



BIO 2014 – San Diego , USA

Event	2014 BIO International Convention
Date	Mon 23 June until Thu 26 June 2014.
Located	San Diego Convention Centre, Downtown San Diego, Ca, U.S.A..

Conference location

The vast San Diego Convention Centre is located on the waterfront in Downtown San Diego. This is adjacent to the Marina and the vibrant *Gaslamp Quarter* as well as the huge Petco Park baseball stadium that dominates this area. The main shops are centred around Horton Plaza and are a very convenient 10 mins walk away. In addition there is the charming Seaport Village with its shops and restaurants, about 5 mins along the water edge. This district of the city is very compact with lots of attractions within a short walk of the hotels and Conference Centre.

Hotels

With nearly 14,000 delegates attending BIO, rooms go swiftly and you can find yourself staying in the suburbs if you don't address your hotel well in advance. We have a small allocation of rooms at the following two hotels:

The Omni San Diego Hotel-

Very convenient as it is just across the road from The Conference Centre and connected to the Petco Park baseball stadium. It is at the bottom of the Gaslamp Quarter which is now the focus of Downtown San Diego, with its numerous bars, restaurants, cafes and boutiques. This is a contemporary hotel, reasonably large with 500 rooms, but small compared with three massive monster conference hotels across the road. The Omni is slick with a bit of style and has a nice terrace and pool area on the 6th floor, with a Jacuzzi, fire pits and a lounge bar that opens out on to it, there is also a fitness centre on this floor. The hotel has a small coffee shop for breakfast, but no main restaurant as there are over 60 restaurants and cafes in the adjoining Gaslamp Quarter. These rooms have been booked based on a check-in Sat 21 Jun, check-out Fri 27 Jun, room rates may alter if the dates/durations change. Rate- USD\$309/room/ night + tax. www.omnihotels.com/SanDiego

The Andaz San Diego

Again this hotel is in a good location, this time towards the top end of the Gaslamp Quarter close to the semi open air Horton Plaza shopping mall. It is roughly 5 blocks from the Omni hotel and still convenient for the Conference Centre with a pleasant walk of about 10-15 mins. Andaz is a recently created sub-brand of Hyatt, a chain of smaller luxury boutique hotels and to us appears not that dissimilar to Sheraton's W Hotels. The building is an old one but converted well into this slick and hip hotel. The guest rooms are not especially large, but clever decor makes them feel bigger, they are well sound proofed and have very contemporary glass walled bathrooms. Reviews suggest the service is good, with a slick check-in by i-pad. The roof top terrace, pool, bar and restaurant (for breakfast) also seems note worthy, especially at night with the fire pits glowing. The rates we have seen very good for a top quality 5 star. These rooms have been booked based on a check-in Sat 21 Jun, check-out Fri 27 Jun, room rates may alter if the dates/durations changes. Rate- USD\$249/room/ night + tax. www.sandiego.andaz.hyatt.com

Getting to the conference.

British Airways is the only carrier that operates from the UK non-stop, outbound from Heathrow dep 1500 hrs, arr 1835 hrs. Returning overnight, dep 2025 hrs, arr 1445 the following day. There are many other options requiring a change of aircraft and the clearance of immigration and customs at the intermediate city. BIO 2014 being a midweek conference can be awkward with the dreaded *Saturday night rule* increasing fares considerably, alternative routings such as Virgin Atlantic via LAX can often overcome this issue. Past experience has shown the discount fares over BIO sell out swiftly, as many European delegates also transit via London, so we suggest you book as soon as possible. Some example fares

Business / Club both ways	British Airways £3538 rtn inc tax/fees
Half & half, out Premium, back Club	British Airways £2505 rtn inc tax/fees
Premium Economy both ways	British Airways £1378 rtn inc tax/fees
Regular Economy both ways	British Airways £ 882 rtn inc tax/fees

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