



Relocation Guide

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Sacramento Skyline

One of the most historic cities in California, Sacramento boasts an impressive array of landmarks, parks, amenities and other must-see points of interest. The capital city of California is situated at the confluence of the Sacramento and American Rivers, which give citizens a multitude of options for entertainment and lifestyle. Waterfront dining, boating, swimming and relaxation are just a few reasons why Sacramento residents love this city. This ethnically diverse, environmentally friendly, tree-canopied urban oasis puts the farm in "farm to table" for many restaurants and communities in the United States.

City of Sacramento Overview

- [Official Website of the City of Sacramento](#)
- [Mayor of the City of Sacramento](#)
- Population: 493,025 - the metropolitan area has a population of 2,414,783
- Land Area: 100.105 sq mi (259.273 km²)
- [Official Website of the County of Sacramento](#)
- [Parks and Recreation Department](#) - extensive park system consisting of over 5,000 acres
- [Sacramento Public Library](#)
- [Weather Today in Sacramento](#) - Sacramento has a hot summer climate followed by damp to wet, occasionally foggy but mild winters.
- [Recycling in Sacramento](#)
- [Neighborhood directory of services in Sacramento](#)

History of Sacramento

- [History of Sacramento](#)
- [Old Sacramento](#) is a 28-acre historic riverfront district with cobble streets and many historic buildings, plus more than 125 boutique shops, restaurants and attractions. The district is now a substantial tourist attraction, with rides on steam-hauled historic trains and paddle steamers.

What to See, Sightseeing Tours, Value Packages and Passes, Tourist Information

- [Sacramento Visitors Center](#)
- [Calendar of Events](#)
- [Sacramento Area Museums](#)
- [American River Parkway](#)
- Sacramento is home to one major league sports team — the [Sacramento Kings](#) of the National Basketball Association.
- [Trip Advisor Attractions in Sacramento](#)



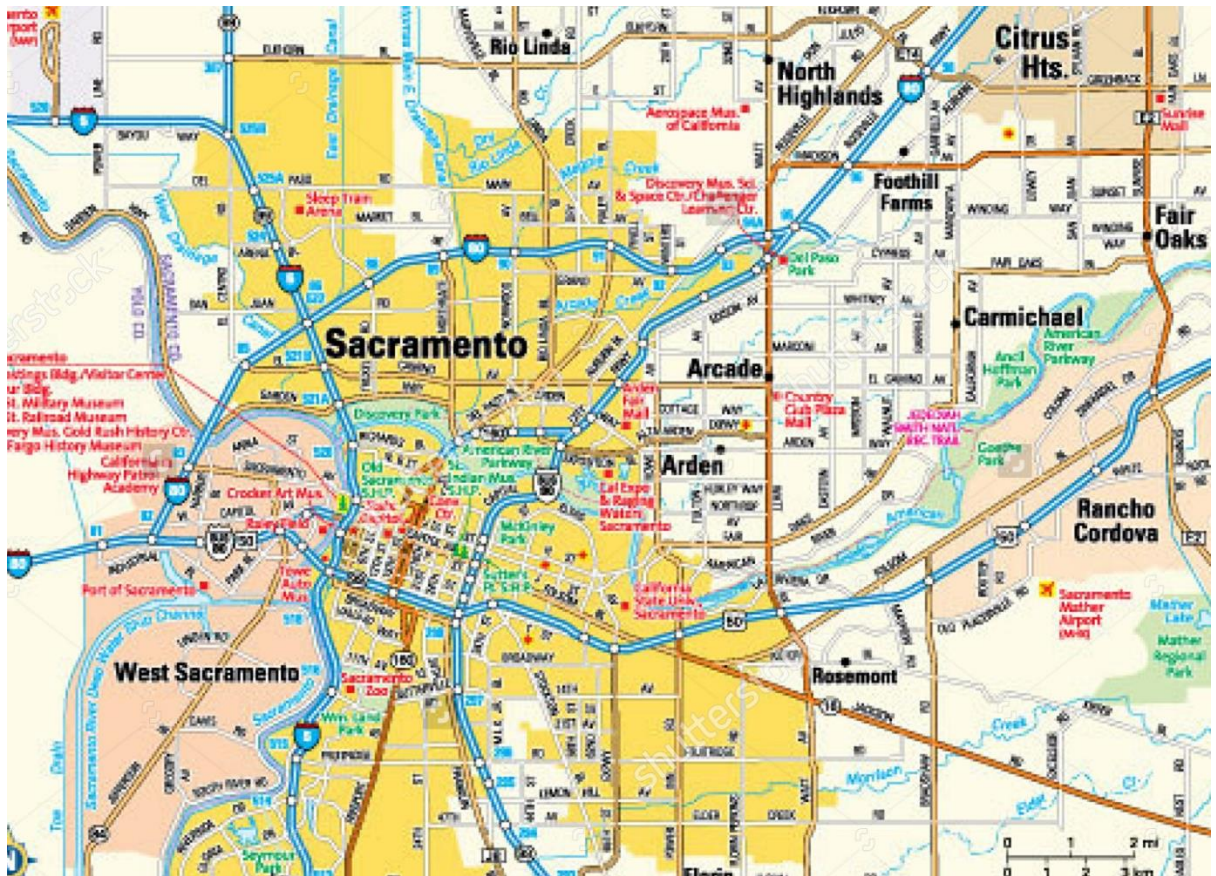
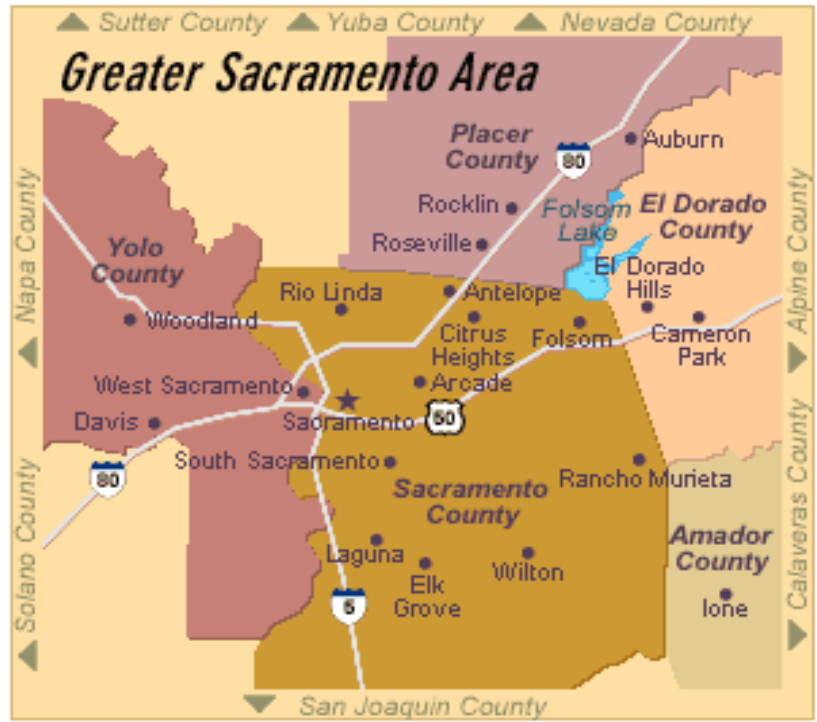
Where to Eat

