

Which Terminal Is Delta Air Lines At JFK?

Direct answer: Terminal 4. Delta Air Lines operates all of its departures and arrivals at John F. Kennedy International Airport from Terminal 4, its New York hub, including Delta Connection regional flights. Terminal 4 is the largest terminal at JFK by passenger volume and hosts more than thirty other airlines alongside Delta, including SkyTeam partners and carriers such as Emirates, Singapore Airlines, Virgin Atlantic and KLM. For gate questions, connection timings or same-day changes, **1-888-374-4490 [US] (OTA)** can look at your itinerary.

Delta consolidated its JFK operation into Terminal 4 after a major expansion programme, absorbing what had previously been split across Terminal 2 and Terminal 3. Terminal 2 and 3 are now closed. Everything Delta at Kennedy is in one building.

Terminal 4 at a glance

Airport	John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK), Queens, New York
Terminal	Terminal 4
Used for	Delta Air Lines departures and arrivals
Regional flights	Delta Connection also uses Terminal 4
Notable partner airlines	KLM, Air France, Korean Air, Virgin Atlantic, Emirates, Singapore Airlines, and around thirty others
Concourses	A and B, connected within the secure area
AirTrain	Terminal 4 station, connecting to all other JFK terminals

Terminal 4 is a genuinely large building. Concourse B in particular was extended to accommodate Delta's growth, and the walk from security to a far B gate can take fifteen minutes at a normal pace. Build that into your timing rather than discovering it while sprinting.

How the terminal is organised

Arrivals level. Baggage claim, U.S. Customs and Border Protection for international arrivals, and the ground transport exits for taxis, ride-share and hotel shuttles.

Departures level. Delta check-in counters, self-service kiosks, bag drop, and the security checkpoints. Delta's check-in area is substantial, with separate zones for Sky Priority, Delta One and general Main Cabin passengers.

AirTrain level. The Terminal 4 station connects to every other terminal at JFK, and onward to Jamaica Station for the Long Island Rail Road and the subway, or to Howard Beach for the A train.

Airside. Concourse A and Concourse B, linked inside security. Delta Sky Clubs, including the flagship Delta One Lounge for eligible long-haul premium passengers, sit airside along with an extensive retail and dining offer — Terminal 4 has one of the better food selections at any U.S. airport.

Departing from Terminal 4

How early to arrive. Two hours before a domestic departure, three before an international one. At JFK, treat those as minimums rather than generous estimates. Terminal 4 handles enormous international departure banks in the evening, and the security queues at those times are substantial.

Getting there by road. Follow signs for Terminal 4 from the JFK Expressway and take the Departures ramp. The Van Wyck Expressway, which feeds the airport, is one of the least predictable roads serving any major U.S. airport — a journey that takes 45 minutes at 10am can take 90 at 4pm.

Getting there by rail. From Manhattan, the reliable route is the subway or Long Island Rail Road to Jamaica Station, then the AirTrain to Terminal 4. It costs more than the subway alone but the journey time is knowable, which the road is not.

Check-in and security. Delta counters and kiosks are on the departures level. Sky Priority lanes serve Medallion members, premium cabins and SkyTeam elite passengers. TSA PreCheck lanes are available. Which checkpoint you use can depend on your concourse, so read the signage rather than joining the nearest queue.

Arriving at Terminal 4

Domestic arrivals go straight to baggage claim on the arrivals level.

International arrivals clear U.S. Customs and Border Protection first. Global Entry kiosks are available and make a genuine difference during peak arrival periods, when the immigration hall at Terminal 4 can be very busy.

If you are connecting after an international arrival, you must clear immigration, collect your checked bags, pass through customs, re-check the bags, and go back through security — even though the bags were tagged to your final destination. This is a U.S. requirement rather than a Delta process, and it is why connections after an international arrival need generous timing. Ninety minutes is tight; two hours is comfortable.

Meeting someone. The arrivals level. For anyone waiting, the cell phone lot is far more sensible than circling Terminal 4's roadway.

Connecting at JFK

Within Terminal 4. Delta to Delta, or Delta to a partner in the same terminal, is an in-terminal connection with concourses A and B linked airside. A domestic-to-domestic connection needs no re-screening. Allow 60 to 90 minutes to be comfortable, more if you are moving between concourses.

To another terminal. This is where JFK becomes demanding. Moving from Delta at Terminal 4 to a carrier at Terminal 1, 5, 6, 7 or 8 requires exiting security, taking the AirTrain, checking in with the other airline if not already ticketed through, and clearing security again.

Realistically that is 90 minutes minimum domestically, and considerably more with bags to re-check or immigration involved. The AirTrain runs frequently and takes only a few minutes between terminals — the queues at each end are the variable, not the train.

A caution that matters: if your two flights are on **separate tickets**, neither airline is obliged to protect the connection. A delay on the first leg becomes your problem and your expense. Build in far more time than the AirTrain schedule suggests, or book on a single ticket.

