

Tucson, Arizona Travel and Hotel Information

Venue

Class will be held at the La Quinta Inn and Suites-Reid Park located at 102 N. Alvernon Way Tucson, AZ 85711. Ph 520-795-0330 Fax 520-326-2111

The room rate is \$65.00 a night. All rooms come with fridges and microwaves and an extended breakfast. There is free wifi, a business center, and a fitness center. At the center of the hotel is a lovely pool and courtyard. This hotel just re-opened after an extensive, 3 and half a year gut and remodel. It has the solid walls of an older hotel but in most other respects is brand new.

The venue is located within a 3-minute drive of Whole Foods and next door to two lovely restaurants with extensive menus. There is a nice Sushi place across the street from the hotel and it is walking distance to Reid Park and movie theaters.

Airport and travel

Tucson International Airport (TUS) is the closest airport and is a 15-minute or less drive from the venue. It is a small, well-organized airport that is easy to get in and out of.

Car rentals are available at the terminal although the desks may close after a certain time at night.

During the month of July I have seen car rentals in Tucson through Hotwire or Priceline for as low as \$9.00 a day making renting a car very reasonable.

Arizona Stage Coach also has a desk at the airport that offers a \$26.00 dollar one way trip to the venue with each additional passenger rate of \$4.00. Round trip tickets are \$48.00 with an additional passenger cost of \$8.00. 520-889-1000

<http://www.azstagecoach.com/airpor-shuttle.htm>

There will be taxis as well, but the stagecoach will most likely be cheaper.

Bus Route:

Board the Number bus 11North at TUS. Exit at 102 N. Alvernon way. It is a direct route taking about 30 minutes.

Other Accommodations in walking distance:

Double Tree by Hilton: 445 S. Alvernon Way, Tucson, AZ 85716 Ph 520-323-5225

The Lodge on the Desert: 306 North Alvernon Way, Tucson, AZ 85711 Ph: 520-320-2000

Tucson weather in July:

Monsoons should be well under way in Tucson in July bringing much needed rain and beautiful sunsets as well as cooler temps. The humidity, while higher than normal for here, is nothing like what people in the Midwest or east Coast experience in the summer. Rains happen quickly, mostly in the afternoon and then pass for clear evenings.

If you are driving, do not enter any wash while it is raining! Flash Floods can happen with no warning.

If you have questions about must see sites and events in Tucson during and around the class contact Manon at mpgetsi@yahoo.com or 520-403-9128.