrivals. Make sure to download the RTA GoMobile app prior to arriving: <https://norta.com/ride-with-us/how-to-pay/gomobile>. Fares for both the bus and streetcars are \$1.25/person, with no transfer fees.

Be sure to try New Orleans's bike share program - Blue Bikes Nola: <https://bluebikesnola.com/> Download the mobile app and ride an e-bike for short trips at an affordable price.

If you're looking for a more unique form of transportation, check out a pedicab down in the French Quarter and around town. Max capacity is two people per pedicab- the first six blocks are \$5, then \$1/block additional. <https://www.neworleans.com/plan/transportation/pedicabs/>