

# TRANSPORTATION

## Air Travel to and from San Diego

San Diego International Airport (SAN)

The San Diego International Airport, locally referred to as Lindbergh Field, is the second busiest single-runway commercial airport in the world. The airport and its affiliates contribute nearly \$10 billion to the regional economy per year. Approximately 40,000 passengers travel through the airport every day, totaling more than 17 million passengers in a year. Flying into San Diego is an incredible experience with awesome views of skyscrapers, Petco Park—home of San Diego Padres, and the Coronado Bridge to the east and Balboa Park and the San Diego Zoo to the west.

Situated on 661 acres of land and located three miles northwest of downtown San Diego, San Diego International Airport is served by 22 major airlines offering flights to 55 destinations across the United States, Canada, and Mexico. The San Diego Airport is proud to have become the first commercial airport in the United States to impose restrictions on late night and early morning departures; planes are not allowed to take-off between the hours of 11:30 pm and 6:30 am. Flights operate out of three terminals: Terminal 1, Terminal 2, and the Commuter Terminal. Almost all of the airport's flights arrive and depart from Terminal 1 and Terminal 2; shuttle service is provided between terminals.

British Airways was the last airline to provide intercontinental service with a San Diego-London Heathrow flight; however, this route was cancelled in 2003 due to weight penalties imposed by the city's varied terrain, making long haul international service uneconomical. Although the number of international travelers continues to steadily increase, the air's limited runway capacity cuts down on the number of international flights it can accommodate. American Eagle and United Express offer frequent non-stop flights from San Diego to Los Angeles International Airport, where most of the area's international flights arrive and depart; ground shuttle service is also available.

Air Fare estimates	American	United	Delta	Southwest
Calgary	\$621.00	\$328.00	\$325.00	
Chicago	\$139.00	\$287.00	\$287.00	\$139.00
Dallas	\$159.00	\$268.00	\$584.00	\$149.00
Denver	\$90.00	\$158.00	\$180.00	\$90.00
Fort Lauderdale	\$129.00	\$264.00	\$264.00	\$129.00
Los Angeles	\$144.00	\$301.00	\$288.00	
Phoenix		\$118.00	\$118.00	\$49.00
San Francisco	\$59.00	\$98.00	\$118.00	\$34.00
Toronto	\$218.00	\$470.00	\$447.00	
Washington D.C	\$213.00	\$318.00	\$426.00	\$119.00

## Airline Carriers Serving San Diego

AeroMexico	Continental Airlines	Northwest Airlin
Air Canada	Continental Express	SkyBus Airlines
AirTran Airways	Delta Air Lines	Southwest Airlines
Alaska Airlines	Delta Connection	Sun Country Airlines
Alaska Commuter	ExpressJet Airlines	United Airlines
Aloha Airlines	Frontier Airlines	United Express
America West Airlines	Hawaiian Airlines	US Airways
America West Express	JetBlue Airways	WestJet
American Airlines	Midwest Airlines	
American Eagle	Northwest Airlines	

## San Diego Airport Transportation

### Metro Bus

The Metropolitan Transit System's Flyer Route No. 992 provides transportation to and from the airport with stops at each terminal. The commute lasts about 10-minutes each way and offers connections to Trolley, Coaster and Amtrak stations. All metro buses are wheelchair accessible.

### Terminal to Terminal

Red bus offers transportation between Airport terminals free of charge; all buses are wheelchair-accessible. Buses run frequently with a maximum wait of ten minutes between shuttles. Buses can be boarded from designated curbside stops at all three airport terminals. Additional information is available from Lindbergh Parking, Inc. at 619-291-1508.

### Car Rental

A variety of cars can be rented at the San Diego International Airport. Car rental reservation boards can be found near Terminals 1 and 2 baggage claim areas. Shuttle service to the various off-site rental car locations is provided at the Transportation Plaza. San Diego interstates can be somewhat tricky so if you need to rent a car, be sure to study the road maps before venturing into the city.

### Shuttles

Operated by off-premises companies, shuttles are a painless and popular means of transportation. Shuttle service can be arranged curbside at the Commuter Terminal, as well as at Transportation Plazas located across from Terminals 1 and 2.

