

Frequently Asked Questions

QUICK FACTS

About: 1200 attendees gather for the largest gathering of undergraduate physics and astronomy students in the world!

Hotel and Center Location: Omni Shoreham | 2500 Calvert Street NW, Washington, District of Columbia, 20008

Dates: October 6-8, 2022

2019 PhysCon Website: <https://www.spsnational.org/sigmapisigma/congress/2022>

2019 PhysCon Mobile App: Check the PhysCon 2022 website

OMNI SHOREHAM PARKING

Valet parking only which includes in/out privileges

Rates:

0-4 hrs.	\$35	4-24 hrs.	\$55	Daily max	\$55
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GETTING AROUND TOWN

The DC Metro is the easiest and cheapest way to get around. George Washington University is reachable by taking the red line from the Woodley Park-Zoo/Adams Morgan stop down two stops to Farragut North. One stop past that is Metro Center, which provides access to the blue, orange, and silver lines that can be taken to Federal Triangle and Smithsonian Metro stations. Rideshare services Lyft and Uber are available as well. Taking the red line one more stop to the Gallery Place Metro station provides easy access to China Town, the National Portrait Gallery, and the yellow and green lines. Information about the DC area metro is available here: <https://www.wmata.com/>

RESTAURANTS AND COFFEE NEAR HOTEL (SEE BACK FOR MAP)

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| ➤ Eddie's Café Chinese Cuisine (\$) | ➤ McDonald's (\$) | ➤ Rajaji Curry House Indian Restaurant (\$\$) |
| ➤ Chipotle Mexican Grill (\$) | ➤ Lebanese Taverna (\$\$) | ➤ Afghan Grill (\$\$) |
| ➤ Mayahuel Cocina Mexicana (\$\$) | ➤ Hot N Juicy Crawfish (\$\$) | ➤ Mama Ayesha's Restaurant (\$\$) |
| ➤ District Kitchen (\$\$) | ➤ Nando's Peri-Peri (\$\$) | ➤ Philz Coffee (\$\$) |
| ➤ NaanWise Indian Cuisine (\$\$) | ➤ Umi Japanese Cuisine (\$\$) | ➤ The Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf (\$\$) |
| ➤ Petit Monde Bistro and Café (\$\$) | ➤ Tono Sushi Restaurant (\$\$) | |
| ➤ Open City (\$\$) | ➤ Starbucks (\$\$) | |

HOTEL

The **Omni Shoreham Hotel** is the host hotel for Physics Congress 2022 and is where the conference will occur. It is situated about 15 minutes from the Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport DCA airport by car (6.5 miles) or a quick metrorail ride away. Union Station Washington, DC (Amtrak Train) is also conveniently located along the DC metrorail system (metro).

Omni Shoreham Hotel, 2500 Calvert ST NW, Washington, DC 20008

Omni Central Reservations phone number: 1-202-234-0700, Concierge: 1-202-756-5173

SPS has negotiated special reduced room rates at the Omni Shoreham Hotel especially for this meeting.

Hotel Reservation Deadline: Wednesday, September 14, 2022, or earlier if rooms sell-out.

Online reservations: <https://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/washington-dc-shoreham/meetings/2022-aip-student-conference-09282022>

LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

Smithsonian National Zoological Park – 15–20-minute walk from the hotel, famous zoo housing thousands of animals, including giant pandas, plus free admission.

Air and Space Museum – “The National Air and Space Museum in Washington, DC has thousands of objects on display, including the Hubble Telescope, a piece of the moon, and Friendship 7, the spacecraft in which John Glenn orbited Earth.”

Rock Creek Park – A natural green hiking area in the middle of DC. Behind the Zoo, about a 30-minute walk from the hotel.

Natural History Museum – “The museum’s collections tell the history of the planet and are a record of human interaction with the environment and one another.”

Frequently Asked Questions

National Portrait Gallery - “The mission of the National Portrait Gallery is to tell the story of America by portraying the people who shape the nation’s history, development and culture.”

