



## How Much Does it Cost to Get to Milwaukee?

Delegates are obligated to attend the 2020 Democratic National Convention (**July 13-16 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin**). While there are no fees or dues required to become a delegate, there are costs associated with travel and accommodation for the national convention. Please note, these costs are not meant to preclude anyone from running as a delegate – in fact, the Democratic Party strictly prohibits discrimination on the basis of status. However, the California Democratic Party does not furnish flights or hotels for the national convention nor does it provide financial assistance to offset the costs of attending. The costs of attending are estimated below:

Airfare to Milwaukee*	\$400-\$900
Hotel for 5 nights*	1,495
Food and Incidentals	\$500
Statewide Delegate Meeting	\$175
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$2,570- \$3,070</b>

**Airfare:** Most major airlines, including Delta, United, and American fly to Milwaukee. Be aware that direct flights to Milwaukee are difficult to find and more expensive than non-direct flights.

**Hotels:** California’s hotel block will be located at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare in Rosemont, Illinois, though delegates are free to seek alternative accommodations. There are a number of hotels in Milwaukee to choose from and many are near the Convention. The cost of a room ranges from \$300 to \$750 per night depending on the vicinity of the hotel to the Convention.

**Food and Incidentals:** In addition to travel costs, plan to spend at least \$50 on food and \$50 a day on incidentals like cab fare. The convention schedule will likely keep you at the arena, where food will be expensive. Getting away from the crowd requires transportation.

**Statewide Delegation Meeting:** District-level delegates must attend the May 17, 2020 meeting to confirm the at-large and PLEO delegates and elect the convention chair. This meeting will add roughly \$175 to the travel cost for district-level delegates.

**Book in Advance:** We understand that these are significant costs and because of this, we recommend that you book your flight and hotel room as soon as possible to ensure that you get the best price possible. Delegates will be confirmed no later than the Statewide Delegation Meeting on May 17, 2020 – a date that provides adequate time to book travel plans.

**Financing Your Trip:** If you are concerned about the costs associated with attending the convention, please don't let the price hold you back from attending. Many Democratic clubs and organizations facilitate members attending the convention by providing financial assistance through scholarships. Delegates are also encouraged to hold fundraisers to raise the necessary funds to attend.

\*Travel costs were estimated for a 5-night stay covering entirety of the Convention events. Cost and availability can vary greatly.