



# Discover the New Frontiers

50 years after humanity first ventured into space, recapture the pioneer spirit in the heart of the Old West.

A bid for the 69<sup>th</sup> Worldcon in Reno, Nevada

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## So Why Reno?

Reno is a great location filled with history, mystery, beauty, and fun. But more importantly, it's RIGHT for a Worldcon—and the city wants us!

- ★ A compact Convention Center with all facilities on a single level, but plenty of space for our needs. We'll be the biggest event in town on our weekend.
- ★ 4-star hotels, the **Atlantis** and the **Peppermill**, and look what they offer: 21 on-site restaurants, all-you-can-eat sushi, world-class spas, indoor and outdoor pools, free parking and amazing décor.
- ★ We already have signed conditional contracts for all of our hotels with **confirmed 2011 room rates**. This includes a corkage waiver for the Atlantis (our party hotel), including the ballroom space that will be our consuite.
- ★ We have an experienced committee dedicated to making a Reno Worldcon enjoyable for members and staff alike.
- ★ We are actively developing strong ideas for convention content, focusing on our theme of the New Frontiers.
- ★ Visit our website for full information including a comprehensive FAQ.

# Think you know Reno? Think again...

Reno is located in northern Nevada, on the very edge of the beautiful Sierra Nevada mountain range. Reno Tahoe International Airport is served by 160 flights daily. By car, Reno is 220 miles from San Francisco and 500 miles from Los Angeles.

Picturesque Carson City, Virginia City and Lake Tahoe are all within 45 miles (60 minutes drive), as are Pyramid Lake and Squaw Valley.



## Reno and Sparks

The Reno-Sparks metropolitan area has a population of around 350,000 people. Reno prides itself on being "The Biggest Little City in the World." It makes an original and distinctive Worldcon destination—and its size and compactness make for convenience with light traffic and good public transportation.

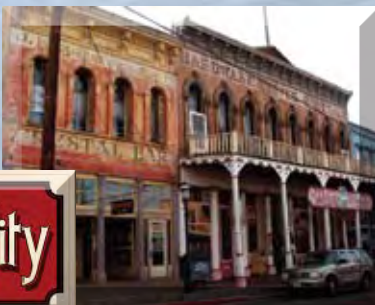
Away from the city, you can also expect some of the darkest, clearest skies in the World—an extra attraction for star-gazers. The Fleischmann Planetarium's shows and exhibits will introduce you to the sky of the High Sierras.

The Truckee River runs through the center of Reno on its way to Pyramid Lake. Reno does of course have casinos, but it is equally well known for sports and recreation—from the fun of white water rafting in the middle of the city to skiing and hot air ballooning.



Virginia City  
& Carson City

Background:  
Lake Tahoe



## The Heart of the West

For those with some time to spare, the Reno area offers stunning natural wonders and a peek at the rough and ready Old West. Lake Tahoe is unrivaled in its beauty and known for both the clarity of its water and the panorama of surrounding mountains on all sides. In 2008 it was ranked the #1 US destination by Trip Advisor.

Virginia City & Carson City will take you back to the heart of the Old West and the core of American history. Transport fans will be charmed by the Virginia and Truckee Railroad or a visit to the National Automobile Museum. Take a stroll through history, and learn the good, the bad, and the ugly about the Gold and Silver booms in Virginia City.

# Great Facilities

## Convention Center

The Reno-Sparks Convention Center is an ideal size and shape for a Worldcon. All facilities will be located on a single level, and we will be the main (and probably the only) event on our weekend. There are no unions to deal with, reducing costs and simplifying logistics.

The Center is directly connected to our party hotel, the Atlantis, by an air-conditioned sky bridge.

More than 70 restaurant and dining options are available within a mile of the Center.



