

Worldcon 75 Fannish Inquisition

Name of bid/convention

Chicago in 2022

For what dates are you bidding?

TBD

What is your proposed convention host city? Is your convention site in a central location or a suburb? If a suburb, what are the transport options into the city centre? How far is the site from the city centre?

Chicago, IL USA

Who are the main people on your committee?

Helen Montgomery and Dave McCarty (bid co-chairs)

Travel

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

Based on Expedia searches done in July 2016 for June 2017:

- Auckland \$1100 (1-2 stops)
 - Boston \$175-\$250 (nonstop available)
 - Dallas \$300-\$350 (nonstop available)
 - Dublin \$750-\$850 (nonstop available)
 - Helsinki \$725-\$1200 (1-2 stops)
 - London \$850-\$1500 (nonstop available)
 - Los Angeles \$350-\$400 (nonstop available)
 - Melbourne \$1500 (1-2 stops)
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Do international flights 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?

Yes - O'Hare International Airport. Most airlines fly through Chicago, either O'Hare or Midway. O'Hare is a hub for American and United, and Midway is a hub for Southwest.

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

CTA trains:

O'Hare to downtown - \$5 or less, 45 minutes

Midway to downtown - \$2.25 or less, 25 minutes

Taxi:

O'Hare to downtown - ~ \$40, 25-90 minutes depending on traffic

Midway to downtown - ~ \$25, 15-40 minutes depending on traffic

Shuttle van services:

O'Hare to downtown - \$25 or more

Midway to downtown - \$15 or more

Lyft and Uber also pick up and drop off at both airports.

Please describe public transport options in your city.

There are multiple transportation options. Union Station (Amtrak train) and Greyhound (Bus) are both downtown.

The Blue Line elevated train comes in to downtown from O'Hare Airport, and the Orange Line from Midway. The "El" train system and CTA/Pace bus systems are extensive.

There is a commuter rail, Metra, that serves the city and suburbs as well.

Facilities

Please describe your main convention facilities.

TBD. We are looking at downtown facilities.

What hotel(s) are being used for the convention? How many rooms of what types do you have in your room blocks?

TBD

What are your hotel room rates like?

TBD

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?

TBD

Please describe the restaurant scene near your site.

Chicago is a world-class city for restaurants.

What arrangements will be made for evening socializing and party space? Do you have a corkage waiver?

TBD

Miscellaneous

What type of weather can we expect during your convention? What is the average temperature during that time of year?

Average temperatures in August are 63-82F / 17-28C.

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

- Museums – The Art Institute of Chicago, The Museum of Science and Industry, The Adler Planetarium, Shedd Aquarium, Field Museum of Natural History, and Museum of Contemporary Art, to name a few.
 - Parks – Millennium Park and Grant Park (home to Buckingham Fountain) are both downtown. Both often have free music festivals during the summer.
 - Arts – There are several Broadway-quality theaters in downtown, and dozens throughout the city as a whole. Orchestra Hall, home of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, is downtown, as is the Lyric Opera.
 - Sports – during the summer, there are opportunities to see the World Series Champion Chicago Cubs and Chicago White Sox (baseball) and the Chicago Fire and Chicago Red Stars (soccer).
 - And more! Too much to name here.
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Are you planning to have any membership discounts for certain groups, such as young adults?

TBD

Should you win, do you plan to charge an additional fee for receiving paper publications?

TBD

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