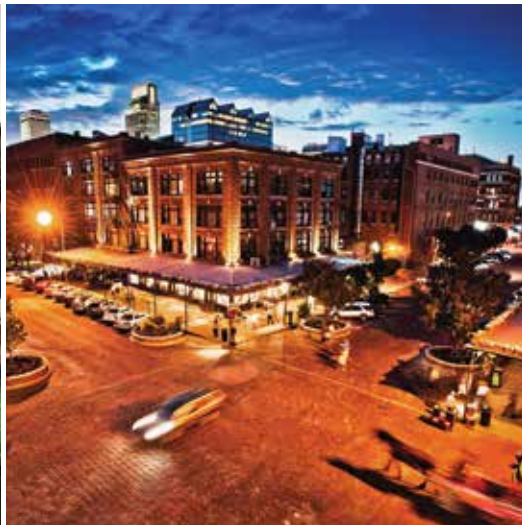




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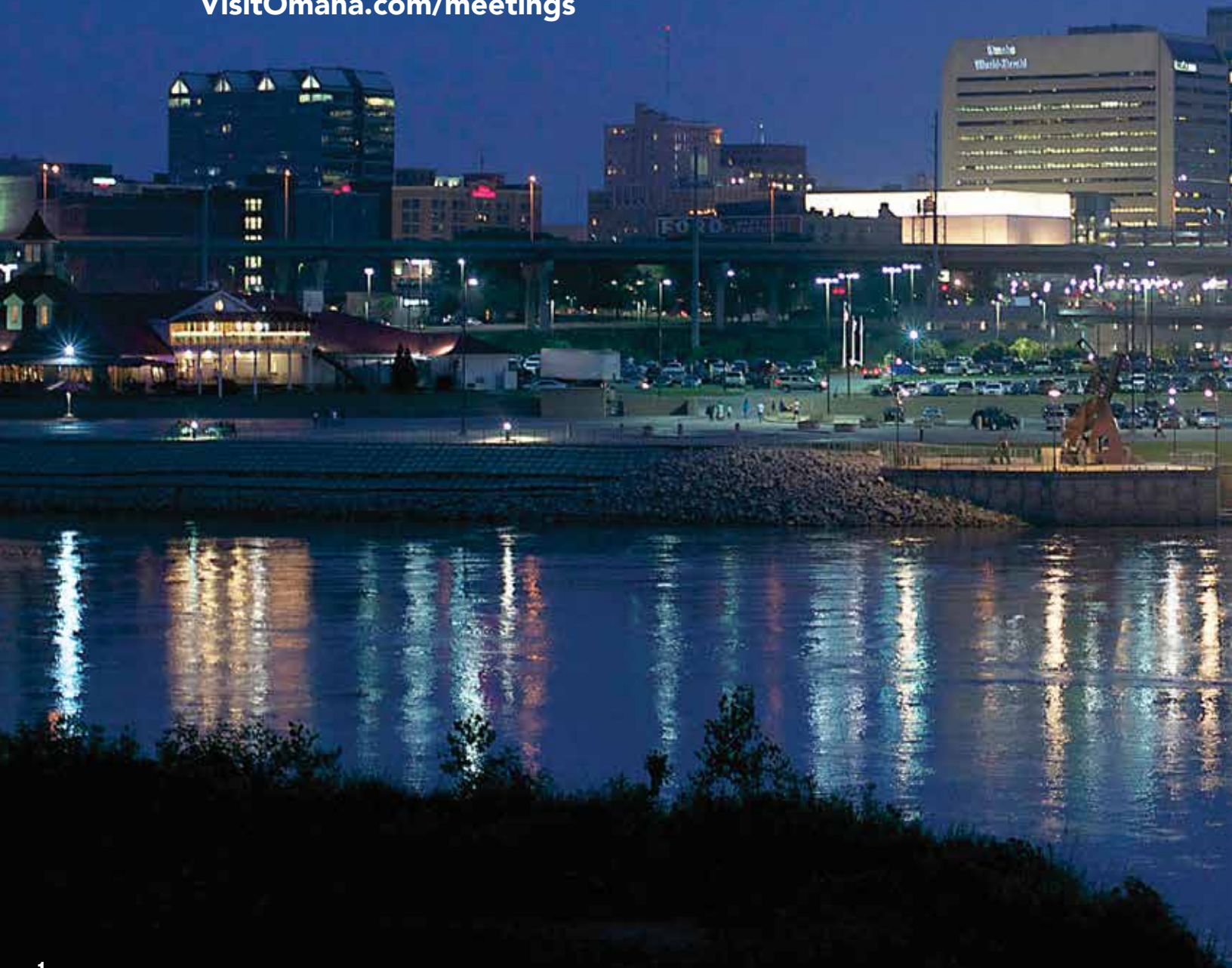