New restaurants, the latest sips, great music venues, along with business on-street services; the [Downtown Sacramento Partnership](#) (DSP) is a vital part of Sacramento culture.

Old Sacramento

- [Yelp](#)
- [Best restaurants in Sacramento](#)
- [Groupon Deals & Coupons in Sacramento](#)
- [Make online restaurant reservations](#)

Area Maps



EMERGENCY

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY DIAL 911 FOR FIRE, POLICE & AMBULANCE

Emergency personnel will ask for the following information so keep this page close to your phone:

NAME

ADDRESS

PHONE

If you accidentally call 911, please do not hang up. The police will automatically be dispatched to your home to make sure there are no problems. Explain to the Operator the call was an accident.

[POISON CONTROL](#) 1-800-222-1222

[ANIMAL POISON CONTROL](#) 1-888-426-4435

Other Important Numbers:

PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN

WORK PHONE NUMBER

[City of Sacramento 311](#) handles all City municipal service requests except police and fire.

- [Primary Care Physician](#)

Hospital & Clinics

- [Dignity Health System](#)
- [Kaiser Permanente](#)
- [Sutter General Hospital](#)
- [UC Davis Health System](#)
- [Yellow Pages directory of medical clinics](#)

Pharmacies

There are several major pharmacy chains in the area, found on nearly every block on commercial streets. Click on “Store Locator” and enter your zip (postal) code to find the pharmacy near you. Several pharmacies are open 24 hours. Check for hours of operation. Also the main grocery stores and Superstores such as Target, and Wal-Mart have full service pharmacies.

- [Walgreens](#)
- [CVS](#)
- [Rite Aid](#)
- [List of pharmacies in the Sacramento area](#)

Rental Agents

In most situations, your IOR DS consultant will partner with a local realtor to have access to the most current and extensive property listings as well as the realtor's expertise in preparing and negotiating leases. This agent receives a commission for their assistance, in most US locations this commission is paid by the Landlord, not the tenant. Your IOR DS Consultant will discuss this with you.

