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. Often the additional cost of getting to Santa Barbara from one of the airports listed below decreases the difference of 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. Please check the [Amtrak web site](http://www.amtrak.com) 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](http://www.sba.org) shuttles passengers to and from LAX several times every day.
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.

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.

Parking at UCSB

Map of the UCSB campus and parking lot locations

UCSB parking can be confusing, so please read the information carefully. The best place to park is either in the Mesa parking structure Lot 18 or in Lot 16, both of which are located across Ocean Road from the Recreation Center.

Directions to the parking structure are as follows:
1) Enter the campus via Hwy 217
2) Turn right at the roundabout at the entrance to campus onto Mesa Road
3) Follow this around until you reach Ocean Road (the third signal) and turn left
4) Turn left again at the first signal; this will put you between Lot 16 and Lot 18.

Park in either of these lots and purchase an all-day permit at one of the permit dispensers. Make sure not to park in a space marked “S only” or “A only”. Please keep in mind that it takes about 15-20 minutes to walk from the parking lot to Bren Hall.

Visitors must purchase and display a parking permit. Permits are sold at the self-pay machines in each lot and parking structure.

Permit prices:
- Monday-Friday (7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.) - $5.00 for 3 hours or $8.00 for the entire day
- Saturday and Sunday - $3.00 for the entire day
- Phone number for campus parking information:
  (805) 893-2346 or (805) 893-4854
Traveling by Bus in Santa Barbara

Transportation via the local MTD bus 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.

The 11 bus runs from Santa Barbara Airport to UCSB North Hall. See a map and schedule.

Traveling by Taxi in Santa Barbara

Taxis do 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) – Fast food variety: Mexican, subs, pizza, Wendy’s, Chinese  
- Engineering Café – Chinese, sandwiches  
- Arbor – Subway

Off Campus  
- Isla Vista  
  - Freebirds Burritos – 879 Embarcadero Del Norte  
  - Woodstock Pizza – 928 Embarcadero Del Norte  
- Goleta  
  - Natural Café: many vegetarian and vegan options – 5892 Hollister Ave  
  - Beachside Café: a little more pricey, but a nice view – 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/, or select from this list:

- **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

Things to do in Santa Barbara

- [Area guide by SantaBarbara.com](http://www.santabarbara.com/)
- [City of Santa Barbara](http://www.santa-barbara.ca.us)
- [Santa Barbara Conference & Visitors Bureau and Film Commission](http://santabarbara.com/)
- [Santa Barbara Downtown Organization](http://www.sbdowntown.com/)
- [Santa Barbara Independent](http://www.sb-independent.com/)
- Butterfly Reserve - [http://www.sblandtrust.org/coronado.html](http://www.sblandtrust.org/coronado.html)
- UCSB Arts and Lectures - [https://artsandlectures.sa.ucsb.edu/index.aspx](https://artsandlectures.sa.ucsb.edu/index.aspx)