



**FEAST OF
TABERNACLES**
2018 HOUSING
INFORMATION



WELCOME TO THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES

2018 FESTIVAL HOUSING GUIDE

Before we know it, we will all be gathered at sites around the world to keep the Feast of Tabernacles! We plan and save our second tithe to go to “the place where LORD your God chooses to put His name” (Deuteronomy 14:24). We are excited and eager to make arrangements for accommodations for our family. Since we spend so much time in our housing at the Feast, this part of our Feast planning is extremely important to us!

With this fact in mind, the Feast coordinators for all our Feast sites strive to procure properties that will meet the needs of all the brethren—with a focus on quality, price and value.

Each year the Church evaluates the accommodations we offered the previous year. We do this by reviewing the housing surveys that the brethren fill out at the various sites. The Feast coordinators consider the price brethren paid for housing, the quality and cleanliness of the facility, and the cooperation of the management. By doing so, we are able to make the necessary adjustments to Feast housing at each site to meet the needs of brethren. As a result, you may find a few new properties and also a few that are no longer being used.

As you and your family make your plans and prepare to select and reserve housing for 2018, we recommend that you review all available housing at the site you will be attending. To assist you in this endeavor, we have included websites for most of the housing establishments listed in this housing brochure. Please take the time to visit those websites. It will allow you to preview the facility and the amenities it offers. This will greatly assist you in avoiding unpleasant surprises.

We again want to remind you of the benefits the Church realizes when our members use the housing establishments that are listed in the COGWA Festival housing brochure. Your doing so enables us to secure fair prices with the

housing establishments, and it is central in our ability to secure quality meeting space at sites where we meet in a hotel.

As you make your housing arrangements, please remember these important guidelines:

1. In general, please do not attempt to make reservations prior to the opening day and time for reservations, which is Monday, **May 14, at 10 a.m. in the time zone of the site you are attending**. The establishments have been asked to **not accept reservations prior to the agreed-upon time**.
2. Those with disabilities, health problems or other special needs that require specific types of facilities may make early housing reservations beginning Monday, **May 7**. (Check with your local Festival adviser for guidelines.) Some sites may require a password in order to make early reservations.
3. When making your reservations, identify yourself as a member of the “Church of God, a Worldwide Association, Feast of Tabernacles.” Be sure to give your arrival and departure dates, be prepared to pay a deposit, and be sure to ask for a confirmation number.
4. Please take notice of the maximum number of occupants allowed in a room and do not exceed that number. Reserving a room for four people and then putting six to seven people in the room is not allowed. It causes extra work for the housekeeping staff and violates the agreements we have made.
5. PLEASE make only one housing reservation at one Feast site. Making duplicate reservations limits others who are looking for housing. If your plans to attend a particular site change, be sure to cancel your housing reservations as soon as possible to free up housing.

Jon Pinelli
Festival Planning Team



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. What if I have a large family and need a larger facility, such as a house, to have enough space. Can I rent “outside” our housing list?

A. If there is no satisfactory housing on our housing list, you are certainly free to rent something that isn't on it. Most of the large, home-type facilities are one of a kind, and it would cause more potential problems than it would solve for us to list a large number of one-of-a-kind facilities. Once such a facility was reserved, it would be a frustrating waste of time for any other members who tried to reserve the facility.

Q. What if I'm torn between two different housing properties (maybe even at two different sites). What is wrong with reserving them both until I decide and then releasing the one I decide not to use?

A. This situation probably happens more often than most would think. It causes difficulties on more than one level. First, it removes a room from the “available block” that may eventually go unused if you cancel just before the Feast. Second, it may cause a facility to assume it is full and turn down possible bookings only to later have one or several cancellations by people who had “double-booked” rooms. This causes us problems when we go to book blocks of rooms for the following year.

Q. My extended family is all attending the same site, yet we find we are paying different tax rates on our rooms. Why is that? It seems confusing!

A. Some Feast sites have facilities in different communities, each with different lodging tax rates. Some facilities have a county tax, while others have a county tax and a city lodging tax. Generally, the difference isn't that great, but it may be 4 to 5 percent different.

Q. What about extra fees that appear on my bill in addition to the basic room charge?

A. Some facilities have extra charges, such as parking, a resort fee, or a fee for “Internet service in sleeping rooms” (in some facilities, the Internet is free only in the public areas). Most of these should be listed in the housing brochure, but it is good to ask about any extra fees that the facility charges when making your room reservation. When in doubt, ask, so you aren't surprised when you check out.

Q. I have found an establishment that I feel would be a great fit for our housing block. How do I go about giving this input to the right person?

A. At times, members may find a facility that we may have overlooked or that may be under new management. There are a couple of ways you can give input in this area. First, since we may already have our room blocks set for this year, you can write in your suggestion on your copy of the Housing Survey, which is passed out at each site. The Festival coordinator for that site will see it and can follow up on it. Second, you can email the suggestion to the Festival coordinator for that site

or to a member of the Festival Planning Team. But either way, please do not try to negotiate with the establishment on behalf of the Church.

