

MGA HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

The Madison Concourse Hotel

1 West Dayton Street
Madison, Wisconsin 53703
www.concoursehotel.com

Reservations – Call hotel directly 1-800-356-8293

MGA Room Rate \$139 Single or Double Room

BOOK YOUR RESERVATIONS BY JUNE 18th!

Be sure to mention that you are with the Mailorder Gardening Association in order to obtain the special discounted room rate!

The Madison Concourse Hotel is located in the heart of Downtown Madison, approximately one block from Capitol Square and steps from shopping on State Street, University of Wisconsin, Overture Center, Galleries, theaters, lakes and more. The hotel boasts of having the largest sleeping rooms in the state. Guest rooms feature complimentary wireless internet access, voice mail, data ports, coffee makers, iron and ironing boards, hairdryers and cable television.

The hotel is home to two full service restaurants and features a state-of-the art fitness center, indoor pool, whirlpool and sauna.

Cancellations must be made by 4:00 pm C.S.T. 24 hours prior to arrival in order to avoid a charge for one night's room and tax.

TRANSPORTATION

Located just 10 minutes from Dade County Regional Airport, the hotel offers complimentary shuttle service. Upon arrival at airport, go to Baggage Claim and locate the Hotel Shuttle courtesy phone. The Madison Concourse is #1 on the list.

PARKING

Underground parking is available for \$7.00 per day for overnight guests. Other guests may use the underground parking ramp if space is available.

ABOUT MADISON

You will find the best of all worlds in Wisconsin's vibrant capital city and picturesque surrounding towns: natural beauty and outdoor recreation, stimulating cultural offerings, distinctive restaurants and shops, and an irreverent spirit of fun. In 1996, *Money* magazine dubbed it "the best place to live in the United States."

At the heart of the city is Wisconsin's majestic State Capitol and its luxuriant grounds, the perfect setting for many local events. Home to the Dane County Farmers Market on Saturday mornings and Art Fair on the Square, this epicenter of Madison is a lively gathering place in the summer months. There are also countless other weekly happenings and live entertainment to enliven the streets.

The Madison area was formed by retreating glaciers approximately 13,000 years ago. Built on

an isthmus between lakes Monona and Mendota, The city is renowned for its beautiful scenery. A total of five area lakes and over 200 parks provide an abundance of summer outdoor activities, from hiking and biking on an extensive network of bicycle paths and trails to swimming and sailing in the more than 15,000 acres of lakes.

Urban culture, natural beauty, small town charm - the greater Madison area offers it all!

IDEAS FOR SIDE TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE FAMILY

Explore a fascinating variety of attractions in Madison and the surrounding communities.

From the family-friendly Henry Vilas Zoo and Madison Children's Museum to the historic University of Wisconsin - Madison campus to the natural beauty of Olbrich Botanical Gardens and the UW-Arboretum, there is something for everyone, right here in the city. But that's only part of the picture!

Venture out in any direction from Madison and, amid the rolling green landscapes, you'll encounter charming ethnic enclaves, fascinating artistic communities and some of the state's most interesting tourist attractions.

***For more information on what to do and see in and around the City of Madison, contact:
Greater Madison Convention and Visitors Bureau
800-373-6376
www.visitmadison.com***

Post Convention Activities in Madison

Art Fair on the Square

Saturday, July 14 - 9:00 am – 6:00 pm
Sunday, July 15 – 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Art Fair on the Square has been Madison's signature cultural event for over forty-five years, enlivening the scenic grounds of the city's Capitol Square during the second weekend of July. Each summer over 200,000 enthusiastic fairgoers gather for this spectacular event. The unique and large selection of fine, handcrafted work includes ceramics, fiber, glasswork, graphics, jewelry, leather, mixed media, painting, photography, sculpture, and wood. In addition to the displays of nearly 500 artists from across the country, live music and a host of free kids' activities round out the event's offerings. Rated among the top fine art fairs in the country, Art Fair on the Square is also the most important fundraiser for the Madison Museum of Contemporary Art, with all proceeds supporting the museum's free exhibitions and programs.

Dade County Farmers Market

Temporary location during Art Fair
Wilson St. at MLK, Jr. Blvd. - near Monona Terrace
www.madfarmmkt.org

Saturday, July 14 – 6:30 am – 2:00 pm

You'll find the season's best bounty of vegetables, flowers, and specialty products from approximately 300 vendors. All of the agriculturally-related items are produced in Wisconsin.

The DCFM is reported to be the largest producer-only farmers' market in the country! Arts, crafts, great food, friendly vendors, music and more...

Olbrich Botanical Gardens

3330 Atwood Ave.
Madison, WI 53704
(608) 246-4550
www.olbrich.org

Explore the mystery and beauty of nature at Olbrich Botanical Gardens. Stroll through 16 acres of outdoor display gardens including Olbrich's award-winning Rose Garden and Thai Pavilion and Garden. Outdoor gardens are open daily and free to the public.

Enjoy a tropical paradise year-round in Olbrich's Bolz Conservatory, a glass pyramid filled with exotic plants, bright flowers, a rushing waterfall, fragrant orchids and free-flying birds.

Outdoor Display Gardens 8:00 am – 8:00 pm
Conservatory and Gift Shop – 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Olbrich Home Garden Tour

Friday, July 13 - 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Saturday, July 14 – 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Experience a world of garden wonders on Olbrich's 2007 Home Garden Tour. Tour private home gardens in Madison's Nakoma neighborhood and collect ideas for your own home garden. Pre-tour tickets are \$10 for Olbrich Botanical Society members and \$12 for the general public. Tickets the day of the tour are \$12 for members and \$14 for the general public.