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# WELCOME

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Planning a convention or meeting is a delicate dance, balancing convenience, comfort and cost with new, memorable experiences. Omaha delivers a seamless package developed to lighten the planning burden while providing a fresh destination that will delight and surprise you.

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When you want to unearth something fresh, look to the heart and soul of the Midwest. Discover venues, accommodations and entertainment you've been digging for, here in a city no one sees coming. With a pleasant surprise around every corner, you'll love the big and little things that make us uniquely Omaha.

Conveniently located at the crossroads of the country, Omaha is in the center of America and embraces the spirit of the Midwest. Whether flying or driving, getting here is a breeze. When you arrive, you'll find a modern, thriving city – savvy in business and rich in culture. Set in the beautiful Missouri River Valley, Omaha is comfortably easy yet bursting with activity.



Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge



**960,886**  
Omaha Metro Population



**15,000+**  
Total Hotel Rooms



**Complimentary Hotel Shuttles**  
Direct from Airport to your Downtown Hotel



CHI Health Center Omaha

## Event space galore. Freedom to explore.

Feast your eyes on 346,000 sq. ft. of possibilities, otherwise known as CHI Health Center Omaha, the city's convention center and arena. With 194,000 sq. ft. of exhibit space and an attached 18,300-seat arena, Omaha's convention center offers accessibility, versatility and flexibility. Feel free to break out the measuring tape – we're happy to show you how your meeting will fit.

Omaha's downtown convention center is 4 miles from the airport and close to more than 3,000 downtown hotel rooms. It is connected via glass-enclosed skywalk to a 600-room Hilton headquarter hotel, and right across the street from a new 333-room full service Marriott.

Within blocks of the convention center is Omaha's Old Market Entertainment District. Find unique boutiques, antique emporiums, art galleries, pubs, and more than 30 locally owned restaurants featuring farm-to-table favorites and flavors from around the globe. And for you adventurous types, just two miles away you'll find the world's largest indoor desert under the world's largest geodesic dome – that's right, desert succulents under glass in the heart of America.

### At Your Service

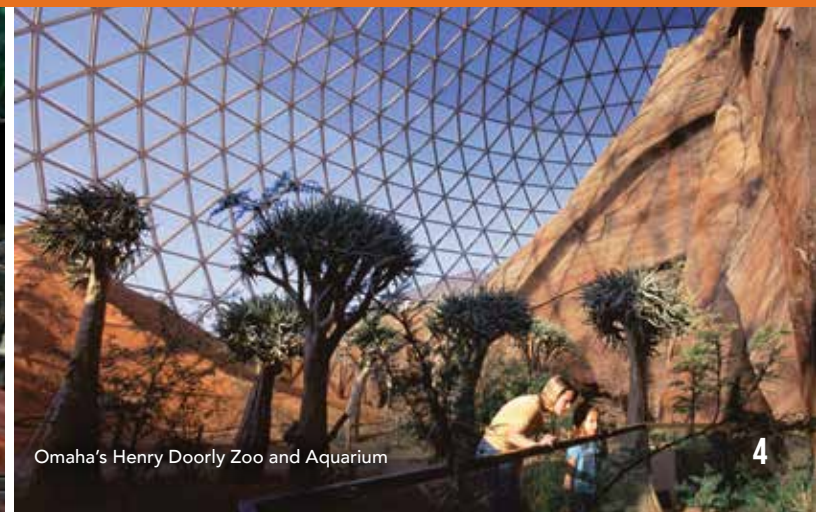
Visit Omaha offers a professional, full-time Convention Services team with over 20 years of experience. Our team is ready to enhance your event with an arsenal of resources, an easy-to-use online Meeting Planner Toolkit, promotional materials, badge discounts, and a concierge-style housing service. We want you to think of our team as part of yours.

