

MONTEREY INSTITUTE

MONTEREY INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

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TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

BUSES

The **Monterey/Salinas Transit (MST)** www.mst.org is an extensive public bus system serving the Monterey Peninsula. Schedules and maps of the routes are available in the Student Affairs Office and on the buses. All of the buses stop at the Monterey Transit Plaza, located at the intersections of Munras, Tyler, Pearl, Alvarado and Polk Streets. This is about a five-minute walk from the Institute. The fare for most local rides is \$2.50 (discount rate is \$1.25)*. You **must** have the exact amount of the fare when you board the bus, as the driver cannot give change. *Note:* Some routes do not run after 6 pm, and schedules are more limited on weekends and holidays, so plan accordingly. For more information, contact Monterey Peninsula Transit, One Ryan Ranch Rd. (899-2555 from the Monterey area or 424-7695 from Salinas).

For those who plan to ride the bus on a regular basis, the Transit Company offers a Monthly Bus Pass, which might be more convenient and cost effective.

Greyhound Buses www.greyhound.com travel throughout California and the United States. The local depot is located at 19 West Gabilan in Salinas. For information on fares and schedules, call 424-4418 or 1-800-231-2222.

TRAINS

Amtrak www.amtrak.com (1-800-USA-RAIL or 1-800-872-7245) services the entire West Coast from San Diego to Canada. The nearest Amtrak station is in Salinas (11 Station Place) and can be reached by the Monterey-Salinas Transit bus. Contact Amtrak for the current rate.

Caltrain www.caltrain.com (1-800-660-4287) runs from Gilroy to San Francisco on weekdays (commuter run, departing Gilroy early each morning and returning in the late afternoon). Contact Caltrain for the current rate.

AIRPORT BUS SERVICE

Monterey/Salinas Airbus: www.montereyairbus.com offers bus service to and from San Francisco and San Jose International Airports departing approximately every two hours offering nine round-trips daily. They will be offering seven departure times from Monterey Transit Plaza daily. Fares to San Jose from Monterey are \$35 each way while Monterey to SFO are \$45 each way*. Cash and credit cards are accepted and you pay on the bus. Airbus schedules and information may be obtained in the Student Affairs Office or by calling (831) 373-7777. Reservations are highly recommended.

* *Prices are subject to change*

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AIRLINES

The following airlines service the Monterey Peninsula Airport (648-7000), which is located on Highway 68 at Olmstead Road, four miles east of the Institute:

Allegiant Air	www.allegiantair.com	702-505-8888
American Airlines / Eagle	www.aa.com	800-433-7300
America West Airlines	www.americawest.com	800-428-4322
United Express	www.united.com	800-241-6522
US Airways	www.usairways.com	800-428-4322

For information regarding Monterey Peninsula Airport, you may also visit www.montereyairport.com.

TAXIS

Taxis will pick you up wherever you are and drive you to your destination. For taxi service, call

Central Coast Taxi (626-3333)

Yellow Cab Company (646-1234 or 375-3155).

The fare from the airport to MIIS/downtown Monterey is around \$14-15 plus tip. Cabs meet all flights, so you should not have any trouble getting one when you fly into the Monterey Airport.

CAR RENTALS

The following car rental companies are located at the Monterey Peninsula Airport (648-7000), which is on Highway 68 at Olmstead Road, four miles east of the MIIS:

Alamo	www.alamo.com	800-327-9633
Avis	www.avis.com	800-831-2847
Budget	www.budget.com	800-527-0700
Enterprise	www.enterprise.com	800-736-8222
Hertz	www.hertz.com	800-654-3131
National	www.nationalcar.com	800-227-7368

To rent a car you must be at least twenty-one and have a valid driver's license. If you do not have a US license, you may still rent a car by presenting a driver's license from your home country (sometimes it is also required to show an international driver's license). Most rental agencies will not take cash deposit; therefore it is usually necessary to have a major credit card.

The rates, policies and special offers of car rental companies vary widely. Also ask if there are charges for mileage (some agencies offer free mileage or limited mileage), and whether there is a one-way drop-off charge.

In most cases you will need to return the car with a full tank of gas to avoid additional charges. Rental costs vary depending on the size and model of the car. Most rental companies have their best rates on the web.

It is also important to check on insurance. Rental agencies usually offer their own insurance for a daily fee. It is often wise to purchase this insurance, unless your own car insurance policy or your credit card fully covers you.