

Hotel and General Meeting Information



THE RITZ-CARLTON, NEW ORLEANS

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The Ritz-Carlton, New Orleans is a luxury hotel in the French Quarter of New Orleans, where the city comes to life as soon as guests cross the threshold. Set within the 1908 Beaux Arts Maison Blanche building, the hotel highlights traditional Southern ambiance with an elegant interior that reflects the

graciousness of Garden District mansions. From luxurious amenities and a rejuvenating spa and wellness sanctuary to award-winning cuisine and bespoke experiences, The Ritz-Carlton, New Orleans captures the vibrant spirit of the city for an unforgettable escape.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS AND CANCELLATION POLICY

To make your hotel reservation, you must first register for the meeting with the IADC. Once registered, the IADC will send you a link to the hotel's secured reservation website along with your registration confirmation that will allow you to secure a room at the hotel. **Please note that rooms within IADC's contracted room block are for registered attendees only.** Online reservations, guaranteed with a major credit card, must be received on or before January 15, 2026. Reservations must be cancelled at least 72 hours prior to arrival to avoid a (1) night room and tax penalty. Availability of rooms at the group rate is subject to the IADC room block and for reservations made on or before January 15 when unused rooms will be released. Reservation requests received after the room block has been fully reserved or after the release of unused rooms on January 15 are not guaranteed at the group rate and are subject to the hotel's availability and discretion. **PLEASE NOTE:** This is a very popular time of year in New Orleans surrounding Mardi Gras celebrations. The room block may fill before January 15 so we encourage you to register with the IADC early so you can make your hotel reservation.

Check-in time is 4:00 p.m. and check out time is 12:00 p.m. Late check-out requests are based on availability.



ROOM RATES AND ADDITIONAL OCCUPANTS

The group room rate, which is subject to the current state and local taxes per room, per night, is \$289 single/double occupancy. Each extra person sharing a room will be charged an additional \$50 plus tax, per night, beginning with the third adult (over 18 years old).

DINING AT THE RITZ-CARLTON, NEW ORLEANS

At The Ritz-Carlton, New Orleans, enjoy farm-to-table Louisiana cuisine and seasonal menus. Onsite [dining options](#) include:

- M Bistro (*breakfast, lunch, dinner*)
- Davenport Lounge (*light fare, beverages, live jazz Wednesday through Saturday night*)
- In-Room Dining
- Spa Cafe (*breakfast, lunch*)

In addition to the onsite dining, the hotel is surrounded by restaurants, cafes, and bars just steps away. Please see this [recommended list](#) for just some of New Orleans' fantastic restaurants. There are really too many to count!

THE RITZ-CARLTON SPA, NEW ORLEANS

Indulge at [The Ritz-Carlton Spa, New Orleans](#) where a fusion of refined Southern charm and world-class wellness rituals awaits. Signature treatments include a New Orleans inspired Voodoo Ritual and the indulgent Southern Ceremony. Spread across 25,000 square feet, the hotel's spa is the largest in New Orleans and is appointed with 20 treatment rooms, a full-service salon, café, and boutique.

Reservations are subject to availability, and it is strongly recommended that you schedule your spa treatment/services in advance. It is suggested to arrive 30 minutes before your scheduled treatment to allow time to relax in the lounges, saunas, steam rooms, and whirlpool. A 6-hour cancellation notice is required to avoid a full price charge for any scheduled services; additionally, changes made on the day of the appointment will be subject to a \$25 USD fee. To book directly with the spa, please call +1.504.670.2929. The spa is open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily. IADC meeting attendees receive a 10% discount on spa services. Please inform the spa you are an IADC attendee at the time of booking to receive this discount.

FITNESS CENTER

Enjoy complimentary access to an onsite state-of-the-art 24-hour fitness center. The fitness center offers cardiovascular machines and weight equipment, as well as a spinning studio, complete with a Wexer virtual coach. Virtual spin bike courses allow guests to travel to destinations such as the Swiss Alps or West Coast from the comfort of The Ritz-Carlton, New Orleans gym. Additional amenities include the resistance pool and whirlpool, open from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

AIRPORT

The [Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport](#) (MSY) is approximately a 30-minute drive from The Ritz-Carlton, New Orleans.



RENTAL CARS, TAXIS, AND RIDESHARES

As with other IADC meeting locations, you may want to reserve a rental car. We encourage you to book a rental car as soon as possible as this is a busy time of year. All nearby airports are serviced by most major rental car companies. Taxis and rideshare services, like Uber and Lyft, are readily available from the airport and throughout New Orleans.

PARKING

IADC meeting attendees receive a reduced overnight valet parking rate of \$36 USD/night plus tax.

WEATHER

The average February temperatures in New Orleans range from a high of 66°F/19°C and low of 47°F/8°C at night. Weather can be unpredictable, so we suggest checking the forecast as the meeting gets closer.

