



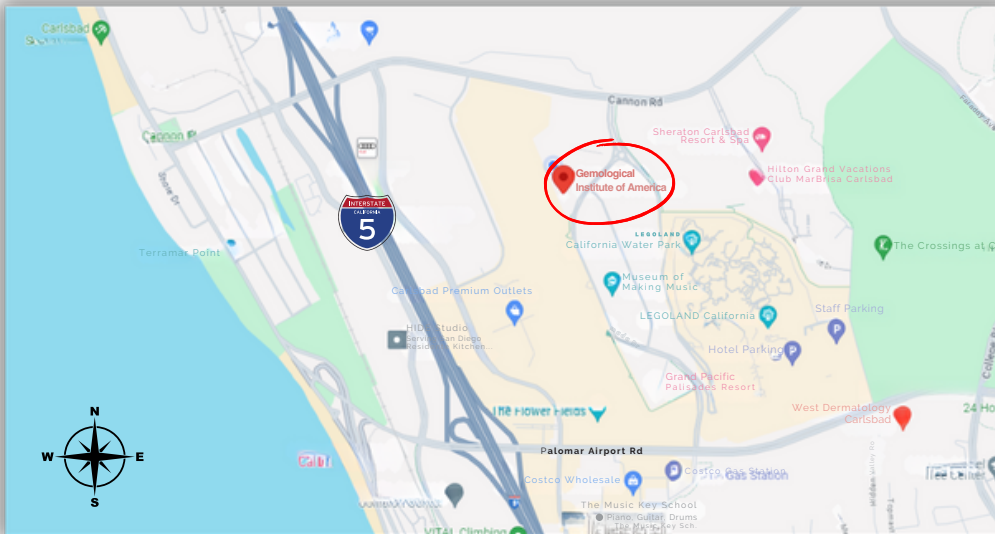
Housing and Transportation Information



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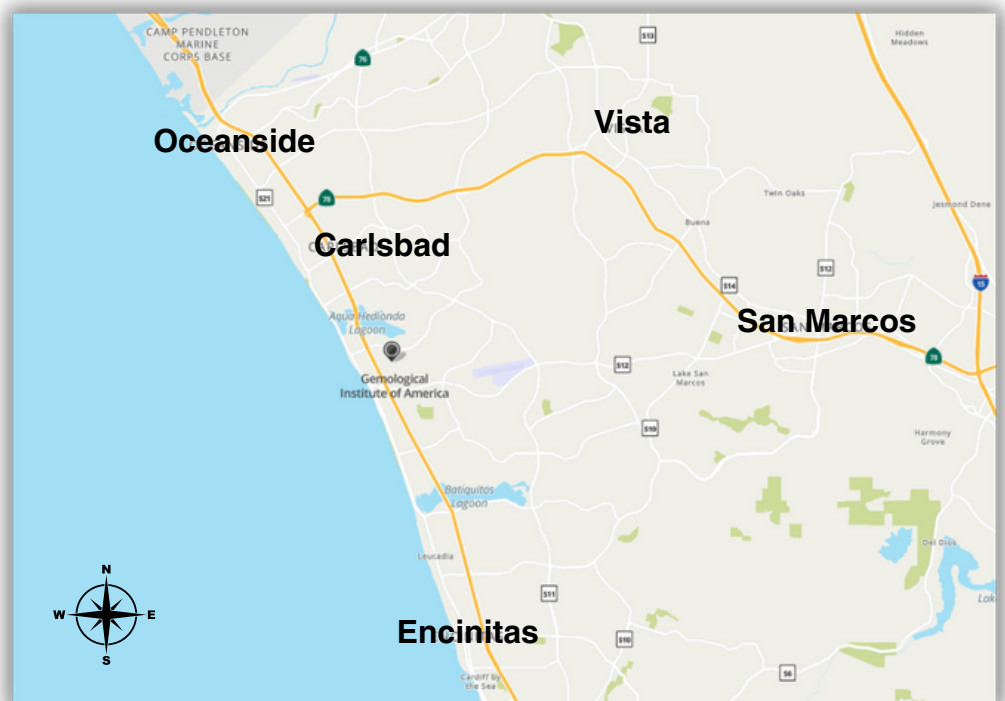
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Housing



**GIA World Headquarters and
The Robert Mouawad Campus
5345 Armada Drive
Carlsbad, CA 92008**

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[Carlsbad On Campus Catalog](#)

Neighbors to Carlsbad



CARLSBAD

Carlsbad is a quaint city that has beautiful sandy beaches, three unique lagoons, outstanding shopping and world-class sporting events. It also boasts the LEGOLAND[®] theme park, SEA LIFE Aquarium, the Flower Fields of Carlsbad Ranch and the Gemological Institute of America.



