

About the Infrared Training Center (ITC) Santa Barbara

The Infrared Training Center (ITC) Santa Barbara is located at the FLIR Systems, Inc. global headquarters for the Commercial Vision Systems (CVS) division. The training center offers various courses regarding the CVS products, infrared imaging technology, thermal imaging applications, and thermal camera sales, installation, and operation. Refer to the [web site](#) for more information about courses and certification programs. This document provides information for prospective students who may be planning to visit the ITC in Santa Barbara.

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Note: Classes begin at
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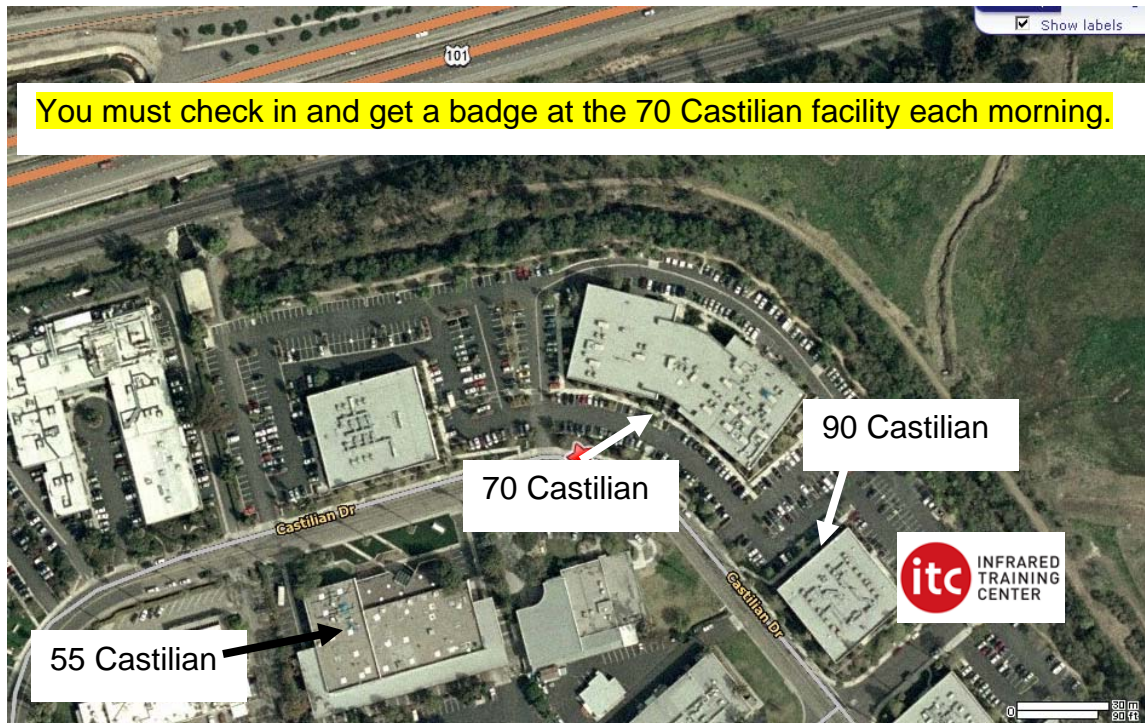
ITC Santa Barbara

Santa Barbara hugs the shore of the Pacific Ocean on the California coast, approximately 90 miles north of Los Angeles (see Google Earth [image](#) at end of this document). The ITC Santa Barbara facility is located in Goleta (a community adjacent to the more famous city of Santa Barbara), approximately 5 minutes from the [Santa Barbara Airport](#) and approximately 20 minutes from downtown Santa Barbara (see map below).



Training Facility

The CVS division operates out of several locations in Goleta and the training center is co-located with the CVS headquarters. The ITC training facility is located at 90 Castilian Drive, next door to the main facility that corresponds to the mailing address (70 Castilian Drive) and where many of the other CVS functions reside (for example, sales administration, engineering, manufacturing, shipping/receiving, HR, IT, and so on). Additional facilities are located at 55 Castilian Drive and 5756 Thornwood Drive (the "IDO" facility). [Map & Directions](#)



Getting Here

The [Santa Barbara airport](#) is small but offers flights to and from most of the major cities in the west on several major carriers, including American, United, US Airways, Frontier and others. Car rental offices are conveniently located next door to the terminal.

If you choose to fly to Los Angeles, it is approximately a 2-3 hour drive from LAX to Santa Barbara, depending on the time of day. A more scenic route, along the coast using Pacific Coast Highway (PCH, Highway 1) through Santa Monica, Malibu and so on, will take 3 – 3 ½ hours. While the traffic in Santa Barbara is generally light, the amount of time required to drive to any destinations south of Santa Barbara can vary, due to the infamous Southern California traffic.

Shuttle busses from LAX to Santa Barbara are available from [Santa Barbara Airbus](#) and this is a pleasant and convenient option to driving a rental car. The cost is approximately \$50 one way.

From San Francisco the most direct route along Highway 101 is approximately a 5 hour drive. Taking the scenic coastal route along PCH (Highway 1) will add approximately 1-2 hours to the trip but will provide some of the most beautiful coastal vistas you will ever see. The route goes through Santa Cruz, Monterrey, Big Sur and Morro Bay, and traces heart-thumpingly close to the cliffs along the coast. During the winter months it may be possible to view migrating whales from the coast.

