



BIO 2019 – Philadelphia USA

Event	2019 BIO International Convention
Date	Mon 03 June until Thu 06 June 2019
Located	Pennsylvania Convention Center, 1101 Arch St, Philadelphia, PA. USA

Conference location

The Pennsylvania Convention Center is located downtown in the heart of *Center City Philadelphia*. The facility spans more than six blocks and is well connect to the city via subway, trolley and buses.

Hotels Of the three closest hotels to the convention centre, the Loews is now full and the Courtyard and Downtown Marriott's rates are \$600-700 a night. At present there are plenty of alternative good quality hotels available downtown, with rates in the \$300-400 region, although you will probably have to take a taxi rather than walk. We would be delighted to investigate hotels for you and strongly suggest you do this before the New Year when room rates are likely to skyrocket as availability disappears with over 18,000 delegates coming to Phila.

Flights Here is a guide to the non-stop flights into Philadelphia, from Heathrow. Please note that the Amtrak's high speed *Acela Express* (business class) trains operate an extensive hourly service up the eastern seaboard, linking Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Washington DC. Meaning you can easily combining Philadelphia with other cities.

Notable as an alternative is Norwegian Airlines twice daily services into New York JFK from Gatwick. Norwegian's *Premium Cabin* has reclining dentist chair style seats, which are superior to Premium Economy seats. Although they do not compare with the comfort of an Upper or Club's lay flat bed on a night flight, it is dramatically cheaper. Unlike regular economy class, their Premium Cabin price includes: pre-allocation of seats, checked luggage, food and drink.

Important note- most discount air fares require you to stay over a Saturday night, which can be awkward as BIO is a midweek conference. Not staying a Saturday can often double the price. We have ways around this, but are subject to availability, so if you are interested in a short trip, then you need to contact us as soon as possible. We can usually hold provisional bookings for up to 72 hours.

OUTBOUND	Airline	Flight no	From	Depart	Arrive	Duration
	American	AA 729	LHR	1015 hrs	1330 hrs	8:15
	British Airways	BA 067	LHR	1240 hrs	1515 hrs	7:55
	American	AA 737	LHR	1430 hrs	1740 hrs	8:10
	British Airways	BA 069	LHR	1705 hrs	2005 hrs	8:00
RETURN	Airline	Flight no	Into	Depart	Arrive	Duration
	British Airways	BA 066	LHR	1840 hrs	0650 hrs +1	7:10
	American	AA 736	LHR	1920 hrs	0745 hrs +1	7:25
	American	AA 728	LHR	2155 hrs	1020 hrs +1	7:25
	British Airways	BA 068	LHR	2200 hrs	1020 hrs +1	7:20

Example costs	Premium Economy Class	BA aprx £1380 Inc tax/fees
	Combo- out Premium, back Club	BA aprx £2203 Inc tax/fees
	Club Class	BA aprx £3003 Inc tax/fees

You may not be aware but we have an extensive program to the INTA Annual Meeting and info sheets on APAA, AIPPI, BIO, ECTA and FICPI conferences. We also publish twice a year an Info Sheet on travel options to the three EPO's.

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