OCEANSIDE | 5 miles from GIA

Oceanside is known for its palm-dotted Harbor Beach and Oceanside Harbor with its marina and shops. To the south, the long Oceanside Pier juts into the Pacific Ocean. The wide sandy beaches and historical landmarks come with a side of street art and world-class culinary talent. Whale watch, hit the links and cruise the coastal rail trail.



VISTA | 10 miles from GIA

The City of Vista has a perfect mild Mediterranean climate. Residents enjoy a wide range of year-round outdoor activities in a setting of gently rolling hills and pleasant rural surroundings that include the Moonlight Amphitheater and the Alta Vista Botanical Gardens.



ENCINITAS | 10 miles from GIA

The City of Encinitas offers a unique blend of old-world charm and sophistication and new-world culture. Encinitas is home to some of the most beautiful beaches in California, and is known for its excellent surfing conditions, famous Botanic Garden and vibrant downtown business district.



SAN MARCOS | 10 miles from GIA

San Marcos is known for Discovery Lake, Cal State University San Marcos and its local breweries like Rip Current. From miles of trails in the local hills, to unique dining and shopping opportunities in its retail centers, San Marcos has all the ingredients that make living enjoyable.



Long-term Housing



Recommended for Graduate Gemologist, Graduate Diamonds, Graduate Colored Stones, Graduate Jeweler and Jewelry Design & Technology students.

Apartment Search Platforms

[Apartments.com](#)

Easily search using maps and flexible advanced search options, and get email alerts for apartments that match what you're looking for.

[Trulia](#)

Discover apartments and neighborhoods through recommendations, local insights and map overlays that offer details on a commute and nearby businesses.

[Rent.com](#)

Find apartment listings with HD pictures, pricings, floor plans and reviews collected from actual residents.

Extended Stay

[Airbnb](#)

Airbnb offers options for extended accommodations, allowing you to find and book homes fully furnished for extended periods.

[Homestay.com](#)

Homestay.com provides an opportunity to stay with a local family for a fee. It's an affordable accommodation alternative, ideal for independents of all ages.

[HomestayBay San Diego](#)

Live with a host family and experiences the new culture and language as a member of the family. Find the right fit for you with extended filters for searching.

Connect with On Campus GIA Students

Join the Student Body Council Facebook page and WhatsApp group, where you'll find posts about available housing along with reviews from current and former GIA students.

[GIA SBC - Official Page| Facebook](#)



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Current GIA Crew
WhatsApp Group Invite



Be sure to check out sites such as [www.yelp.com](#) for reviews.

Short-term Housing



Recommended for Lab Class students.

Ask about special GIA rates!

	Complimentary Breakfast	Fitness Center & Pool	Pet Friendly	Complimentary Parking	Business Center	EV Charging
Ayres Hotel (760) 335-0035	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Carlsbad-by-the-Sea Hotel (760) 438-7880		✓	✓	✓	✓	
The Cassara Carlsbad by Hilton (760) 827-3232		✓	✓		✓	
Hampton Inn Carlsbad (760) 431-3225	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Holiday Inn Express & Suites Carlsbad (844) 207-6040	✓	✓			✓	
Home2 Suites by Hilton Carlsbad (833) 456-0686	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Homewood Suites by Hilton Carlsbad (760) 431-2266	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Sheraton Carlsbad Resort & Spa (760) 827-2400		✓	✓			
West Inn & Suites Carlsbad (760) 448-4500	✓	✓	✓	✓		
The Westin Carlsbad Resort & Spa (760) 827-2800		✓	✓			✓

Housing Tips



Gain insights and essential information to navigate the rental process with confidence and ease.