Q. I have several ideas on areas that I feel would make wonderful Feast sites. How do I go about giving input on possible locations?

A. We are always keeping our eyes open for possible Feast sites. Our main criteria for site selection is desirable locations within a reasonable distance of the majority of our people in a region. We will occasionally have a specialty site on a one-time or a periodic basis, but due to manpower and expense, we mostly focus on regional sites across the United States and regional sites in the international areas as well.

The Festival Planning Team is always open to suggestions for possible future sites and welcomes input from interested members. If you know of a specific facility in a particular area, feel free to

mention it in an email to a member of the Festival Planning Team. But please do not contact the facility directly or discuss possible terms with the facility, as if you are representing the Church. Doing so can cause confusion. Send in your ideas, and we will look at and consider them in light of current needs, contracts and other relative conditions.

Q. What do I do if, after checking into a facility selected from the housing guide, I find the conditions to be totally unacceptable?

A. While this situation seldom happens, it is a possibility. Before you actually occupy the room, go back to the management and tell them the conditions are totally unacceptable and ask for either another room that is acceptable or for a refund. Most facilities will work with you. In the event that you still have a situation, feel free to contact the Festival coordinator for the site or, if you know his name, the housing officer. Either of them will be able to help you with the situation.

Key Dates for 2018 Feast of Tabernacles

April 1-May 7, 2018
Online registration

May 7, 2018
Early housing reservations begin (check with your local Festival adviser for guidelines)

May 14, 2018
General housing reservations begin

July 3, 2018
Activity information posted to website

Sept. 24-30, 2018
Feast of Tabernacles

Oct. 1, 2018
Last Great Day

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SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

The San Diego area is home to a spectacular coastline, fine dining, museums, zoos and much more, and will once again be the site for the Feast of Tabernacles for the Southwest in 2018. San Diego weather offers a pleasant climate year-round.

We are meeting again at the Crowne Plaza for all services during the Feast. The resort is located on Hotel Circle and is just a few miles from Old Town San Diego, Mission Bay, Sea World and other attractions. The Crowne Plaza worked out well as a meeting venue and is beautifully landscaped with a Hawaiian theme.

Because a large number of our members stay at the Crowne Plaza, it greatly reduces our cost and provides us with a wonderful meeting space. The hotel has given us a reduced rate, complimentary Internet, and in-room refrigerators and microwaves. Other nearby hotels and vacation rentals will be available.

Church-organized activities will include Family Day, seniors' luncheon, teen and young adult hospitalities, a teen beach party, a dinner cruise and more.

Local activities are plentiful, with snorkeling, surfing, kayaking, paddleboards, deep-sea fishing, whale watching, local wine tasting, mountain biking, golfing, scuba diving, tide pools and visiting the famous La Jolla area. San Diego offers a wide variety of restaurants, a number of which sit on the water with views of the Pacific Coast or San Diego Harbor.

Fragrance-controlled room available: No.

Tax rate for accommodations: 12.7 percent.

Closest airports: San Diego (SAN), 5.7 miles; Orange County (SNA), 82 miles.

Paul Carter

Crowne Plaza San Diego

866-257-7930

619-297-6049 fax

cp-sandiego.com

2270 Hotel Circle N.

San Diego, CA 92108

\$113 single room, 1-4 people

Note: When calling to make reservations, please ask for the "Feast of Tabernacles 2018" rate. To book online, go to: tinyurl.com/crowne-plaza-fot. All reservations must be made before July 31, 2018. All individual reservations have a 48-hour cancellation policy. Information for 1-bedroom suites is available upon request.

Amenities: Restaurant on premises or adjacent, shopping nearby, laundry facilities, equipped for handicapped, pets allowed (\$75 deposit per pet), outdoor pool, king or queen beds, refrigerator, coffeemaker, air-conditioning, suites available, elevator, free Wi-Fi, online reservations. Daily parking for guests (and nonguests) is \$4 per day.

Distance from meeting hall: on-site

Bluewater Vacation Homes

800-243-3588

858-408-3247 fax

bluewatervacationhomes.com

926 Turquoise St., Suite F

San Diego, CA 92109

10% off listed rate of less than \$250/night

15% off listed rate of \$250-\$350/night

20% off listed rate of more than \$350/night

Note: To receive discount, reservations must be made by calling the 800 number. Mention you are with COGWA or Church of God, a Worldwide Association. Discounts apply to online rates (subject to change). Discount applies only to fully managed properties, pending approval by Bluewater Vacation Homes. Must book before Aug. 15 to receive discount. Discounts are for eight or more consecutive nights. These rates are available three nights before and after the Feast (based on availability). See bluewatervacationhomes.com/rental-terms-and-conditions.htm for terms and cancellation policy.