Renter's Rights

Tenants who lease or rent property are protected against discrimination by [The Fair Housing Act](#). If you think your rights have been violated, you may write a letter or telephone the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) office nearest you. You have one year after the alleged violation to file a complaint with HUD, but you should file as soon as possible.

While you can generally expect the same service from landlords, it's important to know your state's laws. Each state and most major cities have their own tenant rights, laws and protections. [Here are California's](#). You can also visit the [HUD website here for a full guide to renters' rights by states](#).

If your rental property ever suffers any defects that make your place uninhabitable, your landlord has a duty to fix it. While some apartments let you make online requests for repairs, as well as provide a phone number for "emergencies," always make sure you document your request in writing. The landlord will then have a certain amount of time to make those repairs.

Privacy

You have the right to privacy. While the landlord owns the property, they can't access it anytime they want. All states have laws stating renters have a right to privacy while renting. Pretty much the only time the landlord can come into your rental without permission or notice is when they're responding to an emergency that threatens injury or property damage.

Any other time the landlord wants to enter your apartment, they need to have your permission and in most cases give you 24-hours' notice before entering.

What to expect from the landlord

In most states, you are legally entitled to:

- Safe structural elements including floors, walls, roofs, and secure doors and windows.
- Privacy as described above.
- All electrical, plumbing, heating, and air conditioning systems function.
- Working hot and cold water.
- Exterminating infestations of rodents and other insects.
- Access to trash receptacles.
- Landlords cannot discriminate based on race, gender, sexual orientation, or disabilities.
- Apartment buildings sometimes come with laundry and dryer machines in the basement.
- Water, electricity, and gas bills are up to you to pay. **Your IOR consultant will assist you with this process.**

Utilities and Appliances

Your IOR DS Consultant will assist you or provide information on connecting your utilities. It is possible some will be included in your rent, but typically most are not.

In the US it is standard for properties to include a refrigerator, stove, and oven. Properties may also include a dishwasher, microwave, washer and dryer depending on the location, size, and price point.

****Note that you will need a social security number in order to register and pay for utilities****

Recycling

Information for [Recycling in Sacramento](#).



The Lease Process

Review your housing budget with your IOR DS Consultant

Your IOR DS Consultant can help you understand what kind of property you can afford. You also need to take into account that you may be responsible for some of the utility costs of your rental.

Know what you want

What are you looking for in a property? Do you want a studio or a single bedroom? Maybe you want to rent a single family home? Do you need the property to come with appliances, including washer and dryer? Do want it to be close to school or your work? Do you want it to be within walking distance of retail, like groceries or coffee shops? Are you looking for a child friendly area?

Keep in mind that outside of the city center in major cities, there is not much public transportation and most locals drive everywhere.

Identify potential apartments

IOR offers home finding services to aid you with this process. Your consultant may work with a local broker who will help to organize appointments and visit properties. They will also assist in the rental application and the leasing process.

Common Abbreviations and Acronyms used in rental housing listings

<u>Acronym</u>	<u>Meaning</u>	<u>Acronym</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
24-hr mtn	24-hour emergency maintenance	LA	Living area
AC or A/C	Air conditioning	LR	Living room
Appls	Appliances	MBR	Master bedroom
Apt	Apartment	MBTH	Master bathroom
BA	Bathroom	Neg	Negotiable

BR	Bedroom
Bsmt	Basement
CAC	Central air conditioning
DA	Dining area
Det	Detached
Dk	Deck
DR	Dining room
Dw (D/w)	Dishwasher
Eff	Efficiency
EiK	Eat-in kitchen
Fin bsmt	Finished basement
FDR	Formal dining room
FHA	Fair Housing Act
FMR	Fair market rent
FP	Floorplan
Gar	Garage
H/A	Handicapped accessible
H/W	Hardwood floors
Hi ceil	High ceilings
HVAC	Heating, ventilation, and air conditioning

Ofc	Office
OSP	Off-street parking
Pkg	Parking
PM	Property manager (management)
Pvt	Private
Pwdr rm	Powder room (1/2 bath)
RE	Real estate
Renov	Renovated
Rf	Roof
Rm	Room
SF	Single-family
SFA	Single-family attached
SFD	Single-family detached
Sp, Pl (S/p)	Swimming pool
Sq. ft	Square feet
Th (T/H)	Townhouse
Vw (vu)	View
W/A	Wheelchair accessible
W/W	Wall-to-wall carpeting

Visit

Make this process as efficient as possible by visiting as many potential properties as you can in one or two days. Try to go sometime during the week if possible. Your IOR DS consultant will work with you to set an appropriate schedule and to ensure that the properties you visit meet your needs as closely as possible.

