

How to get to the hotel in Pasadena

The Courtyard Marriott is at 180 N. Fair Oaks, Pasadena, CA 91103. Do make sure to specify this hotel if you reserve a shuttle in order to get an accurate quote. There are several other Courtyard Marriotts in the area.

FROM LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (LAX)

There are a few ways to get from LAX to the hotel. Keep in mind that the time of your arrival can influence how long it takes to get to Pasadena, since you'll have to get through downtown Los Angeles to get there. LAX is only 27 miles from Pasadena, but traffic conditions can greatly affect the time it takes to get there.

It is possible to take a Flyaway bus from LAX, going to Union Station, downtown Los Angeles, and transfer to a Gold Line metro train, which will take you to a stop near the hotel (about 300 yards away). Flyaway buses leave from dedicated areas in front of each airline terminal, and travel directly (non-stop) to Union Station. There are three Flyaway bus routes, so make sure you are NOT on one directed to Van Nuys or Westwood. The fare is \$3 one way and \$6 round trip. Buses leave LAX every half hour, except for the period from 1am to 5 am, when they leave every hour. The Gold Line is new and has frequent service (every 10 minutes at peak morning and afternoon hours, every 12 minutes the rest of the day, and every 20 minutes late at night). It operates from 3:35 am to midnight seven days a week. The fare is \$1.25 and the cars are still nice and clean (and go through historic Chinatown). The stop near the hotel is Memorial Park in Pasadena. Try Google maps or Yahoo maps and enter as starting point "125 E. Holly St., Pasadena, CA" (the address of the Gold Line stop) and as arrival point "180 N. Fair Oaks, Pasadena, CA." When you pull up the map you will notice that there is a green area (Memorial Park), and on the east side of the park you will see Raymond Ave., which is parallel to Fair Oaks. The hotel can be accessed in the back from Raymond Avenue (look for parking garage, halfway up the 100 block), or from the main entrance on Fair Oaks.

Union Station Flyaway bus:

<http://www.lacity.org/ita/urldoc2630.pdf>

Metro Gold Line

http://www.metro.net/riding_metro/gold_line.htm

You can also use a shared van shuttle. Two of the most popular are Prime Time shuttle (www.primetime.com) and Super Shuttle (www.supershuttle.com). Each web page can provide you with a quote and you can reserve your ride. Right now I get quotes of \$22 one way (Super shuttle) and \$16 one way (Prime time). You might get discounts for round trip tickets and for more than one passenger. I highly recommend reservations. Shared vans are boarded in dedicated areas outside each terminal at LAX.

FROM BOB HOPE AIRPORT (BUR). ALSO KNOWN AS
BURBANK/GLENDALE/PASADENA

This is a very small airport, which has the advantage of easy arrivals (there are probably 100 yards from the gate to the outside of the building) and easy check in. It is 13-14 miles from the hotel, but traffic is generally much better and should be a pretty quick ride. There is no easy public transportation way to get to the hotel from here, but there are plenty of shared vans and even taking a cab is more feasible from this location.

Please check the site below for information on shuttles and cabs from Burbank.

<http://www.burbankairport.com/pdf/CAR%20RENTAL%20-CABS%208-19-05.pdf>

The Official site of the airport is www.bobhopeairport.com

Prime Time shuttle quotes \$20 one way from the airport and Super Shuttle quotes \$19, but check the website, which lists many other companies, and shop around.