

# 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.

## Venues used in Berkeley

### **Rudramandir Center**

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

### **Heart Source Center**

1600 Shattuck Avenue, Suite 214A  
Berkeley, CA 94709  
510-910-3482 or 510-365-2369

The lodgings listed below can be used for any of these venues; however, please use [www.google.com](http://www.google.com) maps or [www.bing.com](http://www.bing.com) to determine the distance from accommodations to the class venue.

Street parking is readily available near the Rudramandir Center (do not park on 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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). The station closest to the Heart Source Center is **Downtown Berkeley** (Shattuck Avenue).

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**. It costs approximately \$3.50 to the Downtown Berkeley station. 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** to the Downtown Berkeley station. It costs approximately \$9.20. 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](http://www.amtrak.com) These stops are on the Capitol Corridor line.

You can also take SuperShuttle or a private taxi. SuperShuttle from the Oakland airport costs approximately \$60.00-\$150 and from San Francisco International \$35.00-\$150, depending on what mode of transportation you choose..The cheapest option is a shared ride van, so it pickups and drops off multiple passengers. Check for current rates at <http://www.supershuttle.com/FareQuote.aspx> or call 800 BLUE-VAN (258-3826).

A private taxi is more expensive. From San Francisco International airport, the cost is about \$120 + tip. You can check this website for all transportation options from SFO: <http://www.flysfo.com/web/page/index.jsp> From Oakland International airport, the cost is approximately \$75.00 + tip. You can check this website for all transportation options from OAK: [http://www.oaklandairport.com/ground\\_transportation.shtml](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. Students attending classes at the Rudramandir center are eligible for a discount at the La Quinta hotel, which is the closest hotel to that venue. Our event participants can book at \$159/night by calling 510-849-1121 and giving the code "RUDRA" to the desk clerk. Other discount options arranged by the Rudramandir center are listed on their website under Contact and Directions. [www.rudramandir.com](http://www.rudramandir.com). Please confirm all prices as these can change with changing center contracts.

The prices listed below, which were checked in Feb 2016, are for the lowest priced room and do not include tax. 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. You can go to [www.google.com](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 [www.tripadvisor.com](http://www.tripadvisor.com) or [yelp.com](http://yelp.com) FOR OPINIONS ABOUT HOTELS BEFORE BOOKING.**

You can also look for accommodation in a private residence on [www.airbnb.com](http://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/>

Singles - \$59-\$75 a night

Doubles - \$81-\$95 a night

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 \$98 + tax  
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 \$149 + tax

Berkeley, CA 94703

(510) 841-4242

[www.qualityinnberkeley.com](http://www.qualityinnberkeley.com)

Amenities: Continental Breakfast, free internet. Refrigerator in room

Berkeley Roadway Travel Inn \$129 + tax

1461 University Avenue

Berkeley, CA 94702

(510) 848-3840

[www.berkeleyri.com/](http://www.berkeleyri.com/)

Internet in the lobby, complimentary continental breakfast

La Quinta Inn \$159 + tax

920 University Avenue

Berkeley, CA 94710

[www.lq.com](http://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). Our event participants can book by calling 510-849-1121 and giving the code "RUDRA" to the desk clerk.

Holiday Inn Express \$195 + tax

1175 University Avenue

Berkeley, CA 94702

(510) 548-1700

[www.hiexpress.com](http://www.hiexpress.com)

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

Berkeley Travelodge \$189 + tax

1820 University Avenue

Berkeley, CA 94703

(800) 578-7878

[www.travelodge.com](http://www.travelodge.com)

Free wireless access, cable television, complimentary continental breakfast

Berkeley City Club \$190 + tax

2315 Durant Avenue

Berkeley, CA 94704

(510) 848-7800

[www.berkeleycityclub.com](http://www.berkeleycityclub.com)

Swimming pool.

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Berkeley Marina \$200 + tax

200 Marina Blvd

Berkeley, CA 94710

(510) 548-7920

[www.doubletree.com](http://www.doubletree.com)

Free wifi and complimentary shuttle service. Lovely marina location.