

Worldcon in France 2023

General

- Contact for questions from fandom (*including email address*):
A: contact@worldconinfrance.org
- What dates are you bidding for?
A: 2-6 August 2023
- What is your proposed convention host city? 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: Nice, in the south of France. The convention site is in the city center.
- Who is your bid chair? Who is on your committee? What experience do they have in general? In running Worldcons?
A: At the moment, our team is led by a group of seven individuals who have been active in the French fandom for several decades. Some are editors, writers, translators, many with past or current experience running local conventions and festivals.
These seven persons are: Alex S. Garcia, Alain Jardy, Sybille Marchetto, Arnaud Koëbel, Albert Aribaud, Thomas Menanteau and Patrick Moreau.
Many others are also involved in the project.
- If known, who will be the chair of the convention? What experience do they have?
A: N/A
- Have you agreed to participate in Pass-Along Funds? Would you be willing to increase the percentage from 50% to 70% of surplus?
A: N/A

Travel

- What is the typical current airfare to your closest airport from world cities such as London, Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, Melbourne?
A: The following rates are for a roundtrip ticket for two passengers. List A assumes booking the flight a year in advance and is valid as of July 26, 2017. List B assumes booking the flight nine months in advance and is valid as of November 18, 2017.
 - LIST A
 - London: from 354€
 - Boston: from 1394€
 - Chicago: from 1640€
 - Los Angeles: from 3545€
 - Melbourne: from 3154€
 - LIST B
 - London: from 156€
 - Boston: from 997€
 - Chicago: from 1647€
 - Los Angeles: from 1643€
 - Melbourne: from 1852€Rates above were obtained from skyscanner.fr. Better fares may be available from a source closer to you.

- Do international flights, as well as domestic, fly into your local airport? Which airlines? If not, where is the closest international airport? Are direct flights from the cities above flown into your local airport?

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

Af for the above cities, only London has direct flights into Nice. Over 100 other cities, however, do have direct flights, including Helsinki, Dublin, 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 realistic 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 November 13, 2017.

Facilities

- What venues do you plan to use for the convention?

A: The Acropolis has a total surface of 38 000 square meters (409 028 square feet). 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.

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.

- What are your main hotels? How far are they *by foot* from your main venue? List the number of rooms you expect to have in each hotel in which you expect to have more than 75 rooms. Will there be a party hotel?

A: It is still too early to discuss hotels in much detail at this stage. 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.

- Please include a map of your site showing the locations of your facilities. Include every hotel in which you expect to have more than 75 rooms and every venue where program or exhibits will be held. *Include a distance scale!* (Feel free to just mark up a map with a pen – it needn't be pretty; it *does* need to be informative.)
- **A:** N/A.
- How compact is your main facility? How much walking is required between the farthest rooms in your space allocation?

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.

- What are your expected hotel room rates? Do these rates include breakfast? How firm are these rates? What additional taxes and fees are there?

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.

- Is there free internet in all the hotel rooms? In the program and exhibit venue?

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

- What does parking cost at your main hotels?

A: N/A

- What is the distance from the nearest door of your main hotel(s) to the closest entrance of the convention site? What are the transportation options for those who prefer not to walk or who have mobility difficulties?

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. As for accessibility, both tram and bus lines are fully equipped to handle those with mobility difficulties.

- Where will your large events (i.e. 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 arrangements will be made for evening socializing and party space? Do you have a corkage waiver?

A: N/A

- Please describe the policies / laws regarding smoking in your hotel(s), convention center, and 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.

Miscellaneous

- What type of weather can we expect during your convention? What is the usual temperature and chance of rain during that time of year? Do not provide the historic high or low that makes your site appear attractive. (Stephen and Deb can use google too)

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 are some of the main tourist attractions of your city?

A: Museums (Matisse, Chagall, modern and contemporary art, etc.), beaches, Greek and Roman

ruins, an observatory, the famous Promenade des Anglais and, of course, the very typical old town. There is also a Russian Orthodox Cathedral that is a popular tourist attraction.

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

A: N/A

- Do you have a published code of conduct?

A: N/A

- Will there be a installment payment option?

A: N/A