

HOLIDAY INN DOWNTOWN, SAN DIEGO – OPTICS & PHOTONICS 2011

SPIE has secured a block of rooms at the Holiday Inn Downtown, 1617 First Avenue, San Diego, CA, 92101. Front Desk Phone: (619) 239-9600, Guest Fax (619) 233-6228. Rooms have two double beds. The rate is \$99 per night plus 12.565% taxes & fees (maximum 4 per room). Each room has cable / satellite TV with complimentary HBO channel, color TV, coffee/tea maker, iron/ironing board and hair dryer. Hard wired and Wireless internet is complimentary in all guest rooms. Wireless is complimentary in the lobby. Airline boarding passes can be printed at no charge.

Mandatory Deposit for Damage and/or Incidental Charges Required at Check-In for all guest rooms.

A credit card number OR cash deposit of \$100 is required at check-in for each room. Each room will be assessed at check-out for any damages. The deposit will be refunded at check-out if no charges apply. Otherwise, incidental charges as authorized by each guest can be charged to the room and deducted from the deposit or charged to the credit card at check-out. **Students, please be sure to request that any cash deposits are refunded.**

Phones in guest rooms are turned off on arrival. Individuals who wish to use the phone in their room can request this at check-in. Local calls outside the hotel are \$.75 per call. Toll free calls, and calls from room to room within the hotel, are free.

The hotel has an outdoor heated swimming pool adjacent to a complimentary work-out facility. There is an on-site guest self-laundry (washer & dryer) and same-day dry cleaning valet service is available.

SPIE is responsible for making ALL the reservations in this block.

Check-in is at 3:00 pm, check-out is 12 Noon. **If cancelling a reservation, the facility must be notified at least 48 hours prior to arrival to avoid a penalty fee.**

Transportation from the Airport (1.5 miles)

The San Diego Airport (Lindbergh) is 1.5 miles from the Holiday Inn Downtown. Taxi from the airport would cost approximately \$15. The hotel offers a complimentary shuttle to and from the airport for guests. It operates from 7am to 10pm based on availability. After picking up your bags, call the facility at 1-800-366-3164 and the hotel will send the shuttle to pick you up across from the main entrance. Complimentary shuttle service is provided to the San Diego Zoo, SeaWorld and Amtrak station based on availability. Guests may sign up for the shuttle at the front desk.

Guest **parking** is \$16 overnight. (Rate is subject to change without notice). For **driving directions** from the airport, take I-5 south. Then take the Front Street exit. Go left on Cedar Street to First Street. Turn right into the hotel.

Transportation to the San Diego Convention Center (1 mile)

The **hotel shuttle** is complimentary within a 3 mile radius but its priority is the airport. Guests can sign up on a first come first serve basis for the shuttle to the San Diego Convention Center but there is **no guarantee** it will be available because airport transfers are #1 priority. Check at the front desk for availability and further instructions. The nearest San Diego **trolley** stop is 4 blocks from the hotel and is \$2.50 each way to the convention center and there is a **bus stop** just around the corner from the hotel. Rider info for the trolley can be found at www.sdcommute.com or call 619-233-3004. Otherwise, **taxi** to the convention center would be approximately \$8.

First Avenue Grill is in the hotel and serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Breakfast prices range from \$8.95 - \$15.95. They also sell muffins and croissants. Other **restaurants** are located within walking distance.

Attractions:

San Diego Convention Center 1 mile
Gaslamp Quarter 1 mile
San Diego Zoo 1.5 miles
Sea World 3 miles

Petco Park 1.5 mile
Horton Plaza Shopping Center 0.5 mile
Beaches 5 miles
San Diego Inter. Lindbergh Airport 1.5 miles