For reference, here are some other driving distances from Santa Barbara:

Anaheim/Disneyland: 3-4 hours

San Diego: 4-5 hours

Yosemite National Park: 5 ½ -6 hours

Las Vegas, NV: 5 ½ -6 hours

Hotel Information

Because Santa Barbara is a popular tourist destination, there is a wide range of accommodations to choose from in terms of price and comfort in both Goleta and Santa Barbara. If you wish to be close to the facility, you may choose to stay at a hotel in Goleta. If you want a little more of the Santa Barbara experience, you may wish to stay downtown where there is a wider selection of restaurants and nightlife. FLIR has negotiated corporate rates at some of the following establishments:

Hotel Name	Phone	Weekday rate	Weekend rate
Hotel Santa Barbara	805-957-9300	\$139/night	\$189/ night
Best Western South Coast Inn	805-967-3200	Sep-Jun \$125 Jul-Aug \$135	Sep-Jun \$135 Jul-Aug \$170
Pacifica Suites	805-683-6722	\$139/night	\$164/ night
Santa Barbara Inn	805-966-2285	Jan - Jun \$139 (mtn) to \$189 (ocean) June 15 - Sept 15 \$239 (mtn) to \$289 (ocean)	\$189 (mtn) to \$229 (ocean) \$289 (mtn) to \$309 (ocean)
Hampton Inn (Goleta)	805-681-9800	Off peak Sep – Mar \$189 Summer \$209	Same
Courtyard By Marriott (Goleta)	805-968-0500		
Hotel Oceana	805-965-4577	\$125 (mtn) to \$195 (ocean)	\$125 (mtn) to \$195 (ocean)
Fess Parker Double Tree	805-564-4333 800-879-2929		
Hotel Mar Monte	800-643-1994		

Rates are subject to change; (mtn) refers to a room with a mountain view, (ocean) means ocean view.

The following hotels are the closest to the FLIR facility ([map](#)):

Courtyard By Marriott ([within walking distance of the facility](#), link above)

Best Western South Coast Inn <http://www.santa-barbara-hotel.com/>

Pacifica Suites <http://www.pacificasuites.com/>

Holiday Inn <http://www.holidayinn.com/>

Please call us for additional hotel recommendations.

Dining

Lunch

Often we will have lunch delivered for the training sessions. If you decide to go elsewhere, here are a couple options:

- FLIR cafeteria, 70 Castilian – we are fortunate to have a dining option onsite that offers fresh high-quality food cooked to order with many daily specials
- [Camino Real Marketplace](#) – within 1 mile of the facility, there are lots of options here including local spots as well as familiar chain restaurants.
- If you want an outdoor dining experience, both [Sandpiper](#) and [Glen Annie](#) golf courses have good food served on the patio and offer outstanding views

Dinners

As a tourist destination, there has never been a shortage of restaurants in Santa Barbara. Our favorites are generally downtown near the water or along State Street. Closer to the facility, the Beachside Bar Café is a good choice for lunch or dinner. It's our favorite place to take potential recruits!

The [SantaBarbara.com](#) web site offers a good place to start looking online.

Things to do in Santa Barbara

If you're looking for the sunny shores and seaside living of Southern California, Santa Barbara fills all your California dreams. The charming ocean side town has great beaches with waves crashing on the sandy shore. The downtown area is filled with stucco and red tile Mission Era buildings. Although Santa Barbara CA is three times larger than it was 50 years ago, you can still enjoy a relaxed coastal town atmosphere.

The Santa Barbara waterfront is great place to enjoy outdoor activities like rollerblading, jogging and beach volleyball. Stearns Wharf extends out into the bay, giving you prime views of the ocean and the nearby beaches.

State Street is the main drag through downtown and typically has a lot of pedestrians taking in a nice walk through the fine shops, restaurants and bars of the downtown area. You can get the bird's eye views of Santa Barbara CA from above at the observation tower at the County Courthouse



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(pictured above right). You can look out across the lush gardens of the Courthouse grounds and the red-tile roofs beyond.



About a mile from State Street is one of the well-known landmarks of Spanish revival architecture, the Mission Santa Barbara, pictured left. Well-kept gardens and manicured lawns frame this lovely rose-colored building, from which you can enjoy excellent views of the city below and shoreline beyond it. You can visit here every day from 9am to 5pm, and there is a \$2 admission fee.

Course Offerings

While the training courses are often conducted at other locations also, the ITC in Santa Barbara offers an ideal learning environment for the offered courses and certification programs. FLIR has invested in the people, resources and technology to create a world class training program and facility, with labs and equipment to provide a hands-on learning environment. The ITC teaches operator training as well as infrared theory and applications. Please visit our [web site](#) for specific information about courses and certification programs.

About FLIR

FLIR Systems, Inc. is a world leader in the design and manufacture of thermal imaging and broadcast camera systems for a wide variety of commercial and government applications including condition monitoring, research and development, manufacturing process control, airborne observation and broadcast, search and rescue, federal drug interdiction, surveillance and reconnaissance, navigation safety, border and maritime patrol, environmental monitoring and ground based security.

FLIR Systems, Inc. operates additional Infrared Training Centers for its other divisions, including Government Systems (<http://www.gs.flir.com/>) and Thermography (<http://www.goinfrared.com/training/>), the first ITC and the world's largest thermography training organization. Last year, ITC trained over 7,000 infrared users, making ITC the #1 choice for infrared camera users all over the globe.

Local Map and Directions to FLIR

Take US 101 to Los Carneros Road, then turn toward the ocean (away from the mountains) and turn right at the second light on Castilian Drive.

Coast of Southern California



Figure 1: Google Earth image of Southern California Coast

Map of Goleta with hotels nearby the FLIR ITC