### IMPORTANT NEWS

*We already have signed conditional contracts in place with the Convention Center and all three of our hotels, including the non-smoking Courtyard. Rates are maximum and fixed in 2011 dollars—and if you do find a better deal, your room will still count toward our block.*

## Hotels

Conventions don't typically use resort hotels but in many ways they are fannish heaven. Resort hotels are designed for 24/7 service with great amenities to keep guests happy and on-site. This means, for instance, free parking, free airport shuttles, numerous restaurants, salons, and spas. Not to mention funky, over-the-top décor!

### Atlantis Hotel

The 4-Star Atlantis Hotel will be our party hotel. Our confirmed block includes 450 rooms, with a guaranteed 2011 rate of \$148 and 16 party-friendly suites. As noted above, the hotel is directly linked to the Convention Center by the new sky bridge.

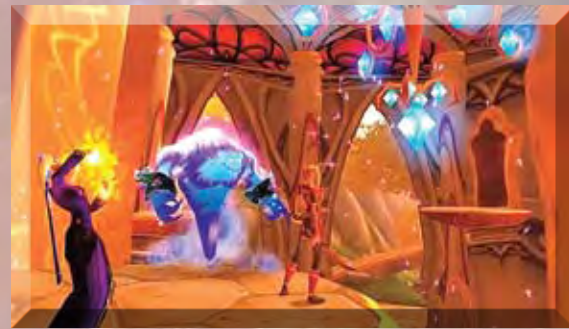
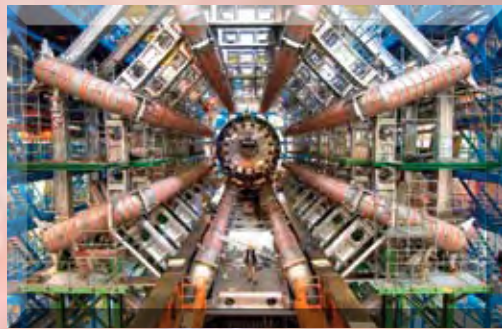
The Atlantis has nine restaurants featuring a California-style Bistro, Deli, Steakhouse, Italian, and seafood from the Oyster Bar and All-you-can-eat Sushi Bar. There is also a 24-hour café for late night snacks. For those who want a bit of pampering, the Atlantis offers swimming pools, fitness center, and a full-service spa and salon.

### Peppermill Hotel

Our second hotel is the 4-Star Peppermill, where our confirmed block has 715 rooms with a guaranteed 2011 rate of \$147. We also have first call on over 100 suites, many with Jacuzzi tubs, and rates starting at just \$157. The hotel is a short walk from the Atlantis and the Convention Center.

The Peppermill has twelve restaurants including the White Orchid for fine dining, a steakhouse, seafood, BBQ, buffet, cafés, and Biscotti's for family fare. The 24-hour coffee shop serves a full range of meals around the clock—and has won awards for the best coffee in town! The hotel also has pools, fitness center, and spa.





# Five Days in the Future

Join us in Reno to explore the borderlands of science fact and science fiction, and meet the people who are staking out fresh territories and mining the worlds of the imagination.

The theme for our convention will be the **New Frontiers**. We will look up and out across time, space, and the breadth of science fiction and fantasy, seeking the fresh, the innovative, and the challenging. We will take you to new places and new ideas, and send you home as pioneers of the future.

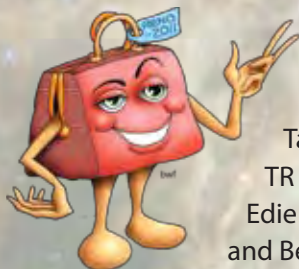
**Fictional Frontiers** – exploring the boundaries of the field and its response to the realities of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, as well as celebrating fiction of exploration and first contact.

**The High Frontier** – new discoveries and developments in space and astronomy, as we ask “where next” after Hubble and the Shuttle.

**Frontiers 2011** – a dynamic, interconnected world demands an equally wide-ranging response, and we turn our minds to the wide open ranges: from social networks to eBooks, from the urgent issue of energy depletion (Peak Oil) to the exciting scientific advances possible with the Large Hadron Collider. [Black holes swallowing the Earth are covered under Acts of God contract clauses.]

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### An Experienced Committee



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