*"Our delegates loved being minutes from the airport, within walking distance of the Old Market restaurant and entertainment district and your first class hotels."*

– D.F. "Bucky" Remaley, Executive Director, Railway Systems Suppliers Inc.



The Old Market Entertainment District



Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium

# GETTING HERE



Around here, we let comfort and convenience call the shots.



With non-stop service to 34 of the nation's busiest airports, flights to and from Omaha are short and sweet – only two-and-a-half hours from either coast. Omaha's airport (OMA) is served by all the major airlines and offers more than 200 arrivals and departures daily.

Taxiing to the terminal and then downtown should be one fluid motion, briskly transporting you from fluffy clouds to puffy hotel pillows in no time flat. Ranked #1 in customer service, Omaha's airport is a quick 4 miles from our downtown convention center and over 3,000 downtown hotel rooms.

The majority of Omaha hotels offer complimentary direct transportation to and from the airport. Rental cars, limousines, ride sharing services, taxis, and shuttle bus services are also available at the airport.

If you're driving, Omaha is conveniently located at the intersection of I-80 and I-29 in the heart of the Midwest.

Once you arrive, the ease of Omaha continues during your meeting and upon departure. Although, you'll find once you get here, you won't want to leave.

**Omaha Airport**  
Ranked #1 in Customer Satisfaction



**34 Major Airports**  
Non-Stop Service



**10 Minutes (4 miles)**  
To Downtown Convention District

# DINING & NIGHTLIFE

Let's face it, steak is in Omaha's DNA. If you're looking for a marbled slice of decadence, a cut of beef that you'll remember like it was a birthday gift, then travel to the city known nationwide for doing steak like no other. With an industry dating back to the 1880s, Omaha's cow-know-how is evident by the passion and dedication of the city's many established steakhouses.

And while Omaha is legendary for steak, did you know we've been raising the Reuben sandwich since the beginning? That's right, the Reuben was invented in Omaha (we don't care what those New Yorkers say). Created in the 1900s at Omaha's Blackstone Hotel during a high stakes poker game, a local grocer was asked to "ante up" and create a new dish. The ingredients he had on hand resulted into an American menu staple. Two pieces of grilled marbled rye, stuffed with slow-cooked corned beef topped with sauerkraut, bubbly Swiss cheese, and creamy Russian (or Thousand Island) dressing. Many have tried to replicate it, but everyone knows you should always travel for the original.

When thinking about Omaha's agricultural background and central location, it makes sense that the city would be on the forefront of the fresh food movement. New and classic Omaha restaurants have dedicated their kitchens and menus to showcasing the best meat and produce from local farms.



The Capitol Entertainment District

Whether it's the light zest of a cold ale, the mild flavor of a frosty lager, or the heavy malt taste of a dark stout, Omaha is gaining national recognition as a top beer city. True craft beer is all about innovative brewing ingredients, the re-interpretation of traditional methods, and the development of new styles. Sample some of the best beer you'll ever taste created by craftsmen who have made beer their life and Omaha their home.



The average meal in Omaha is \$2.50 less than the national average



The Drover



Lucky Bucket Brewery



Crescent Moon

Consistently ranked as a "Top Foodie Destination," Omaha is filled with travel-worthy cuisine.

