

Dublin in 2019, an Irish Worldcon

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Who will represent your convention at Dublin, and how can they be contacted?

We are a non-profit organization called Galaxy Science Fiction Alliance, which mainly consists of Sichuan Science Fiction Association and Chinese Sci-fi fans. Sichuan Science Fiction Association focuses on academic researches on Science fiction and fantasy literature, films, computer games and so on. Of course, you can still find a lot of other China's sci-fi institutions like Science Fiction World in Chengdu, a professional sf & fantasy publisher; Storycom, a company who focuses on intercultural communication and sf IP operation; FAA, The Future Affairs Administration, a professional SF cultural brand, ect.

You can contact us on the website: www.worldconinchina.com

What are the dates for your convention?

In August

Is your convention site in a city center location or a suburb?

- If a suburb, what are the transport options into the city center? How far is the site from the city center?

We have three convention sites to be considered now. One is in the city, two are in the suburb. But the transport about two sites are really convenient. There are direct metro lines to these two suburb convention sites.

(I) Western China International Expo City

Located in the core area of Tianfu New Area, Western China International Expo City has a total construction area of 570,000 square meters. It is the permanent venue of the Western China International Fair, a major venue for various conventions and exhibitions, and a central platform for high-end business activities. Western China International Expo City has a total exhibition area of 305,000 m², including 205,000 m² indoor and 100,000 m² outdoor. It has 15 standard exhibition halls and 1 multi-function hall, which can be arranged for 11,000 international standard booths. The supporting facilities for conference, office, catering, parking and so on are perfect.

Its design features the Chengdu style, where the unique streamer-shaped roof highlights the beautiful image of "Sichuan tapestry getting washed" and the space shape of spreading wings is impressive. In order to improve the lighting effect within the venue and optimize the use of space,

Western China International Expo City adopts a large-scale stadium structure mainly using large-span double-curved surface truss and net rack. There is no supporting pillar in the venue, and the amount of steel used is comparable to that of the Beijing Olympic Stadium Bird's Nest.

(II) Chengdu Century City New International Convention and Exhibition Center

Chengdu Century City New International Convention and Exhibition Center faces Tianfu Avenue of Renmin South Road in the west, the outer ring road and the Century Park in the north, the Jinjiang River in the east, and riverside green land in both east and west. The exhibition hall is fanned out to the Funan River, with 17 large and small exhibition halls covering 120,000 square meters.

Chengdu Century City New International Convention and Exhibition Center is the multi-functional convention and exhibition center that currently boasts the largest construction scale, the most complete supporting functions and the most advanced facilities in western China.

(III) Eastern Suburb Memory

Eastern Suburb Memory, formerly Chengdu Eastern Music Park, is located at No. 4 Jianshe South Branch Road, on the outer side of Second Ring Road of Chenghua District. It covers an area of 205 acres and has a construction area of about 190,000 square meters. Eastern Suburb Memory is a new modern cultural industrial park reconstructed from the original site of the formerly state-run Hongguang Electronic Tube Factory. As an industrial site themed attraction, an art and cultural exhibition and performance village, a cultural and artistic creation and communication park, it integrates music, art, drama, photography and other multicultural forms. Thus the park, known as "China's West End of London", is a veritable highland of Chengdu's cultural creative industry. The Park venues are used for business office, performance, expo, music training, music theme retail, bar entertainment, cultural dining and so on.

What is the typical current airfare to your closest airport from world cities such as Auckland, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Dublin, Helsinki, London, Los Angeles, Melbourne?

- Is your closest airport a hub for a major carrier?
- Do international flights, as well as domestic, fly into your local airport?
- If not, where is the closest international airport?
- Which airlines service your airport?
- Are direct flights from the cities above flown into your local airport?
- Are there other major transportation options to reach your city such as ship or train?

In 2021, Chengdu will become the third city in mainland China that has double international airports in addition to Beijing and Shanghai.

The currently operating Chengdu Shuangliu International Airport is located in the southwestern suburb of Chengdu. It has opened 225 routes and includes 203 domestic, 114 international (regional) and 18 transit from domestic to international, reaching the five continents around the world. The airport enjoys convenient transportation nearby, as various transfer options are available, such as taxi, airport line, airport long-distance bus, intercity high-speed rail, subway, scenic express bus, and airport bus. The airport expressway is connected to the city and you can go straight to the urban area by airport bus, subway or bus.

From Airport to City Center

1. Airport line: Line 1 is Airport - Renmin South Road 2nd Section (Minshan Hotel); Line 2 is Airport-Chengdubei Railway Station (via Tianfu Square in the city center) ; and Line 3 is Airport-Chengdudong Railway Station. There is also night airport line. The fare varies from 10 RMB to 17 RMB.
2. Intercity high-speed rail: The bus stop is located at the -2F (B2) L3 of the T2 terminal building, which can reach all major cities around the city.
3. Metro: The entrance and exit of Metro Line 10 are respectively located at the arrival floor (1F) of the T1 terminal building and -2F (B2) of the T2 terminal building. Currently, there are 6 stations open, and passengers can change to the Metro Line 3 and Line 7 at Taipingyuan Station.
4. Bus: There are S21, 826, S15, S84 and S22 in the daytime, and S09 in the nighttime.

