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ABOUT DENVER



TRAVELING TO DENVER/USA VISA REQUIREMENTS

Many non-US citizens need a visa to enter the United States to visit. Plan ahead and check the details of visa requirements for your country before planning your trip to IPCC2017.

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DENVER HISTORY

Local boosters named the frontier mining camp on the South Platte River "Denver" after Kansas Territorial Governor James Denver in hopes of gaining political favor. Unfortunately, Denver had retired by the time they named the town. There were originally three separate towns, with three separate names, where Denver now stands. In 1859, the other names were dropped in return for a barrel of whiskey to be shared by all. Fittingly enough, the first permanent structure in Denver was a saloon.

DENVER'S NICKNAME

By an amazing stroke of good luck, the 13th step on the west side of the Colorado State Capitol Building is exactly 5,280 feet above sea level - one mile high. In Denver's rarified air, golf balls go 10 percent farther. So do cocktails. Alcoholic drinks pack more of a punch than at sea level. The Mile High City is also extremely dry, so it is a good idea to drink more water than usual. With less water vapor in the air at this altitude, the sky really is bluer in Colorado.

DENVER'S LOCATION

Denver is near the mountains, not in them. The Mile High City is located on high rolling plains, 12 miles east of the "foothills," a series of gentle mountains that climb to 11,000 feet. Just beyond is the "Front Range of the Rocky Mountains," a series of formidable snowcapped peaks that rise to 14,000 feet. Denver might not be in the mountains, but the mountains still dominate the city. The picturesque mountain panorama from Denver is 140 miles long. There are 200 visible named peaks including 32 that soar to 13,000 feet and above.

WEATHER

The arid conditions bring only 8 to 15 inches of annual precipitation and locals wake up to more than 300 days of sunshine a year. That's more annual hours of sun than Miami and San Diego. In summer, Denver enjoys low relative

humidity, making for beautiful, sun-filled days and cool, comfortable evenings. The average daily high temperature in August is a mild 86 degrees Fahrenheit. The mild weather is due in part to the city's altitude: 5,280 feet above sea level, or exactly a mile high. ([CLIMATE CHART](#))

MEDICAL INSURANCE

Visitors to Denver, Colorado should purchase Travel health insurance to ensure they are covered in case of any emergency. Check with your personal medical plan before leaving your home country to ensure you have adequate traveling insurance. Delegates are urged to take out insurance to cover loss incurred in the case of cancellation, medical expenses and damage to or loss of personal effects whenever traveling outside of their own country.

ENTERING THE UNITED STATES

If you are travelling from outside the United States be sure to check the specific travel policies relating to your country. You can find all relevant information on the U.S. Department of State website- <https://travel.state.gov/content/visas/en.html>.

MONEY

The currency used in the USA is the US Dollar (\$). Foreign currencies can be exchanged at banks, your hotel front desk, or at currency exchange bureaus located throughout the city.

CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE

The Certificate of Attendance will be available for download on the Conference Website 2 weeks after the Conference

ATTIRE

Business Casual

CELL PHONE USAGE

Before traveling to Denver, please check with your local provider for Roaming or Long-distance charges as these may apply.

ELECTRICITY

The electrical current is: 110 volts AC at 60 Hz. Adapters are required for electronics from other countries.

LANGUAGE

The official language of the IPCC 2017 is English

TIME

Denver, Colorado lies within the Mountain Time Zone (UTC - 07:00)

COLORADO CLEAN INDOOR AIR ACT (2016)

In an effort to reduce the risk of tobacco smoke-related health problems in Colorado, the General Assembly passed the Colorado Clean Indoor Air Act ("act") in 2006, which prohibits tobacco smoking in indoor areas throughout the state. The act defines smoking as the burning of a lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, or any other matter or substance that contains tobacco or marijuana. [Click here to see the updated list](#) of prohibited smoking areas and exceptions.

LIABILITY

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