



About Lodging Options

- **All Lodging Forms, deposits, and inquiries should be sent to the specific resort or hotel and NOT to Keystone Symposia. Please contact the hotel directly if you do not receive a confirmation in 7 days.**
- All lodging option rates are for the entire duration of the conference.
- Rates will **not** be prorated. The resort or hotel requires payment of the full posted rate even if you arrive late or depart early,
- Rates do **not** include applicable state or local taxes or surcharges (contact resort for details).
- Make lodging arrangements early because space is limited.
- Keystone Symposia is not responsible for lodging arrangements, however, we will be glad to try to help you resolve any problems you may have.
- Many activity discounts will be available to conferees and their guests. Please note that many of the activities listed are weather dependent and are not guaranteed. Call the resort or hotel with questions.
- **For more detailed resort and hotel information, please visit our web site www.keystonesymposia.org.**



The Diamond Ratings

Resorts and Hotels are assigned ratings from one to five diamonds, which reflect the overall quality of the establishment. Ratings are based on criteria used by the American Automobile Association (AAA). Properties must satisfy minimum requirements. The ratings are described here.

- ◆ Economy accommodations provide essential, no-frills accommodations. Rooms must meet the basic needs of comfort and cleanliness.
- ◆◆ Budget accommodations maintain the attributes offered at the one diamond level, while showing modest enhancements. Accommodations target the needs of a budget-oriented traveler.
- ◆◆◆ Moderate accommodations offer an upgrade in physical attributes and comfort to Budget category and may offer additional amenities, services, and facilities.
- ◆◆◆◆ Quality properties that display a high level of service and hospitality. These properties offer a wide variety of amenities and upscale facilities.
- ◆◆◆◆◆ Superlative quality accommodations. Properties meticulously serve and exceed all guest expectations by offering many personalized services and amenities.



Finding a Roommate

- If you are interested in sharing accommodations, our web site www.keystonesymposia.org has a bulletin board to help you find a roommate. The roommate bulletin board is located under the lodging tab on our web site.
- As a courtesy to others, please remove your name after you find a roommate.



Lodging Cancellation Policy

- **Registrants who do not cancel according to the following guidelines will forfeit all fees.**
- Transportation and lodging must be cancelled separately with the resort and/or transportation company.
- You must write, email, or fax your cancellation request prior to your arrival date.

Cancellations received at least 30 days prior to arrival date:

Contact the hotel for cancellation policies.
Any lodging refund will be sent by the hotel.

Cancellations received less than 30 days prior to arrival date:

You will forfeit your lodging deposit (first night's room and tax).
Contact the hotel for any additional charges.



Travel Discounts

By ensuring that the convention number appears on your airline ticket, you will be supporting Keystone Symposia. We thank you.

Avis Car Rental Discounts

Contact Avis directly at 800-331-1600 (In US & Canada) and reference the Avis Worldwide Discount (AWD) code T487899. Reservations may also be made online at www.avis.com by entering the same AWD code under rates and discounts.



Travel Hints

- Ground transportation between resorts and airports can be limited. We recommend that your flight is scheduled to arrive no later than 9 pm and depart no earlier than 9 am. If arriving outside of these times, confirm ground transportation prior to booking your air. Visit our web site for hotel suggestions if you are planning to spend a night at an airport hotel.
- Book all ground transportation in advance. While at the conference, reconfirm your return reservations.
- Travel and lodging information is provided as a courtesy.
Keystone Symposia has no affiliation with any of the providers.
We hope that the service provided meets your needs. We appreciate your comments.



VISA Information

As part of new security procedures, many visa applications are being sent to the State Department in Washington, D.C., USA for review by a variety of federal agencies. Due to the number of visas being processed and the heightened security concerns, this review can take as long as 6 to 8 weeks, or longer, depending on the applicant's country of origin. Therefore, we encourage scientists intending to come to the United States to apply for their visa as EARLY AS POSSIBLE and pay careful attention to U.S. State Department guidance in this matter.

For more information, visit http://travel.state.gov/visa_services.html.

The most frequent reason that visitor visas are denied is because the applicant was unable to provide enough evidence, in the opinion of the consular officer, that he or she was not intending to immigrate to the United States (per section 214 (b) of the Immigration and Nationality Act). Therefore, we encourage you to pay particular attention to the State Department advice on how to deal with this type of denial.

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