Website: <http://www.cdairport.com>

Contact: 028-85205555/85206150 (Airport VIP Service) / 85206200 (search for lost item)

How far is your convention site from the nearest airport/train station and what is the likely cost of getting to the hotels by both public transport and taxi from that airport/train station?

If we choose the inner city convention site, then the distance would be about 20km and it would cost under 20RMB to get there.

What hotel(s) are being used for the convention?

- How many rooms?
- How many Singles/Doubles/Kings?

- What other types of rooms are available? How many are handicap accessible?
- Are there any accessibility issues?
- What are your hotel room rates?
- Do these rates include breakfast?
- What is the lodging tax rate for your hotels? Are taxes included in the prices you have quoted?
- Do the rates include internet in the room?
- Do any of the hotels have shuttles to/from the airport, train station, or port?
- What is the distance from the main hotel(s) to the closest entrance of the convention site?
- What are the transportation options for those who prefer not to walk or who have mobility difficulties?

Chengdu has many hotels, including luxury five-star hotels and express inns. If you'd like to experience youth hotels in Chengdu or some special guesthouses, there also will be plenty of good choices for you. Almost all the hotels have good facilities, free WiFi and English speaking staff.

Luxury hotels will cost you about 1000-2000 RMB per room. For example, there are JW hotel, Jinjiang hotel, Shangri-la hotel.

Express inns will cost you about 200-400 RMB per room. For example, there are Rujia hotel chain, Hanting hotel chain.

As for youth hotels and guesthouses, you can book a bed with 50 - 80 RMB. At the same time, youth hotels and guesthouses will offer standard room equipped with private restroom with a higher price. You could also find some international hotel chains in Chengdu, like Ibis and Holiday Inn.

Please describe your convention site facilities. For example, the quantity and sizes of function rooms, tech options, accessibility issues, etc.

Where would your large events (for example the Hugo Ceremony and Masquerade) be held?

Please describe the restaurant scene near your site.

You're in Chengdu, the paradise of foodies, you don't worry about that.

What are the policies/laws regarding smoking at your:

- Hotel(s):
- Convention Center:
- City:

What type of weather can we expect at the time of year your convention is to be held? What are some of the main tourist attractions of your city?

In spring and autumn, the average temperature is about 15-20 degrees; yet considering the large temperature difference between morning and evening, you'd better bring a thin garment or a wind coat to prevent yourself from a cold. It is hot in summer, so breathable clothing will be much better; and remember to bring mosquito repellent with you to prevent mosquito. While in winter, the temperature usually stays above 0°C and it is wet and cold on rainy days, so thick clothing is recommended.

What arrangements will be made for evening socializing and party space?

- Do you have a corkage waiver and a forrage waiver?
- Are there legal restrictions on attendees who are under the legal drinking age? (And what is that drinking age?)

What are some of the main tourist attractions of your city?

Musts in Chengdu

1. Shopping in Chunxi Road -Taikoo Li Business District. Chengdu has been one of the Chinese business centers since ancient times, where "Jiaozi" - the paper money first put into use came into being. As Chengdu's busiest commercial area, Chunxi Road -Taikoo Li Business District features both fashionable men and women keeping pace with the world and well-preserved historical sites. It is also one of the city's food centers.
2. Drinking tea in People's Park. People's Park is the favorite tea-drinking location among Chengdu people. On sunny days, they call up several friends, find a place in a park teahouse and have a good time drinking covered-bowl tea together.
3. Eating Chengdu hot pot. Hot pot has almost become the symbol of Chengdu. Whether you can eat spicy food or not, and whether you dare or not, you should have a taste of the authentic Chengdu hot pot to feel the hot atmosphere.
4. Seeing giant pandas. As the national treasure of China, the giant panda is loved by all. Sichuan is home to the giant panda, so you really should have a look at this cute animal in the panda base if you come to Chengdu.

5. Watching Sichuan opera and face-changing performance. With a long history, the Sichuan opera offers plentiful compositions and superb performances. Face-changing, a stunt used in the Sichuan opera to shape characters, is vivid, interesting and worth watching.

6. "He Lan Jiu" around Jiuyanqiao block. People in Chengdu called get drunk as "He Lan Jiu". Jiuyanqiao Bridge has long been Chengdu's most lively place in the evening. People sing and dance happily by the River Funan, which will definitely leave a deep impression on you.

Do you currently have a code of conduct in place for your bid/convention?

- If so, what is it?
- If not, do you intend to have one?

Currently No.

Are you planning to have any membership discounts for specific groups, such as young adults, military, seniors or families?