

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?

July 4th - 7th, 2019

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

Layton, Utah, is a suburb type city north of Salt Lake

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

Host city will be Layton, Utah, USA. Layton is 24 miles north of Salt Lake City, 15 miles south of Ogden, and only 26 miles north of the Salt Lake International Airport. This would be considered a suburb by Worldcon comparisons.

Transportation includes options for Paratransit, public transportation such as local buses, trax trains and a free trolley/bus in Davis County where Layton is located. There are shuttles such as Express Shuttle, All Resorts Shuttle, and Super Shuttles. Taxis, uber, and car rentals are available from the airport.

Layton hotels do not have shuttle service to the airport but we are keeping it a main topic of discussion moving forward with the venues and Davis County Tourism & Events board.

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?

Please see attached spreadsheet for flight and transportation pricing.

- Is your closest airport a hub for a major carrier?

Delta

- Do international flights, as well as domestic, fly into your local airport?

Yes

- If not, where is the closest international airport?

- Which airlines service your airport?

Air Canada, Alaska, American Airlines, Delta, Frontier, Jetblue, KLM, Southwest, and United are the primary airlines. International Flights include Delta, KLM, Air Canada, Aer Lingus, Air France, Lufthansa, and several others.

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

There are current listings for nonstop, one stop, and multi-stop flights. However, there are no listings for direct flights shown at this time.

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?

Salt Lake International Airport is 26 miles south of Layton, Utah. Please see attached spreadsheet for flight and transportation pricing.

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

1- Hilton Garden Inn, 2- Home2 Suites, 3- Holiday Inn Express, 4- Hampton Inn

- How many rooms?

661 Rooms over 5 nights, with intent to expand should we win.

- How many Singles/Doubles/Kings?

Unavailable at this time.

- What other types of rooms are available? How many are handicap accessible?

Unavailable at this time. Handicap accessible rooms are available in each hotel, but the numbers will finalize post Worldcon 76.

- Are there any accessibility issues?

No

- What are your hotel room rates?

Hilton Garden Inn (Attached to the Davis Conference Center) is \$129.00 per night, secondary hotels are \$119.00 a night.

- Do these rates include breakfast?

All have an included breakfast except the Hilton Garden Inn which has a discount for their customers.

- Do they include internet in the room?

Yes

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

The Hilton Garden Inn is attached to the Davis Conference Center. The Home2 Suites is 200 feet from their door to the door of the Hilton Garden Inn.

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

The hotels are either attached or within a block of the Davis Conference Center. Two of the hotels have a basic wheelchair if needed for assistance and we are working with a local company to help arrange mobi or scooter rentals.

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

Davis Conference Center is just off Interstate 15 in Layton, Utah. It is a fully integrated conference center with over 70,000 square feet of meeting spaces, all at ground level. The Davis Conference Center is adorned with red rock from India. It has wired and wireless high-speed internet access, LCD flat panels listing events and agendas, a full staff & services available and inspiring architecture.

High-speed internet is easy to access, dependable, and fast. Most rooms feature a built-in LCD projector with an automated screen that drops from the ceiling. Two 85-foot-tall towers at the entrance are mounted with LED light strips that indicate future weather forecasts. We have signed for all of the center except the two expo halls. It is ADA compliant and ran in conjunction with local hotels and the Davis County Tourism & Events Bureau.

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

There are two ballrooms, the Meridian and the Stratus. We are discussing the placements once the bid is won.

Please describe the restaurant scene near your site.

There is a listing on the tourism website with casual, fast food, and specialty restaurants in the city and county. There are 12 restaurants within a two block radius of the center and three either in the hotel or the same parking lot section.

The immediate ones (closest) are Fahrenheit Lounge in the hotel, Roosters Brewery and Grille, Corbin's Grille, Osaka Sushi Japanese Restaurant, Holy Smoke BBQ, 99 Thai Fusion, Applebee's, Red Robin, Tastes of India, and other chains like Outback Steakhouse. The Layton Hills Mall and Cinemark Theaters are only 1,300 ft away and accessible by free trolley, and both hold their own food courts for your convenience.

What are the policies/laws regarding smoking at your:

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

All three locations hold with the state laws regarding smoking and/or vaping. Utah has a blanket clean air act which makes it illegal to smoke within 25 feet of an open entrance to a building. "Smoking is prohibited in all enclosed indoor places of public access and publicly owned buildings and offices,..." UC 26-38-3(1). The Act prohibits the use of electronic cigarettes and hookah in the same places as traditional tobacco is restricted. The same restrictions apply for our venues and some chemicals used can cause allergic reactions for attendees.

What type of weather can we expect at the time of year your convention is to be held?

The climate in this area is characterized by hot summers and cold winters. Humidity in July averages 10-20%, precipitation only averages an inch, Winds average 6-8 miles per hour and temperatures range from a daily low of 65 degrees to low 90s Fahrenheit. Layton is framed by robust mountains on the east side, and the Great Salt Lake and marsh/desert climates to the west.

What are some of the main tourist attractions of your city?

Layton City currently holds 15 major parks and trails, including Adams Canyon trail and waterfall and Great Salt Lake Shorelands Preserve. Featured places include the Hill Air Force Base Aerospace Museum, SeaQuest interactive aquarium, Virtualities, spas, lounges, the Ed Kenley Amphitheater, the Great Room escape, and local wineries to golf courses.

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

Some evening events will be in the Davis Conference Center, as well as the con suite and other suites in the attached hotel. There will be some light programming in the evenings and individualized parties are expected in the Home2 Suites.

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

We are unable at this time to get corkage or forrage waivers in the Conference Center, but have the options in the hotels.

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

No policy and code of conduct or guidelines are available yet.

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

Our policies and guidelines are in final review. We aim to post them on the website and distribute in a progress report and email shortly after the bid conclusion.

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

With Westercon 72, we currently have Adult, Teen, Child, Kid-In-Tow, and a Military/First Responder discount to include Veterans. There is no plan for family or senior discounts at this time, however they will be discussed post bid.

Attached 1:

All flight pricing is preset to 1 adult. Dates: 6/20/2019 to 6/24/2019 (pricing subject to process and change)

City/State/Country	Nonstop	1 Stop	MultiStop	Notes: All Pricing US Dollars
Auckland/New Zealand	X	\$1,593	\$1,251	Skywest/Virgin Astin Intl Airlines
Boston/MA/USA	\$309	\$408	\$420	Delta
Chicago/IL/USA	\$427	\$493		O'hare Pricing, MDW was \$501
Dallas/TX/USA	\$263	\$538		Delta-American/ United is the higher price
Dublin/Ireland	X	\$760	\$749	Pricing Air Canada- Delta/ (Finnair \$701 2 Stops)
Helsinki/Finland	X	\$1,481	\$1,048	KLM Delta / Finnair \$1483
London/England/U.K	\$1,028	\$1,023		Delta Nonstop, avg 1 stop layover is 2 hours
Los Angeles/CA/USA	\$192	\$293		Delta nonstop, United 1 stop
Melbourne/Australia	X	\$1,171	\$1,189	Virgin Australia Delta
Taxi	\$75			depends on passengers and company
Super Shuttle	\$31.00			Group Rate Discussion
Frontrunner	\$6.75			2 transfers duration 1.5-2 hours (free trolley in Layton)
Paratransit	\$4.00			Qualified Individuals
Express Shuttle	\$34.00			Discounts for multiple
Uber	\$32.00			Depends on available or drive to pickup
				Car Rental Hubs at the Airport
				Limo and other transportation links on the website

Attached 2:

