Housing Guide

The Middlebury Institute of International Studies (MIIS) does not have on-campus housing or dormitories available for students. However, there are several housing options available in the Monterey area.

Start with our Campus Housing Information:
http://www.miis.edu/student-life/housing/guide

Homestay: Homestay is a program in which a local agent finds qualified families to host international students. This option gives you many opportunities to speak English and learn about American culture. For students who will be in Monterey for a short period of time, homestay allows you to stay somewhere short-term, without the need to sign a lease.

If you are interested in a homestay, you can contact a local company called Viva Homestays. Homestay prices range from $750 to $900 a month. You must fill out an application in advance, and there is also a one-time placement fee of approximately $350. For more information, please see the Viva Homestay website: http://vivahomestays.com, or email Lisa Leo at lisa@vivahomestays.com.

Room/Apartment information through the Middlebury Institute

Student Services Housing Website: The Middlebury Institute Student Services Office keeps an updated website which lists rooms for rent in the local area. The address is miis.ochgateway.com. For more access to this site and for more information, email student.services@miis.edu. In your email you should tell them what program you are coming into (ESL), and the sessions you will be attending (for example, Summer and Fall 2014) along with your name and Banner ID (found at the top of your acceptance letter).

Facebook Group: Another campus resource is the MIIS Official Student Group on Facebook. If you have a Facebook account, you can visit https://www.facebook.com/groups/165679010252687/ and request to join the group. You can post questions there and also see questions and answers from other students. This group is for students in all programs at MIIS, not only ESL.

Room/Apartment information through the local community

Craigslist: Craigslist is a community website that has many kinds of ads, including ads for people who are looking for housing. The website is http://monterey.craigslist.org/. To find a room for rent, go to: “Rooms/shared.” To find an empty apartment, go to: “Apts/Housing.” To find a short-term rental, go to: “Sublets/Temporary.”

Please be careful using Craigslist. Although most of the ads are legitimate, some may be dishonest or even unsafe. Do not give out your personal information over email, and do not send or receive money from anyone you have not met.
**Property management companies:** A property management company can help you find an empty apartment.

Sterling Property Management [http://www.sterlingmonterey.com](http://www.sterlingmonterey.com)
Creative Property Management [http://creativepropmgmt.net/](http://creativepropmgmt.net/)
Mangold Property Management [http://www.mangoldproperties.com](http://www.mangoldproperties.com)
AG Davi Property Management [http://www.agdavi.com](http://www.agdavi.com)

**Other useful websites:**
- Monterey county rental list [http://www.rentallist.com](http://www.rentallist.com)
- Apartments.com [http://www.apartments.com](http://www.apartments.com)

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**Getting to Monterey**

**Neighborhood:** The Office of Student Services’ housing list is organized by city. Apartments in downtown Monterey are usually in walking distance to the Institute. Apartments in New Monterey, Sand City, Seaside, Del Rey Oaks, or Pacific Grove, are a bit farther; you will need a bicycle or a bus pass if you live in these areas. If you live in another city, you will probably need a car.

**Nearby Airports:**
- **San Francisco International Airport (SFO):** (approximately 170 km from campus)

- **San Jose International Airport (SJC):** (approximately 120 km from campus)

**Monterey Regional Airport:** If you choose to fly to the Monterey Airport from the San Francisco or San Jose International Airports, you will need to book an additional flight. Be aware that this is a more expensive option; flights to Monterey from the San Francisco and San Jose International Airports can cost $100 or more. You will also need to arrange transportation from the Monterey Airport to your residence or to the school.

**Monterey Airbus:** The Monterey Airbus is a shared-ride airport shuttle service that operates between Monterey and the San Francisco International Airport (SFO) as well as the San Jose International Airport (SJC). The shuttle drops passengers off at Calle Principal, a street just two blocks from the MIIS campus and in walking distance to several local hotels. This is a reliable and affordable option. Visit the [website](http://www.montereybus.com) to view schedules, rates and book your reservation at a discounted price.

**Taxis:** For a taxi you may want to try Coastal Yellow Cab or Yellow Cab. You can also arrange pick up at the Monterey airport and they can take you directly to your hotel if you prefer to get settled before checking in at campus.