

SMOFCON 2016
FANNISH INQUISITION QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of Bid: **Worldcon in France** (*working name*)

What are the proposed dates for which you are bidding? **2-6 August 2023**

What is your proposed convention host city? **Nice, France**

- Is your convention site in a city center location or a suburb? **city center**
- If a suburb, what are the transport options into the city center? How far is the site from the city center? **N/A**

What is the typical current airfare to your closest airport from world cities such as Auckland, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Dublin, Helsinki, London, Los Angeles, Melbourne? **The following rates assume booking the flight a year in advance, for two passengers, and are valid as of November 11, 2016. More detailed information will be given at a later time.**

Auckland: from 1376€

Boston: from 499€

Chicago: from 945€

Dallas: from 781€

Dublin: from 152€

Helsinki: from 173€

London: from 100€

Los Angeles: from 761€

Melbourne: from 957€

Rates obtained from opodo.fr. Better rates may be available from local sources.

- Is your closest airport a hub for a major carrier? **Not a hub, but it is a focus city for Air France and an operating base for easyJet (popular low cost company with numerous flights to European destinations)**
- Do international flights, as well as domestic, fly into your local airport? **Yes. Nice has the country's second busiest international airport. It also offers many domestic flights.**
- If not, where is the closest international airport? **N/A**
- Which airlines service your airport? **Too many to list them all, but here are a few: Aeroflot, Air Berlin, Air France, Alitalia, British Airways, Delta, Easy Jet, Emirates, Finnair, Flybe, Germanwings, Iberia, KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, Lufthansa, Monarch Airlines, Ryanair, SAS, Swiss International Airlines, TAP Portugal and Vueling. See here for a full list: <http://www.nice-airport.net/airlines.php>**
- Are direct flights from the cities above flown into your local airport? **Of the above cities, only Dublin, Helsinki and London have direct flights into Nice. Over 100 cities, however, have direct flights, including New York, Amsterdam, Belfast, Berlin, Kiev, Liverpool, Manchester, Milan, Montreal, Moscow, Munich, Stockholm and Zurich. A full list is available here: <http://en.nice.aeroport.fr/Passengers/TRAVELS/More-than-100-destinations-from-Nice>**

How far is your convention site from the nearest airport/train station and what is the likely cost of getting to the hotels by both public transport and taxi from that airport/train station?

From airport to convention (20 to 40 minutes, depending on traffic and type of transport)

1. by taxi: about 40€
2. by bus: 1,50€ for the city bus, or 6€ with the airport shuttle
3. by tram: 1,50€

From train station to convention (15 minutes by tram)

1. by taxi: about 20 €
2. by bus or tram: 1,50 €

What hotel(s) are being used for the convention? **We have not yet looked into hotel details. However, Nice offers a large selection of hotels, with some 10 000 rooms. We should hopefully have a bit more information about this by the time of the Smofcon.**

- How many rooms? **TBD**
- How many Singles/Doubles/Kings? **TBD**
- What other types of rooms are available? How many are handicap accessible? **TBD**
- Are there any accessibility issues? **We do not expect any, but it is something we will be looking into.**
- What are your hotel room rates? **TBD**
- Do these rates include breakfast? **TBD**
- Do they include internet in the room? **TBD**
- How firm are these rates? **TBD**
- What is the distance from the main hotel(s) to the closest entrance of the convention site? **Though we have not struck any deals yet, there is a large selection of hotels within walking distance from the convention center, the closest being the Novotel.**
- What are the transportation options for those who prefer not to walk or who have mobility difficulties? **TBD**

Please describe your convention site facilities. For example, the quantity and sizes of function rooms, tech options, accessibility issues, etc.

The Acropolis has a total surface of 38 000 square meters (409 028 square feet). We will be using 16 rooms with capacities ranging from 30 to 750 people (total capacity: 3686). In addition, there are three auditoriums, one holding 300 persons, another for 740, and the largest 2500.

More information will be available during the Smofcon.

Where will your large events (for example the Hugo Ceremony and Masquerade) be held?

The Hugos and the Masquerade would be held in the largest of the three auditoriums mentioned above.

Please describe the restaurant scene near your site.

There are many restaurants within walking distance of the convention center,

including in the old town, covering a wide variety of world cuisine.

More information about this will be provided at a later time.

What are the policies/laws regarding smoking at your:

- Hotel(s): **TBD**
- Convention Center: **No smoking allowed indoors, though there might be specific spaces reserved for smokers. TBD.**
- City: **No smoking allowed indoors in public areas.**

What type of weather can we expect at the time of year your convention is to be held?

Temperatures, in August, can range (on average) from 18°C (64°F) at night to 28°C (82°F) during the day. There is very little rain in this season, typically only 4 days for the whole month. Sky is sunny and water warm and pleasant (23°C/73°F), perfect for swimming.

What are some of the main tourist attractions of your city?

Museums (Matisse, Chagall, modern and contemporary art, etc.), beaches, Greek and Roman ruins, an observatory and, of course, the very typical old town.

Who is on your committee? **See note below.**

- Who is your bid chair? **TBD**
- What experience do they have in general? **TBD**
- In running a bid like this in particular? **TBD**
- If known, who will be the chair of the convention? **TBD**
- What experience do they have? **TBD**

NOTE: At the moment, the Worldcon in France team is led by a group of seven individuals who have been active in the French fandom for several decades. Some are editors, writers, translators, many with past or current experience running local conventions and festivals.

What arrangements will be made for evening socializing and party space? **TBD**

- Do you have a corkage waiver and a forrage waiver? **TBD**

Do you currently have a code of conduct in place for your bid/convention? **Not yet.**

- If so, what is it? **N/A**
- If not, do you intend to have one? **Yes.**

Are you planning to have any membership discounts for specific groups, such as young adults, military, seniors or families? **TBD**