Ensuring Attendee Safety
COVID-19 and Updates on your GRC at the Ventura Beach Marriott

How GRC is Supporting Your Health

GRC continues to monitor venue and state-wide practices, updating venue pages on a weekly basis. We are currently working with our venues to implement social distancing practices at our conferences in 2021 as needed.

As always, the health and safety of our communities are GRC’s highest priority, and we are working to ensure you’ll be able to join us safely and comfortably in 2021.

Ventura Beach Marriott’s Commitment to You

- The venue has implemented several new cleaning practices, including:
  - Utilizing hospital-grade disinfectants in guest rooms and public spaces
  - Providing hand sanitizer stations are available at hotel entrances, front desks, elevators and in meeting spaces
  - Rolling out enhanced technologies including electrostatic sprayers to sanitize surfaces throughout the hotel

California’s Current Regulations (as of December 16, 2020)

- A new regional stay at home order is in effect until December 28th. Gatherings are limited to one household. Hotels and lodging cannot accept or honor out-of-state reservations for non-essential travel, unless the reservation is for at least the minimum time period required for quarantine.
- California Gov. has a tier system based on positive cases per 100,000 residents to implement new guidelines for businesses opening.
  - Ventura is now in the purple tier with widespread risk.
  - There is currently a stay at home order for purple tier counties between 10PM and 5AM.
- California is not allowing any meetings or conferences in the state at all.
- Cloth face coverings are required in public spaces and are highly recommended by the CDC and health officials.
  - Information and updates from the CA Department of Health can be found here.
ARRIVAL AND CHECK-IN

Los Angeles International Airport (LAX): Located 65 miles south of Ventura
Santa Barbara Municipal Airport (SBA): Located 40 miles north of Ventura
Hollywood Burbank Airport (BUR): Located 60 miles south of Ventura

Rental car: GRC receives discounted rates with Enterprise via their web page or National Rental Car via contract ID XZ49019. Enterprise has a Clean Car Pledge to combat the spread of COVID-19.

Shuttle bus: Several airport shuttle options via the Super Shuttle, Ventura County Airporter, or Smart Shuttle. For the Smart Shuttle, use promo code GRC20. With this service, please note that there may be up to a 2 hour wait time at the airport while awaiting other passengers. Shared shuttle pricing can only be utilized by passengers who are traveling together from/to the same location and traveling on the same flight.

Amtrak: Station located in Ventura (VEC)

GRC Check-in is from 2:00 pm – 8:00 pm in the GRC Office located in the Zuma Boardroom.
- Visit the front desk if you arrive outside of standard check-in hours.
- GRS check-in is from 2:00pm—6:00pm on Saturday

The GRC office is located in the Zuma Boardroom.

ACCOMMODATIONS AND HOTEL AMENITIES

Conferees stay in standard guest rooms with one or two king or queen beds.
- Air-conditioned
- Non-smoking
- Private Bathrooms
- Complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the hotel
- Coffee / tea in room, hairdryer and in-room safe

Marriott’s Commitment to You
- Hospital-grade disinfecants utilized in all private and public spaces
- Hand sanitizer stations throughout the hotel
- Enhanced cleaning technologies like electrostatic sprayers for sanitization

Amenities:
- Pool
- Fitness center
- On-site parking
- Business Center
- Laundry on-site
- Mobility accessible

PLANNING YOUR VISIT

Dress is Casual
Bring a relaxed wardrobe and comfortable shoes. Please check the weather forecast and plan to bring a raincoat and or light jacket for outside activities.

Activities
Once you arrive on-site, you can sign up for various activities such as whale watching, wine tasting, hiking, and trolley tours. Please see activity options here. A representative from Ventura Visitors Bureau will be on-site to answer questions.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Ventura Beach Marriott is located within 10 minutes of hospital facilities.

COVID-19 Safety Recommendations
Cloth face coverings are not required by law in public spaces in California, but are highly recommended by the CDC and health officials.

Information and updates from the CA Department of Health can be found here.

MEALS

All meals are served buffet style. GRC meals are served in the Atrium Mezzanine. GRS meals are served in Seaward. Vegetarian and gluten free selections are provided at all meals. Kosher meals (with two weeks advance notice) are available at the site for an additional cost.

SCIENCE AND POSTER SESSIONS

GRC Science Sessions and Poster Sessions are held in the Buenaventura Ballroom.
GRS Science Sessions and Poster Sessions are held in the Emma Wood Jr. Ballroom.
Poster board dimensions are 4 feet X 4 feet.

DEPARTURES

Breakfast is available on Friday morning from 7:30 am to 8:30 am.
Hotel check-out is at 11:00 am.