

ASQDE 2008 AGM Site Information

The 2008 ASQDE annual meeting will be held at the recently upgraded Asheville Renaissance (Marriott) Hotel in historic downtown Asheville, North Carolina.

The Asheville Renaissance Hotel
One Thomas Wolfe Plaza
Asheville, NC 28801
Toll Free Reservations: 1-800-468-3571

On-line Reservations can be made using our ASQDE group code **ASQASQA** at:
<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/avlbr-renaissance-asheville-hotel/>

Be sure to make your reservations early, as the cut-off date for room reservations is July 25th, 2008 (and we're likely to sell out our room block well before this date).

The following extremely attractive room rates, plus tax, are good for a period three days prior to and after the ASQDE meeting (based on availability):

Single: \$139.00
Double: \$139.00

Nestled among the Blue Ridge and Great Smokey Mountains, Asheville is a very charming city. It has been ranked "One of the South's Most Meetable Cities" by Convention South Magazine, and has hosted meetings from 10,000 people to less than 100.

The Renaissance Hotel is located in unique downtown Asheville. From the Art Deco buildings and high-energy street scene to the decidedly European flair, it's safe to say this is not your average metropolis. Unique boutiques and music stores on "Lower Lex" contribute to the city's distinctive vibe, which permeates the hearts and minds of anyone who meanders downtown.

If you like to eat, you'll love the array of sidewalk cafés lining the streets of downtown. Al fresco diners can take in street performers, musicians and passersby while savoring a truly memorable meal rivaling anything you can get in New York City or Atlanta.

Feeling like exploring some of the sights away from the hotel? Gray Line Tours offers a Trolley Tour of Asheville. Hop aboard for a fully narrated journey, highlighting the history, homes and hot spots. The tour includes all major points of interest, including the diverse Montford Historic District, the stately Grove Park Historic District, the legendary Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa, the award winning Grovewood Gallery, a work of art in itself, the Art Deco-rich Downtown, the ever artsy and edgy River Arts District, and quaint and historic Biltmore Village. Feel free to stop off at any of the stops and shop, dine, explore and then reboard the next trolley to continue the tour. The Renaissance is a stop on the tour, so it's easy to take advantage of this fun trip.

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If you feel like a little exercise, explore the Asheville Urban Trail: a 1.7 mile walking tour of downtown. Draw inspiration from the local art, or checkmate your opponent in an outdoor game of chess on Haywood Street.

If adventure is your thing, there are many outdoor and recreational activities available. From mountain biking to geocaching, to white water rafting, to rock climbing there is something for every outdoor enthusiast.

One of the optional events planned for next year includes a private guided tour of the Biltmore House (<http://www.biltmore.com/>). The tour will include a private viewing of historical Biltmore House documents, taken from the archives and presented just for our visit. You will definitely not want to miss this once in a lifetime opportunity, so make sure you sign up for this tour when you register.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns about the 2008 AGM in Asheville, please contact:

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