

## EXPERIENCE SONOMA

### Transportation:

- **Airports**
  - STS (Charles M. Schulz Sonoma County Airport, ~30 mins from SSU)
  - SFO (San Francisco International Airport, ~1 hr 45 mins from SSU)
- **From conference location:** (*Ideally arrive previous evening in Sonoma County*)
  - **Drive down the Scenic Sonoma route** on US 101 (BEST TRAVEL OPTION)
    - Car-pooling or sharing UBER rides
    - Average Travel time: 1 hr 10 minutes
  - **By Smart Train:**
    - Take Uber until Larkspur Station
    - Smart Train Schedule
    - Check timings for evening train connections in the schedule.
    - If arriving in the morning:
      1. Departs Larkspur—7.12 a.m.; 7.44 a.m.
      2. Reaches Cotati —8.05 a.m.; 8.37 a.m.
      3. Distance from Cotati station to SSU—1.1 miles
      4. Take Uber to Sonoma State University—less than 5 min
      5. or walk down 20 minutes.
  - **UBER+Ferry+Smart Train/UBER** (*for the adventurous and those with time on hand*)
    - Take Uber to Ferry point
    - Get on to Ferry from San Francisco to Larkspur (previous evening to watch beautiful sunset and lights or early morning for a peaceful sunrise)
    - Take Smart Train (allow enough time to walk from Ferry) or Take UBER
    - Definitely plan for more time because of lags between Ferry arrival and Smart Train departure timings (check for coordinated schedules on Golden Gate Ferry website that will be updated periodically).
    - Take Orange colored shuttle outside the Ferry Station to drop off to Smart Train station. Keep \$1.50 in cash to pay for the shuttle each way.

## **Accommodation:**

- **Hotels nearby SSU:**

- \*DoubleTree hotel, Rohnert Park, Sonoma County
- \*Oxford Suites, Rohnert Park, Sonoma County

## **Explore the area:**

- Sonoma is a heaven for those interested in nature. Walk, hike, bike, stroll around the vineyards, coastal stretches, thick redwoods, lakes, and beautiful small downtown areas. Explore Green Music Center events, Wineries, breweries, local gourmet/family-owned restaurants, ice-cream/desserts, Oliver's market, among others
- Culinary delights are created from mostly locally sourced and organic ingredients.
- Check the links below
  - <https://www.sonoma.edu/campus-life/about-area>
  - [www.sonomacounty.com](http://www.sonomacounty.com)
- Recommended geographic spots/hikes/trails
  - Bodega Bay, Sonoma Mountain, Taylor Mountain, Treks/Parks (Sonoma State Regional Park, Sonoma Lake, Armstrong regional park etc.,)