



In our experienced opinion, the best has to be New York. There are other good ones around the globe, but they can't compare with the scope and extensive services provided by buses, subways, trains and ferries available to New Yorkers and visitors.

With the world's largest subway system, cheap public transportation in Manhattan and its five surrounding boroughs covers just about any trip. Riders can get quickly to and from work, shopping, entertainment, dining and just about anything else on the subways, trains, buses and elevated trains.

New York is the only city in the US where more than half the eight-million-plus residents use public transportation and don't own cars. The subways and most other city services run 24 hours a day. The London UK subway (called Underground or Tube) system covers about half the geographic scope as in New York. The English capital has maintained its inefficient, but charming red double-decker buses. Seniors going to and from work or shopping have some challenges trying to get on and off, but still love them. There's also a good light rail system that serves London's suburbs. However, it shuts down at midnight, forcing late night revelers to use taxis.

The subway, called the Metro, is quite extensive, although difficult to tourists, especially those who don't speak French. There's also the RER, a commuter train system that takes workers back and forth from the outlying suburbs.

San Francisco's Municipal Railway recently celebrated its centennial. Built a few years after the infamous 1906 earthquake, it's an efficient way to get through the city and surrounding communities. The el system, called BART (Bay Area Rapid Transit), takes more than half a million regular daily riders to destinations at speeds to 80 MPH.

The Municipal Railway uses a range of transportation options, from light rail to the famed cable cars. BART connects San Francisco, Oakland, Berkeley, and other surrounding areas, at

speeds up to 80 miles per hour.

There are also extensive bus routes and downtown streetcar system that runs underground in some areas. Of course, visitors are most interested in experiencing the quaint century-old cable cars that Tony Bennett sang about going halfway to the stars up and down those steep San Francisco hills.