

San Francisco Travel Guide

Airports

1. San Francisco International Airport (SFO)- SFO is about a 13-mile drive from downtown SF, and it takes about 25-45 minutes to get to downtown based on traffic. Public transportation from SFO to downtown takes about 30 minutes.
2. Oakland International Airport (OAK)- Oakland's airport is about a 20-mile drive from downtown SF, but can take up to an hour with traffic if traveling by car, and between 45 minutes to one hour if taking public transportation.

Hotels

1. [Hilton San Francisco Union Square](#)
2. [Courtyard by Marriott Downtown/Van Ness Ave](#)
3. [Courtyard by Marriott Union Square](#)
4. [The Marker](#)
5. [Parc 55 San Francisco](#)
6. [Kimpton Alton](#) Fisherman's Wharf (a little farther from campus, but in a very nice part of SF for visitors)

Transportation

UC Law SF has a great page on getting to campus, [here](#).

Personal car

- UC Law has a parking garage located at 376 Larkin St. If you are in by 8:30am and out by 7pm the rate is \$22 for the day, otherwise it is \$35 per day. More info on the website [here](#).
- There is also street parking (fees required) all over San Francisco. Street parking is unpredictable, and the parking tickets are expensive if you forget to pay or renew the meter. San Francisco is also unfortunately known for car break-ins, so if you park on the street, **make sure to leave absolutely nothing in your car or it very likely will get broken into.**

Uber/Lyft

- Ubers and Lyfts are usually easy to get in San Francisco and arrive within 10 minutes of ordering one in most places around the city. This is the fastest and most efficient way of getting around the city, but costs more than public transportation.

Waymo

- SF's new driverless cars. You can create an account and order a car through the Waymo app. Generally the same price or slightly more expensive than Lyfts and Ubers.

[Muni \(Public Bus\)](#)

- San Francisco has an extensive, and mostly reliable, public bus system called Muni. The link above goes to their website which has a trip planner you can use to get around the city.
- Muni is \$2.85 per ticket. You can pay with your own credit card, or with a Clipper card.
- Google and Apple Maps both have reliable information about San Francisco public transit

[Bay Area Rapid Transit \(BART\)](#)

- BART is the best public transit option to get around all of the Bay Area, including crossing the bay into Oakland and Berkeley.
- The cost of your trip is dependent on how far you ride BART, but from downtown Berkeley to downtown SF, you can expect to pay about \$4-5
- The BART stop closest to UC Law SF is Civic Center.
- The Clipper card you use to pay for BART can also be used on Muni buses. You can buy physical Clipper cards at BART stations, or use a digital card on the Clipper app.

Restaurants

Near UC Law SF

[Chao Pescado](#) – casual Latin Caribbean restaurant right next to UC Law.

[Charmaine's Rooftop Bar and Lounge](#) – bar on the top of the Proper Hotel, 2 blocks from UC Law.

[Outta Sight Pizza](#) – Pizza place one block from UC Law SF.

Coffee Shops/Breakfast Spots

Philz Coffee – 399 Golden Gate Ave, one block from UC Law SF

Starbucks – 1390 Market St, 7 minute walk from UC Law SF

Paris Café- 142 McAllister St, one block from UC Law SF

Ariscault – 87 McAllister St, one block from UC Law SF (amazing pastries!)

Interesting Places to Explore & Things to Do

Asian Art Museum

San Francisco City Hall

Union Square

San Francisco Museum of Art

Museum of the African Diaspora

The Contemporary Jewish Museum

Embarcadero Ferry Plaza

Chase Center

Coit Tower

Pier 39

Lombard Street

Ghiradelli Square

The Palace of the Fine Arts

Alamo Square Park

Golden Gate Park- includes DeYoung Museum and California Academy of Sciences

Legion of Honor

Alcatraz Island

Ferry to Sausalito or Jack London Square