

Worldcon 76 in San Jose

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Who will represent your convention at Worldcon 76 and how can they be contacted?

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What are the dates for your convention?

2-6 August 2023

Is your convention site in a city center location or a suburb?

- If a suburb, what are the transport options into the city center? How far is the site from the city center?

A: The convention's venue is located in the heart of the city of Nice, within a 5 minute walk of the old town and a 15 minute walk from the city center's main street (Jean Médecin). You can get there even faster (2 minutes) using the tramway.

What is the typical current airfare to your closest airport from world cities such as Auckland, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Dublin, Helsinki, London, Los Angeles, Melbourne?

A: A: The following rates are for a roundtrip ticket for two passengers and assumes booking the flight a year in advance.

Auckland: from 6611€

Boston: from 2012€

Chicago: from 2943€

Dallas: from 2960€

Dublin: from 335€

Helsinki: from 379€

London: from 358€

Los Angeles: from 2234€

Melbourne: from 3823€

Rates above were obtained from skyscanner.fr and are valid as of August 1st, 2018. Better fares may be available from a source closer to you.

- Is your closest airport a hub for a major carrier?
- Do international flights, as well as domestic, fly into your local airport?
- If not, where is the closest international airport?

A: Nice has the country's second busiest international airport. It also offers many domestic flights.

- Which airlines service your airport?

A: Here are some of the airlines with flights into Nice: Aeroflot, Air Berlin, Air France, Alitalia, British Airways, Delta, easyJet, Emirates, Finnair, Flybe, Germanwings, Iberia, KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, Lufthansa, Monarch Airlines, Ryanair, SAS, Swiss International Airlines, TAP Portugal and Vueling.

See here for a more complete listing: <http://www.nice-airport.net/airlines.php>

- Are direct flights from the cities above flown into your local airport?

A: London, Helsinki and Dublin all have direct flights into Nice. Over 100 other cities also have direct flights, including New York, Amsterdam, Belfast, Berlin, Kiev, Liverpool, Manchester, Milan, Montreal, Moscow, Munich, Stockholm and Zurich.

A full list is available here: <http://en.nice.aeroport.fr/Passengers/TRAVELS/More-than-100-destinations-from-Nice>

How far is your convention site from the nearest airport/train station and what is the likely cost of getting to the hotels by both public transport and taxi from that airport/train station?

A: From airport to convention (20 to 40 minutes, depending on traffic and type of transport)

1. by taxi: about 40€
2. by bus: 1,50€ for the city bus, or 6€ with the airport shuttle
3. by tram: 1,50€

From train station to convention (10 minutes by tram)

1. by taxi: about 20 €
2. by bus or tram: 1,50 €

Above rates subject to change, but valid as of August 1st, 2018.

NOTE: Unless you're using a taxi, rates will be identical regardless of destination (venue/hotels) or duration of transport.

What hotel(s) are being used for the convention?

- How many rooms?
- How many Singles/Doubles/Kings?
- What other types of rooms are available? How many are handicap accessible?
- Are there any accessibility issues?

A: We do not yet have all the details about hotels, though we will be looking into this very soon. However, Nice does offer a large selection of hotels, with some 10 000 rooms. More specifically, there are 13 hotels within 1 km of the Acropolis, covering some 1300 rooms. Many more are within a few extra meters while others can very easily be accessed by public transportation.

- What are your hotel room rates?
- Do these rates include breakfast?
- Do they include internet in the room?

A: We do not have any rates available yet for our selected dates. However, to give some idea of what to expect, rates for early August 2017, in the hotels

closest to the convention center, ranged between 87€ and 200€ for a double room. These are based on displayed rates on hotel websites and may or may not include breakfast, depending on the establishment.

Note that in France free wifi is commonly included in the hotel rates, though this is not necessarily systematic. But we will provide this information once we start looking more closely at hotels.

- What is the distance from the main hotel(s) to the closest entrance of the convention site?

A: There are many hotels within walking distance from the convention center, the closest being the Relais Acropolis, about 120 meters (400 feet) from the entrance of the Acropolis.

- What are the transportation options for those who prefer not to walk or who have mobility difficulties?

A: Both tram and bus lines are available, and fully equipped to handle those with mobility difficulties.

Please describe your convention site facilities. For example, the quantity and sizes of function rooms, tech options, accessibility issues, etc.

A: The Acropolis is built on three levels. The entire structure is 338 meters long (1 100 feet) by 60 meters wide (197 feet) for a total size of 38 000 square meters (409 028 square feet). The building is entirely equipped to accommodate people with disabilities.

We will be using 16 rooms with capacities ranging from 30 to 750 people (total capacity: 3686). In addition, there are three auditoriums, one holding 300 persons, another 740, and the largest 2500.

NOTE: The increase in attendance at recent European conventions did not go unnoticed. If this trend persists in Dublin, it is possible to use more rooms to accommodate the numbers.

Where will your large events (for example the Hugo Ceremony and Masquerade) be held?

A: We plan to hold these in the largest of the three auditoriums of the Acropolis, which can accommodate up to 2500 people.

Please describe the restaurant scene near your site.

A: There are many restaurants within walking distance of the convention center, including in the old town, covering a wide variety of world cuisine. More information about this will be provided at a later time.

What are the policies/laws regarding smoking at your:

- Hotel(s):
- Convention Center:
- City:

A: As a general rule, it is forbidden to smoke indoors in public places. Some establishments, however, do have special spaces reserved for smokers.

What type of weather can we expect at the time of year your convention is to be held? What are some of the main tourist attractions of your city?

A: Temperatures, in August, can range (on average) from 18°C (64°F) at night to 28°C (82°F) during the day. There is very little rain in this season, typically only 4 days for the whole month. Sky is sunny and water warm and pleasant (23°C/73°F), perfect for swimming.

What arrangements will be made for evening socializing and party space?

- Do you have a corkage waiver and a forkeage waiver?

A: Too early for this.

Do you currently have a code of conduct in place for your bid/convention?

- If so, what is it?
- If not, do you intend to have one?

A: Too early for this too, though we do plan to have one of course.

Are you planning to have any membership discounts for specific groups, such as young adults, military, seniors or families?

A: Too early for this as well.