



The Chaplaincy Institute

An Interfaith Seminary & Community

Traveling to ChI - Transit & Accommodations

Office:

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510-843-1422

CLASS LOCATION:

- Monday through Saturday - Berkeley Friends Meeting, 2151 Vine Street (corner of Walnut), Berkeley, California
- Sunday - Starr King School for the Ministry, Fireside Room, 2441 Le Conte Avenue, Berkeley, California.
- Please double check the day to day schedule to confirm these locations, as there are field studies and other locations that are used for classes during any given module.

PARKING:

- Monday through Friday - Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1501 Walnut Street (at Vine), Berkeley, CA. A low gate will be closed and appear locked, but it will be unlocked. Exit your car, open it, drive in & park, and when you exit: replace the gate to its original position. Then walk across the street to the Berkeley Friends Meeting room. There is no time limit, but do not park overnight.

Additional free unlimited parking (all approximately 3 blocks away from Friends Meeting House):

Milvia Street north beginning at Berryman Street

Shattuck Avenue north (turns into Henry Street) beginning at Eunice Street

Walnut Street north beginning at Eunice Street

Oxford Street north beginning at Eunice Street

Vine Street West beginning at Milvia Street (for 1 block only)

- Saturday and Sunday – Street parking is ok everywhere.

TRAVEL:

- Oakland Airport (OAK) is the closest airport to Berkeley; San Francisco (SFO) is the second closest, and also the larger with more flights to more cities.
- Public transportation from the airports to Berkeley is via a safe, reliable transit train called BART. The BART stop closest to ChI is “Downtown Berkeley” (*not North Berkeley*) and is 10-15 minute walk or 5-minute taxi ride away. For more information, go to: <http://www.bart.gov/guide/airport/index.aspx>
- Door-to-Door shuttle services are plentiful as well, with reservations/prior arrangements recommended.
- Useful websites for traveling to Berkeley
 - www.sfgate.com/traveler/guide/eastbay/neighborhoods/
 - www.tripplanner.transit.511.org

ACCOMMODATIONS:

There are full service hotels, guest houses, and low cost student accommodations at seminaries and private homes in Berkeley. ChI makes no claims or guarantees about the following information. It is provided as assistance only.

Rooms at Neighboring Seminaries

1. Gibbs Guest House at Church Divinity School of the Pacific (CDSP)

(Prices for Gibbs is subject to change)

PROXIMITY 5 blocks from the ChI

CONTACT 510-204-0732 eastonhall@cdsp.edu; cdsp.edu/Easton-hall

INFO Options:

Easton – private room with private bath: \$100/night

Gibbs – private room with private bath: \$85/night

Gibbs – private room with shared bath: \$65/night

NOTE This location is very popular, early reservations are recommended.

2. Guest Rooms at Pacific School of Religion (PSR)

ADDRESS 1798 Scenic Avenue, Berkeley

PROXIMITY 5 blocks from the ChI Office / Easy walk to ChI Office.

CONTACT Michael Haven, PSR Housing Coordinator, Holbrook, #138

Office telephone: [510-849-8255](tel:510-849-8255)

mhaven@psr.edu

INFO A) Gender specific rooms within a suite \$52 per night. The suite is made up of two or three private bedrooms, each with a twin bed, desk, bookcase, and wardrobe; linens and towels are provided. The bath and common room are shared areas. You would have access to a community kitchen.

B) Guest apartment with bedroom and private bath, \$82 per night. A full bed is in the bedroom; linens and towels are provided. No kitchen facilities, you would have access to a community kitchen.

AVAILABILITY

PSR Commuting students have priority to dorm rooms and suites during regular semesters (September through December, and February through May), Inter-sessions (January) and Summer Sessions (July and August). ChI students attending modules during these times should check for availability. Rates for available suites are \$52 per night. **Student housing is not available during the month of June, due to campus maintenance.** Available dorm rooms are single occupancy. Two double occupancy guest rooms w/private baths may be available in Benton Hall, at the rate of \$82 per night. Children are not permitted.

3. Incarnation Monastery

PROXIMITY Incarnation Monastery is located on the north side of the University campus, in the Berkeley hills. It is a ten-minute walk from the Graduate Theological Union Library, fifteen minutes from the University of California campus, and thirty minutes from the downtown Berkeley BART station.

CONTACT www.incarnationmonastery.com 510-845-0601

INFO Guest rooms have a separate entrance, and a shared bath.

Facilities are available for breakfast.

Private Homes

1. Home of Helene Vilett

PROXIMITY Located right off of Spruce Street, about a twenty minute walk from the ChI. Served by bus line #67.

CONTACT helene@vilett.com, 510-527-3899

INFO \$70 a night for a completely furnished bedroom with a view, wi-fi internet access and semi-private bath with tub and shower combination. Two-night minimum stay, or \$450 for a week. Clean towels and sheets are provided. The two available bedrooms and the bathroom were remodeled recently. Guests to eat at dining room table, the kitchen is available for re-heating take-out food, boiling water for tea or coffee or preparing instant breakfasts.

2. Home of Betsy Smith

CONTACT betsysmith510@sbcglobal.net, 510-843-1643

INFO 95 Parnassus Rd. Very quiet. \$100 a night. It is a one bedroom with 2 beds, with remodeled living room and dining room with fireplace, plus fully equipped kitchen, your own patio and garden and entrance through the garden. Great walking trails right outside your door.