# THINGS TO DO

TD Ameritrade Park Omaha

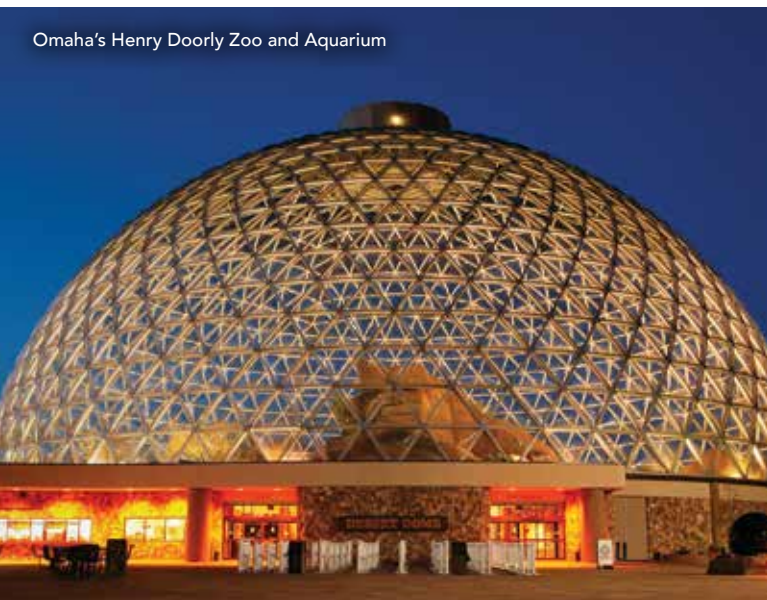


Creating an environment where attendees are able to learn, grow and build strong relationships with colleagues while having fun is what a successful meeting/event is all about.

In Omaha it starts just blocks away from the convention center in the Old Market Entertainment District. Nestled among rustic brick streets, the Old Market features unique boutiques, antique emporiums, art galleries, pubs, live music, and over 30 distinctly Omaha restaurants featuring local farm-to-table favorites and flavors from around the globe.

In the emerging NoDo (north downtown) area next to the convention center, find trend-forward shops, restaurants, art house cinema, an indie rock club, and TD Ameritrade Park Omaha – the 24,000-seat stadium home to the NCAA Men's College World Series. In the middle of the action is The Capitol District, a traditional town square with a modern twist. More than a dozen restaurants and entertainment options give attendees an easy night of walking and unwinding.

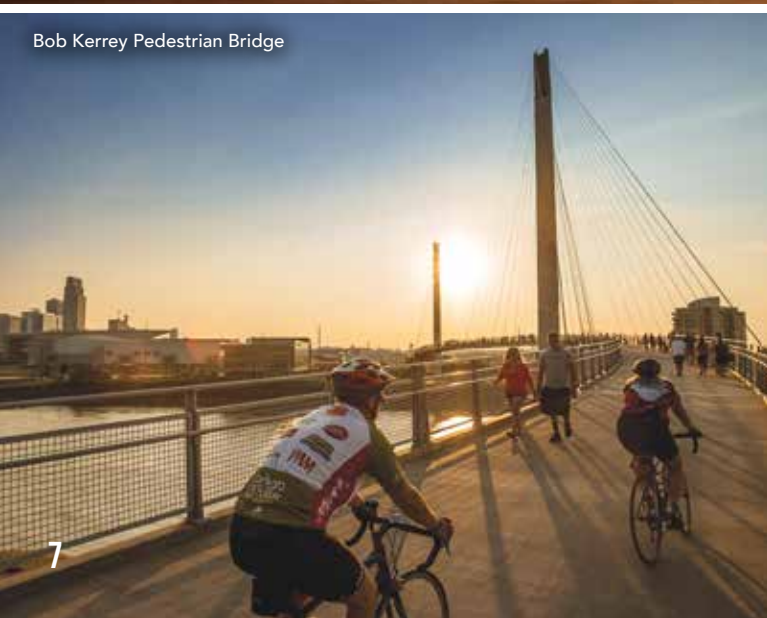
Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium



For a relaxing stroll, check out the nearby Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge. Bob (as he's called by the locals) stretches 3,000 feet across the Missouri River and is one of the longest pedestrian bridge to connect two states, Nebraska and Iowa. Visitors are able to experience an almost airborne feeling from 60 feet above the water. This one-of-a-kind suspension bridge connects more than 150 miles of beautiful nature trails.

