

# REGISTRATION

Participate in one of the largest cardiothoracic surgery meetings in the world. Register today for the STS Annual Meeting. The earlier you register, the more you save. *You must register for the meeting in order to reserve housing at the STS Annual Meeting rate.*

Registration and housing are available online only at [sts.org/annualmeeting](http://sts.org/annualmeeting).

## Important Dates

Early Bird Registration Deadline . . . . . November 19, 2018  
 Hotel Reservation Deadline . . . . . January 3, 2019  
 Standard Registration Deadline . . . . . January 24, 2019

## Questions?

Contact Experient, the Society's official registration partner.

**Toll free:** 800-424-5249

**International callers:** 00-1-847-996-5829

**Email:** [sts@experient-inc.com](mailto:sts@experient-inc.com)



## REGISTRATION CATEGORIES

Registration is open to everyone with an interest in cardiothoracic surgery. Please note that STS members are NOT automatically registered for the Annual Meeting.

**STS Surgeon Members:** STS Active, International, and Senior Members

**STS Associate Member Physicians (Non-CT Surgeons):** STS member physicians with an interest in cardiothoracic surgery who are not eligible to become Active, International, Candidate, or Pre-Candidate Members

**STS Associate Member Non-Physicians:** STS members who are PhD research scientists, physician assistants, perfusionists, nurses, nurse practitioners, practice administrators, data managers, and others with an interest in cardiothoracic surgery

**STS Pre-Candidate and Candidate Members:** *Pre-Candidate:* Medical students and general surgery residents who are STS members. *Candidate:* Cardiothoracic surgery residents/fellows/trainees who are STS members

**Non-Member Physicians:** Non-member cardiothoracic surgeons and other physicians with an interest in cardiothoracic surgery

**Non-Member Non-Physicians:** Non-member PhD research scientists, physician assistants, perfusionists, nurses, nurse practitioners, practice administrators, data managers, and others with an interest in cardiothoracic surgery

**Non-Member Residents, Fellows, and Medical Students:** In order to register for the STS 55th Annual Meeting, non-member general surgery residents and cardiothoracic surgery residents/fellows must complete a registration certification form during the online registration process. Non-member medical students must upload a copy of their current student identification card to the registration website.

## SEPARATE REGISTRATIONS

*Tech-Con 2019 and the STS 55th Annual Meeting require **separate** registrations.*

TECH-CON	ANNUAL MEETING
Saturday, Jan. 26	Sunday, Jan. 27 – Tuesday, Jan. 29
Registration includes access to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tech-Con educational sessions</li> <li>• Tech-Con exhibits</li> </ul>	Registration includes access to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual Meeting educational sessions</li> <li>• Annual Meeting Exhibit Hall and Opening Reception</li> <li>• 2019 Annual Meeting Online</li> </ul>

Separate ticket purchases are required for:

- STS University courses (Sunday, January 27)
- President's Reception (Sunday, January 27)

## CANCELATION POLICY

All registration cancellation requests must be made in writing and emailed to [meetings@sts.org](mailto:meetings@sts.org) by January 18, 2019. Requests for refunds will not be honored if submitted after that date. A processing fee of \$100 will be charged for all cancellations.

## BECOME AN STS MEMBER – SAVE ON REGISTRATION!

If you are not an STS member, you can gain numerous benefits and savings by becoming an STS member before you register for the Annual Meeting.

Applications for **Associate, Candidate, or Pre-Candidate Membership** must be submitted by *Monday, January 7, 2019*, to allow time for processing. Those approved for membership will receive reduced registration rates for the STS 55th Annual Meeting and Tech-Con.

### That's not all...

STS membership also includes:

- Complimentary subscriptions to the Society's prestigious peer-reviewed journal, *The Annals of Thoracic Surgery*, and STS newsletters
- Deep discounts on educational activities, special symposia, and online learning
- Eligibility for discounted STS National Database participation fees
- Opportunities to participate on STS governance bodies that help develop and implement programs to advance the interests of the specialty
- Networking with the largest group of cardiothoracic surgeons worldwide

For membership information and a link to the online application, visit [sts.org/membership](http://sts.org/membership) or contact Sarah Foreman, Senior Coordinator, Member Services, at [sforeman@sts.org](mailto:sforeman@sts.org).

# HOUSING

## MEETING LOCATION

All educational programming for the STS 55th Annual Meeting and Tech-Con 2019 will take place at the San Diego Convention Center.

