

SMoFcon 36

Fannish Inquisition Information Pack

Who will represent your convention at Worldcon 76 and how can they be contacted?

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What are the dates for your convention?

29 July – 2 August

Is your convention site in a city center location or a suburb?

Wellington City Centre

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?

Auckland	\$80 NZD
Boston	\$950 USD
Chicago	\$780 USD
Dallas	\$925 USD
Dublin	755 €
Helsinki	1065 €
London	620 £
Los Angeles	\$715 USD
Melbourne	\$255 AUD

Is your closest airport a hub for a major carrier?

No. Auckland airport is a hub for Air New Zealand.

Do international flights, as well as domestic, fly into your local airport?

Yes. Wellington has an International terminal that handles direct international flights from Australia and some other destinations.

If not, where is the closest international airport?

N/A

Which airlines service your airport?

Air New Zealand;
Qantas;
Virgin;
Singapore Airlines;
Fiji Airways;
Jetstar;
Sounds Air;

Air Chathams;
Golden Bay Air.

Are direct flights from the cities above flown into your local airport?

Auckland	Direct.
Boston	Transfer in US or Canada. Transfer in Auckland, New Zealand or Australia.
Chicago	Transfer in Auckland, New Zealand or Australia.
Dallas	Transfer in US or Canada. Transfer in Auckland, New Zealand or Australia.
Dublin	Transfer in US, Europe, or Middle East. Transfer in Auckland, New Zealand or Australia.
Helsinki	Transfer in US, Canada, Europe, or Middle East. Transfer in Auckland, New Zealand or Australia.
London	Transfer in US, Canada, Europe, or Middle East. Transfer in Auckland, New Zealand or Australia.
Los Angeles	Transfer in Auckland, New Zealand or Australia.
Melbourne	Direct.

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?

Wellington Airport, in town, approx \$25 - \$30NZD by taxi, \$6 - \$8NZD by bus.

What hotel(s) are being used for the convention?

InterContinental, Sofitel, Grand Mercure, Novotel, Ibis, James Cook Grand Chancellor, DoubleTree by Hilton, Westplaza

InterContinental

Rooms in Hotel: 236

Rooms in Block: 140 rooms per night

Room type: Standard Guest Room (50).

Breakfast? Complimentary tea, coffee or juice with morning wake-up calls.

Room rate: \$279NZD/ night, tax included.

Room type: Deluxe Guest Room (50).

Breakfast? Complimentary tea, coffee or juice with morning wake-up calls.

Room rate: \$369NZD/ night, tax included.

Room type: Deluxe Harbour View Guest Room (10).

Breakfast? Complimentary tea, coffee or juice with morning wake-up calls.

Room rate: \$419NZD/ night, tax included.

Room type: King Club Guest Room (20).

Breakfast? Breakfast, cocktail hour, and hors d'oeuvres.

Room rate: \$459NZD/ night, tax included.

Room type: King Club Harbour View Guest Room (5).

Breakfast? Breakfast, cocktail hour, and hors d'oeuvres.

Room rate: \$539NZD/ night, tax included.

Room type: King Club Junior Suite (2).
Breakfast? Breakfast, cocktail hour, and hors d'oeuvres.
Room rate: \$609NZD/ night, tax included.

Room type: King Club City View Executive Suite (2).
Breakfast? Breakfast, cocktail hour, and hors d'oeuvres.
Room rate: \$795NZD/ night, tax included.

Room type: Presidential Suite (1).
Breakfast? Breakfast, cocktail hour, and hors d'oeuvres.
Room rate: \$2,900NZD/ night, tax included.

Wifi: Free
Accessible rooms: 13

Sofitel

Rooms in Hotel: 129
Rooms in Block: 40 rooms per night
Room type: Classic & Superior Queen.
Breakfast? Room only.
Room rate: \$319NZD/ night, tax included.
Wifi: Free
Accessible rooms: 6

Grand Mercure

Rooms in Hotel: 114
Rooms in Block: 40 rooms per night
Room type: Superior King or Twin rooms.
Breakfast? Room only.
Room rate: \$249NZD/ night, tax included.
Wifi: Free
Accessible rooms: No

Novotel

Rooms in Hotel: 139
Rooms in Block: 40 rooms per night
Room type: Superior King or Twin rooms.
Breakfast? Room only.
Room rate: \$249NZD/ night, tax included.
Wifi: Free
Accessible rooms: 6

Ibis

Rooms in Hotel: 200
Rooms in Block: 50 rooms per night
Room type: Standard Queen or Twin rooms.
Breakfast? Room only.
Room rate: \$199NZD/ night, tax included.
Wifi: Free in lobby, paid in rooms.
Accessible rooms: 9

James Cook Grand Chancellor

Rooms in Hotel: 268
Rooms in Block: 100 rooms per night
Room type: Standard Queen or Twin rooms.