## **Taxi**

Numerous taxi companies provide service to and from the San Diego International Airport. Look for signs leading to the Transportation Plazas to grab a cab-airport transportation coordinators will be available to assist you.

## **San Diego Train Information**

### **Amtrak and Coaster**

Amtrak and Coaster provide commuter train service connecting San Diego to Los Angeles

Downtown Los Angeles, Los Angeles, Orange County, and North County; stops include Old Town, Sorrento Valley, Solana Beach, Encinitas, Carlsbad and Oceanside. Amtrak offers twelve round trips seven days a week, year-round. The Coaster operates six days a week with no service on Sundays and National U.S. holidays.

Amtrak's Pacific Surfliner and the Coaster at the Santa Fe Depot train station provide service to and from San Diego International Airport by use of the Metropolitan Transit System. Trains depart every 10 minutes between the hours of 5:00 am and 12:50 am.

Tickets may be purchased at Amtrak stations. "Rail 2 Rail" tickets are available for passengers who desire to use both systems, but beware—certain restrictions apply. Additional information on train schedules and fares can be gathered by calling 1-800-COASTER (1-800-262-7837). For questions specifically regarding Amtrak service in the San Diego area, call 1-800-USA-RAIL or visit the Santa Fe Depot train station.

## **San Diego Public Transportation**

### **Trolley Service**

The San Diego Trolley provides transportation to all major San Diego tourist attractions and serves as a link between the city's numerous neighborhoods. Fares are based upon distance and range in price from approximately \$1 to \$3 each way. Roundtrip tickets are available for \$1.25 within San D's Center City area as long as travel takes place within two-hours from the time of ticket purchase. Tickets can be purchase at vedomats from any of the trolley stations dispersed throughout the city.



### **Metro Bus**

Metro bus provides local San Diego bus service with transportation also available in other areas of San Diego County, as well as many of the neighboring areas outside San Diego County. Most bus routes cost \$2.25, but beware; exact change is required. The Flyer is an express bus which runs between the San Diego airport and downtown. Fares increase on the express bus so be sure to carry a little extra cash.

**A few tips when traveling by metro bus...**

Request a transfer when you board the bus. When you board the second bus, give the transfer you received to the driver. If the fare is equal to the standard fee, there should be no additional charge for the transfer. If the second bus fare is more, deposit the difference in fare into the box at the front of the bus. The San Diego Trolley and Coaster also accept bus transfers. Tickets can be purchased at Trolley or Coaster station vending machines. You will often be asked for both the transfer and the ticket so be sure to hold onto these valuable slips of paper.

All buses are equipped with bicycle racks and wheelchair lifts. There are no additional fees for bicycles.

**Taxis**

Taxi service is readily available throughout San Diego and its surrounding areas. When traveling from the airport, bus station, train station or cruise ship terminal, it is not necessary to call a taxi. Taxis park in these areas and are waiting for passengers upon their arrival.

**Coronado Ferry**

The Coronado Ferry is a passenger ferry, connecting San Diego Bay's Broadway Pier and the Coronado Ferry Landing. Ferries depart Broadway Pier every hour on the hour from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm. A 10:00 pm ferry is also available on Friday and Saturday only. The ferry departs the Coronado Ferry Landing every hour on the half hour from 9:30 am to 9:30 pm, with a 10:30 pm ferry offered on Friday and Saturday only. A one-way trip, about ten minutes in length, cost \$2.75 per person. Bicycles are permitted for an additional 50 cents each way.

**Directions to and from the Host Hotel****Hilton San Diego Mission Valley**

901 Camino del Rio South, San Diego, California, United States 92108

Tel: 1-619-543-9000 Fax: 1-619-543-9358

From Interstate 8 East to the Mission Center Road exit. Turn right going south at light at the end of the off ramp. Then turn right on Camino Del Rio South. Hotel is on the left side.

From Interstate 8 West to the Mission Center Road exit. Turn left on Camino del Rio North towards Mission Center Road. Turn left on Mission Center Road going south, then turn right on Camino Del Rio South. Hotel is on the left side.

**From San Diego International - Lindbergh Field**

I-5 North to I-8 East, Exit Mission Center Road, Turn Right onto Camino Del Rio South, Hotel on the left side.