What to do once you're there

As you look at the rental unit, be sure to ask a lot of questions. While you should keep small concerns to yourself about the unit while looking at it, feel free to ask the landlord or apartment manager any questions you might have that will help in your decision. Here are some possible questions you may consider asking:

- What's the monthly rent?
- Are any utilities included with the rent?
- How much is the security deposit?
- When is rent due? Do you have auto-pay?
- What's the make-up of the other tenants? Are they mainly younger students? Married couples with families? Older folks?
- What's the parking situation like? Do you pay for a parking spot?
- Do you take care of small maintenance issues or am I responsible for some of the repairs in the property?
- Am I able to re-paint the walls or make other modifications?

Again, be friendly and polite when you ask these questions.

The Application

The next step in the leasing process for an apartment is to submit a rental application for the location you want. The manager or landlord will be able to give you the application as well as anything else that they may need to have filled out. Your IOR DS Consultant will assist with this process. For a single family home there will likely be a rental application.

You will need your ID/passport, Social Security number, and proof of employment. Some landlords may charge you an application fee which could be between \$20 to \$400 dollars, depending on the landlord. This could be a combination of an application fee and move-in fee.

Once you've done this, it can take up to a few days to hear back from the property manager. Once your application has been approved the lease approval process will begin with IOR and likely your employer.

Signing the lease

DO NOT SIGN THE LEASE until your IOR DS Consultant has reviewed it in full and given their approval.

The lease is a binding contract, so it is very important to pay attention as a leasing agent goes over it with you. It is perfectly normal for you to take your time and read all the fine print for yourself. If you are working with an IOR DS Consultant, make sure to talk with them and receive approval before signing. You will also be given a copy of the lease to take with you and keep for your records, but it is very important to know everything included in your lease from the start.

Some things to look for in a lease:

- Term of the lease and any important dates such as when the rent is due.
- Extra fees for parking spaces or storage, garbage collection, and pets.

- Information regarding utility providers and whether you or the landlord is responsible for those bills.
- Notification requirements in case of renewal.
- Requirements/responsibilities of the tenants to do routine repairs such as lawn maintenance, cleaning or notification of repairs.
- Clauses that allow the landlord to change the terms of the lease after it is signed.
- Restrictions that would prevent you from living normally or comfortably in the home.

Sometimes landlords will ask for a security deposit before you sign the lease. This is normal, but you shouldn't pay in cash. Make sure all payments are made out as a check or money order just in case.

What to expect from the lease

Most leases include the following or a variation thereof:

- Your employer requires that all leases include a Break Clause in case you are transferred for work or personal needs.
- Contracts will often be for periods of a year or more.
- Minimum stay. Typically three fourths of your lease contract time. If you choose to move out before this date, you will lose your security deposit. If you move out afterwards, you are still required to give a specified number of days' notice.
- Security Deposit. Landlords will expect you to leave them with a deposit (usually about one to two month's rent) that they will hold for the duration of your lease. You will receive your security deposit back at the end of the lease provided you don't break any specific clauses in your lease, such as moving out without proper notice, not paying rent, causing damages to the property, etc.
- Landlords should not be given unchecked access to your apartment. If there isn't anything in your lease about landlord's rights to enter the leased premises, suggest the following clause:

Entry by the Landlord. Landlord or his agent will not enter Tenant's home except to deal with an emergency; to make necessary or agreed repairs; to supply necessary or agreed services; or to show the unit to potential purchasers, tenants, or repair persons. Unless there is an emergency, Landlord will give Tenant at least 24 hours' written notice of the date, time, and purpose of the intended entry and will schedule entries during normal business hours, Monday–Friday.

Most landlords will be hard-pressed to say no to such a reasonable clause. If the landlord refuses, it's a sure sign that he won't be reasonable in other respects, too. Continue on in your housing search.

Moving In

On your selected move-in date, after the lease has been signed, and deposits have been paid...you should be given your keys and more than likely a move-in form to fill out. Your IOR DS Consultant will assist you with an initial walk through of your apartment. Look for dings in the walls, cracked windows, or other irregularities and report them on this form. This will indicate that these things were there before you moved in and you will not be held responsible for them at the end of the lease term.

Get Renter's Insurance

Renter's insurance covers any loss to your personal property due to robbery or accidents. It also covers any damage you might cause to other tenant's property. For example, let's say your washing machine springs a leak and water seeps through the floor and ruins your neighbor's antique dresser. Renter's insurance would cover that.

Renter's insurance will cost approximately about \$15-125 a month, less if you tack it onto another policy (like auto) you have with an insurance company. A few popular options are [Allstate](#) and [StateFarm](#).

SCHOOLS IN YOUR AREA

Public Schools

The Sacramento area is served by various public school districts, including the [Sacramento City Unified School District](#), [Natomas Unified School District](#), [San Juan Unified School District](#), [Twin Rivers Unified School District](#), and [Elk Grove Unified School District](#). Most schools offer public charter schools within the district, with programs such as Montessori, STEM, IB, and Fine Arts concentrations.

