

San Mateo Relocation Guide

Welcome to your comprehensive guide to relocating to San Mateo, California! This beautiful Bay Area city offers the perfect blend of suburban charm and urban convenience. Whether you're moving for work, family, or lifestyle, we've gathered everything you need to know to make your transition smooth and enjoyable.

About San Mateo

Located on the San Francisco Peninsula, San Mateo strikes the perfect balance between accessibility and livability. Home to approximately 105,000 residents, the city boasts:

- Mediterranean climate with mild temperatures year-round
- 25-minute drive to San Francisco
- 20-minute drive to Silicon Valley tech hubs
- Rich cultural diversity with vibrant communities
- Award-winning schools and family-friendly amenities



Neighborhoods Worth Exploring

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Baywood

Upscale area with stunning homes, tree-lined streets, and proximity to Baywood Elementary. Known for community events and well-maintained parks.

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San Mateo Park

Historic neighborhood with beautiful architecture, curved streets, and gorgeous landscaping. Walking distance to downtown and Burlingame Avenue.

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Hayward Park

Transit-oriented community near the Caltrain station. Mix of single-family homes and new condos with easy access to Highway 101.

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North Central

Diverse, affordable neighborhood with a mix of housing styles. Community gardens, international restaurants, and Central Park access.

Each neighborhood offers its own unique character and amenities. We recommend spending time exploring different areas before making your decision.

Housing Market Overview



Median Home Price

Single-family homes in San Mateo command premium prices due to location and quality of life.

Average Monthly Rent

For a 2-bedroom apartment, though prices vary significantly by neighborhood and amenities.

Occupancy Rate

Reflecting the competitive housing market in the San Mateo area.

The San Mateo housing market moves quickly, with homes often receiving multiple offers. Working with a local real estate agent who understands the nuances of each neighborhood is highly recommended.

Education Excellence

Public Schools

San Mateo is served by the San Mateo-Foster City School District (K-8) and the San Mateo Union High School District (9-12).

- Borel Middle School and Baywood Elementary consistently earn top ratings
- Aragon and Hillsdale High Schools offer International Baccalaureate programs
- Strong STEM, arts, and athletics programs throughout

Private & Alternative Options

Numerous private schools including The Nueva School, St. Matthew Catholic School, and Crystal Springs Uplands School.



Recreation & Lifestyle



Outdoor Activities

Enjoy 16 city parks, Coyote Point Recreation Area, Sawyer Camp Trail, and easy access to beaches and redwood forests.



Shopping & Dining

Hillsdale Shopping Center, downtown boutiques, and over 200 restaurants from Michelin-starred to casual eateries.



Arts & Culture

San Mateo Performing Arts Center, CuriOdyssey science museum, Japanese Garden, and year-round cultural festivals.



Transportation & Commuting

Public Transit

- Caltrain: Direct service to San Francisco (25 min) and San Jose (35 min)
- SamTrans: Extensive bus network throughout San Mateo County
- BART: Accessible via Millbrae station (10-minute drive)

Driving

- Highway 101 and 280 provide north-south access
- San Mateo Bridge connects to East Bay
- 20-30 minute drive to SFO International Airport
- Ample parking in most neighborhoods

Many residents also take advantage of bike-friendly streets and the Bay Trail for commuting and recreation. The city continues to invest in pedestrian and cycling infrastructure.



Community & Services





San Mateo Medical Center, Mills-Peninsula Medical Center, and numerous specialty clinics provide comprehensive healthcare options for residents.



Libraries & Services

Modern main library and branches offer programs for all ages. City provides excellent public services, utilities, and fiber internet options.



Community Groups

Vibrant neighborhood associations, volunteer opportunities, and community events like the San Mateo County Fair and Central Park Music Series.

San Mateo prides itself on being a close-knit community despite its size, with many opportunities to connect with neighbors through events and shared interests.

Relocation Timeline & Tips



Pro tip: Traffic patterns vary significantly throughout the day. If possible, test your potential commute during actual commute hours before finalizing housing.

Your Relocation Partner



Let's Make Your Move Seamless

As your dedicated relocation specialist, I'm here to help with every aspect of your move to San Mateo. From finding the perfect neighborhood to connecting you with local resources, my goal is to make your transition as smooth as possible.

Contact me today:

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Free consultation for all prospective residents!