## San Diego Convention Center

111 W. Harbor Dr.  
San Diego, CA 92101  
619-525-5000  
visitsandiego.com

## STS HOTELS

The Society has negotiated with local San Diego hotels to offer exclusive discounted rates to STS Annual Meeting attendees. Making your reservation through the official STS room blocks helps the Society continue to leverage the best possible pricing for its members.

You must register for the Annual Meeting before you can reserve your housing. You can do both at [sts.org/annualmeeting](http://sts.org/annualmeeting). The deadline to receive discounted room rates is Thursday, January 3, 2019.

The Society has engaged Experient as the only approved Official Registration and Housing Provider for the STS Annual Meeting. Please be wary of any other companies ostensibly offering registration and/or housing assistance for the STS Annual Meeting. Such companies typically imply that they are working with STS, but in reality are unauthorized. Please contact the Meetings & Conventions Department at [meetings@sts.org](mailto:meetings@sts.org) if you are contacted by anyone other than Experient.

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## SAVE BY BOOKING THROUGH STS\*

	STS room rate (per night)	Online travel site	Savings
1 <b>Hilton San Diego Bayfront</b> 1 Park Blvd., San Diego, CA 92101	\$271	\$315	14%
2 <b>Omni San Diego Hotel</b> 675 L St., San Diego, CA 92101	\$289	\$349	17%
3 <b>Marriott Marquis San Diego Marina</b> 333 W. Harbor Dr., San Diego, CA 92101	\$299 city view \$319 bay view	\$419 bay view	24%

\*Savings based on single-night rate comparison as of November 13, 2018.

# TRAVEL INFORMATION

## AIR TRAVEL

The San Diego International Airport (SAN) is conveniently located approximately 3 miles from the San Diego Convention Center and all official STS hotels.

## GROUND TRANSPORTATION

### Car Rental

STS has negotiated special car rental rates from Hertz. Reservations may be placed at [hertz.com](http://hertz.com) or by calling 800-654-2240 from within the United States and Canada; from international locations, call 00-1-405-749-4434. To receive the discounted STS rate, reference convention number (CV#) 04XS0007 when making your reservation. Parking at the San Diego Convention Center ranges from \$15 to \$35 per day.

### Taxis/Ride Shares

To hail a taxi upon arrival at SAN, follow the signs leading to the Transportation Plazas across from Terminals 1 and 2. A customer service representative will place you in the first available taxi. The approximate one-way cost to the hotels or convention center is \$20.

Uber, Lyft, and other ride share companies also pick up in the Transportation Plazas. Follow signage to the designated pickup lanes.

### Shuttle Service / Private Car

Airport shuttle and private car services are available through SuperShuttle. Shuttle service can be accessed from the Transportation Plazas and costs approximately \$8 per person from SAN to the official STS hotels. Private car service is approximately \$40 one way. For reservations, call 800-9-SHUTTLE (800-974-8885) or visit [supershuttle.com](http://supershuttle.com).

## For International Attendees

### ACT NOW TO OBTAIN YOUR VISA

If you plan to attend the STS Annual Meeting, advance planning is critical! Attendees from outside the United States may need to apply for a visa at the American embassy, consulate, or other visa-issuing office in their country of origin. Please begin your visa application process as soon as possible. Learn more at [travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov).

If you need a personalized letter of invitation, visit [sts.org/annualmeeting](http://sts.org/annualmeeting) and complete the Letter of Invitation Request Form. Once you have submitted the form, STS will email a personalized letter of invitation to you within 1 business week. Please note: STS cannot promise that you or your colleagues will receive a visa, nor can it change the decision of any governmental agency should your application be denied.

### ABOUT SAN DIEGO AND THE UNITED STATES

Even for the seasoned traveler, a trip may require some advance planning. Learn more about essential information, helpful travel tips, and answers to common questions at these websites:

[sandiego.org](http://sandiego.org) (San Diego Tourism Authority)  
[visitsandiego.com](http://visitsandiego.com) (San Diego Convention Center)  
[san.org](http://san.org) (San Diego International Airport)  
[travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov) (US State Department)  
[cbp.gov](http://cbp.gov) (Customs and Border Protection)  
[dhs.gov/how-do-i/visit-united-states](http://dhs.gov/how-do-i/visit-united-states) (Department of Homeland Security)