Terms to be familiar with

Amenities	Refers to such things as a swimming pool, jacuzzi, laundry room, etc.
Application Fee	An administrative fee that may be charged to cover the costs of processing a rental application.
Credit Check	An investigation in the terms of a report on one's history of borrowing and repaying money.
Furnished	A furnished apartment has furniture (dishes, table, chairs, sofa, bed, etc.) An unfurnished apartment usually has only a refrigerator, stove and oven.
Landlord	The owner of an apartment/house.
Lease	A contract stating that you will live in an apartment for a specific period of time. If you move out before the end of the Lease, you will usually lose your security deposit.
Manager	The person who manages the apartment/house.
Rental Application	A form that provides the information necessary for a landlord or property owner to determine a tenant's creditworthiness and their ability to pay their rent reliably.
Renter's Insurance	Many apartment complexes require their tenants to carry a certain amount of renters insurance coverage. This will not only protect your belongings from theft, but also from natural disasters such as flood or fire.
Security Deposit	An amount of money paid to the Landlord as a guarantee that you will leave the apartment in similar condition as when it was rented to you.
Tenant	You, the renter.
Thirty Days Notice	On a month-to-month lease, this is the notice that either party must give to the other to terminate the tenancy.
Utilities	The monthly gas and electric bills that the tenant pays each month.

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Questions to ask yourself

1. How much can I spend on housing?
2. Do I want to live with a roommate?
3. How far is the space from school? Is it close to a bus stop?

Questions to ask the Manager or Landlord

1. How much is rent?
 2. How much is the Security Deposit?
 3. What type of rental agreement is this? (month-to-month, 6 month lease, etc.)
 4. Are any utilities included in the price for rent?
 5. Is there parking available?
 6. Does the space come furnished?
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Furnish your space

Tailored furnishing services for temporary residences, providing all necessary elements for a comfortable living environment.

[Fashion Furniture Rental](#)

[Cort](#)

Average cost of living in San Diego (2023)

<https://smartasset.com/mortgage/the-cost-of-living-in-san-diego>

Transportation



GIA is not responsible for providing transportation services for students. This includes commuting to and from school, field trips, or any other travel related to academic or extracurricular activities unless agreed otherwise. Students and their families are responsible for arranging and financing. GIA disclaims any liability for loss, damage, or inconvenience arising from housing or transportation-related matters. This includes, but is not limited to, financial transactions, agreements, or disputes between students and third-party service providers. Students are advised to comply with all local, state, and federal laws and regulations related to housing and transportation.



GIA's campus has parking for more than 1,000 vehicles, electric car charging stations, bike racks and access to public transportation. Public transportation to the Carlsbad campus is limited and although bicycles are an alternative, a car is recommended.

Visit www.sdmts.com/transit-services for more information on public transportation.

Breeze

A fixed-route bus network that provides service throughout North County. The nearest **BREEZE** stop is just outside GIA! The **444 BREEZE** bus is available for transportation (location pointed out on the above map).

Coaster

A commuter rail service that operates between Oceanside and San Diego. There are 8 station stops, taking approximately 62 minutes to complete the full length of a one-way trip.

LIFT, Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA)

A Paratransit Service, which provides origin-to-destination public transportation to eligible customers whose disabilities prevent them from using fixed-route bus and rail for some trips.


Sprinter

The east-west Sprinter light rail train system connecting Oceanside, Vista, San Marcos and Escondido. The 22-mile long rail system runs along the Highway 78 corridor, serving 15 stations and running every 30 minutes. It takes approximately 53 minutes to complete the full length of a one-way trip. The Sprinter has the same schedule year-round with late-night service on Friday/Saturday.

Transportation Tips




PRONTO is the North Country Transit District (NCTD) and Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) regional fare payment system. Riders can use the PRONTO app or a PRONTO card to ride NCTD buses and trains. Simply load money to your PRONTO card or app account, then tap or scan every time you ride.




Quick Start:

- 1 Set up your account at RidePRONTO.com
- 2 Download the PRONTO mobile app
- 3 Load value
- 4 Scan at PRONTO validators and ride



Need more help?
Call PRONTO Support
619-595-5636 or scan the
QR code for the
PRONTO Rider's Guide.



RidePRONTO.com

PRONTO Card

Go to any COASTER or SPRINTER station ticket machine, any NCTD Customer Service Center, or [find a retail location near you at RidePRONTO.com](#). Riders with a PRONTO card are encouraged to register their card online at RidePRONTO.com, over the phone with PRONTO Support (619-595-5636) or in-person at any NCTD Customer Service Center.

Registering your PRONTO card is the only way to protect its balance if the card gets lost or stolen.



