

Denvention 3 Hotel Information
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Hotels at a Glance						
Hotel name	Single	Double	Triple	Quad	Suites	Comments
Adams Mark	149	149	149	149	Yes	Party hotel / some evening programming
Crowne Plaza	129	129	129	129	Yes	Childcare / equidistant between the Adams Mark and CCC
Denver Marriott Downtown	159	159	174	174	Yes	Near CCC, on direct light rail
Courtyard Denver Downtown	127	137	147	157	No	Near CCC, on 16th Street Mall
Hyatt Regency Denver	159	159	184	184	No	Next to the CCC / best handicapped access to the CCC
Grand Hyatt Denver	159	159	159	159	Yes	*Not* next to the CCC (only 4 blocks away), near the Adams Mark, and light rail
Westin Tabor Center	159	159	179	199	No	4 Diamond hotel near the Courtyard, just off 16th Street Mall

Hotel Booking Information

Welcome to everything we know about hotels. And note, it's everything we know as of when this article goes to press (November 30). The Adams Mark has been bought and will become a Sheraton, and no one at the hotel knows how quickly the changeover will progress, or what registration system they'll be using. This is why, later on in this article, it is suggested you register through our webpage, which we can link to whatever system will be in use. This we can update as information on the changeover comes in

We are in Denver at a very exciting time. It has become a much sought after meeting destination, and we're only the third largest convention in the city on our weekend. We will be sharing convention and hotel space with John Deere reps and the American Statistical Association (a group that will surely want to peek into our programming).

Part of the fallout of Denver becoming so popular is that to get anything like the rates fans are used to, we're blocked into several hotels. This is good news for those folks who want to use their points for a particular chain. It means we aren't at one or two hotels, but all of our properties are located within walking distance, and have public transportation readily at hand as well.

For those of you who've never been to Denver, or haven't been since their last worldcon, you're going to find this a pleasant downtown for a worldcon. The upgrades that have made Denver so popular include the 16th Street Pedestrian Mall – a mile long pedestrian promenade through the heart of downtown. It includes excellent shops, restaurants, and outdoor cafes. And this is my favorite part – free buses leave every 90 seconds. And there's a light rail system that runs from directly in front of the convention center, with

stops near some of our hotels, and on the 16th Street Mall. It's a downtown area that is efficiently designed with pedestrians, who want to eat well, in mind

The **Hotels at a Glance** table includes rates and comments, and we've included a map of the downtown Denver area to put the layout in perspective. However, we also want to give you more information on our hotels.

The Adams Mark will be something else when we get there for worldcon. We hope they keep the horse statues though. They make the lobby distinctive. In this hotel will be later evening programming, including dances and filking. All parties will be in the Adams Mark. It is 3 ½ blocks from the Convention Center, and on the 16th Street Mall.

The Crowne Plaza is formerly a Holiday Inn and was built as such, but underwent renovation in the process of becoming a Crowne Plaza. It is between the Colorado Convention Center and the Adams Mark. For this reason childcare will be located here as the most convenient for parents going to activities in both places.

The Hyatt Regency Denver at the Convention Center is the hotel directly across from the CCC. It is the newest hotel in our block, and is the best designed for handicapped access. Let us know if you need an accessible room. There will be a small amount of programming in this hotel.

The Denver Marriott Downtown is a luxury Marriott directly on the light rail to the CCC, but is also within easy walking distance (4 blocks). Besides the beloved by fans Marriott points, it offers a convenient location a block from the 16th Street Mall.

The Courtyard Denver Downtown is directly on the 16th Street Mall, in the heart of the restaurant area, and is just over 2 blocks away from the CCC. It has all the features that make Courtyards so popular with fans.

The Grand Hyatt Denver is an award winning 4 Diamond hotel located within easy walking distance (roughly 4 blocks) of the CCC, near the Adams Mark, and a block from the light rail that runs directly to the entrance of the CCC. Recently updated, and award winning, it is a gorgeous property with spacious rooms..

The Westin Tabor Center is another four diamond property, and while we have blocks in some lovely places, this is one of the swankiest, and one with really spacious rooms for a downtown hotel. One of its features is a mile high heated rooftop pool.. It is adjacent to the 16th Street Mall and close to the CCC.

The Details for Booking

In general, you book hotel rooms directly with the hotels. You can only book suites through the convention. The cutoff date for making room reservations is **July 6, 2008**. If we can get that extended, as we get closer to the convention, we will update the web page with that information. Reservations made after cutoff will not be at the convention rate.

The easiest way to book hotel rooms is online booking. You can find all of the latest information about booking hotels at our online hotel booking page, at:
<http://www.denvention.org/facilities/hotel-booking>

On that page, you will be able to select which hotel you want to book your room at, and you'll be taken to a page that has any detailed instructions about booking that hotel. And, since that booking will take place immediately, you will know if there are any problems with the reservation, or if the hotel is full, in which case you can select another hotel.

If you wish to call in your reservation, each of the hotels can handle phone reservations. Be prepared to give the information that will be required (names/address, checkin/checkout dates, credit card number to guarantee the reservation). In the US/Canada, the phone numbers are as follows:

The Hyatt Regency Denver (headquarters hotel) and the Denver Grand Hyatt (which is a different hotel, a few blocks away) can both be reached through Hyatt reservations at (888) 591 1234

The Crowne Plaza can be reached through Crowne Plaza reservations, at (877) 227 6963

The Marriott Denver City Center can be reached at (800) 444-2206

The Courtyard Denver Downtown can be reached at (888) 526-6068

The Westin Tabor Center can be reached at (800) 937-8461

As has been mentioned earlier, the Adam's Mark is being converted to a Sheraton, but the conversion isn't yet complete and the date by which it will be completed is unclear. We don't know yet whether phone reservations at that hotel will be through the Adams Mark booking system, or the Sheraton booking system. Please check the Denvention web page for the latest information on how to make phone reservations at this hotel. The online booking page will also be updated, so you should be sent automatically to the right location in that case. You **may** also be able to make phone reservations by calling the hotel directly, at (303) 893-3333.

If there are questions about booking hotel rooms, we can be reached at housing@denvention.org

Booking suites:

Suites cannot be booked with the hotels, but only through the convention. We have a limited number of party suites in the Adams Mark, and non-party suites in the Crowne Plaza, the Marriott, and the Denver Grand Hyatt (*not* the Hyatt Regency Denver).

We have one bedroom suites for \$249 in the Marriott, \$164 in the Crowne Plaza, and Executive suites for \$309 in the Grand Hyatt Denver.

Party suites are \$199 for an Executive suite, and \$300 for a Deluxe suite.

If you want to book a suite, please email us at suites@denvention.org, letting us know your desired types and dates. Since there are only a limited number of suites, we will let you know if we're able to get you one.

In order to allocate suites, we will hold all requests until April 1, 2008. Suite requests received by that date will be treated as if they had arrived at the same time, in terms of preference. Requests arriving after that date will be assigned suites after the requests that have arrived by then are handled. For requests made by April 1, we plan on assigning suites by the middle of May.

Conclusion

This is a lot of information to throw at you, the convention attendees. We know that many of you will have additional questions. We will do our best to keep on top of the changes, which hotels fill first, and to answer inquiries as they come in in a timely fashion because we know that the right hotel is part of your Worldcon experience. And we're all looking forward to having that great Worldcon in Denver.

