

Berkeley California Travel & Hotels

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Caution: Please do not take a red-eye flight arriving the morning of the class. If a flight is delayed, you may be too late to participate in the class.

Venue

Rudramandir Center

830 Bancroft Way
Berkeley, CA 94710
Tel: 510-486-8700.

Street parking is readily available near the Rudramandir Center (do not park on 7th Street!!). Parking near the Heart Source Center is restricted, so you will have to park some blocks away from the venue to avoid two-hour parking restrictions

Please use www.google.com maps or www.bing.com to determine the distance from accommodations to the class venue.

Getting to Berkeley

There are 2 airports you can fly into, Oakland International (OAK) and San Francisco International (SFO). The Oakland airport is closer to Berkeley; however, both airports are on the BART rail line. The BART station closest to Rudramandir is **North Berkeley** (1750 Sacramento Street).

From the Oakland Airport, you take rail line to the BART station. The BART line to Berkeley is the Richmond-Fremont line. Take the BART in the direction of **Richmond**. From the San Francisco Airport, you take the BART at the airport on the Millbrae/Daly City-Richmond line. At some times of day, you may be required to change trains at Daly City. Take the BART in the direction of **Richmond**. The BART website is <http://www.bart.gov>

You can also take the Amtrak from the Oakland Airport. Take rail line to the Bart station. Cross the street and turn left. Go one block to the first street and turn right. The Amtrak station is one block down the hill. It costs about \$20 to the Berkeley station, which is about six blocks from the La Quinta and Marina Inns. Buy your ticket in advance and print it out for convenience. www.amtrak.com These stops are on the Capitol Corridor line.

You can also take SuperShuttle, a private taxi, uber or lyft. Prices vary depending on what mode of transportation you choose. Check for current rates at <http://www.supershuttle.com/FareQuote.aspx> or call 800 BLUE-VAN (258-3826).

A private taxi is more expensive. You can check this website for all transportation options from San Francisco International SFO: <http://www.flysfo.com/web/page/index.jsp>

You can check this website for all transportation options from Oakland International OAK: http://www.oaklandairport.com/ground_transportation.shtml

You can also try Uber or Wingz or Lyft if you like participating in the sharing economy.

Accommodations in Berkeley

General Notes

Prices vary according to the time of year. California has summer and winter rates. Options arranged by the Rudramandir center are listed on their website under Contact and Directions. www.rudramandir.com. Please confirm all prices as these can change with changing center contracts. Not everyone likes the shared house options.

For hotel prices, it pays to call several places and shop around. Most of the options will require taking a bus or taxi to the class site if you are not a good walker. The La Quinta and the Marina Inn are the closest hotels. You can go to [www.google.com maps](http://www.google.com/maps) to determine the distance from accommodations to the venue. You can also use google maps to find other hotels in the area. **The list below is not exhaustive.**

Be aware that better prices can usually be had by booking as far in advance as possible. You can always cancel the reservation if something better comes along (some discount sites give a nonrefundable rate, so be aware of what you are agreeing to). Most hotels have discount rates for AAA and some have discounts on the Internet. It is best to call the hotel directly before booking on the internet to compare prices.

Hotelscombined, Trivago, Booking, Priceline, Expedia, Trip Advisor, and Kayak are good sites to check.

PLEASE CHECK tripadvisor.com or yelp.com FOR OPINIONS ABOUT HOTELS BEFORE BOOKING.

You can also look for accommodation in a private residence on www.airbnb.com. Berkeley has an increasing number of Airbnb options near the venue.

Hostels

Downtown Berkeley YMCA \$60 + tax
2001 Allston Way
Berkeley, CA 94704
(510) 848-6800
<http://www.ymca-cba.org/downtown-berkeley/hotel/>

Rooms have mini-fridge. Linens provided. Showers and toilets are shared dorm style. Use of shared kitchen, lobby with television/internet, exercise facilities and swimming pool are included in the price. No air conditioning.

Motels/Hotels

Marina Inn
975 University Ave
Berkeley, CA 94710
(510) 841-7410
Amenities: Refrigerator in room, microwave, cable TVs & free wifi, free parking.

Quality Inn
1761 University Avenue
Berkeley, CA 94703
(510) 841-4242
www.qualityinnberkeley.com
Amenities: Continental Breakfast, free internet. Refrigerator in room

Berkeley Roadway Travel Inn

1461 University Avenue
Berkeley, CA 94702
(510) 848-3840

www.berkeleyri.com/

Internet in the lobby, complimentary continental breakfast

La Quinta Inn
920 University Avenue
Berkeley, CA 94710

www.lq.com

(800) 730-3530

Free wireless access, cable television, complimentary breakfast, on-site fitness center and outdoor swimming pool. This is the hotel nearest to the Rudramandir Center (1/2 mile).

Holiday Inn Express
1175 University Avenue
Berkeley, CA 94702
(510) 548-1700

www.hiexpress.com

Free wireless access, microwaves and fridges, cable TV, complimentary deluxe breakfast.

Berkeley Travelodge
1820 University Avenue
Berkeley, CA 94703
(800) 578-7878

www.travelodge.com

Free wireless access, cable television, complimentary continental breakfast

Berkeley City Club
2315 Durant Avenue
Berkeley, CA 94704
(510) 848-7800

www.berkeleycityclub.com

Swimming pool.

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Berkeley Marina
200 Marina Blvd
Berkeley, CA 94710
(510) 548-7920

www.doubletree.com

Free wifi and complimentary shuttle service. Lovely marina location.