

Hotel

Suites

To request and reserve a suite, please contact Minicon (not the hotel). You can request a suite by sending us a note to the Minicon 35 PO Box address (Attn: Hotel) or by email to hotel@minicon35.mnssf.org.

Suite rates per night (+12% tax) are the same as the 1999 rates:

\$130	Executive King Suite
\$202	Exec. King + 1 connecting room
\$274	Exec. King + 2 connecting rooms
\$275	2-bedroom Parlor Suite

Open room parties will be given priority in suite reservations, but there are also some Executive King suites on quiet floors.

At this point we'll handle suite requests as they come in. Last year we were able to fill requests as late as three weeks before the convention. So if you would like a suite, please contact us; the odds are good we can meet your request.

Minicon 35 is returning to the downtown **Hilton Minneapolis & Towers** at 1001 Marquette Ave South (this is the block between 10th and 11th Streets South and between Marquette Avenue and 2nd Avenue South).

We encourage everyone to book their rooms **Now** — and certainly before our room block is released on March 31, 2000. To reserve a sleeping room, call:

612-376-1000 Hilton Minneapolis & Towers
800-445-8667 Hilton International toll-free reservations

Ask for the "Minicon" group rate. (If that doesn't work, ask for the "Minnesota Science Fiction Society" group rate.) Our room rate is the same as last year: \$72 per night (+12% tax) for 1-4 people in a standard guestroom. This rate is good Wednesday, April 19, 2000, through Tuesday, April 25, 2000. (Minicon 35 is April 21- April 23, 2000.)

The Hilton is taking guaranteed reservations only; you must guarantee your reservation one of two ways:

1. Guarantee it with a credit card number. By the terms of our contract, use of this method requires no further deposit. Your room will be held until 3:00 am the first night of your reservation, at which point the card will be charged for that night.
2. Guarantee it with a cash deposit. This deposit is due at the Hilton Minneapolis within ten days of making your reservation.

In either case, **if you need to cancel a reservation, you must do so at least a full day before your scheduled arrival.** If you have questions about the status of your reservation, check directly with the Hilton Minneapolis & Towers (612-376-1000).

If you want a quiet room, ask for a room below the 16th floor. The open room parties will all be located on the 16th floor and above, so **if you want your room to be on a party floor, ask for a higher floor.** Be sure to state any preferences for smoking or non-smoking room, king bed or double-double, and higher floor (party) or lower floor (quiet). Also, please let the reservations staff know of any special needs you may have, such as reserving one of their 25 handicapped-accessible rooms.

The Hilton's check-in time is 3:00 pm. Normal check-out time is 12 noon, but that has been extended until 4:00 pm on Sunday and Monday of Minicon. Pool hours have also been extended until 2:30 am throughout the convention.

Parking

Hotel guests have in and out privileges with the hotel parking, which is \$11.50/day. Otherwise, parking in downtown Minneapolis is neither expensive nor scarce, especially on a weekend. One option is the Leamington Transit Hub, which is between 2nd and 3rd Avenue, and between 10th and 11th Street (see sidebar for rates). It is connected by skyway to the Hilton. There is also an on-street lot that is across 10th Street from the Leamington. Saturdays and Sundays are \$2.50 each, and after 6:00 pm on Friday it will be \$2.50 as well. During a weekday, there is an \$8 maximum charge.

Directions to Minicon

Traveling to Minicon by car:

From the south, follow I-35W into Minneapolis. Once past MN-62, move to the second lane from the left, and follow the signs for MN-65. Exit on 11th St., follow 11th to Marquette Ave., and turn right on Marquette. The Hilton is on Marquette, on your immediate right, between 10th and 11th Sts.

From the east, follow I-94 to Minneapolis, exit on 11th St., and proceed as above.

From the north, follow I-35W into Minneapolis, and follow I-94 westbound. Exit on 11th St. and proceed as above.

From the west, you have several choices. If you follow I-94 to downtown Minneapolis, exit at Hennepin and Lyndale, and turn left onto Hennepin at the first light. (Yes, we know the sign at Hennepin says "Dunwoody Blvd".) Turn right on 12th St., then left on Marquette Ave. Or you can take I-494 south from I-94 to I-394, and follow I-394 east to Minneapolis. After MN-100, stay in the second lane from the left, exit onto 12th St., follow 12th St. to Marquette, and turn left onto Marquette.

To Minicon by rail:

From the Midway Amtrak depot, either take a cab to the *Downtown* Minneapolis Hilton, or take a westbound #16 MCTO bus to Minneapolis. Transfer at Marquette Ave. to any bus headed southwest on Marquette (against the normal flow of vehicle traffic) and get off at 10th St. The Hilton is on the other side of the street, between 10th and 11th Sts. Please note that as of this writing, rail service is every other day in each direction (east from Seattle, west from Chicago).

To Minicon by air:

From Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, take a cab to the *Downtown* Minneapolis Hilton, an Airport Limousine (actually a van), or a northbound #7 MCTO bus downtown and transfer at Marquette as above. The airport limo is \$11 one-way; \$18 roundtrip. Average taxi cost is \$25 one-way, including tip.

Leamington parking rates:

1/2 hour	1.50
1st hour	2.50
1-2 hours	4.50
2-3 hours	6.50
3-12 hours	8.50
12-24 hours	11.00
nights (4pm-2am/non-event)	2.50
sat/sun non-event	3.00
event	6.00

Minicon is not the kind of "event" that would cause them to raise their rates. However, there may be something else going on in the area that might cause them to charge event rate for parking.