ATTIRE

Resort casual (slacks, shorts, golf shirt, button down/blouse, skirt) is appropriate for Committee meetings and CLE programs. Receptions call for comfortable and casual dress, although please note that it does get cooler in the evenings. For the *Cheers to the Crescent City! Welcome Party*, we encourage comfortable and casual dress, which could include jerseys or favorite team colors. For the *Last Call on Canal Closing Party*, we suggest casual or Mardi Gras-inspired attire (purple/green/gold).





MEETING REGISTRATION FEES

Register on or before **December 12** to take advantage of discounted registration fees!

2026 MIDYEAR MEETING REGISTRATION FEES		
REGISTRATION CATEGORY	EARLY REGISTRATION FEES For registrations received on/ before December 12.	REGULAR REGISTRATION FEES For registrations received on/ after December 13.
Member/Non-Member	\$2,100.00 USD	\$2,250.00 USD
Emeritus Member	\$975.00 USD	\$1,025.00 USD
Spouse/Significant Other/Adult Guest *	\$745.00 USD	\$795.00 USD
Corporate Counsel/Insurance Executive (Full Meeting)	\$975.00 USD	\$1,025.00 USD
Corporate Counsel/Insurance Executive (Two-Day Meeting)	\$495.00 USD	\$545.00 USD
Corporate Counsel/Insurance Executive Spouse/ Significant Other/Adult Guest (Two-Day Meeting)	\$225.00 USD	\$275.00 USD

** Spouse/Adult Guests who would like to receive CLE credit must register as a non-member.*

Member/Non-Member, Emeritus Member, Corporate Counsel/Insurance Executive (registered for the FULL MEETING), Spouse/Significant Other/Adult Guest: Registration fee includes daily breakfasts, the Welcome Party, Closing Party, various receptions, Committee meetings/CLE programs, and meeting materials.

Two-Day Corporate Counsel/Insurance Executive and Spouse/Significant Other Packages: Registration fee includes two breakfasts, Committee meetings/CLE programs, and social events on any two consecutive days of your choosing.

**Adult guests who would like to receive CLE credit must register as a non-member lawyer.*

SPECIAL NEEDS

If you have any special needs during the meeting (i.e. diet or accessibility), please email Melisa Maisel Vanis, Director of Meetings and Professional Development, at mmaisel@iadclaw.org in advance of the meeting.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

The IADC is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for meeting attendees and will follow all local requirements regarding COVID-19. At present, that does not require attendees to be tested for COVID-19 before attending the meeting nor are masks required in any public spaces. However, we support everyone doing what makes them feel comfortable regarding mask wearing, shaking hands, or hugging, and we ask attendees to respect the choices of others. If you are not feeling well, please refrain from attending IADC events, and we encourage you to bring and utilize COVID-19 rapid tests if you are symptomatic.

DATA PRIVACY AND COLLECTION

Data is collected on attendees through registration for the purposes of executing the meeting and communicating with attendees about the meeting. Meeting sponsors have access to the registration list provided to all attendees. If any attendee has questions on data use and privacy, please contact Mary Beth Kurzak, Executive Director and CEO, at mkurzak@iadclaw.org.



EASY PAYMENT OPTIONS

For your convenience, all registration and activity fees may be paid by check, wire transfer, Visa, MasterCard, or American Express. If paying by check, please make sure it is in U.S. currency and mail it to the International Association of Defense Counsel, 303 West Madison, Suite 925, Chicago, IL 60606. If paying by wire transfer, please contact Mary Huang, Staff Accountant and Business Analyst, at mhuang@iadclaw.org for wire transfer details.



IADC CANCELLATION POLICY

A CASH REFUND, less a \$150 processing fee, will be made if a written notice of cancellation is received by the IADC office more than thirty (30) days prior to the first day of the meeting. No reason for the cancellation need be provided for a timely notice of cancellation.

NO CASH REFUND will be made if notice of cancellation is received by the IADC office thirty (30) days or less prior to the first day of the meeting. However, if special circumstances arise before the meeting which prevents attendance, a member may request a future meeting credit. The request needs to be in writing and submitted to the IADC office. It should be directed to the Finance Committee's attention and note the special circumstances which caused the cancellation. The credit request can only apply to meeting registration fees (not air, hotel, activity, tour, or special event fees) and, if approved, will be valid for use toward any IADC meeting for one (1) year from the date of the meeting for which credit is requested. A \$150 processing fee will be deducted from the total future meeting credit.

All future meeting credit requests will be considered by the Finance Committee and the decision of that Committee will be final.

QUESTIONS?

For questions on registration, please contact Leeza Abramovich, Meetings Coordinator, at labramovich@iadclaw.org. For all other meeting questions, please contact Melisa Maisel Vanis, Director of Meetings and Professional Development, at mmaisel@iadclaw.org.