

BDI International Conference, November 8-10, 2024

**Co-hosted with the Institute for South Asia Studies and the Subir & Malini Chowdhury
Center for Bangladesh Studies, University of California, Berkeley**

Information on Airport, Hotel, and Local Transportation in Berkeley, CA

Conference Location: The Clark Kerr Campus (Conference Center) is located south of the main UC Berkeley Campus.

Clark Kerr Campus - UC Berkeley
2601 Warring St, Berkeley, CA 94720
Phone: (510) 642-6290 (8:00 am - 5:00 pm)

Nearest Train Station: Downtown Berkeley BART (Bay Area Rapid Transit) Station, Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley, CA. BART is the subway train system of the San Francisco Bay Area. The conference venue is about 1.5 miles by walk (25 minutes) and 1.5 miles by driving/taxi (10 minutes). One of the recommended hotels (Hotel Shattuck Plaza) is just above the BART station.

Nearest Airports: There are three major airports in the San Francisco Bay area. These are **SFO** (San Francisco International Airport), **OAK** (Oakland International Airport), and **SJC** (San Jose International Airport). Participants from within the US should choose between SFO and OAK based on the cost of flight. The ride from any of these two airports to a hotel will be equally convenient except that OAK is closer to Berkeley and there is convenient BART service to downtown Berkeley. Participants arriving from overseas will have to fly into SFO.

SFO (San Francisco International Airport):
25 miles (40 minutes driving if no traffic)

- Car: You can rent a car from the airport. Uber or Lyft are cost-efficient options too.
- Taxi: Costs about \$75-\$90 depending on traffic condition, metered.
- Train: You can take BART (train) right from inside the airport to Downtown Berkeley BART Station, Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley. Depending on the airport terminal where you arrive, you might need to take a short airport shuttle (monorail, light-train) ride to the SFO BART station. To reach Berkeley from SFO, you can take the Yellow Line (direction Antioch; it will require an easy transfer at MacArthur station) or Red Line (direction Richmond). Depending on your hotel, you will get out at the Downtown Berkeley station or Berkeley North station. It will cost \$9.25 for a BART trip from SFO to Downtown Berkeley station and \$11.25 for a trip from SFO to Berkeley North. You can then walk to the hotel or take a taxi, Uber, or Lyft. For BART fare and schedule, please visit: <https://www.bart.gov/tickets/calculator>. Google/Apple Maps can also help you plan your trip: be sure to select the public transportation option.
- Riders can use the same Clipper card for BART and local Berkeley buses as well as underground train/ bus services in San Francisco (MUNI). One can download a digital card using a smartphone and have it filled/refilled as needed to a certain amount of dollars by applying at <https://www.clippercard.com/ClipperWeb/index.html>. You can also buy paper tickets for each trip from station kiosks or a BART agent, including at the airport.

If you have a lot of luggage, or you are traveling with others, or not staying near a BART station, rideshare services like Uber and Lyft might be the more cost effective and efficient option.

OAK (Oakland International Airport)

16 miles (26 minutes driving if no traffic)

- Car: You can rent a car from the airport.
- Taxi: Costs about \$30-\$60 depending on traffic condition, metered.
- Train: You can take a short airport shuttle (monorail, light-train) ride on Air Bart to Coliseum station. Then you will take the BART (train) to Downtown Berkeley BART Station, Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley. To reach your hotel, you will take the Richmond train (Orange) and get off the train at the Downtown Berkeley station or Berkeley North station depending on which hotel you are staying in. It will cost \$10.15 for a trip from OAK through Coliseum to Downtown Berkeley. You can then walk to the hotel or take a taxi (cost about \$10). For BART fare and schedule, please visit:
<https://www.bart.gov/tickets/calculator>

If you are planning to stay at Hotel Shattuck Plaza, you can travel by BART conveniently. Sharing a ride on Uber and/or Lyft can be just as expensive with possible better options with the luggage.

SJC (San Jose International Airport, San Jose, CA)

50 miles (60 minutes driving if no traffic)

- Car: You can rent a car from the airport.
- Taxi: Will cost more than \$125 (estimated).
- Door-to-Door Van: Not available.
- Train: Not available.

This airport is not really recommended for Berkeley, but would make sense for those planning to stay with friends and/or relatives in San Jose or vicinity before or after the conference.

Hotel Information:

Among the hotels listed below, the Hotel Shattuck Plaza is the best one. It is close to UCB campus, close to the BART station, and right in Downtown Berkeley. It is fairly expensive, as are The Graduate Berkeley, Residence Inn Berkeley, and DoubleTree by Hilton at Berkeley Marina. Please try to book early since there are limited rooms and always ask for the UC Berkeley rate. Below we have included the UC rate that hotels have shared with us. Among the reasonable and inexpensive choices are La Quinta Inn Berkeley and Golden Bear Inn.

[Hotel Shattuck Plaza](#)

2086 Allston Way (at the intersection of Shattuck Ave and Allston Way)
Berkeley, CA 94704

(This is close to public transportation, while [The Graduate Berkeley](#) and the [Women's Faculty Club](#) are closer to the Conference Center).

This hotel is located at downtown Berkeley. This is near the BART station, bus stops, and has easy access to airport by public transport. Many different kinds of dining places are nearby. This

is to the west of UCB campus.

