



# 2017 ASTRA MARKETPLACE & ACADEMY HOTEL & TRAVEL

ASTRA has contracted special discounted room rates with several hotel properties in downtown Philadelphia. To take advantage of these special low rates, follow the booking instructions below. **The Hotel Reservation Cut-Off Date is June 1.** Reservations received after this date will be confirmed on a space-available basis only and the hotel may charge a higher rate.\*

Hotel	Rate and Room Types	Book Your Stay
<b>Headquarter Hotel</b> <b>Philadelphia Marriott Downtown</b> 1201 Market Street  - Connected to the convention center - Mini-fridge & coffee maker in rooms - 24-hour fitness center - Indoor pool	<b>Rate: \$199/night</b>  <b>Room Type:</b> Standard King or 2 Doubles  Includes complimentary Wi-Fi	1) <a href="#">Book Online</a>  2) <b>Book Over the Phone</b> Call (877) 901-6632 and reference "ASTRA"
<b>Courtyard Philadelphia Downtown</b> 21 N Juniper Street  - One block from the convention center - Mini-fridge & coffeemaker in rooms - 24-hour fitness center - Indoor pool & whirlpool	<b>Rate: \$179/night</b>  <b>Room Type:</b> Standard King or 2 Doubles  Includes complimentary Wi-Fi	1) <a href="#">Book Online</a>  2) <b>Book Over the Phone</b> Call (800) 321-2211 and reference "ASTRA"
<b>Hilton Garden Inn Philadelphia Center City</b> 1100 Arch Street  - Across from the convention center - Mini-fridge, microwave & coffee maker safe in rooms - 24-hour fitness center - Indoor pool & whirlpool	<b>Rate: \$179/night</b>  <b>Room Type:</b> Standard King or 2 Doubles  Includes complimentary Wi-Fi	1) <a href="#">Book Online</a>  2) <b>Book Over the Phone</b> Call (877) STAY-HGI and use code "AST"
<b>Home2 Suites by Hilton Philadelphia</b> 1200 Arch Street  - Across from the convention center - Fully-equipped kitchen with refrigerator, microwave, cookware, dishwasher, coffeemaker & toaster in rooms - 24-hour fitness center - Indoor pool - Complimentary printing service	<b>Rate: \$179/night</b>  <b>Room Type:</b> King Studio Suite w/ Queen Sofa Bed  Includes complimentary Wi-Fi and free breakfast buffet	1) <a href="#">Book Online</a>  2) <b>Book Over the Phone</b> Call (877) 646-6302 and use code "AST"

**\*Please Note:** The negotiated rate is available for a contracted number of rooms from June 22, 2017 – June 29, 2017, dependent on property and availability, before the cut-off date of June 1, 2016. Once that contract is fulfilled, rooms will be subject to availability and the hotel may charge a higher rate. Booking your stay outside of the available dates is based upon availability and the hotel may charge a higher rate.

## **HOUSING WARNING**

**ASTRA is not affiliated with ANY housing company.** Anyone who contacts you who isn't an ASTRA staff member is doing so without ASTRA's permission.

It has come to our attention that "Corporate Booking Services - CBS International", "TradeShow Housing" and "Global Travel Partners" have been contacting exhibitors and attendees claiming to have the lowest rate. They are **NOT** affiliated with ASTRA and there are **hidden fees and penalties** for booking with them. If you are contacted by these or any other company claiming to be affiliated with ASTRA, please call the ASTRA office to let us know.

**The ONLY place you can get the discounted ASTRA rate is online at the ASTRA hotel link or by phone.**

When you book through the ASTRA block you save money because of our group buying. In the case of an overbooking or problem with your reservation, booking through the ASTRA block also guarantees easy access to assistance. Booking within the block is another way to support the organization. Through our group purchase we are able to keep convention costs low in turn keeping registrations rates at the same levels for the last five years.

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## **TRAVEL**

### **Flying into Philadelphia**

Philadelphia is served by the [Philadelphia International Airport](#) (PHL). Once you've landed, take an Uber, the SEPTA train, a taxi, shuttle, or rent a car to get to downtown Center City Philadelphia.

#### **Features**

- More than 31 million passengers annually
- 524 daily departures to 131 destinations worldwide
- 25 commercial airlines to include, but not limited to, Air Canada, American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Frontier, JetBlue, Southwest and United.
- Located 7 miles from downtown Philadelphia
- FREE WiFi throughout the airport
- Easily-accessible electrical outlets and dedicated battery charging stations with work surfaces
- Over 200 varied concessions and services

### **Ground Transportation from the Airport**

- [SEPTA Airport Regional Line](#) – Only \$8 one-way from the airport to downtown!
- [Shuttle Service with Laclass Ride](#) – Affordable shared ride service for \$12/person one-way from the airport to downtown hotels.
- [Uber](#)
- Taxi
- [Car Rental](#)

### **Ride the Rail or Hop a Bus**

With the **Amtrak Acela Express**, Philadelphia is just a 1 hour and 20 minute ride from New York City and 1 hour and 45 minute ride from Washington, D.C. Deboard the train at the 30<sup>th</sup> Street Station and transfer to the SEPTA train, for free with your ticket, to ride to Jefferson Station where you will be within a block of all ASTRA hotels and below the Convention Center. For more information visit [www.amtrak.com](http://www.amtrak.com).

**Megabus** also offers low-cost express bus routes throughout the Northeast Corridor. For schedules and routes, visit [us.megabus.com](http://us.megabus.com).

### **Drive to the Show**

Almost half of the US population is within a day's drive of Philadelphia. For general directions to drive to downtown Philadelphia [click here](#).

### **Need Parking?**

There are many parking options, including garages and surface lots, which are conveniently located within blocks of the Pennsylvania Convention Center. The rates for parking along the perimeter of the building vary. Visit [Parkway Corporation](#) or the [Philadelphia Parking Authority](#) for the closest lots and garages and the current rate schedules for your visit. Parking is also available at all ASTRA contracted hotels. Contact your ASTRA hotel for rates and details.

Please contact ASTRA staff at (312) 222-0984 or [exhibit@astratoy.org](mailto:exhibit@astratoy.org) if you have any questions, comments or concerns.