

# Chicago Congress Hotel & General Information



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## Congress Hotel Rates & Reservations

You are responsible for making your own hotel reservations for the Congress. For immediate registration and faster confirmation, register using the official IFC website [www.ifc2008.com](http://www.ifc2008.com). Hotel reservations at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers may be made during the registration process. Should you need to make your hotel reservations separately from your Congress registration or if you are not registering for the Congress on-line, go to <http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/IFC2008> and follow directions to 'Book a Room' or contact the hotel directly (see below).

### **Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers**

301 East North Water Street

Chicago, Illinois 60611 · USA

Main Hotel Phone 1-312-464-1000

Reservation Phone 1- 800-233-4100 or 1-312-329-7000

Reservation Fax 1-312-329-6417

[www.sheratonchicago.com](http://www.sheratonchicago.com)

**The Sheraton Chicago Hotel is offering special discount rates to registered IFC 2008 attendees. Please be sure and mention 19th International Forging Congress in order to receive the following rates:**

- \$259/ per night single occupancy
- \$279/per night double occupancy
- \$304/per night triple occupancy
- Illinois or Ogden Suites are available for \$450 per night

All rates are subject to 15.4% sales tax (subject to change). Children under 18 may stay for free in the parent's room using existing bedding.

## About the Sheraton

The Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers is ideally located in the heart of downtown Chicago. Overlooking the Chicago River, the hotel is within walking distance of Navy Pier, Magnificent Mile, Millennium Park, the Loop business district, the Art Institute and other city attractions.

The Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers, the flagship Sheraton Hotel, offers 1,209 guest rooms and 40 suites with a view of the Chicago River, Lake Michigan or the city skyline. All guest rooms are newly decorated and feature a warm, contemporary look.

The hotel also houses the largest hotel ballroom in the Midwestern United States. **All major IFC 2008 Congress events including presentations, exhibition and on-site meals take place in this Ballroom on Level 4 of the Sheraton Hotel.**

## Internet Access at the Sheraton

The Sheraton Chicago Hotel offers wireless internet access on the lobby level of the hotel. There is a \$11.99 access charge over 24-hour period. Cabled internet access is available in guest rooms, also for \$11.99 per 24-hour period.

**As a courtesy to IFC attendees, IFC will host a complimentary Cybercafé (bank of internet accessible computers) in the registration area of the Congress. The Cybercafé will be open during normal Congress hours only.**



## Weather

Chicago weather in early September is splendid. Highs average 76° F (24.4° C), with evening lows averaging 57° F (13.8° C).

Weather for Milwaukee, Cleveland and Detroit will be similar to Chicago. Cincinnati and Lexington, KY will be a bit warmer, as will Los Angeles at 83° F (28.3° C).

## Dress Code

Business attire (coat and tie) is considered appropriate for the following:

- Opening Reception and Cruise on September 7
- Congress sessions on September 8 and 9
- Closing Reception and Banquet on September 9
- Plant Tour Closing Receptions on September 12

Business casual (no coats or ties) is recommended for all informal social events, as well as all plant tours.

As many of the Accompanying Person(s) events include much walking, comfortable women's shoes (flats) are recommended for these venues. Flat, closed-toed shoes are recommended for men and women on plant tours.



*Located on Lake Michigan, just East of Chicago's Downtown, Navy Pier has been a Chicago landmark since it first opened in 1916. This lakefront playground boasts 50 acres of shops, entertainment, gardens, restaurants and parks.*