Helpful links for information on Schools

- [Rating schools in Sacramento](#)
- [US News Rankings](#)

Private Schools

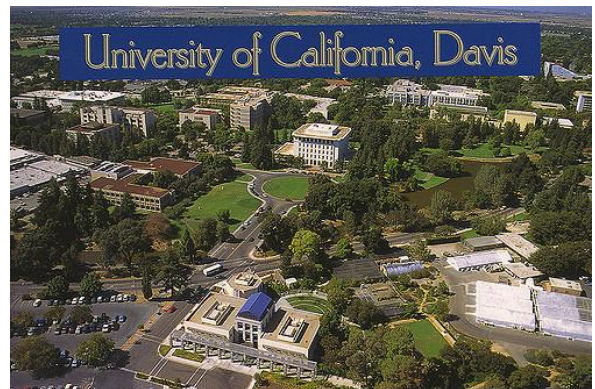
There are 140 [private schools](#) in Sacramento County, CA, serving 20,003 students.

While [Roman Catholic Schools](#) still dominate the independent school scene in the Sacramento area, [Sacramento Country Day School](#) offers an independent school that is affiliated with the California Association of Independent Schools. SCDS has grown to its present-day status as a learning community for students from pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade.

Additionally, the suburb of Fair Oaks hosts the expansive riverside campus of the [Sacramento Waldorf School](#), a Steiner school adjacent to the Rudolf Steiner College, and the largest Waldorf School in North America.

Area Universities

- [Sacramento State](#)
- University of California has a campus, [UC Davis](#), in nearby Davis and has a graduate center in downtown Sacramento.



Checking and Savings Accounts

To open a local checking or savings account you will need the following information:

- Two forms of picture identification including but not limited to your passport, driver's license or work ID.
- Social security number
- Local mailing address. You may use your office address as your mailing address, but be prepared to call your bank branch as soon as you have your permanent address.
- Letter of Employment
- Cash for the initial deposit can range from \$25-\$150 dollars.

Major US Banks

Below is a list of links to some of the larger US banks. Not every bank is represented in all US locations, in some cases you may find that the local bank is a better option for you than some of the larger banks.

Your IOR DS Consultant can help you in selecting a bank by sharing the various options available locally.

- [Bank of America](#)
- [Bank of the West](#)
- [Chase](#)
- [Citibank](#)
- [HSBC](#)
- [TD Bank](#)
- [US Bank](#)
- [Wells Fargo](#)
- [List of local banks in Sacramento](#)

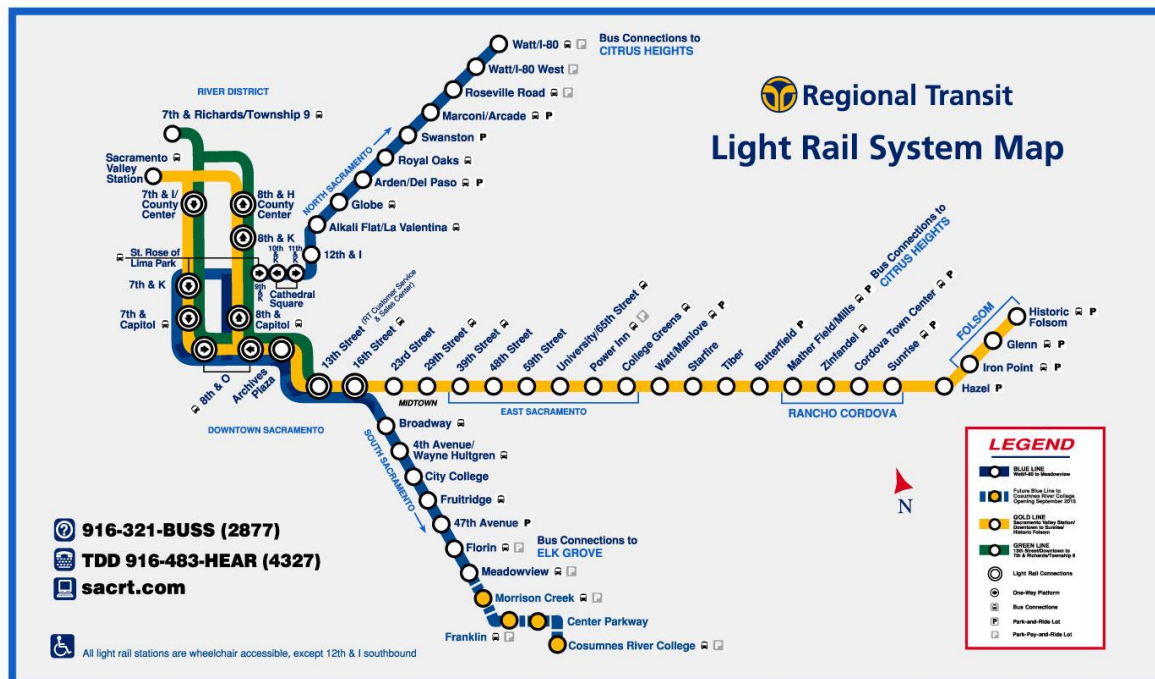
PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION/DRIVING

