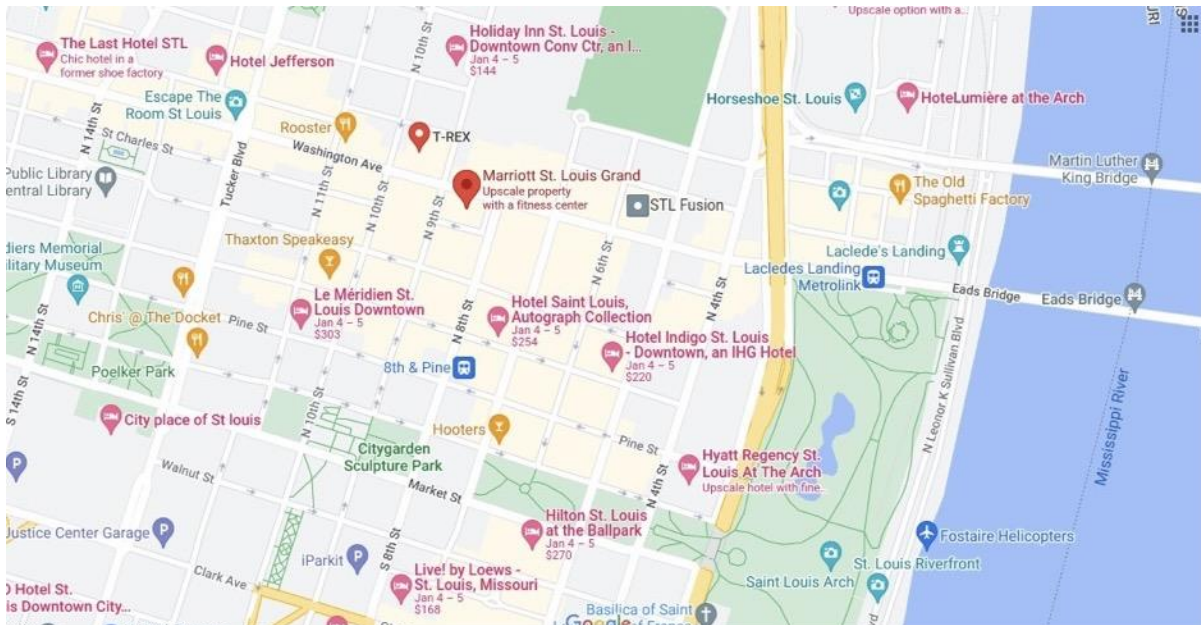


**23rd Conference of the Meso American - Caribbean Sea
Hydrographic Commission (MACHC23)
Saint Louis, Missouri, USA
28 November – 2 December 2022**

Logistics Information

Meeting Venue

The MACHC23 Meeting will be taking place at the TREX / Moonshot Labs facility located at 911 Washington Avenue, Saint Louis, Missouri, USA.

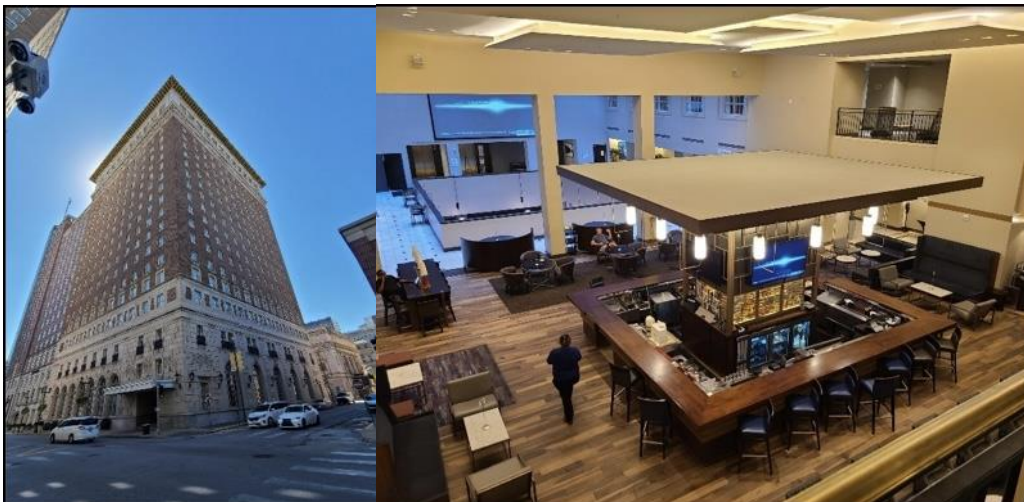




The TREX / Moonshot Labs facility is across the street and one block to the west of the Marriott Saint Louis Grand Hotel. The Meeting will be taking place in the large meeting room on the 5th Floor of the TREX / Moonshot Labs facility building. There are additional smaller breakout rooms that will be used throughout the week on both the 4th and 5th Floors. Translation will once again be through the Interactio online translation tool this year. Please come prepared with a headset, or ear buds in order to hear the translation from either your computer or phone at the meeting.

Accommodations

The MACHC23 participants are recommended to stay in the Marriott Saint Louis Grand Hotel located at 800 Washington Avenue, Saint Louis, Missouri, USA.



MACHC23 participants are expected to make their own accommodation arrangements at the Marriott Saint Louis Grand for convenience and relative location to the events that week. This hotel is offering a special rate of \$141.00 USD per night for MACHC23 participants to stay there. The special rate includes 1 breakfast voucher per room per day for those staying at the hotel. **Participants must ensure that they make their hotel reservation by Saturday, 05 NOV 2022 at 1800 hours CT (UTC/GMT -5 hours) to receive the special rate.** After that cutoff date the hotel may not be able to guarantee the special rate for MACHC23 participants. Reservations can be obtained online or by phone. See the details below:

Marriott Saint Louis Grand MACHC23 Reservation website:

<https://book.passkey.com/e/50394524>

Marriott Saint Louis Grand MACHC23 Phone Reservations:

Reservations Toll Free: 800-397-1282

Reservations Local Phone: 1-877-303-0104

Use the “MACHC” code when making reservations by phone.

Marriott Saint Louis Grand Amenities Include:

- For Marriott-Bonvoy members there is free Wifi at the hotel. For non-Marriott-Bonvoy members Wifi is available for \$1.00 per hour (i.e. normally \$14.95 per night)
- Grab and Go Pantry for snacks or a quick lunch
- Starbucks Coffee
- Gym
- Bar
- Full Service Hotel Laundry available, or there is an area with Self Service machines for hotel guests to do their own laundry.

Transportation

The nearest airport for both international and domestic flights is the Saint Louis Lambert International Airport (STL). It is about a 25-minute drive from the airport to the downtown Saint Louis area.

Below are some transportation options from the airport:

- MetroLink Light Rail
 - Trains run every 7-15 minutes depending on the time of day.
 - Ticket from Airport to Downtown is about \$4.00 USD one way. Day passes can be purchased for \$7.50 USD per day.
 - For more information check the website: www.metrostlouis.org
- Airport Shuttles
 - Prices vary depending on whether private versus shared shuttles are being used.
 - <https://www.airportshuttles.com/stlouis.php>
 - <https://www.shuttlefare.com/st-louis-lambert-airport-shuttle-stl>
- Taxis available via taxi stands at the airport
- Uber / Lyft are both available in Saint Louis

Weather

Late Fall in Saint Louis can be a period of transition. The average daytime highs can range between 46° F (8° C) to 56° F (13° C). The average lows can range between 30° F (-1° C) to 37° F (3° C). The days can either be sunny and clear or cloudy with rain during this time of year.

Official Language

The official language is English. Signage at most airports have Spanish translations. The Marriott plans to have Spanish speakers on staff the week of the MACHC Meeting to assist with check-in and any questions. Should the participant require assistance, please contact the host.

Tourist Information

The hotel is in walking distance to the downtown area. There are numerous museums and attractions nearby. Saint Louis is known for its large Steel Arch located along the banks of the Mississippi River. The Arch represents the gateway to the West. See the following link for more information about the Gateway Arch: <https://www.nps.gov/jeff/index.htm>,



Travel Document & Visa

Participants from outside the US who need a Visa to enter the country may apply for B-1/B-2 or A, whichever is applicable and convenient. Check this link for more details:

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/visa-information-resources/wizard.html>

If you require a personalized invitation for Visa application process and your internal national administrative purposes, please contact:

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Currency

US dollar (sign: \$; code: USD) is the currency of the United States of America. Visa, MasterCard, and American Express debit and credit cards are widely used in transactions. Some banks need to be notified if the holder is travelling abroad to avoid having the card blocked when used overseas.

For more details, please check these links:

<https://www.usa.gov/currency>

<https://www.moneyfactory.gov/uscurrency/1note.html>

Electrical Power

The main voltage found in the USA is 120 V 60 Hz, plug Type A and B. Participants from countries with 220V might need a transformer to protect their electronic devices. Though it is claimed that laptop and phone chargers are designed to work fine with the range of 100 to 240 V, please make sure to check your devices first.



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