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KIDS RIDE FREE ON NY WATERWAY FERRIES THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Free Fares for Children Under 12

Beginning Friday, November 28 through Sunday, January 4



November 2025 - NY Waterway, which operates the largest ferry fleet between New Jersey and New York, announced that during this holiday season, kids will be able to once again ride free on all NY Waterway ferry routes between New Jersey and Manhattan starting Friday, November 28 through Sunday, January 4. A maximum of two children, under the age of 12, will be permitted to ride free when accompanied by one, single-paying adult rider.

The ferry is a family-friendly, economical, and traffic-free way to get to the city and enjoy all the holiday magic in New York City, including NY Waterway's Holiday Market which will offer music, festive food, shopping, crafts, special events for families and visits with Santa to enjoy. The Holiday Market will be located at the Midtown Ferry Terminal (W39th St & 12th Ave), be free to attend and open on weekends (Friday through Sunday) from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. through Sunday, December 28.

Several New Jersey ferry terminals offer low-cost parking. Riders can also reach many NY Waterway terminals by the Hudson-Bergen Light Rail Line, NJ TRANSIT (rail & bus), and free NY Waterway buses.

Visit nywaterway.com/kidsfree for more information.

NY Waterway's App 4.0 is available for download on the [App Store](#) & [Google Play](#). NY Waterway ferry riders are encouraged to download the app to make it easier to access information and to purchase, store and activate ferry tickets.

Get updates at 1-800-53-FERRY (7am-11am Monday through Friday), nywaterway.com, facebook.com/nywaterway or twitter.com/ridetheferry.

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About NY Waterway

Founded by Arthur Imperatore, Sr. in 1986, NY Waterway operates the nation's largest privately-owned commuter ferry service. Prior to the pandemic shutdown, NY Waterway carried more than 32,000 passengers each weekday on 23 routes across the Hudson River, bringing New Jersey commuters to Manhattan and back. In cooperation with MTA Metro North Railroad, ferries bring commuters from the west side of the Hudson River in Newburgh and Haverstraw to the Hudson Line stations in Beacon and Ossining. On dozens of occasions, NY Waterway ferries have provided emergency service when public transit systems are disrupted. On 9/11, NY Waterway ferries evacuated more than 150,000 people from Manhattan, part of the largest maritime evacuation in history. In August 2003, when a massive blackout shut down all Hudson River crossings, NY Waterway carried 160,000 people home to New Jersey. Ferry crews have also rescued more than 300 people from New York waters, most notably the 143 people rescued from US Airways Flight 1549, the Miracle on the Hudson in 2009, the most successful marine rescue in aviation history.