Getting around Sacramento

While most commuters drive their own car to work, Sacramento offers a fairly extensive public transportation system.

Public Transportation

[Regional Transit](#) - buses and light rail serve the area. RT buses are equipped with bike racks. Each rack can carry two bikes at a time, even during peak commute hours, on a first-come, first-serve basis. Routes and Schedules [here](#).



Bike Information

The City of Sacramento continues to make the City even friendlier for [bicycling](#) and [commuting to work](#). The area also has an extensive [trail system](#) for enthusiasts.

Airport

[Yolobus](#) provides hourly bus service to the [Sacramento International Airport](#) (SMF) via Routes 42A and 42B from Woodland, Davis, West Sacramento and Downtown Sacramento.

Amtrak

[Amtrak Capitol Corridor](#) provides convenient, frequent and affordable daily service between the Sacramento region and the San Francisco Bay Area.

Map Websites

- mapsconnect.apple.com
- www.mapquest.com
- www.mapblast.com

Transportation “App” Options

Several web based phone applications to secure a driver are available throughout the area. The driver knows your approximate location based on your phone GPS. Payment is automatic through the app and fares may be cheaper than a taxi.

- [Uber](#)
- [Lyft](#)

AAA Travel Protection

AAA is a membership organization that offers benefits such as roadside service and towing, discounts on car products and services, maps, reference materials, etc.

Call 1-800-352-5382 for additional information and cost. www.aaa.com

Obtaining a Driver's License

If you are a visitor in California over 18 and have a valid driver license from your home state, you may drive in this state without getting a California driver license as long as your home state license remains valid.

If you are a visitor in California over 18 and have a valid driver license from your home state or country, you may drive in this state without getting a California driver license as long as your home state license remains valid.

If you become a California resident, you must get a California driver license within 10 days. Residency is established by voting in a California election, paying resident tuition, filing for a homeowner's property tax exemption, or any other privilege or benefit not ordinarily extended to nonresidents.

To apply for an original driver license if you are over 18, you will need to do the following:

- Make an appointment before visiting a DMV office (walk-ins are only accepted at our [Driver License Processing Centers](#)).
- Complete application form DL 44 (An original DL 44 form must be submitted. Copies will not be accepted.)
- Give a thumb print
- Have your picture taken
- Provide your social security number. It will be verified with the Social Security Administration while you are in the office.
- Verify your [birth date and legal presence](#)
- [Provide your true full name](#)
- [Pay the application fee](#)
- Pass a vision exam
- Pass a traffic laws and sign test. [Sample Test](#))

Note: To allow you sufficient time for testing DMV will not be administering written or audio exams after 4:30 p.m.

- Steps for applying for a California driver's license [here](#)
- For general information and to find an office near you, see general California [DMV website](#)

For general information and instructions on how to obtain an official state ID card or driver's license, [visit the website of the California DMV](#).

Your Destination Services Consultant will also assist you with the proper procedure.

LIVING AND SHOPPING

TV, Cable, Telephone, and Internet

The main service providers for TV cable, landline telephone and internet all offer combination packages. They are in stiff competition with each other, so special offers change monthly, sometimes even weekly.

- [AT&T](#)
- [Comcast](#)
- [DirectTV](#)
- [Dish](#)

Mobile Phones

- [AT&T Wireless](#)
- [Verizon Wireless](#)
- [Sprint](#)
- [T-Mobile](#)

Computers, Electronics, Cameras

- [Fry's Home Electronics](#)
- [Best Buy](#) is a national chain: Apart from sales, their [Geek Squad](#) repairs PC computers.
- [Apple Stores](#)

Housewares and Furniture

- [Bed Bath & Beyond](#)
- [Ikea](#)
- [Pottery Barn](#)
- [Williams-Sonoma](#)
- [Rooms to Go](#)
- [The Container Store](#)

Food Shopping

- [Raley's Supermarkets](#)
- [Safeway](#)
- [Sprouts](#)
- [Trader Joe's](#)
- [Whole Foods Market](#)

Farmer's Markets

The city has the distinction of being home to the largest "[Certified Farmers Market](#)" in California. Sacramento itself has nearly 50 [farmers markets](#). The Mediterranean-style climate of the city gives farmers the ability to farm high-yield crops.



