



HOBOKEN/JERSEY CITY AREA INFORMATION

Hoboken

Don't let [Hoboken's](#) mile-square size fool you. It may be small, but its brownstones radiate a big city's vibe of youthful energy complete with hip restaurants, cool bars and funky shops. Despite its small size, many cultures from around the world have left an imprint, and they are still celebrated today. Hoboken has evolved into a dynamic residential, cultural, and commercial destination, and you'll find that Hoboken has much to offer in the music and arts community, complimented by eclectic restaurants, night clubs, a world class hotel, and diverse retail shopping. Commuting to Manhattan's Financial District and West Midtown is convenient.



Jersey City

[Jersey City](#) has been revitalized over the past decade and is now an attractive place to live and work. It has shopping malls, open spaces, theatres, museums and a vibrant waterfront. The list of things to do here is endless: Book a cruise to Ellis Island, or simply stroll historic neighborhoods, sit quietly in a gorgeous city park or take the kids rollerblading in Liberty State Park. Commuting to Manhattan's Financial District and West Midtown is convenient.



Transportation

By Car

While commuters to NYC use public transportation, most residents have a car, especially for weekend road trips.



Public Transportation

Hoboken and Jersey City are part of the New York metropolitan area and [MTA](#) (Metropolitan Transit Authority) which operates an extensive system of trains, light rail and bus routes.

NY Waterway Ferry Service

Fares for service from the piers vary depending on route and destination. [More information](#).

Parking

- [Parking permits and meter information for Hoboken](#)
- [Parking permits and meter information for Jersey City](#)

By Bike

Bicycling is green and it's stress-free!

- [Hoboken biking](#)
- [Jersey City biking](#)



Rail

- [Amtrak](#) Trains depart from Pennsylvania Station to points throughout the USA.

By Air

[The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey](#) operates the region's three major airports.

- [JFK International Airport](#)
- [Newark \(New Jersey\) Liberty International Airport](#)
- [LaGuardia Airport](#)

Schools

Generally, to register your child for school you will need to have a passport and/or birth certificate, proof of immunizations, any applicable past school records and proof of residency. Most public schools have boundary areas, and you must show proof (i.e. copy of lease or home purchase agreement) to be allowed to register in that particular school. Please always confirm requirements with the school you are interested in before assuming that your child will be able to attend that school.

Grade level in the US public-school system is determined by the age of the child. School districts are usually very strict about the age requirement, but inquire with the school district you are interested in to determine if there are any exemptions for foreign students who are ahead in grade level. You may also want to ask about any gifted or advanced programs as well as their English as a Second Language (ESL) Programs. Some elementary schools also offer a pre-Kindergarten program for children who miss the deadline requirement. You may inquire at the school districts for availability, and contact your IOR Destination Services Consultant for more assistance with schooling questions.

Public Schools in New Jersey

[New Jersey's Interdistrict Public School Choice Program](#) enables approved choice districts to enroll K-12th grade students who do not reside within their districts without cost to their parents. The program increases educational opportunities for students and their families by providing students with school options outside of their district of residence and giving parents the power to select a school program that best serves their child's individual needs.

District participation in the program is optional, but requires application to the Department of Education. Once approved, the choice district designates the available seats in specific grades and programs that are open to choice students. Where choice options are available, any student who resides in New Jersey is eligible to apply.

[Hoboken Public School District](#) serves students in pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade.

[Jersey City Public School District](#) serves students in pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade.

Private Schools

There are 8 [private schools in Hoboken](#) serving 1,874 students. A few include [The Hudson School](#), [All Saints Day School](#), and the [Hoboken Montessori School](#).

There are 30 [private schools in Jersey City](#) serving 6,026 students. A few include [The French American Academy](#), [Waterfront Montessori](#), and [Stevens Cooperative School](#).

[The Archdiocese of Newark](#) serves Hoboken and Jersey City with an array of Catholic Schools.

Additional Resources

- www.greatschools.org
- www.eschoolprofile.com
- www.schooltree.org

Colleges/Universities in the area

- [New Jersey City University](#)
- [Saint Peter's University](#)
- [Hudson County Community College](#)



New Jersey City University

Area Recreation

The City of Hoboken is the proud birthplace of baseball and is committed to promoting the joy of sports. The City in partnership with local businesses and the Police Athletic League offer sports program year round.

- [Click here for more recreation resources in Hoboken](#)
- [Here is a calendar of events for Hoboken](#)

As one of the most culturally diverse cities in the nation, Jersey City has an exciting and vibrant art and [culture scene](#) that grows stronger and larger each year. From numerous art fairs, ethnic festivals and flag raisings, to local theater, film and performing arts, we are proud of our culturally diverse heritage.

- [Click here for more recreation resources in Jersey City](#)
- [Here is a calendar of events for Jersey City](#)

Registration

Obtaining a Driver's License

If you are moving permanently to New Jersey, you may use your out-of-state license for only your first 60 days here. To change to an New Jersey license, bring your Social Security card, another form of ID, and two utility or phone bills verifying that you are an New Jersey resident, and a fee to a motor vehicle facility. You'll have to pass written and eye exams, and usually a road test.

For general information and instructions on how to obtain an official state ID card or driver's license, visit the [State of New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission](#) website.

Your IOR Destination Services Consultant will also assist you with the proper procedure.