Consistently ranked as one of the world's best zoos, Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium is a completely different animal. It's home to the world's largest indoor desert and the country's largest indoor rainforest. Explore the 28-acre African Grasslands featuring breathtaking panoramic views and long vistas teeming with white rhinos, cheetahs, lions and elephants.

Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge



Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium







Joslyn Art Museum



Lauritzen Gardens

Vibrant art and entertainment opportunities live throughout the city. Theatre, live music, plus traditional and contemporary art cater to every style and taste. Joslyn Art Museum, a pink marble art deco masterpiece, features rare works of art from such masters as Chihuly, Monet and Pollack. Hop aboard history at The Durham Museum, where you can explore old-time passenger trains and view one of the world's rarest coin and document collections.

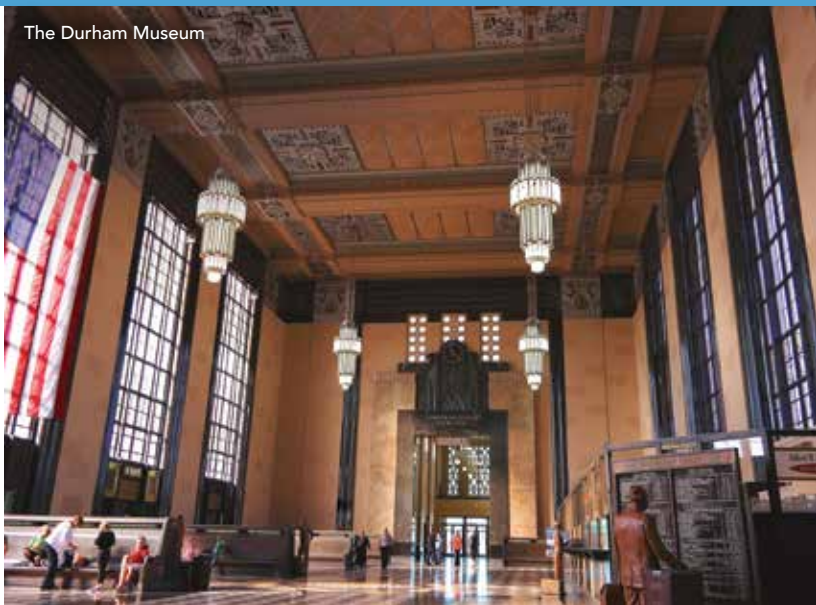
Nearby, Lauritzen Gardens is an urban oasis with more than 100 acres of botanical beauty, including a Victorian Garden, a rose garden, and a four-acre arboretum. Depending on the date of your convention, you can also treat your conventioners to one of many live, outdoor concert venues or art and food festivals.

With Omaha, you get a fresh, dynamic destination, merging the best in Midwestern hospitality with the energy of a city at full throttle.

## Omaha is home to the Desert Dome, the world's largest indoor desert



The Old Market Passageway



The Durham Museum

*"You have so much to offer from the zoo to the Old Market, the restaurants, etc. I was disappointed to leave as I didn't have enough time to explore everything in Omaha. You definitely have a great product!"*

*- Marian McLemore, President of the Cooperative Communicators Association*

# CONVENTION CENTER

Every great city needs a great venue, and CHI Health Center Omaha has made us a leading Midwest convention destination. A glass-enclosed skywalk links the convention center to the 600-room Hilton Omaha, creating a convenient bonus to the city's convention facilities. Directly across the street you'll find a 333-room full service Marriott. Additionally, CHI Health Center Omaha is one of the few convention centers connected to a top-selling arena, which seats more than 18,000 and holds sellout shows for the world's top touring artists. With so much at one location, in the vicinity of so many entertainment options, Omaha has gone above and beyond to make your convention easy.

A 346,000 square feet non-union facility offering freedom and flexibility, CHI Health Center Omaha features 194,000 square feet of contiguous exhibition space, divisible into three separate halls. Twenty-three loading docks and three drive-in ramps provide easy, accommodating access to the exhibition hall. Floor boxes are located every 30 feet and are equipped with copper and fiber optics to provide data and voice as well as electricity, water, air and gas at various locations.