RECREATION

Sacramento has a very diverse populations that welcomes arts and culture from all over the world. During the year there are many festivals to go to, concerts to see, and artwork to admire. Sacramento has a wide variety of activities to do within the artistic sector of the city, so residents and visitors hardly ever get bored. Here are some of the most interesting activities within the area:

- [Second Saturdays](#): Every 2nd Saturday of the month, Sacramento art galleries and various businesses open their doors complimentary for people to see what they offer. Many residents and visitors walk around various art districts within Sacramento to explore the beauty of the local art scene.
- [Festivals](#): Since the Sacramento area is so diverse, it holds a large number of cultural events and festivals that range from the Sacramento Country Fair to the Japanese Food & Cultural Bazaar. Annual events such as the [Festa Italiana](#), [Festival de la Familia](#), and the [Pacific Rim Street Fest](#) are also widely popular to audiences from all backgrounds.
- [Sacramento Ballet](#): The Sacramento Ballet is a great experience in the region. From classical ballets such as The Nutcracker or Romeo and Juliet, to local and original plays put on by the artistic directors, every show is a captivating experience.
- [Broadway and Theatre](#): Sacramento also offers a great variety of theatre shows. Whether you are looking for comedy or Broadway, there is a show for every age and preference. A few of the theatres include the [Sacramento Theatre Company](#), [B Street Theatre](#), and the [Big Idea Theatre](#).
- [Concerts](#): Thanks to Sacramento's mild climate, there are a myriad of music events to enjoy as well. Especially during the warm weather, outdoor concerts are a must. Outdoor events include [Friday Night Concerts in the Park](#), [Pops in the Park](#) in East Sacramento, [Live on the Boulevard](#) in El Dorado Hills, and many more.



Museums

The Sacramento area is known for its rich history and abundance of museums. Whether you are visiting Old Town or Downtown, there is plenty of history to learn about within this region. Not only does Sacramento have a lot of historical museums, but the region also has a great amount of scientific and innovative museums that people of all ages are able to enjoy. Some examples include:

- [The California Museum](#): This is the official State History Museum for California and it provides insight into the background of the state.
- [California State Railroad Museum](#): California is home to many different railroad lines, and this museum is a great way to learn about their history. Train models, documentation of engineering feats, and more are present within this intriguing museum.
- [Powerhouse Science Center](#): This vastly diverse science museum has activities for all ages. Whether you are interested in learning about the forces of the universe, nature discovery, or want to take a shot at creating something in the design lab, this museum has it all.
- [California Automobile Museum](#): If you or someone you know is a car enthusiast, then this museum will be the perfect place to visit. There are many different exhibits here, including permanent ones that are always available, and new exhibits that come and go.
- [Crocker Art Museum](#): This art museum is a must see during your time in Sacramento. It holds artwork from local Californian artists, as well as some of the largest European drawings and ceramics. Not only are there great exhibitions here, but this museum also offers art classes, films, concerts, and many more activities.



Crocker Art Museum

Attractions

With Sacramento being the state capitol of California, there are so many activities for residents and visitors to enjoy here. The variety of culture, rich history, and innovation all come together to provide a welcoming experience to all.

- [Sacramento Zoo](#): This is a great attraction for the whole family. The zoo has hundreds of different species of animals and offers a variety of activities daily.
- [Fairytale Town](#): A great option for a place to show your children. This fun park is in the theme of nursery rhymes and fairytales, with farm animals to pet, gardens to explore, and performing arts to enjoy stage shows. They offer many different activities for children of all ages.
- [Sutter's Fort](#): An interesting preservation of Californian history, Sutter's Fort is set in 1846 and tells the story of the area's diverse culture during the time. Many educational programs are available here, but you are also able to explore the area via audio tour. Interesting sights to see include a carpenter shop, weaving room, trade store, and many more historical artifacts.



Sutter's Fort

- [California Capitol Building](#): The Capitol Building is a must in order to gain insight on the past, present, and future state of California law. The museum within the capitol offers information about this historic landmark. The best part about visiting? The admission is free!
- [Raging Waters](#): If the hot weather is getting you down, cool off at Sacramento's largest waterpark! Fun for the whole family, this waterpark has over 25 water rides and pools.

Outdoor Recreation

[Biking](#): Sacramento is home to many different biking trails that all types of outdoor enthusiasts are able to enjoy. One of the most popular trails is [the Jedediah Smith Memorial Trail](#), a 32-mile trail that is a favorite for runners, walkers, cyclists, and horseback riders.

[River Activities](#): The Sacramento and American Rivers surround the city and boast several different activities for recreation. Boating, kayaking, fishing, swimming, tubing, and much more is popular in this area, especially during summer time.

