

Arrival Information - How To Get To Your Homestay

Airport to Homestay - Personal Driver Service

This door-to-door service, provided by Diablo Valley Homestay (www.diablovalleyhomestay.com), will take you from the airport to your homestay and is provided at a cost of \$100.00* per person. A personal driver will meet you in the Arrival Lobby, after you exit Customs and will take you to your homestay. Payment is made directly to the driver at the time of pick-up. Payment must be made with cash only. The entire trip will take about 45 minutes. (*For flights arriving after 8:00pm, there is an additional \$40 surcharge added.)

I would like to have this service arranged. Fill out the information below and fax to (925) 274-1008.

Student's name: _____ Country: _____

Arrival date: _____ Time: _____ am / pm Airline: _____ Flight #: _____

Student's personal email: _____ Student's cell phone: _____

Taxi – Taxi's are available for hire upon arrival at the airport. Reservations are not required.

The cost for hiring a taxi to drive from the airport to the IEC/DVC area will range between \$160 - \$180, depending on your final destination. A 10-15% tip is usually given to the driver at the end of your ride. If you would like to hire a taxi, just walk to the designated taxi zones, located on the roadway center islands outside the airport.

I plan to hire a taxi to get to my homestay.

East Bay Connection Shuttle Bus Service

The East Bay Connection Shuttle Service is a shuttle bus that picks up passengers from a designated area outside of the San Francisco and Oakland airports. Reservations can easily be made online at the website: www.eastbayconnection.net

Prices start at \$46, plus a 10-15% tip, is usually given to the driver at the end of your ride. When you make your reservation, you have the option of pre-paying for this service online (not including the tip) with a credit card, or you can choose to pay the driver directly with cash, at the airport. **You must make your reservation within 48 hours prior to your arrival.**

After you are finished with Customs at the airport, you need to call the toll free number **(1-800-675-3278)** and give your name and reservation number to the operator. You will be given directions to find to the pick-up area outside of the airport. The trip may take between 1-2 hours, depending on traffic, and how many other passengers are on the shuttle bus. (Buses can carry 6-8 passengers). Be sure to have your host family's address and phone number available to give to the driver.

I plan to use this shuttle service to get to my homestay.

BART (Bay Area Rapid Transit) - Public Transit Subway System

1. The BART station at the San Francisco Airport is located on Level 3 of the International Terminal. This is around a 15-minute walk from the Arrival Lobby, after you exit Customs.
2. When you arrive at the station, you will purchase a ticket for the **Pittsburg/Baypoint** BART train. Fares for the ride will be posted on the wall. (Fares are between \$10.00-\$12.00 per person). Exit the train at the **Concord** BART station. The entire ride from the San Francisco Airport to the Concord BART station will take around 1 hour and 10 minutes.
3. When you arrive at the Concord BART station, you can take a taxi to your host family's home. The taxi cost will vary depending on the final destination. Be sure to have the address and phone number available to give to the driver.

I plan to use public transit to get to my homestay.