Tel: (510) 845-7300 / (510) 225-6060 (Reservations)

Web: www.hotelshattuckplaza.com

Please mention that you are coming for a UC Berkeley conference and request the UC rate of ~\$205 (before taxes), depending on availability.

Distance from Clark Kerr Campus: 1.5 miles; 25 minutes on foot, 5 minutes by car

Distance from the BART station: 20ft (1 minute)

Distance from SFO: 25 miles (40 minutes by car if no traffic)

Distance from OAK: 16 miles (26 minutes by car if no traffic)

Women's Faculty Club (all genders welcome!)

University of California

Berkeley, CA 94720-6055

Phone: 510-642-4175

Email: womensfacultyclub@gmail.com

This is situated on the beautiful UC Berkeley campus. Please request the UC room rates, which range from \$174 to \$216, depending on availability and kind of room.

Distance from Clark Kerr Campus: 0.6 mile; 15 minutes on foot, 3 minutes by car

Distance from the BART station: 1.5 mile; 21 minutes on foot, 7 minutes by car

Distance from SFO: 26 miles (40 minutes by car if no traffic)

Distance from OAK: 16 miles (26 minutes by if no traffic)

Residence Inn Berkeley (by Marriott)

2121 Center Street

Berkeley, CA 94704

Toll Free: +1-888-236-2427

This is in Downtown Berkeley, very convenient to the Downtown Berkeley BART station, and on the west side of the UCB campus. Please request the UC room rate, ~\$229 (before taxes), depending on availability and kind of room.

There are a few other hotels within 10 to 20 minutes' walking distance to the Conference Center. Rates in these hotels vary from \$115 to \$300 per night. Those include the following:

1. [Rose Garden Inn](#), 2740 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley, CA 94705
2. [Berkeley City Club Hotel](#), 2315 Durant Avenue, Berkeley CA 94704
3. [Downtown Berkeley Inn](#), 2001 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, CA 94704
4. [Nash Hotel Berkeley](#), 2045 University Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94704
5. [The Graduate Berkeley](#) (previously known as Hotel Durant, Berkeley), 2600 Durant Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94704
6. [Aiden by Best Western Berkeley](#), 1499 University Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94702

Potential cost savings could be achieved by sharing homes and/or apartments on **Airbnb**.

Carpooling with Uber and/or Lyft from hotel to the Conference Center could lead to savings on transportation.

For people with available transportation or those willing to take taxi/Uber/Lyft to the Conference Center, the following options are available with room rates varying between \$150- \$225 per night.

DoubleTree by Hilton at Berkeley Marina

200 Marina Blvd
Berkeley, CA 94710

This is located on the bank of the San Francisco Bay. There is a small harbor and a park nearby. There is a walk-way deck that goes about a mile into the bay. This will provide nice and quieter ambience. However, this does not have good access to public transport.

This hotel is located within 3 miles of downtown Berkeley. The nearest BART station is about 3 miles away. There is a bus stop close by, but it is not on the major bus routes. The nearest dining places are at the downtown, which is within 1 to 3 miles. This hotel is only recommended *if you have or rent a car*.

Rates (all rates vary with time, reserve early): \$150-\$225/night; applicable taxes are additional and not included in these rates. Please call to find out the rate or visit their website.

Star Rating: 4* (This is internet-based rating.)

Phone: (510) 548-7920

Fax: (510) 548-7944

Web: <https://www.hilton.com/en/brands/doubletree-by-hilton/>

Distance from Clark Kerr Campus: 5 miles (driving 15 minutes)

Distance from the BART station: 3 miles (12 minutes)

Distance from SFO: 25 miles (40 minutes driving if no traffic)

Distance from OAK: 16 miles (26 minutes driving if no traffic)

Golden Bear Inn

1620 San Pablo Ave
Berkeley, CA 94710

This hotel will provide nice and quieter ambience. This can provide inexpensive accommodation to participants. Friends will be able to share rooms. This does have good access to public bus transport and taxi. However, unlike Hotel Shattuck Plaza, it is far away from the BART station. This hotel is located within 2 miles of downtown Berkeley and the nearest BART station. There are several dining options close by. The hotel provides free breakfast.

Rates (all rates vary with time, reserve early): Varies from \$150 to \$ 200/night

Star Rating: 2.5* (This is internet-based rating.)

Phone: (510) 525-6770
Fax: (510) 525-6999
Web: www.goldenbearinn.com

Distance from Clark Kerr Campus: 4 miles (15 minutes by car)
Distance from the BART station: 3 miles (12 minutes by car)
Distance from SFO: 25 miles (40 minutes by car if no traffic)
Distance from OAK: 16 miles (26 minutes by car if no traffic)

Parking Information:

Street parking around the Berkeley campus is limited, and the City of Berkeley requires a permit to park on city streets. Vehicles without permits are subject to two-hour parking restrictions between 8:00 am and 7:00 pm, Monday through Saturday. Alternative options include using public transportation or parking at public lots.

The UC Berkeley parking lot nearest to the conference venue is Clark Kerr Southwest Lot. This is a restricted parking lot which needs R permit.

For more details: <https://visit.berkeley.edu/map-directions>

Campus Parking Map: https://pt.berkeley.edu/sites/default/files/2018_ucb_map_051018_1.pdf

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