

# A Quick Guide to MagiCon's Hotels

The Peabody Orlando: The Peabody, MagiCon's headquarters hotel, opened in 1984 and is one of the most luxurious facilities ever to host a Worldcon. Rooms are somewhat larger than the hotel industry average; two-thirds have two double beds, the rest king-sized beds. Standard in all rooms (not just those on the concierge levels) are two telephone lines, two television sets (one in the bathroom), hair dryer and private bar. The hotel's 25 floors are served by eight elevators (above standard for a hotel of this size). Hotel operations use service elevators only, leaving public elevators free for guests at all times.

Check-in and check-out should be rapid. In addition to its normal front desk, the hotel can set up an extra dozen positions at a secondary location to handle peak demand. Cribs are free of charge; rollaways are available for \$15. Amenities available to registered guests include two swimming pools (one double-Olympic-sized), four lighted tennis courts and a completely furnished athletic club. The hotel has three restaurants: Dux ( \*\*\* rating from AAA), Capriccio's (North Italian cuisine) and the Beeline Diner (open 24 hours a day, moderately priced).

The Peabody is located across the street from the convention center, and MagiCon has blocked nearly all of the hotel. Most of the evening programming during the convention will be located here. It will also be the site of the film program, the Regency Dance, the Meet-the-Pros Pool Party, and most of the filk activities throughout the convention. We currently also plan to have the Con Suite in the Peabody.

The Peabody has many different suites of various sizes. Prices start at \$204 per night for a 1 bedroom executive suite (\$228 with balcony, \$283 with a second bedroom). The next larger is a Plaza Suite (\$228), followed by a Deluxe Plaza Suite (\$259), and a Large Deluxe Plaza Suite (\$272). A few even larger suites are available. Please contact us for more info.

The Clarion Plaza: Scheduled to open in September 1991, the Clarion Plaza is midway between the Peabody and the QI Plaza (see below) in elegance and price. Its rooms are oversized and most contain two double beds. Within the Clarion are two lounges, the 24-hour Lite Bite take-out bakery and deli, all day dining at the Cafe' Matisse, and a-la-carte dinner dining at Jack's Place. Other amenities include a pool and jacuzzi with pool side sun center shop.

The Clarion is located on the lot next door to the convention center. MagiCon has blocked nearly every room in the hotel, and the meeting facilities there can be used to ease the strain on the convention center and the Peabody. Gaming will be located in the Clarion; we expect babysitting to be in either the Clarion or the Peabody.

There are three kinds of suites available in the Clarion. A Hospitality Suite has only a parlor, with no connecting bedrooms (there is a pullout sofa bed in the parlor). These suites are priced at \$120. The larger suites are the standard suites. These don't have a wet bar, but can be connected to either one or two bedrooms. The parlor is \$110, and you add the convention rate for any bedrooms you add.

The Quality Inn Plaza: The least expensive place to stay at MagiCon, the Quality Inn Plaza, where MagiCon holds a significant block of rooms, is one of the world's largest in its chain. Most of the wings in this hotel are low buildings with the rooms opening onto outside walkways rather than interior corridors, so you can use stairs to get to the rooms rather than waiting for elevators. Each wing is a separate building not connected to the other wings.

The rooms are not fancy, but are of standard size and well-maintained. One drawback is that the walk is long from check-in to some sleeping rooms, and there are no bellmen to carry guests' luggage. Also, a warning to potential party hosts: the ice machines charge a quarter for a small bucket of ice. The Quality Inn has no meeting facilities and therefore will not be used for any MagiCon programming.

The Park Suites: The Park Suites is an all-suites hotel about 3/4 mile from the Convention Center. We have blocked a number of suites there for people who wish to stay in mid-priced suites. The price includes a full American Breakfast buffet.

The Best Western Plaza International: About 0.85 mile from the Convention Center, the Best Western is a mid-price hotel, with several different kinds of rooms. A standard room has two double beds. An efficiency adds a refrigerator, stove, and sink, in the same size room as a standard. Suites are larger than efficiencies, and contain a king bed and a separate area with either a double bed (family suite) or a sofa bed (king suite). Like the Quality Inn, the Best Western is a set of lowrise buildings with the rooms opening onto outside walkways.

