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1. Taxes

- a. How much is the total cumulative hotel tax?
12.5%
- b. How much is the F&B tax?
7.75%
- c. How much is the average F&B gratuity?
19%

2. Airport – San Diego International Airport

- a. How many miles from the airport to downtown?
3 miles (Airport is a 10 minute drive from San Diego Convention Center)
- b. Is there public transportation, such as a bus or subway available?
Public transit is available to and from the Airport and downtown San Diego on the Metropolitan Transit System's Route 992, which stops at Terminals 1 and 2 and the Commuter Terminal, and operates between 5:00 a.m. and 11:30 p.m., every 15 minutes on weekdays and every 30 minutes on weekends and holidays.
- c. How much does the public transportation cost?
\$2.25, One-way fare for on the Metropolitan Transit System
- d. What is the shuttle bus fare from the airport to downtown?
Shuttle van and bus prices range from \$9-14 for 1 person. Shuttle service is available at the Transportation Plazas across from Terminals 1 and 2, and curbside at the Commuter Terminal. From Terminal 1 you must cross the skybridge, and take either the escalators or the elevators to street level. From Terminal 2, use the pedestrian crosswalk conveniently located outside the Terminal 2 Baggage Claim Area to access the Transportation Plaza. A Transportation Coordinator will place you with the first available shuttle, unless you specify a particular shuttle company.
- e. What is the taxi fare from airport to downtown?
\$10-15
- f. How many daily flights into the airport?
The Airport accommodates approximately 600 arrivals and departures each day, the vast majority of which are for passenger service. Aircraft departures are not allowed between 11:30pm – 6:30am.
- g. How many daily flights out of airport?
600
- h. Is the airport a hub for any carrier?
Southwest Airlines 37% followed by United Airlines and American Airlines.
- i. What are the major carriers serving airport?
United Airlines, American Airlines, Air Canada, Alaska Airlines, Allegiant Air, American Eagle, British Airways, Delta Airlines,

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Frontier Airlines, Hawaiian Airlines, Japan Airlines, JetBlue Airways, Southwest Airlines, Spirit Airlines, Sun Country Airlines, US Airways, US Airways Express, Virgin American, Volaris, WestJet

3. Hotels

- a. How many committable hotel rooms downtown on peak night?
12,000 committable hotel rooms downtown on peak night.
- b. How many committable hotel rooms downtown on peak within walking distance to convention center?
7,000 committable hotel rooms downtown on peak night under ½ miles from convention center.
- c. How many headquarter hotel properties?
Three headquarter hotel properties – San Diego Marriott Marquis & Marina (1,400), Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego (1,600), Hilton San Diego Bayfront Hotel (1,100)
- d. How many rooms available on peak night at the largest headquarter property
1,625 rooms are available and 1,500 committable at the Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego.
- e. Can you list hotels by rating?? All 4 star

4. Convention Center

- a. How many total gross square feet of exhibit space at Convention Center?
615,701 total gross square feet of exhibit space at the San Diego Convention Center. Additionally, the convention center also contains 184,514 sq. ft. of landscaped terrace levels with spectacular bay views – ideal for receptions and breaks as well as 249,494 sq. ft. of pre-function, registration and circulation areas including the lobby which features 115,756 sq. ft. of convenient registration areas.
- b. How much of this exhibit space is contiguous?
525,701 sq. ft. of contiguous exhibit space on ground level.
- c. How many total gross square feet of meeting space is available at the Convention center?
72 meeting/banquet rooms totaling 204,114 sq. ft. of space including two Ballrooms totaling 80,706 sq. ft. (40,000+ each)
- d. How many meeting rooms does the convention center have?
72 meeting rooms
- e. How big is the largest meeting room?
40,000+ sq. ft.
- f. How many ballrooms does the convention center have?
Two ballrooms
- g. How big is the largest ballroom?
The biggest ballroom is Ballroom 6ABCDEF at 40,955 sq. ft.

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- h. When was the last renovation or expansion? 2001, anticipated 2016
Opened in 1989, the Convention Center hosted over 50 conventions and trade shows and 17 consumer shows the first year. Based upon the enormous success of the Convention Center, a measure was placed on the June 1998 ballot to expand the original building. The phase 2 expansion opened in September 2001, the phase 2 expansion nearly doubled the building to 2.6 million gross square feet. Since opening, the Convention Center has attracted over 17 million visitors and generated over \$20 billion in regional economic impact, \$400 million in tax revenues, 12.5 million hotel room nights and hosted over 4,700 events.
- i. When is a future renovation/expansion scheduled?
A future phase 3 expansion has been proposed for the Convention Center and would add approximately 220,150 square feet of exhibit hall space, approximately 101,500 square feet of meeting rooms and approximately 78,470 square feet of ballroom space to the existing facility.
- j. Is there free Wi-Fi at the convention center?
Yes, in public spaces
- k. Is there an exclusive in-house Electrical provider?
No. In addition, the Convention Center requires that all electrical work inside or attached to disconnect switches, panels, motor control centers, panel boards and other electrical equipment controlled by the Center, be performed by Convention Center Electrical Staff or approved utility services contractors only.
- l. Is there an exclusive in-house AV provider?
Yes, PSAV
- m. Is there an exclusive in-house decorator?
No
- n. Is there an exclusive in house caterer?
Yes, Centerplate
- o. Is the convention center a union property?
Unions are represented.
- p. If union property, can you provide estimated pricing list?
No, requires calls for current pricing as it most likely will change.
- q. Here are a list of labor unions with whom planners will be required to work at the convention center:
Current Convention Center labor contracts with following unions:
IBEW, Carpenters, Plumbers, Operating Engineers, Teamsters, SEIU, Painters

5. Off Site Venues

- a. How many off site venues within walking distance can host up to 2,000 people?
Four; PETCO Park/ San Diego Padres, USS Midway Museum,

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Balboa Park, Seaport Village Special Events are all ≤ 1 mile from the Convention Center and can host 2,000 people or more.

- b. How many off site venues within a ten-minute bus transfer can host up to 2,000 people?

Four; San Diego Zoo, Balboa Park, Spreckels Organ Pavilion, Venues of NTC Promenade are all < 10 miles from the Convention Center and can host 2,000 people or more.

- c. How many restaurants are within walking distance of the convention center?

100+

- d. Can you list 3-5 local attractions and their whereabouts?

USS Midway Museum – The USS Midway was the longest-serving aircraft carrier in U.S. Navy history, proudly serving from World War II through Desert Storm. Visitors will find a dynamic, interactive experience designed to offer a taste of life aboard a Navy vessel.

The Midway is also available as an event venue for up to 4,000 guests and is walking distance from Headquarter hotels.

Gaslamp Quarter – One of the city's premier dining, shopping and entertainment destinations with its old-fashioned gas lamps, brick sidewalks and Victorian-style buildings. Across from the center, this historic neighborhood features 100 restaurants including sidewalk cafes, coffee houses and pubs, art galleries, boutiques and specialty stores, theatres and dance clubs.

PETCO Park/ San Diego Padres – Across from the Convention Center, the San Diego Padres' ballpark combines the best sightlines in baseball with breathtaking downtown views. The 42,000-seat ballpark includes The Park at the Park, an elevated grassy 2.7-acre park, offering a bird's eye view into the playing field.

Balboa Park – This free magnificent 1,200-acre city park was built for the 1915-1916 Panama-California Expo is home to the San Diego Zoo, 14 museums, botanical gardens, a Tony award winning theater, an antique carousel and a miniature-scale train.

San Diego Zoo – The world-famous establishment is clearly no ordinary zoo. Walk or ride a double-decker bus throughout this expansive park, home to over 4,000 rare and exotic animals exhibited in beautiful garden habitats. The Zoo is a major research facility in San Diego.