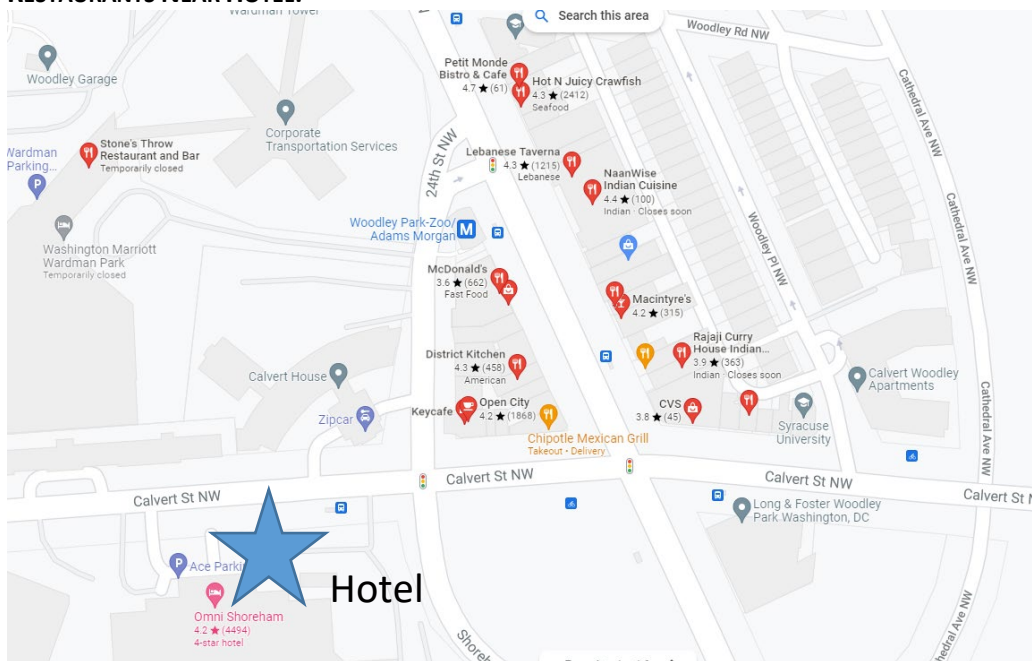
National Gallery of Art Sculpture Garden – “The location provides an outdoor setting for exhibiting several pieces from the museum’s contemporary sculpture collection.”

Monuments (outdoors) – Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial and Reflecting Pool, Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial.

US Botanic Gardens - “The US Botanic Garden is a living plant museum that informs visitors about the importance, and often irreplaceable value, of plants to the well-being of humans and to earth's fragile ecosystems.”

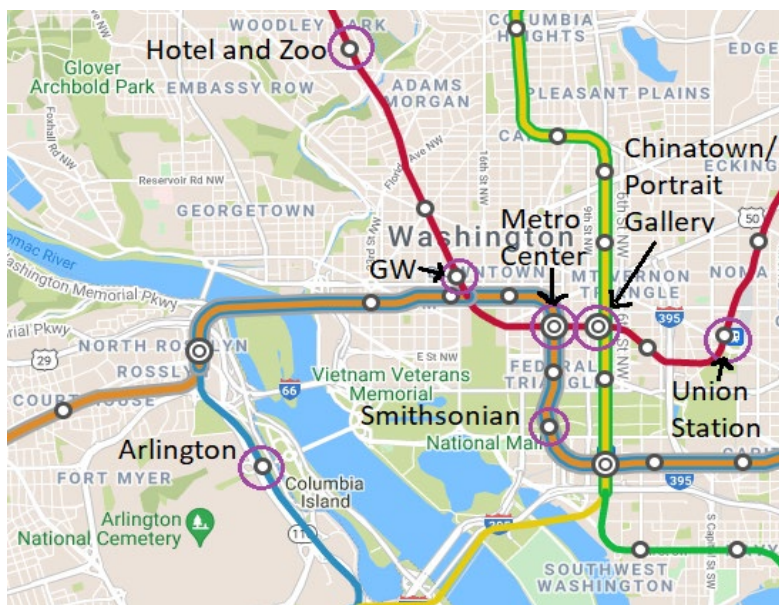
Tidal Basin Boathouse Rentals (outdoors) – pedal boat along the tidal basin with up to 4 people

RESTAURANTS NEAR HOTEL:



Map 1: Restaurants and coffee near hotel (updated 10/2021)

METRO STATIONS FOR POPULAR DESTINATIONS:



Map 2: Getting around DC – metro stations (updated 10/2021)