CHI Health Center Omaha offers a high-speed, 100-million bit-per-second internet connection for quick upload and download, video broadcasting, webcasting and other video conference capabilities. Our trained and certified staff is available on-site and happy to assist with any IT needs.

When you want to bring people together, CHI Health Center Omaha offers more than 63,000 square feet of flexible meeting space. The grand ballroom has 30,996 elegant square feet and seats more than 2,000 guests. An additional 79,400 square feet of pre-function space complements 16 meeting rooms.

All rooms feature multiple electrical and microphone outlets, telephone and data connections, as well as individual programmable lighting. Ambient lighting illuminates the entire pre-function area, creating a warm and inviting atmosphere, while the open and contemporary design allows for easy access to all areas. Levy Restaurants is the exclusive in-house caterer for CHI Health Center Omaha. Known for their ability to customize menus, their food and service is always on point.



## CHI Health Center Omaha

346,000 sq. ft. with an 18,300-seat attached arena



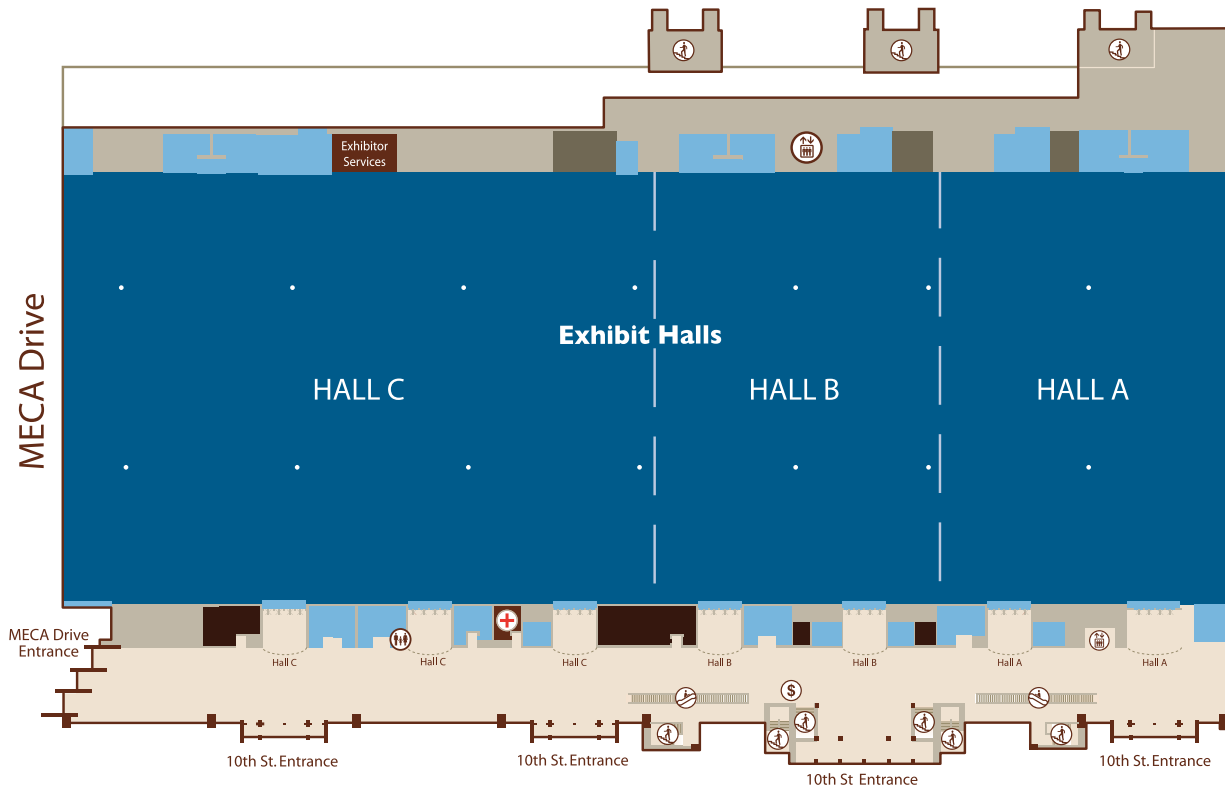
*“Omaha exceeded my expectations in providing an outstanding venue, from convention center, to the hotels and certainly hospitality.”*

- Craig Enenbach, National Veterans Wheelchair Games



Room to roam – inside and out.