The Orlando Marriott: The farthest hotel from the Convention Center, but still only a mile away. The rooms were all refurbished in 1990, and the hotel has been rated ♦♦♦♦ by the AAA. Unlike most other Marriotts, but like a number of our other hotels, this is also a set of lowrise buildings.

### General Instructions

All reservations for MagiCon are being handled through the Orlando/Orange County Convention & Visitors Bureau. A chart on page 1 of this form summarizes all of the information about each of our hotels, and a more complete description can be found on page 2. Please consult the chart, and make your hotel choices before contacting the Bureau. Note that the rates in the chart do not include local sales/room taxes, currently 10%.

Reservations can be made most easily by telephone, but you may also mail this form to the Bureau. For your convenience, the Bureau has set up an 800 number, so the call will be toll free. They may be reached at 800-258-7666 (for international calls, +1-407-363-5800). Their hours are M-Th 8AM-7PM, and F 8AM-5PM Eastern time. You will need the following information before calling:

- 1. The convention name MagiCon
- 2. Your choice of hotels. Please have second and third choices available in case your first choice is full.
- 3. Arrival and departure dates. MagiCon has made arrangements at most of the hotels for the rates to be available both before and after the official con dates for those people who want to arrive early or stay late. The chart indicates the dates that our special rates are applicable.
- 4. Number of rooms required
- 5. Type of room (single, double, etc.) Note that for the Best Western Plaza International, there are different rates for different kinds of rooms, as well as dependencies on the number of people in the room.
- 6. Number of people (see 5, above)
- 7. Arrival time
- 8. Telephone number
- 9. Credit card name, number, and expiration date for room guarantee
- 10. Names of all of the occupants
- 11. Address to send the confirmations
- 12. Special requests (king bed, cribs, rollaways, etc.). This will be sent to the hotel, which will try to accommodate the requests, but will not guarantee doing so.

You will be sent a confirmation by both the Housing Bureau and the hotel.

If you do not wish to telephone, you may mail the form to the Bureau. The address is:

Orlando / Orange County Convention and Visitors Bureau MagiCon Housing Bureau 7208 Sand Lake Rd, Suite 301 Orlando, FL 32819

All changes and cancellations should be made with the Bureau, since they are keeping track of how full the room blocks are in each of the hotels. For cancellations in the last week, please contact the hotel directly.

IMPORTANT: Since Orlando is a resort community, the standard cancellation policy requires that you notify the hotel before the day you are scheduled to arrive. The chart tells you how far in advance you need to cancel your room in order to avoid being charged for it.

If you do not include a credit card guarantee, you will receive notification from your hotel that the reservation is not guaranteed. You may then send a check directly to the hotel to guarantee the reservation.

Do Not send checks to either MagiCon or the Housing Bureau.

Do Not contact the hotels directly. All housing requests MUST go through the Bureau. The Bureau will be able to start taking reservations on Sept 9, 1991.

Special note for non-North American members only: You may fax your forms instead of mailing them. The Bureau fax number is +1-407-363-5817

## Hotel Reservation Request

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Instructions: Answer all questions. Complete one form for each room requested. SEND NO MONIES WITH THIS FORM. If you do not provide a credit card guarantee, you may send a check directly to the hotel to guarantee the reservation AFTER you receive confirmation by the hotel. Requests will be processed in the order received.

### Send Confirmation To: \_\_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: Business Phone: Please Reserve Lodging In The Following Hotel: 1st Choice \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Arrival Time: \_ \_\_\_\_\_ # Of People In Room: \_\_\_\_\_ List Names Of All Occupants: ☐ Single Double ☐ Triple ☐ Quad □ Eff ☐ Suite Room Type (see chart for descriptions and prices) Special Request (Handicapped, king bed, crib, rollaway, etc.) Credit Card Information: The Housing Bureau is authorized to use the credit card information below for the required one night's deposit per room to guarantee reservations. ■ Master Card ☐ American Express Visa Diners Expiration Date: Cardholder's Name: Cardholder's Signature: