Information for Traveling to UC Santa Barbara

Traveling by Air

Santa Barbara Airport (SBA):
601 Firestone Rd.
Santa Barbara, CA 93117
(805) 967-7111

Santa Barbara Airport (SBA) — about a 5-minute bus ride to campus
Santa Barbara is the most convenient, but generally expensive. However, it is worthwhile to compare prices at all three airports, taking into account the cost of the Airbus or Amtrak and travel time. Often the additional cost of getting to Santa Barbara from one of the airports listed below decreases the extra cost of the ticket from flying into SBA directly (see bus service information below).

Burbank (BUR):
Burbank Bob Hope Airport
2627 N. Hollywood Way
Burbank, CA 91505
(818) 840-8840

Burbank (BUR) — about a 1 3/4-hour drive to Santa Barbara
Burbank offers easy access to the Amtrak Pacific Surfliner, which stops one block from Burbank airport. The train stops twice in this area, first in downtown Santa Barbara, and then closer to campus, in Goleta, from which you can then take a bus or cab. Please check the Amtrak web site for schedules and other details.

Los Angeles (LAX):
Los Angeles International Airport
1 World Way
Los Angeles, CA 90045
(310) 646-5252

Los Angeles (LAX) — about a 2-hour drive to Santa Barbara, depending on traffic
The Santa Barbara Airbus shuttles passengers to and from LAX several times every day. The shuttle costs $50, or $45 if booked in advance.
Traveling by Car

**Traveling from the South:**
Take the 101 Freeway to Airport/UCSB exit (Highway 217) approximately eight miles north of Santa Barbara to the campus East Gate. At UCSB entrance, follow traffic circle to right (Mesa Road). At the third traffic light, turn left on Ocean Road. Park in the Mesa Parking Structure on your left, and purchase a parking permit from one of the nearby dispensers and place on your dashboard.

**Traveling From the North on the 101 Freeway:**
Take the Storke Road/Glen Annie Road exit off U.S. 101 (approximately twelve miles north of Santa Barbara). Turn right on Storke Road and then immediately left on Hollister Avenue. Follow for less than one mile and turn right onto Los Carneros Rd. At the next traffic light, turn left on Mesa Road and follow to Ocean Rd. Turn right and park in the Mesa Parking Structure on your left, and purchase a parking permit from one of the nearby dispensers and place on your dashboard.

Parking at UCSB

Map of the UCSB campus and parking lot locations

Visitors to the campus may park in the MESA parking structure (parking permit required)

Visiting the Campus

**Bren Hall**
Visitors to Bren Hall may find the Student Affairs Office located on the second floor of Bren Hall. Appointments are set-up via email and are usually held in the offices of Corlei Prieto, Student Affairs Manager (BH 2510).

**UCSB Campus Tours**
The Visitor Center at UC Santa Barbara provides admission presentations and campus tours for approximately 40,000 guests each year. [http://admissions.sa.ucsb.edu/visitucsb.asp](http://admissions.sa.ucsb.edu/visitucsb.asp)

The Visitor Center is located on the first floor of the Student Affairs Administrative Services Building (SAASB), adjacent to the MESA parking structure.

Visitor Center Hours: Monday-Friday (10a.m.-4 p.m.)
Campus Walking Tours: Monday-Friday (12:00p.m. & 2:00p.m.) Reservation required

Traveling by Bus in Santa Barbara

Transportation via the local [MTD bus](https://www.mtd.org) is a great way to travel to and from UCSB. An MTD express bus (Line 24X) to UCSB departs several times a day from the downtown station. [See a map and schedule](https://www.mtd.org)
The 11 bus runs from Santa Barbara Airport to UCSB North Hall. See a map and schedule.

**Traveling by Taxi in Santa Barbara**

Taxis run between downtown and UCSB and the airport and UCSB, but the downtown run can be pricey. Local taxi companies include the following:

Blue Dolphin Cab  
321 W Carrillo St  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
Phone: (805) 962-6886

Crown Cab Co  
215 Castillo St # 1  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
(805) 689-0234

**Places to eat**

**On Campus**
- University Center (UCen) – Variety of quick eateries, healthy options are available
- Courtyard Café – Chinese, sandwiches, soups, salads
- Arbor – Subway

**Off Campus**
- Isla Vista  
  - Freebirds Burritos – 879 Embarcadero Del Norte  
  - Woodstock Pizza – 928 Embarcadero Del Norte  
  - Silvergreens -- 900 Embarcadero del Mar  
  - Many various places within walking distance of campus
- Goleta  
  - Beachside Café: oceanfront dining, lovely view, walkable from Bren – 5905 Sandspit Rd  
  - Camino Real Marketplace: Japanese, Mexican, Hawaiian, Chili’s, Hollister Brewery – 7004 Market Place Dr
- Santa Barbara  
  - La Super Rica: Lunch only, a SB landmark – 622 N. Milpas St  
  - Via Maestra 42: Great Italian food, small restaurant – 3343 State St  

**Places to stay**

To search local hotels, go to [http://www.santabarbara.com/](http://www.santabarbara.com/), or select from this list:

- **The Wayfarer Hostel** 12 E Montecito Street Santa Barbara, CA 93101 Phone: (805) 845-1000
- **Best Western South Coast Inn** 5620 Calle Real, Goleta, CA 93117 Phone: (805) 967-3200
- Extended Stay America 4870 Calle Real, Santa Barbara, CA 93111 Phone: (805) 692-1882
- Faculty Club UCSB (on campus) Santa Barbara, CA 93106 Phone: (805) 893-3096
- Hampton Inn 5665 Hollister Ave, Goleta, CA 93117 Phone: (805) 681-9800
- Holiday Inn Santa Barbara - Goleta Hotel 5650 Calle Real, Santa Barbara, CA 93117 Phone: (805) 964-6241
- Motel 6 5897 Calle Real, Goleta, CA 93117 Phone: (805) 964-3596
- Pacifica Suites 5490 Hollister Avenue, Santa Barbara, CA 93111 Phone: (800) 338-6722
- Ramada Limited 4770 Calle Real, Santa Barbara, CA 93110 Phone: (805) 964-3511
- Super 8 Motel 6021 Hollister Avenue, Goleta, CA 93117 Phone: (805) 967-5591
- Summer Inn Santa Barbara Located on the UCSB campus (open June - August) Phone: (805) 893-2649

Local Campgrounds
Santa Barbara Tourist Hostel
IHSP Santa Barbara Student Hostel

Things to do in Santa Barbara

- Area guide by SantaBarbara.com
- City of Santa Barbara
- Santa Barbara Conference & Visitors Bureau and Film Commission
- Santa Barbara Downtown Organization
- Santa Barbara Independent
- Santa Barbara Mission - http://santabarbaramission.org/
- Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History - http://www.sbnature.org/
- UCSB Arts and Lectures- https://artsandlectures.sa.ucsb.edu/index.aspx
- Santa Barbara Beaches: http://www.santabarbara.com/Activities/beaches/
- Funk Zone and Urban Wine trail: http://www.santabarbarara.com/Things-to-do/funk-zone/
- Channel Islands National Park: http://www.nps.gov/chis/index.htm
- Santa Barbara Botanical Gardens: http://www.sbbg.org/