



## Travel Tips

### Area Facts

Santa Barbara lies along the Pacific coast at the base of the Santa Ynez Mountains, facing the Santa Barbara Channel. It is situated 92 miles northwest of Los Angeles. Because it is protected to the south by the Santa Barbara Islands and to the north by the mountains, Santa Barbara has a mild climate throughout the year.

It was named by the explorer Sebastián Vizcaíno in 1602 when he entered Santa Barbara Channel on a Spanish voyage of exploration, naming the location after the Roman Catholic Feast Day of Saint Barbara.

**Location:** Along the Pacific Coast, Santa Barbara sits just 92 miles (148 kilometers) north of Los Angeles and 332 miles (534 kilometers) south of San Francisco.

**Population:** Approximately 88,255 residents reside within Santa Barbara city limits. 446,475 reside in all of Santa Barbara County.

**Time Zone:** Santa Barbara is in the Pacific Time Zone, observing daylight savings times from mid-March to early November.

**Weather:** Moderate year-round Mediterranean climate 15-20 degrees C°/60-80 degrees F°.

**Beaches:** Twenty-five beaches stretch approximately 100 miles/160 kilometers of south-facing, scenic shoreline.

**Outdoors:** 55 parks and 8 public gardens offer an array of outdoor recreation and activities.

**Major Attractions:** 50+ museums and galleries, El Presidio State Park, Old Mission Santa Barbara (“The Queen of the Missions”) and Channel Islands National Park known as “The Galapagos of North America.”

**Restaurants:** Over 400 restaurants known for fresh and sustainably sourced cuisine.

**Vineyards & Wineries:** 200+ vineyards are located on 21,349 acres countywide representing seven American Viticultural Areas (AVAs) and 40 wine tasting rooms are accessible in walkable downtown along the Urban Wine Trail.

To learn more please visit: [Fast Facts on Santa Barbara | Travel Trade \(santabarbaraca.com\)](#)

### **Flight Arrangements**

The Santa Barbara Airport is located approximately 7 miles from the Ritz-Carlton Bacara and offers connecting flights from most major cities and all major airlines. The airport offers flights with Alaska, American, Delta, Southwest and United Airlines. From the airport, it is recommended you take a taxi or Uber/Lyft to the Hotel. For more information on the airlines and their schedules, go to [Fly SBA \(santabarbaraca.gov\)](#).

### **Ground Transportation**

#### **Uber/Lyft:**

Rideshare services can be utilized for drop off and pick up in front of the Terminal. There is currently no designated zone specifically for pick up; please follow the instructions in the app to meet your driver.

For more information, visit [Uber](#) and [Lyft's](#) websites.

#### **ABE/ALIP Directors Travel Reimbursement Policy:**

**Airfare** – Your flight must be booked more than 2 weeks prior to departure with a non-refundable ticket. Tickets purchased within 2 weeks of departure will be reimbursed only up to the amount the ticket would have cost had it been purchased more than 2 weeks in advance.

**Car Rental and Hotel Parking** – If you elect to rent a car, car rental, gas and hotel parking expenses will only be reimbursed up to the amount of the taxi or Uber/Lyft for each board member (\$50 per board member, which is the approximate round trip fare inclusive of gratuity from the Santa Barbara Municipal Airport to The Ritz-Carlton Bacara). No additional expenses relating to the rental of a car will be reimbursed for this meeting. The hotel charges \$40 per night for valet parking which comes with in and out privileges. This will not be a reimbursable expense for this meeting.