

Dublin in 2019, an Irish Worldcon FANNISH INQUISITION QUESTIONNAIRE

Who will represent your convention at Dublin, 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?

Convention site will be located at the Acropolis,
which is in the heart of the city of Nice

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?

Nice offers flights to many destinations around the world.

Here are some sample rates, calculated on the basis of a roundtrip ticket for 2 passengers. These numbers assume booking the flight a year in advance.

Auckland	1992€	\$2229	£1836	3275 AUD
Boston	1304€	\$1459	£1202	2144 AUD
Chicago	1592€	\$1782	£1468	2617 AUD
Dallas	2776€	\$3107	£2559	4564 AUD
Dublin	216€	\$242	£199	355 AUD
Helsinki	308€	\$345	£284	506 AUD
London	198€	\$222	£183	326 AUD
Los Angeles	1642€	\$1838	£1514	2700 AUD
Melbourne	1678€	\$1878	£1547	2759 AUD

Rates above were obtained from skyscanner.fr and were valid as of August 8, 2019.

Better fares may be available from a source closer to you.

Exchange rates obtained from xe.com and valid as of August 8, 2019.

- 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?
- Which airlines service your airport?

Nice has the country's second busiest international airport, but also offers many domestic flights. It is serviced by many airline companies, including Air Berlin, Air France, British Airways, Delta, Emirates, Lufthansa

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?

From the list above, Dublin, Helsinki and London have direct flights into Nice. However, 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>

- Are there other major transportation options to reach your city such as ship or train?

There are three train stations in Nice, with a direct tram line connecting the main one to the convention venue. We also have a port, which can only take in small boats. Closest stops for cruise lines would be Monaco, Marseille or the Italian cities of Savona and Genoa. From there, a train would be the easiest and quickest way to reach 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?

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€

(and ~10-15 minutes as the tram won't have to deal with traffic)

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 8, 2019.

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?

Nice offers 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?

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.

- What is the lodging tax rate for your hotels? Are taxes included in the prices you have quoted?

Hotel rates in France typically do not include the city tax which varies from city to city. In Nice, it is currently set at 1,50€ per person and per night and is to be paid at the hotel directly, either at check-in or at check-out, depending on the establishment.

Note that the city tax is periodically increased and is thus likely to change by the time of the convention.

- Do the rates include internet in the room?

Free wifi is commonly offered by French hotels, though this is not necessarily systematic.

- Do any of the hotels have shuttles to/from the airport, train station, or port?

To be determined.

- What is the distance from the 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?

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 (as are the Acropolis and most hotels).

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

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

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.

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:

As a general rule, it is forbidden in France 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?

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?
- Are there legal restrictions on attendees who are under the legal drinking age? (And what is that drinking age?)

To be determined.

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

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.

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?

We have not looked into this yet, but 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?

To be determined.