# CHI Health Center Omaha - Exhibit Level



Rooms	Dimension	Square Feet	Ceiling Height	10x10 Booths	Banquet Rounds/10	Theater
Exhibit Hall	725' x 268'	194,300	30'	1,025	9,890	16,783
Hall A	180' x 268'	48,240	30'	235	2,420	3,549
Hall B	180' x 268'	48,240	30'	235	2,420	3,752
Hall C	365' x 268'	97,820	30'	515	4,860	7,696
Halls A+B	360' x 268'	96,480	30'	495	4,850	7,783
Halls B+C	545' x 268'	146,060	30'	770	7,380	12,189

*"It's hard to beat Omaha as a conference site. Costs are low compared to larger cities, and the facilities are outstanding. The sales and planning staff at the convention center and the hotels are professional and friendly, and Visit Omaha bends over backwards to help make every event successful."*

- Janis Weidenhammer, HDR



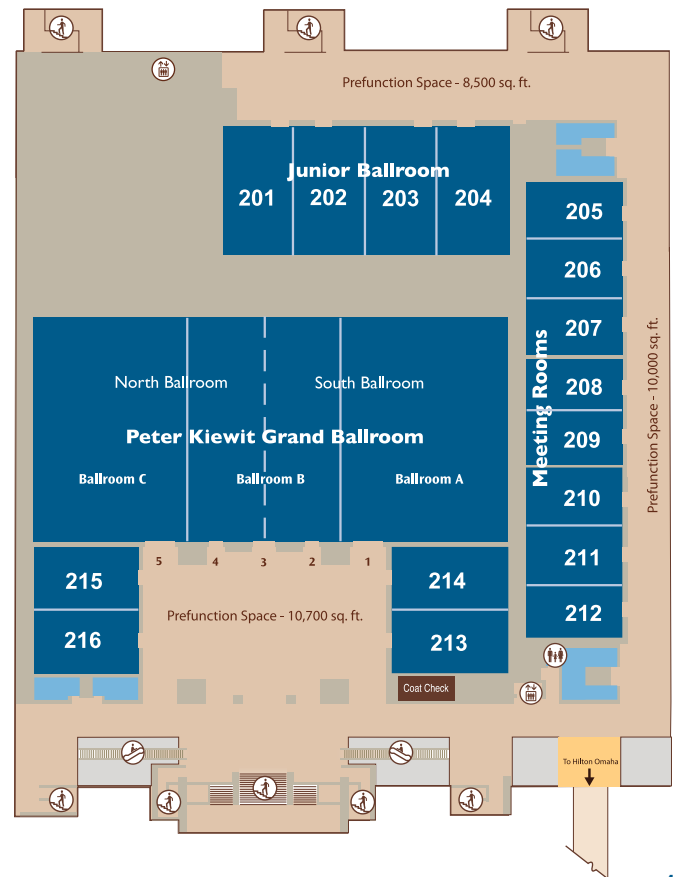
# CHI Health Center Omaha - Meeting Level

*"The center is fabulous! The space is free flowing and the flexibility and ability to change from one venue to another is very appealing. I love the close proximity of the airport to downtown and the friendliness of the cab drivers. The shopping, arts and food district is pretty amazing. I had no idea, and now I do."*

