

Travel to San Luis Obispo



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San Luis Obispo is located approximately halfway between San Francisco and Los Angeles, on California's Central Coast. The city is served by Amtrak, Greyhound, and a small regional airport.

By plane

United (www.united.com), American (www.aa.com), and Alaska Airlines (www.alaskaair.com) serve the San Luis Obispo County Regional Airport (SBP). Cars are available to rent at the airport (Avis, Budget, Enterprise, Hertz—see visitslo.com/transportation/car-rentals/). There are usually taxis waiting for arriving passengers.

By train

Amtrak (www.amtrak.com/home) serves San Luis Obispo from points north and south. The train ride between SLO and Santa Barbara, which runs along the Pacific, is particularly scenic. However, many of Amtrak's services to SLO are actually buses, not trains. In addition to the main SLO station, the Cal Poly Amtrak "station" is on campus on Grand Ave (close to the Music Building, but not close to hotels).

By car ([Campus Map](#)) — The Davidson Music Center is Building 45; **campus parking is free on Saturday**

Driving directions to campus from San Francisco and points north:

- Take Route 101 South
- Exit at Monterey Street. This is the first exit you will reach after coming down the Cuesta Grade.
- Make a right at the end of the exit ramp, and then an immediate left turn onto the frontage road.
- Go approximately three blocks to reach Grand Avenue.
- Turn right onto Grand Avenue. (You will be going slightly uphill.)
- In approximately ¼ mile you will reach the campus entrance
- The Grand Avenue Parking Lot is on your left (past the Welcome Center)

Driving directions to campus from Los Angeles and points south:

- Take Route 101 North.
- After driving through most of San Luis Obispo, exit at the Grand Avenue/Cal Poly exit
- Turn left on Grand Avenue.
- In approximately ¼ mile you will reach the campus entrance.
- The Grand Avenue Parking Lot is on your left (past the Welcome Center)

By bus

Greyhound serves San Luis Obispo (www.greyhound.com); in-town transit is provided by (yes!) SLO Transit: (www.slocity.org/government/department-directory/public-works/slo-transit-bus).