



## Jersey City: City of surprising landmarks

*ASWB's 2016 Education Conference will be held April 28-30, 2016, in Jersey City, New Jersey*

Jersey City is considered part of the New York metropolitan area, bound on the east and west by water. With 11 miles of waterfront and numerous rail connections, the city is an important transportation terminal for the area. Redevelopment of the waterfront has been possible thanks to the growth of financial and other industries. Today Jersey City is one of the nation's largest downtown central business districts. The Goldman Sachs building, an easily recognized landmark in this city's skyline, is one of the 200 tallest buildings in the world.

Other landmarks may surprise you: The Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island are actually in Jersey City, although New York has legal jurisdiction. The city is also known for its parks.

Liberty State Park boasts restaurants and shopping as well as a rich history. Many outdoor activities are scheduled in the park, and there are many transportation options to get you across its 1,212 acres.

### History

Dutch investors from nearby New York City (called New Amsterdam until 1664), fur trappers, and farmers were drawn to the rich Hudson River Valley beginning in the 1630s. Settling there, they prospered. In 1804, a group of investors purchased land along the Hudson waterfront and named the new development the Town of Jersey. In 1812, Robert Fulton began to run his steamboats, helping establish Jersey City as a major transportation hub that by



*Hyatt Regency hotel entrance, right next to a PATH station*

1838 had become the independent municipality of Jersey City.

Jersey City later became known for its factories. Products that became household names include Emerson Radio, Colgate, and Dixon Ticonderoga pencils, just to name a few.

Today, Jersey City is the second largest city in New Jersey, and boasts a population of 260,000.

### **What is the weather like?**

In April, the temperature ranges from 45 F to 65 F. A warm coat and an umbrella are recommended, as the weather is slightly unpredictable.

### **Areas of Interest**

[Liberty State Park](#), is in the middle of the metropolitan area. You can catch ferries to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island here.

[Liberty Science Center](#) offers exhibits in 12 galleries and has the nation's largest IMAX Dome Theater, with a screen 88 foot in diameter.

Visit the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island – tickets can be purchased

for either [here](#).

Spend time at the World Trade Center memorial or museum. More [details](#) are available.

Have you ever been to the [United Nations](#)? You can schedule a guided tour.

### **How to get around the city?**

#### **PATH**

The Hyatt Regency is directly adjacent to the [PATH rail system](#), with a PATH train that can take you to a variety of great destinations.

[Google Transit Maps](#) can help you navigate the PATH train into Manhattan. Just enter Hyatt Regency Jersey City on the Hudson in the FROM box, and your New York destination in the TO box and the system will map out your trip.

### **Paulus Hook ferry stop**

Ferry station: Located one block from the hotel.

The water ferry travels between various spots in Manhattan—West 38th Street, Wall Street, World Trade Center, Brooklyn—and Jersey City, as well as Hoboken

and other ferry stops on the New Jersey side of the river. Times and locations of embarking/debarking piers vary based on weekday/ weekend patterns. The ferry runs from 6:20 a.m. until 9:30 p.m. Need [more information](#)?

Paulus Hook to World Trade Center - US\$6.00

Paulus Hook to Pier 11 - US\$7.00

Paulus Hook to Midtown/W 39th Street - US\$8.00

### **Want to know more?**

For more information, visit these websites:

<http://www.visitnj.org/city/jersey-city>

<http://jcmakeityours.com/>



*View of the skyline at night*