Breakfast? Room only.
Room rate: \$250NZD/ night, tax included.
Wifi: Free.
Accessible rooms: 13

DoubleTree by Hilton

Rooms in Hotel: 106
Rooms in Block: 80 rooms per night
Room type: Standard Queen
Breakfast? Optional.
Room rate: \$255NZD/ night, tax included. Room only.
\$275NZD/ night, tax included. Breakfast, single occupancy.
\$295NZD/ night, tax included. Breakfast, double occupancy.
Wifi: Free.
Accessible rooms: 10

Westplaza

Rooms in Hotel: 106
Rooms in Block: 60 rooms per night
Room type: Mix of standard queen and twin share.
Breakfast? Room only.
Room rate: \$175NZD/ night, tax included. Rates based on 6 night stay.
\$185NZD/ night, tax included. Rates based on <6 night stay.
Wifi: Free
Accessible rooms: 8

Credit Card & International Debit Card payments relating to New Zealand hotels incur a merchant service fee in addition to the total amount payable

How many rooms?

Our block comprises 550 rooms/ night.

How many Singles/Doubles/Kings?

See above.

What other types of rooms are available? How many are handicap accessible?

See above.

Are there any accessibility issues?

Wellington is not as ubiquitously accessible as the US. It has made great strides lately, and is easy to get around. Some businesses, including restaurants are not accessible. We will put together a restaurant guide that will let people know how accessible a restaurant or bar is before reservations are made.

What are your hotel room rates?

See above.

Do these rates include breakfast?

See above.

Do they include internet in the room?

See above.

What is the distance from the main hotel(s) to the closest entrance of the convention site?

InterContinental

InterContinental	0 meters/ 0 yards
TSB Arena/ Shed 6	180 meters/ 200 yards
Michael Fowler Centre	600 meters/ 655 yards

Sofitel

InterContinental	800 meters/ 875 yards
TSB Arena/ Shed 6	900 meters/ 985 yards
Michael Fowler Centre	1300 meters/ 1420 yards

Grand Mercure

InterContinental	1400 meters/ 1530 yards
TSB Arena/ Shed 6	1500 meters/ 1640 yards
Michael Fowler Centre	1300 meters/ 1420 yards

Novotel

InterContinental	650 meters/ 710 yards
TSB Arena/ Shed 6	800 meters/ 875 yards
Michael Fowler Centre	1000 meters/ 1095 yards

Ibis

InterContinental	150 meters/ 165 yards
TSB Arena/ Shed 6	280 meters/ 305 yards
Michael Fowler Centre	700 meters/ 765 yards

James Cook Grand Chancellor

InterContinental	600 meters/ 655 yards	(CBD elevator 110 m/ 120 y)
TSB Arena/ Shed 6	750 meters/ 820 yards	(CBD elevator 300 m/ 330 y)
Michael Fowler Centre	950 meters/ 1040 yards	(CBD elevator 650 m/ 710 y)

DoubleTree by Hilton

InterContinental	100 meters/ 110 yards
TSB Arena/ Shed 6	280 meters/ 200 yards
Michael Fowler Centre	650 meters/ 710 yards

Westplaza

InterContinental	650 meters/ 710 yards
TSB Arena/ Shed 6	700 meters/ 765 yards
Michael Fowler Centre	260 meters/ 285 yards

What are the transportation options for those who prefer not to walk or who have mobility difficulties?

There are Mobies, taxis, Uber, Zoomy (local Uber competitor). We are looking into shuttles, but it is not yet certain.

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

InterContinental

Lambton Room	317.42 SQM
#1	115.64 SQM
#2	115.64 SQM
#3	86.14 SQM
Thorndon Room	36.72 SQM
Aurora Room	34.68 SQM
Rosanna Room	78.20 SQM
Featherston Room	108.00 SQM
Wellington Room	68.20 SQM

TSB Arena

Arena	2,186 SQM
Arcade	407 SQM

There is a range of smaller admin rooms and meeting rooms. There are kiosks that could be used for food & beverage or sales to members or both.

Shed 6

Room 1	250 SQM
Room 2	145 SQM
Room 3	137 SQM
Room 4	200 SQM

Michael Fowler Centre

Auditorium	230 SQM
Renouf Foyer	450 SQM
Lion Harbourview Lounge	140 SQM
VIP Lounge	20 SQM
Frank Taplin Room	60 SQM

There is a range of smaller admin rooms and a café. There is a large space in the downstairs foyer.

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

Michael Fowler Centre.

Please describe the restaurant scene near your site.

Wellington has large numbers of restaurants within easy walking distance. There is a great range, but the majority are excellent. Basically, throw a stone...

What are the policies/laws regarding smoking at your:

Hotel(s):

No smoking indoors.

Convention Center:

No smoking indoors.

City:

No smoking indoors, except some gambling facilities.

