

# Travel Tips for the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual SCP Conference

Traveling to NYC can be daunting for those who have never done it or visit infrequently. Here are some of my tips to make your travels to this year's SCP conference easier whilst minimizing some guess work.

New York Marriott at the Brooklyn Bridge ([333 Adams Street Brooklyn 11201](#)) was chosen for this conference because of its proximity to the subway (above the Jay Street Metrotech Station...a big hub for Brooklyn), only two subway stops to Carroll Street on the F (and there are no hotels in Carroll Gardens). Alternatively, it is about a 20-minute walk from the Marriott to Saint Paul's through Brooklyn Heights and Cobble Hill, both beautiful neighborhoods. There is a Trader Joe's about a 10-minute walk from the Hotel in the direction of Saint Paul's.

## Flying

If you fly to NYC, there are three area airports to choose from: JFK (known to New Yorkers as Kennedy), LaGuardia, and Newark.

### Note on All Taxis:

- From Airport: only use the taxi stand (follow signs from baggage claim) do not accept a ride from drivers in the arrival area who say they are taxi/uber service. This isn't allowed in NYC and they may be unlicensed or could end up costing you quite a lot more. Best to steer clear.
- Legally they are not allowed to refuse you service based on where you wish to go within the five boroughs that comprise New York City. If you enter a taxi and they refuse you service take a photo of their medallion number (it's on the screen divider usually)
- Green taxis are specifically for the boroughs outside Manhattan. They can take you into Manhattan. They cannot pick you up in Manhattan unless you are above East 96th or West 11th street.
- You are not required to tip taxis (and it's illegal for them to ask you), but the general practice is 20-30% (options auto-populate at time for payment).
- Taxis are required to take all major credit cards.

## Kennedy (airport code JFK)

If you fly into Kennedy, you can take the Air-Train (\$8.25) and transfer (for \$2.90) to the A (express) directly which goes to the Jay Street Metrotech Station to be at the Conference Hotel. If you want to take a car service, we HIGHLY recommend taking a taxi *from* the airport. (Follow the signs to the taxi rank. Before tip, this will likely be anywhere from \$75-\$100 depending on traffic. We do not recommend Uber or Lyft from Kennedy as it's a hassle to find your Uber alongside all the other people looking for their Uber etc...and taxis are generally a bit cheaper.

## LaGuardia (airport code LGA)

LaGuardia is physically the closest airport to the Hotel and Saint Paul's. The downside to LaGuardia is that there is no subway station connected to the airport. You *could* take a bus (good luck!), but if you fly to LaGuardia, our advice is to take a taxi to Brooklyn (like Kennedy, it's too hard to identify your Uber). Follow the taxi signs to the taxi rank. Before tip, the cost will be between \$65-80 (depending on traffic).

## Newark (airport code EWR)

It might look like the cost to fly to Newark is cheaper, but you will pay in time and hassle. You would need to get the train from Newark to Penn Station. Then take the subway from Penn Station to your hotel destination. If that is the Conference hotel, take the downtown/Brooklyn-bound A (express) or C (local) to Jay Street Metrotech Station where the Marriott Hotel is located. (Downtown-bound A, C, or E Trains to West 4th Street Station. From that platform, head downstairs and take the downtown-bound F train to the Carroll Street Station.

*A note about the subway:*

- Subway fares are \$2.90. From the Conference hotel to Saint Paul's, use the Jay Street Metrotech Subway Station, and take a Brooklyn-bound F train two stops to Carroll Street (*pro tip*: you'll want to be at the rear of the train). Most subway stations now have overhead signage showing the number of minutes until the arrival of the next train (welcome to the 20th century).
- When you emerge from the Carroll Street Station you will see a big park on your right and a Rite Aid behind you. Turn right and walk along Carroll Park along President Street. Cross Court Street and turn left to walk along Court. Turn right on Carroll Street more than half-way down the block to Saint Paul's. The entrance to the Parish Hall is between the Church and red-brick Rectory behind it on Carroll Street through a gate.

### **Leaving Conference**

When the Conference is over and you want a car to take you to the airport, we recommend an Uber or Lyft. Taxis are hard to find in Brooklyn, generally speaking. There is a taxi-based app called Curb, but Uber and Lyft easier.