

Traveling from the San Francisco Airport to Merced

1. **By Auto:** Travel time of 2 ½ to 3 ½ hours, depending on the traffic.
2. **Super Shuttle:** A Super Shuttle (door-to-door airport van service) is available. However, please note that Super Shuttle does not service all areas. However, it is available by calling: (415) 558-8500, or online at <http://www.supershuttle.com/>
3. **By Greyhound Bus:** Total travel time is 3hrs, 35min by Greyhound, plus additional time to travel to the Greyhound station. Please see below for additional information.

Step One

After arrival at San Francisco International Airport you can take BART *or* the San Tran Bus Express to get to the San Francisco Greyhound Station. Please choose from option A or option B, as follows.

Option A- San Tran: Take the San Tran Bus Express to Mission Street & 1st Street, and then walk a few blocks to the San Francisco Greyhound Bus Terminal. The San Tran Bus Express is black and white, and leaves every ½ hour. Travel time: 1hr 11min. Cost: \$2.00.

Option B- BART: Take SFIA/Millbrae BART train towards Pittsburg/Bay Point to Embarcadero Station and then walk a few blocks to the station. See here for additional information about BART: <http://www.bart.gov/> Travel time: 40min. Cost: \$8.65

Step Two

Take the San Francisco Greyhound from the San Francisco Greyhound Station to the Merced Greyhound Station. The bus only departs once a day from San Francisco, at 11am (see below). Travel time of 3hrs, 35min.

Service from: San Francisco Greyhound Station	to	Merced Greyhound Station
425 Mission Trans bay Station		710 W. 16 th Street
Flr 3		Merced, Ca 95340
San Francisco, Ca 94105		(209) 722-2121
(415) 495-1575		

Departing

11 AM

Arriving

2:35 PM

Greyhound Tickets: Online price \$30 / Standard price \$45 as of July 29, 2015.

4. **By Amtrak (Train):** Approx. 2 ½ hours, \$26-44.

After arriving at the San Francisco International airport, you will need to travel to the Emeryville Amtrak station. You can do this by using the BART train. Cost is

approx. \$8.65. Which BART route to take depends on the time of day, so for route planning, please see the following link: <http://www.bart.gov/>

In addition to the BART site, you can also plan your route using Google Maps: <https://support.google.com/maps/answer/144339?hl=en>

Plug in the directions as traveling from San Francisco International Airport to 5885 Horton St, Emeryville, CA 94608. Next, click the transit option (a picture of a bus) instead of the driving/walking options. Set your anticipated travel time or arrival time, and use the schedule explorer option for different transit times and options. See ([here](#)).

Next, take the Amtrak train from the Emeryville station to the Merced station. See here for additional information and to book your Amtrak tickets online: <http://amtrak.transit-info.com/index.php?src=bing&kid=116456016965&kw=amtrak+routes>

5. By Caltrain and Car:

Step One

Take BART from the San Francisco International Airport to the San Bruno OR Milbrae Station of Caltrain. (See the Caltrain system map for planning: <http://www.caltrain.com/stations/systemmap.html>)

San Francisco International Airport to San Bruno Caltrain Station: 10-14min, \$2
San Francisco International Airport to Milbrae Caltrain Station: 12min, \$4.25

Step Two

Take the Caltrain to the Gilroy Station.

San Bruno Station to Gilroy: Approx. 1 ½ hrs, \$13.25

Milbrae Station to Gilroy: Approx. 1 ½ hrs, \$11.25

Step Three

Gilroy to Merced by car: Approx. 1 ½ hrs

Note: Caltrains are available all throughout the day, and on both weekdays and weekends. However, there are 3 different train types available (similar to the rapid/local train lines in Japan). Please make sure to select the correct train, so that you will not miss your stop. See the color-coded train schedules as follows:

Weekdays: <http://www.caltrain.com/schedules/weekdaytimetable.html>

Weekends: <http://www.caltrain.com/schedules/weekend-timetable.html>

6. By Airplane and Bus or Train:

Step One

Fly from San Francisco International Airport to the Fresno Yosemite International Airport (approx. \$256 if tickets are purchased in advance)

Step Two

Take a bus or train from the Fresno Yosemite International Airport to Merced.

By bus: First, you will need to take a bus from the airport to the Greyhound station. Go to NW Peach and McKinley (5min walk from airport), and take the #26 bus toward Nees and Blackstone. This bus departs every 5 minutes. Get off of the bus at NE Van Ness Kern, the location of the Fresno Greyhound station. Travel time: 44min. Cost: \$1.25. For Fresno bus schedules, see here:
<http://www.fresno.gov/DiscoverFresno/PublicTransportation/Route/default.htm>

Take the Greyhound bus from Fresno to Merced. Travel time: 1h, 10min. Online discount fare: \$8 to \$10. Standard fare: \$11.50 to \$13.50. Departs as many as 5 times a day, but check schedules for exact times:
<https://greyhound.com/farefinder/step1.aspx>

By train:

First, you will need to take a bus from the airport to the Amtrak station. Go to NW Peach and McKinley (5min walk from airport), and take the #26 bus toward Nees and Blackstone. This bus departs every 5 minutes. At NW Tulare and Peach, transfer to the #22 bus towards West-Bullard. Get off of the bus at NW Tulare and Q Street, the location of the Fresno Amtrak station. Travel time: 36min. Cost: \$1.25. For Fresno bus schedules, see here:
<http://www.fresno.gov/DiscoverFresno/PublicTransportation/Route/default.htm>

After arriving at the station, take the Amtrak from Fresno to Merced. Travel time: 58min, Cost: \$14 to \$25

For additional assistance with planning your trip, visit:

<http://triplanner.transit.511.org>

Google Maps: <https://support.google.com/maps/answer/144339?hl=en>

Transportation Links:

<u>San Francisco Municipal Railway (MUNI)</u>	(415) 673-MUNIBay
<u>Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART)</u>	(510) 465-BART
<u>Golden Gate Transit</u>	(415) 455-2000
<u>Alameda Contra Costa Transit (AC Transit)</u>	(510) 839-2882
<u>CalTrain</u>	(800) 660-4287
<u>SuperShuttle (Door-to-door Airport Van service)</u>	(415) 558-8500