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

July

Avg. High 12°C/ 54°F
Avg. Low 7°C/ 45°F
Avg. Rainfall 30mm
Avg. Rainy Days 16

August

Avg. High 13°C/ 55°F
Avg. Low 8°C/ 46°F
Avg. Rainfall 40mm
Avg. Rainy Days 16

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

Weta Studio

From Middle-earth to Tracy Island & beyond: The Weta Cave offers licensed sales, informational film, and mini-museum. It is also the starting point for an amazing tour of the Weta Workshop.

Zealandia

Just a 10-minute drive from downtown Wellington, Zealandia sanctuary aims to return a 225 hectare section of bush to its pre-human state. Take a walk and hear the songs of the flourishing native bird population, and you can even book a night tour for kiwi spotting.

Te Papa Tongarewa

(The national museum of New Zealand)

Discover New Zealand's unique geological, biological, cultural and social history with innovative and interactive exhibits. Free general admission, although guided tours and some touring exhibitions have an entry fee.

Wellington Cable Car

An historic funicular, the cable car is a Wellington icon. Starting 2 blocks from the InterContinental, it runs up the hill to a scenic lookout, the Cable Car Museum, and Space Place at Carter Observatory. There is also the option of walking back to town through the beautiful Botanic Garden.

Wellington Museum

This is the only building between the InterContinental and the TSB Arena/ Shed6. Multimedia displays bring Wellington's history to life in this small, impressive museum housed in a preserved historic building. Informative exhibits and film presentations trace Wellington's maritime history and the city's evolution.

Te Wharewaka o Pōneke

(The Wellington canoe house)

Located near Michael Fowler Centre, the Wharewaka (Māori canoe house) is viewable from all sides. Inside visitors can see 3 traditionally carved Māori waka on permanent public display.

The Beehive

The beehive is Wellington's most iconic building and site of New Zealand's parliament. Next door is the more classical building Parliament House, home to The Chamber where parliamentary debates are held. Free one-hour tours of the parliament buildings are held daily between 10 am and 4 pm and trace New Zealand's parliamentary history as well as touring through the important government rooms.

City Gallery

Located across the square from Michael Fowler Centre and housed in the historic building of the old city library, City Gallery Wellington is one of the leading contemporary art spaces in New Zealand. Devoted to modern visual arts, exhibitions range from painting to photography to sculpture, multimedia work, and art installations. Entry is often free.

Matiu Island

Matiu Island (also known as Somes Island) in Wellington Harbour offers up a heady dose of wild New Zealand landscapes. With a history from Māori occupation to use as a quarantine station, internment camp, and military installation until being turned over to New Zealand's Department of Conservation as a nature reserve. For both day-trippers and overnights, the island has a series of short hiking trails up to its highest point, with World War II gun emplacements, and around the its perimeter, all with excellent views across to the mainland. Regular daily ferries depart from Queens Wharf to the island, and a campsite accommodates overnights.

Do you have a corkage waiver and a forrage waiver?

No. We do have a contract based on the one used for food shows where samples are given to members. Whether this will include alcohol is up to us and has to do with our confidence in upholding the New Zealand Responsible Host Act.

Do you currently have a code of conduct in place for your bid/convention?

Yes. we are currently governed by our parent company's CoC, but we intend to write our own designed for Worldcon specifically

If so, what is it?

SFFCONZ Code of Conduct

In the interest of a harassment-free experience for everyone, regardless of gender, sexual orientation, disability, gender identity, age, race, religion, or any other personal identifier, harassment in any form will not be tolerated. Members violating these rules will be sanctioned or expelled from SFFCONZ spaces virtual or physical at the discretion of the SFFCONZ Council or a Committee thereof.

Harassment includes, but is not limited to, offensive verbal comments related to personal identifiers, deliberate intimidation, stalking, following, unwelcome photography or recording, sustained disruption of talks or other events, inappropriate physical contact, and unwelcome sexual attention.

Members asked to stop any harassing behavior are expected to comply immediately.

If a member engages in harassing behavior, the SFFCONZ Council or a Committee thereof may take any action they deem appropriate, including ejection from the remainder of the convention.

If you are being harassed, notice that someone else is being harassed, or have any other concerns, please contact the SFFCONZ Council, a Committee thereof, or a designated Listener immediately.

Please note, while we take all concerns raised seriously, we will use our discretion in determining when and how to follow up on reported incidents and may decline to take any further action. All concerns will be recorded.

The Council will be happy to help participants contact venue security or local law enforcement, locate your friends and family, or otherwise assist those experiencing harassment to feel safe.

We expect members to follow these rules both online and at all events.

If not, do you intend to have one?

N/A

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

Yes.

YA (Born in or after 2000)

Unwaged (NZ residents only)

Child (Born in or after 2005)

Kid in tow (Born in or after 2015)