Where everyone else sits at JFK

Terminal	Principal airlines
Terminal 1	International carriers including Air France, Korean Air, Turkish Airlines, SWISS, Austrian
Terminal 4	Delta Air Lines hub, plus Emirates, Singapore Airlines, Virgin Atlantic, KLM and around thirty others
Terminal 5	JetBlue
Terminal 6	Opening in phases, with JetBlue as anchor tenant
Terminal 7	Retiring in phases; Aer Lingus, Air Canada, ANA, Icelandair and others
Terminal 8	American Airlines, British Airways, Iberia, Finnair, Japan Airlines

Terminals 2 and 3 are closed. JFK has been under continuous redevelopment for several years and assignments for some carriers are shifting as the New Terminal One and Terminal 6 open in stages. Delta at Terminal 4 is one of the stable points — but if you are meeting a flight on a different airline, check that airline's terminal on the day.

Note one quirk: some JetBlue flights have operated from Terminal 4 as well as Terminal 5. If you are connecting between Delta and JetBlue, confirm which terminal the JetBlue flight uses rather than assuming Terminal 5.

Lounges in Terminal 4

Delta operates multiple Sky Clubs in Terminal 4, and the **Delta One Lounge** — a separate, higher-tier facility for eligible Delta One passengers and certain premium partner travellers. Access rules differ between the two, and Sky Club access policies have tightened in recent years for credit card holders in particular.

If you expect lounge access based on a card or a fare, verify the current rules rather than assuming. The entitlements have changed more than once.

Facilities and what Terminal 4 is actually like

Terminal 4 was substantially rebuilt and extended, and it shows. The dining offer is among the better ones in the U.S. airport system, with a mix of national chains and New York-specific operators rather than the usual generic concessions. Retail is extensive, particularly in the international departures area of Concourse B.

Practical amenities worth knowing about:

- **Charging** is widely available at gate seating, though it fills up during evening departure banks
- **Wi-Fi** is free throughout the terminal
- **Nursing rooms** and family facilities are available
- **Accessible services** including wheelchair assistance can be arranged in advance through your booking, and doing so is far more reliable than requesting on arrival
- **Baggage storage** is not generally available airside, so plan around that on a long layover

The one genuine weakness is that Terminal 4's scale means walking. If you have limited mobility or are travelling with young children, request assistance in advance rather than assuming you can manage the distance from security to a far Concourse B gate.

Parking and drop-off

Terminal 4 has a dedicated parking garage, with long-term options and economy lots elsewhere on the airport served by shuttle. Rates are high by most standards, which is normal for New York.

For drop-off, the departures roadway can back up badly at peak times. If someone is dropping you, the cell phone lot is the better arrangement for pickups, and for drop-offs it is worth building in extra time rather than assuming you can pull up at the curb immediately.

Ride-share pickup at JFK operates from designated areas rather than the arrivals curb, and the walk to those areas is not trivial at Terminal 4. Follow the signage rather than the app's initial instruction.

Practical advice

- **Confirm your terminal on the boarding pass on the day.** Delta is reliably Terminal 4, but other carriers at JFK are moving.
- **Allow extra time for ground transport.** The Van Wyck is genuinely unpredictable.
- **Use the AirTrain from Jamaica** if you want a journey time you can plan around.
- **Do not book tight inter-terminal connections.** Ninety minutes is the floor.
- **Expect to re-clear security after an international arrival**, even with bags checked through.
- **Know your concourse.** Terminal 4 is big, and Concourse B is long.
- **Check whether your Delta Connection flight departs from a remote gate** — some regional operations involve a longer walk or a bus.

Where to get help

Contact	Number	Best for
Travel reservations and flight support	1-888-374-4490 [US] (OTA)	Confirming terminal and gate area, connection feasibility, same-day changes, rebooking after a delay
Delta Reservations	Published on delta.com	Direct ticket and SkyMiles servicing
JFK Airport information	Published by the Port Authority	Terminal construction updates, parking, ground transport
AirTrain JFK	Port Authority information	Inter-terminal transfers and rail connections

Frequently asked questions

What terminal is Delta at JFK? Terminal 4, for both departures and arrivals.

Does Delta use more than one terminal at JFK? No. All Delta and Delta Connection operations at JFK are in Terminal 4. Terminals 2 and 3, which Delta previously used, are closed.

Which other airlines are in Terminal 4? More than thirty, including KLM, Air France, Korean Air, Virgin Atlantic, Emirates and Singapore Airlines.

Where do I check in for Delta at JFK? The departures level of Terminal 4.

How do I get from Terminal 4 to Terminal 8? Take the AirTrain from the Terminal 4 station. Allow well over an hour end to end if connecting.

How early should I arrive? Two hours domestic, three international, plus margin at peak times.

Is there a Delta Sky Club at JFK Terminal 4? Yes, multiple Sky Clubs plus the separate Delta One Lounge, each with its own access rules.

Do Delta Connection flights use Terminal 4? Yes.

The takeaway

Delta at JFK means Terminal 4 — every flight, both directions, mainline and Delta Connection alike. It is the airport's largest terminal, shared with more than thirty other carriers, with concourses A and B linked inside security.

The real planning risks at Kennedy are not locating the terminal. They are ground transport on the Van Wyck, the walk to a distant Concourse B gate, and inter-terminal connections that look far shorter on a schedule than they are in practice. Give yourself margin on all three.

To confirm a gate area, judge whether a connection is realistic, or make a same-day change while you are already at the airport, **1-888-374-4490 [US] (OTA)** can work through the live itinerary with you.