3. Home of Laura Brown

CONTACT lkaybrown@hotmail.com

INFO Convenient distance to Cedar and Walnut. \$300 for five nights.

(Barter arrangements are welcome.) Panoramic Way is a woodsy street behind the Cal campus. The guest room has a double bed, a desk, big closet and vanity with a window onto the deck for a view. (Stairs, stairs, stairs.) Quiet is the Panoramic Way. There is privacy, laundry facilities, Cable TV in the living room, Internet, a smoking deck, and access to the kitchen etc.

4. Home of Barbara Lewis

PROXIMITY North Berkeley Hills, about a 20 minute walk to The Chaplaincy Institute, or use the #67 bus. (Goes to ChI). 1021 Keith Avenue, Berkeley, 94708.
CONTACT bslewis_cards@yahoo.com 510-525-2515
INFO Completely furnished room, \$60 per night, 5 night minimum. Wood floors, wood beam ceilings and an enclosed deck off the bedroom. A microwave oven, electric teapot and other amenities available in the room for limited light food preparation. Bath is semi-private. (Share with one other guest roomer). A nonsmoking private residence in a beautiful, quiet, safe neighborhood, close to bus lines, connections to BART and a 15 minute walk to the Gourmet Ghetto shops, restaurants and grocery stores. Also close to the Rose Gardens, Tilden Park. Street Parking is available. A nonrefundable deposit of \$100 is required to reserve the room.

5. Home of Mark Estes

PROXIMITY Great residential location just 1/2 block from lively Piedmont Avenue—home of numerous cafes, restaurants, library, grocery store, bus access. AC Transit bus lines nearby. About 1 mile from BART station.
INFO Price: \$68/night. ChI discount: \$60/night classes when he is participating in module (to get ChI discount on airbnb.com, simply specify you are a ChI student/staff and the discount will be applied). All reservations and payment are handled online via airbnb.com. Sunny, quiet "treehouse" bedroom with double bed, private bath plus adjoining sitting room w/sofa and desk. Limited kitchen access. See pictures and reviews by guests: <http://www.airbnb.com/rooms/62214>

Alternative / B&B Accommodations

1. Homestay by the Bay

CONTACT www.homestaybythebay.com
Amy J. Belanger, Innkeeper
[510-725-5889](tel:510-725-5889)

2. North Berkeley Hills Homestay

PROXIMITY Requires driving to get to ChI
Public transport: 1st bus up the hill at @8:30 PM, Taxi is @ \$10.00, Bus #7 is 10 minutes to the BART Station, Bus #7 is under 10 minutes to Cedar at Oxford
CONTACT Terry Mandel, Innkeeper terry@hillshomestay.com
www.hillshomestay.com 510-910-0086
INFO Peaceful short-term stays in an art-filled sanctuary with Bay view.

3. North Berkeley Bed and Breakfast Cottage

PROXIMITY 1517 Milvia St. between Cedar & Vine 5-10 minute walk from ChI, \$130/night
CONTACT 510-647-9059 www.bbonline.com/ca/northberkeley/

4. Air BnB -www.airbnb.com/

5. Couch Surfing -www.couchsurfing.org/

Hotels & Motels

1. The French Hotel (3 block walk to ChI office)

1538 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley, CA
<http://french-hotel-berkeley.com/>
510-548-9993

2. Berkeley YMCA Hotel (10-15 min walk to ChI)

2001 Allston Way, Berkeley, CA
www.ymca-cba.org/downtown-berkeley/hotel
510-848-6800

3. Downtown Berkeley Inn (15-20 min walk to ChI)

2001 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, CA
www.downtownberkeleyinn.com
510-843-4043

4. Shattuck Plaza Hotel (10-15 min walk to ChI)

2086 Allston Way, Berkeley, CA

www.hotelshattuckplaza.com

510-845-7300

5. Downtown Berkeley Inn (10-15 min walk to ChI)

2001 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, CA 94704

www.downtownberkeleyinn.com/

(510) 843-4043

6. Bancroft Hotel (30 min walk thru campus or bus ride/taxi to ChI)

2680 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, CA 94704

www.bancrofthotel.com

(800) 549-1002

7. Hotel Durant (30 min walk thru campus or bus ride/taxi to ChI)

2600 Durant Ave, Berkeley, CA 94704

www.hoteldurantberkeley.com

(510) 845-8981

8. La Quinta (a short bus ride/taxi/drive to ChI)

920 University Ave, Berkeley, CA 94710

laquintaberkeley.com/

510-849-1121

9. Holiday Inn Express (a short bus ride/taxi/drive to ChI)

1175 University Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94702

www.hiexpress.com/Berkeley

510-548-1700

10. Rose Garden Inn (a bus ride/taxi/drive to ChI)

2740 Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley, California 94705

<http://www.rosegardeninn.com/>

510-549-2145

11. The Doubletree – Berkeley Marina (a taxi/drive to ChI)

200 Marina Boulevard, Berkeley, CA 94710

doubletree.hilton.com/Berkeley

510-548-7920

12. Travelodge (15 min walk to ChI)

1820 University Ave, Berkeley, CA 94703

www.travelodge.com/Berkeley-Hotel

(510) 843-4262