Amenities: Bluewater is a rental agency that lists a variety of apartments, condos and homes, so amenities will vary. See their website to find a property that meets your needs. No security deposit is required.

Distance from meeting hall: varies

Comfort Inn & Suites

619-881-6200

619-297-6179 fax

comfortinnzoo.com

2485 Hotel Circle Place

San Diego, CA 92108

\$89 2 queen beds and sofa, up to 6 people

\$99 family suite, up to 6 people

Note: When calling to make reservations, mention you are with COGWA or Church of God, a Worldwide Association. These rates are available three nights before and after the Feast. The deposit is refunded in full if reservation is canceled seven days before check-in.

Amenities: Shopping nearby, laundry facilities, equipped for handicapped, outdoor pool, king or queen beds, suites (mini fridge and microwave included; bunkbeds are available), air-conditioning, elevator, free Wi-Fi, parking and hot breakfast included.

Distance from meeting hall: 0.3 mile

Days Inn

619-297-8800

619-298-6029 fax

daysinnhc.com

543 Hotel Circle S.

San Diego, CA 92108

\$71 single room, 1-4 people

\$81 kitchenette, 1-4 people

Note: Rates are based on an 8-night minimum stay. These rates are available three nights before and after the Feast. Mention you are with the Church of God, a Worldwide Association, and confirm the festival rates to receive discount.

Amenities: Restaurant on premises or adjacent, shopping nearby, laundry facilities, equipped for handicapped, pets allowed (service pets only), outdoor pool, king or queen beds, microwave, refrigerator, coffeemaker, air-conditioning, kitchenettes (cookware provided upon check-in), elevator, free Wi-Fi. Daily parking for guests is \$5 per day.

Distance from meeting hall: 1.1 miles

Homewood Suites Hotel Circle

619-881-6800

619-295-6802 fax

hwsuitessandiego.com

2201 Hotel Circle S.

San Diego, CA 92108

\$130 1 king bed, 1-4 people

\$130 2 double queen bed, 1-4 people

\$230 2-bedroom suite, 2-6 people

Note: Reservations can be made by calling 800-560-7964 and referring to the **Group Name "Festival Housing."** To book online, go to: tinyurl.com/homewood-suites-fot. Rates are based on an eight-night-minimum stay. All reservations must be made on or before Aug. 25, 2018. These rates are available three nights before and after the Feast. A \$200 deposit is required within 10 days of reservation to hold any room. Deposit refunded in full if reservation is canceled 30 days before check-in.

Amenities: Restaurant on premises or adjacent, shopping nearby, laundry facilities, equipped for handicapped, pets allowed, outdoor pool, king or queen beds, air-conditioning, suites (pull-out sofa included), elevator, free Wi-Fi, online reservations, evening receptions (Monday through Thursday), breakfast buffet included. Parking fee of \$10 per day.

Distance from meeting hall: 0.7 mile

The Atwood

619-255-1920

theatwoodhotel.com

1201 Hotel Circle S.

San Diego, CA 92108

\$67 2 queen beds, 1-4 people (tax not included)

\$65 1 king bed, 1-4 people (tax not included)

Note: These rates are available three nights before and after the Feast.

Amenities: Restaurants on premises or adjacent, shopping nearby, equipped for handicapped, pets allowed, outdoor heated pool and Jacuzzi, king or queen beds, microwave, refrigerator, coffeemaker, hair dryer, air-conditioning, free Wi-Fi, free parking, picnic area.

Distance from meeting hall: 1.2 miles

INTERNATIONAL FEAST SITES

AFRICA

Mugina, Burundi
Man, Côte d'Ivoire
Douala, Cameroon
Kinshasa, Democratic
Republic of the Congo
Kumasi, Ghana
Migori, Kenya
Salima, Malawi
Flic-en-Flac, Mauritius
Benin City, Nigeria
Giti, Rwanda
Uvongo, South Africa
Kpalimé, Togo
Mapoko, Zambia
Gweru, Zimbabwe

ASIA/PACIFIC

Coffs Harbour, Australia
Pacific Harbour, Fiji
Kochi, India
Taupo, New Zealand
Baguio City, Philippines

CARIBBEAN

Barbados
Grenada

Lethem, Guyana
Runaway Bay, Jamaica

EUROPE

Winchester, England
Normandy, France
Cortona, Italy

LATIN AMERICA

Villa la Merced, Argentina
Santa Cruz, Bolivia
Lican Ray, Chile
El Rodadero, Santa Marta,
Colombia
Antigua, Guatemala
San Miguel de Allende,
Mexico
Huanchaco, Peru

NORTH AMERICA

Orford, Québec

Note: Not all locations in this list are final. Please check feast.cogwa.org for up-to-date information on international sites.

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