[Parks](#): The 226 parks that are located within the city provide a range of activities for anyone to enjoy. Some of the most popular are William Land and McKinley, which have plenty of jogging/walking trails, as well as beautiful scenery.



Jedediah Smith Memorial Trail

Volunteer Opportunities

- [Volunteer Match](#)
- [United Way](#)
- [Volunteer in Sacramento](#)
- [Animal Rescue](#)

Parent & Children Resources

- [Mom's Clubs](#) - social groups offering events and outings with mothers and their young children.

Smart Phone Apps for Communication

- [WhatsApp](#) : Free local & international Real Time messaging
- [Line](#) : Exchange free instant messages with friends whenever and wherever with one-on-one and group chats. LINE is available on all smartphone devices (iPhone, Android, Windows Phone, Blackberry, Nokia) and even on your PC.
- [Viber](#) : Free text, calling, photo messages and location-sharing with Viber users. No registration, alias or invitations required. Instantly integrates with your own contact list. Best-quality mobile calls using 3G or Wi-Fi.
- [Skype](#) : Stay in touch with your family and friends for free on Skype. Download Skype today to chat and call on desktop and mobile.

Smart Phone Apps for Local Information/Reviews

- [Angie's List](#) : Referrals for doctor, dentist, child care, maid, mechanic, painter, plumber, etc.
- [Yelp!](#) : Find local businesses, restaurants, bars, clubs, events, etc. with map, lists, and reviews
- [Next Door](#) : Neighbors share community events, items for sale, recommendations for babysitters, doctors and handymen, crime reports, ideas about how to improve their neighborhood and more.
- [Meet Ups](#) : Meetups are neighbors getting together to learn something, do something or share something. Cultural groups advertise gatherings here as well.

Smart Phone Apps for Travel

- [Uber](#) : Similar to a taxi service but all web based. Payment also handled online, do not pay or tip driver directly. Uber driver knows your approximate location based on your phone GPS.
- [Lyft](#) : Wherever you're headed, count on Lyft for rides in minutes. The Lyft app matches you with local drivers at the tap of a button. Just request and go.
- [Apple Maps](#) : Map by direction
- [Map Quest](#) : Map by direction
- [Waze](#) : Community based traffic & navigation with alternate route suggestions
- [CityMaps2Go](#) : The #1 travel app lets you discover exciting new places. Beautiful photos and insider tips at the touch of a button. You will receive stories about places you like and can instantly save and find them on your maps and in your lists.

Smart Phone Apps for Weather

- [WTHR13](#) : Local weather and closings; includes radar and forecast
- [Weather Channel](#) : National and international time, temperature & weather
- [Tornado](#) : Set up tornado alerts & siren

Licensing

If you are anything like us, pets are family. Getting a license is a loving thing to do. Not only will a license help your pet get home if they become lost, but it also helps all of the other animals in our community. The money collected by our licensing program helps to make sure that pets who might be injured out on our streets receive prompt and proper treatment. If you love your pet, you should license your pet. If you love animals in general, you will support our license for love campaign. It takes a community to care for them all. As of July 1, 2017, Sacramento requires animal [licenses](#) for dogs and cats within the City.

If you license your pet in Sacramento, you also:

- Greatly increase the chances that you will get your pet back if they become lost.
- Don't say, "my pet will never get out", if that were true, we would not get 10,000 animals into our shelter each year.
- A license can help the person who finds your pet find you.
- A license is connected to rabies vaccines. Make sure you have that, too. Rabies is a killer and it is real.
- Licensing helps fund the Front Street Animal Shelter. If you love animals, you will license your pet. Lost and abandoned animals in Sacramento benefit from the licensing program.
- Licensing provides much needed funds to our low cost or free spay and neuter program. Not everyone can afford this, but working together we can make it happen.
- Licensing your pet is one of the most important steps you can take to protect your pet in case he or she becomes lost.

Dog Parks

All [Sacramento dog parks](#) are fenced, with a double-gate system for safety. Dogs of all sizes are welcome.

Veterinary Clinics

- [Sacramento Animal Hospital](#)
- [VCA Animal Hospitals](#)
- [Animal Emergency Clinics](#)
- [Reviews of Veterinarians](#)



PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

[Federal Holidays listed through 2020](#)

[California State Holidays](#)

The following are legal holidays in California:

- New Year's Day January 1*
- Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday January 21
- Good Friday March 29
- Memorial Day Last Monday in May
- Independence Day July 4*
- Labor Day First Monday in September
- Veterans' Day November 11*
- Thanksgiving Day Fourth Thursday in November
- Christmas Day December 25*

*If a holiday falls on a Sunday, the day following is observed as the legal holiday.