- Pamela Troop, CMP  
ASAE, Director of Meeting Operations and Special Events



Rooms	Dimension	Square Feet	Ceiling Height	Banquet Rounds/10	Classroom	Theater
<b>Peter Kiewit Grand Ballroom</b>						
Grand Ballroom	246' x 126'	30,996	35'	2,100	2,178	2,693
North Ballroom	119' x 126'	14,994	35'	1,000	946	1,286
South Ballroom	126' x 126'	15,876	35'	1,080	1,012	1,362
Ballroom A	85' x 126'	10,710	35'	670	696	859
Ballroom B	84' x 126'	10,584	35'	680	672	855
Ballroom C	77' x 126'	9,702	35'	600	651	822
<b>Junior Ballroom</b>						
Junior Ballroom	160' x 68'	10,880	20'	700	773	987
201	40' x 68'	2,720	20'	160	192	231
202	40' x 68'	2,720	20'	160	192	226
203	40' x 68'	2,720	20'	160	195	227
204	40' x 68'	2,720	20'	170	196	242
<b>Meeting Rooms</b>						
205+206+207	54' x 96'	5,184	20'	310	360	440
205	54' x 32'	1,728	20'	120	116	135
206	54' x 32'	1,728	20'	120	118	127
207	54' x 32'	1,728	20'	120	118	136
208+209	54' x 57'	3,078	20'	200	208	261
208	54' x 29'	1,566	20'	80	99	114
209	54' x 28'	1,512	20'	80	99	112
210+211+212	54' x 96'	5,184	20'	310	349	440
210	54' x 32'	1,728	20'	120	116	134
211	54' x 32'	1,728	20'	120	118	135
212	54' x 32'	1,728	20'	120	118	135
213+214	64' x 71'	4,544	20'	280	282	425
213	64' x 36'	2,304	20'	150	176	201
214	64' x 35'	2,240	20'	150	166	180
215+216	58' x 70'	4,060	20'	260	237	335
215	58' x 35'	2,030	20'	130	138	152
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# HOTELS



Omaha Marriott at The Capitol District

Omaha is consistently ranked as a “top-value” city.

Hilton Omaha





Embassy Suites



Double Tree by Hilton Omaha

Omaha understands that it's about making it easy for attendees to eat, relax and get back to the comfort of a quality room without the hassle of driving in an unknown city.

Omaha's downtown features more than 3,000 hotel rooms, all within walking distance of the city's downtown convention center, restaurants, bars, art galleries, shopping and several entertainment hotspots.

Adding to the convenience is the 600-room Hilton Omaha hotel connected via glass enclosed skywalk to the convention center.

Directly across from the convention center/arena is the new \$205 million Capitol District project, including a full-service 333-room Marriott hotel.

With more than 15,000 rooms in the metropolitan area, you'll find a wide variety of hotels located throughout the city ready to accommodate your event.

If you need to be close to the convention center, sports arenas, medical centers or corporate business offices, you'll find lodging to meet your needs.



**15,000+**  
Total Hotel Rooms



**3,000 Downtown Hotel Rooms**

Downtown Omaha Hotel Name	# Sleeping Room	# Meeting Room	Largest Room	Total Sq Ft
Hilton Omaha	600	21	10,000	39,000
DoubleTree by Hilton Omaha	414	25	9,000	30,000
Omaha Marriott at The Capitol District	333	9	10,275	17,500
Embassy Suites	249	13	10,658	16,500
Courtyard by Marriott Omaha	181	3	924	2,152
Hilton Garden Inn Omaha	178	3	1,200	1,428
Hyatt Place Omaha	159	3	1,415	1,664
Residence Inn by Marriott Omaha	152	3	828	1,700
Magnolia Hotel Omaha	145	10	1,615	4,652
Hampton Inn and Suites Omaha	139	1	847	847
Cambria	128	3	1500	1687
Holiday Inn Express (on Farnam)	100	1	800	800
EVEN Hotel	132	5	5,000	5,600
Homewood Suites by Hilton Omaha	123	1	669	669
Holiday Inn Downtown Omaha	114	2	2,700	3,450
Fairfield Inn and Suites by Marriott Omaha	113	1	200	200
Hotel Deco XV	89	5	2,316	4,780

*"It was our highest in total attendance in five years and everything went great. Our attendees came from 36 states and we were thrilled at how easy it was to get to Omaha and how easy it was once we arrived!"*

- Pamela Johnson, CMP, Meetings & Member Services Manager  
National Association of State Technology Directors

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