PRONTO Google Play Store



PRONTO Apple Store

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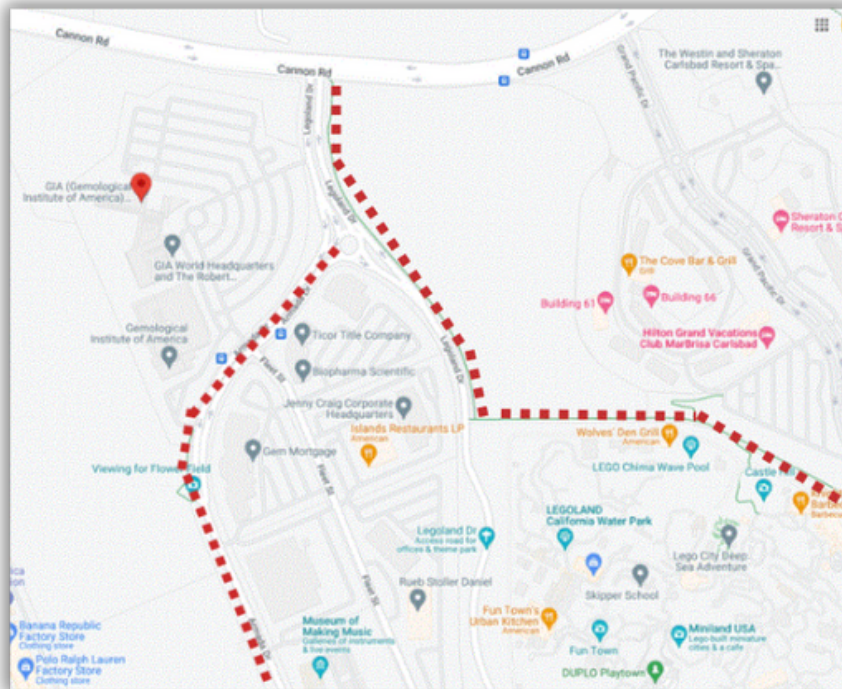


Public transportation is an option available to the GIA campus as well as the trails surrounding the area. The Armada Dr. Trail and the Legoland Trail are the two nearest trails along GIA.

The **Legoland Trail** is a paved multi-use flat trail adjacent to Legoland Park. The trail can be used by all ages and abilities because of the relative flat grade and paved smooth surface along its entire stretch. There is a kiosk at The Crossings Dr. trailhead entrance with information about the trail.

The **Armada Dr. Trail** offers panoramic views of the flower fields and Pacific Ocean. There are several scenic points along this trail with grassy areas and many benches for relaxation and taking in the views. The southwest end of the trail is located near the intersection of Armada and Legoland Drive. This wide path is mainly flat with minor grade changes. There is a concrete ramp on the east end of trail near the entrance of Grand Pacific Palisades.

**Armada and Legoland trail are highlighted on the map*



The City of Carlsbad has approximately 67 miles of trails and 51 miles of open space trails, supporting a healthy active lifestyle while protecting and preserving open space for residents to enjoy. Find [trail locations](#) throughout the city, including trails perfect for an easy scenic stroll, a challenging hike, mountain biking and beautiful views. Many trails also provide connections from neighborhoods to shops and local services.



[Citymapper](#) is an app that is utilized to show all available options of transportation in a city



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Car Rentals and Rideshares are resources students can use to and from campus. They offer reliability and flexibility for the GIA student schedule. A car is recommended to make your transportation needs simple.

Car Rentals

Enterprise

A rental car from Enterprise Rent-A-Car is perfect for road trips, airport travel, getting around town on weekends and even driving to Disneyland. To transport more people or gear, choose from a large selection of vans including minivans, 12 and 15 passenger vans, cargo vans and sprinter vans. Visit a convenient neighborhood rental location in Carlsbad, or find cheap car rental rates at San Diego International Airport (SAN).

Hertz

Wherever the destination, Hertz offers top-rated vehicles to fit every traveler's needs. Whether renting from one of their neighborhood or airport locations, choose from a wide range of electric vehicles, luxury sedans and sports cars to SUVs, trucks, vans and more.

Turo

Turo is the world's largest car sharing marketplace where you can book any car you want, for whatever the occasion, from a vibrant community of trusted hosts across the US. Whether you're flying in from afar or looking for a car down the street, searching for a rugged truck or something smooth and swanky, guests can take the wheel of the perfect car for any occasion, while hosts can take the wheel of their futures by building an accessible, flexible and scalable car sharing business from the ground up.

Ride-hailing/Ride-sharing



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[Lyft App Apple Store](#)



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