

# Monterey Institute of International Studies

## TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

### BUSES

The **Monterey/Salinas Transit** is an extensive public bus system serving the Monterey Peninsula. Schedules and maps of the routes are available in the Student Center, 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 \$1.75 (as of 1/1/03). 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** travel throughout California and the United States. The local depot is located at 1042 Del Monte, Monterey. For information on fares and schedules, call 373-4735 or 1-800-231-2222.

### TRAINS

**Amtrak** [www.amtrak.com](http://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, 422-7458) and can be reached by the Monterey-Salinas Transit bus. The cost of a ticket from Salinas to San Francisco ranges between \$16.00 and \$24.00 (one way) and \$32 and \$48.00 (round trip). Children age 2- 15 ride half price with an adult fare.

**Caltrain** [www.caltrain.com](http://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) for \$7.25 each way and from San Jose to San Francisco, for \$6.00 each way.

### AIRPORT BUS SERVICE

**Monterey/Salinas Airbus:** [www.montereyairbus.com](http://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 both destinations are \$35 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.

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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:

Air Canada	<a href="http://www.aircanada.com">www.aircanada.com</a>	(800) 776-3000
Alaskan Airlines	<a href="http://www.alaskaair.com">www.alaskaair.com</a>	(800) 252-7522
American Airlines / Eagle	<a href="http://www.aa.com">www.aa.com</a>	(800) 433-7300
America Airlines West	<a href="http://www.americawest.com">www.americawest.com</a>	(800) 235-9292
Canadian Airways	<a href="http://www.cdnair.com">www.cdnair.com</a>	(800) 426-7000
Hawaii Airlines	<a href="http://www.hawaiianair.com">www.hawaiianair.com</a>	(800) 367-5320
Lufthansa	<a href="http://www.lufthansa-usa.com">www.lufthansa-usa.com</a>	(800) 645-3880
Mexican Airlines	<a href="http://www.mexicana.com">www.mexicana.com</a>	(800) 531-7921
United Airlines	<a href="http://www.ual.com">www.ual.com</a>	(800) 241-6522
U.S. Airways	<a href="http://www.usairways.com">www.usairways.com</a>	(800) 428-4322

For information on other airlines, see the Yellow Pages of the telephone directory.

## TAXIS

Taxis will pick you up wherever you are and drive you to your destination. For taxi service, call **Yellow Cab Company** (646-1234). The fare from the airport to MIIS/downtown Monterey is \$13 plus tip. Cabs meet all flights, so you should not have any trouble getting one when you fly into the Monterey Airport.

## CAR RENTALS

Car rental companies are listed in the Yellow Pages under "Automobile Renting", or see Student Affairs Office for suggestions. 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 an international driver's license, plus the driver's license from your home country. Most rental agencies will not take a cash deposit; therefore it is usually necessary to have a major credit card. (Rent-a-Wreck and Enterprise do not require a credit card.)

The rates, policies and special offers of car rental companies vary widely. Some rental agencies have lower rates if you reserve a car in advance. 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.

It is also important to check on insurance. Rental agencies usually offer their own insurance for a daily fee (around \$10). It is often wise to purchase this insurance, unless your own car insurance policy or your credit card fully covers you.