

Atlantic City Area

Hotels, Hotels, Hotels

In case you'd like to get a jump on making reservations for a meeting at the William J. Hughes FAA Technical Center, here is some hotel information for hotels/motels in the immediate area and in Atlantic City. See the Map included with this file for an orientation of the roads in the area and for approximate location of many of the hotels mentioned herein.

The FAA Technical Center is located on the grounds of the Atlantic City International Airport (ACY), which is about 9 miles inland (west) from Atlantic City. The FAA Technical Center is conveniently located near all the major arteries to Atlantic City, including the Atlantic City Expressway, and US Route 30 (the White Horse Pike), US Route 40 and US Route 322 (the Black Horse Pike). The Garden State Parkway and US Route 9 (both run north-south) are also very close at hand.

If you plan to fly commercially, you might be able to get a flight into our Atlantic City International Airport (<http://www.acairport.com/>), but it will likely just be a commuter flight (19 seats on US Airways) from Philadelphia (<http://www.phl.org>) or Baltimore (BWI). Spirit Airlines (<http://www.spiritair.com>) flies directly to Atlantic City from some major cities, on normal sized aircraft, but their schedule is limited. Generally, we all fly in and out of the Philadelphia International Airport (PHL), which is only about a 1.5 hour drive (60 miles) away. Newark International (EWR) Airport is also not a bad drive (<http://www.panynj.gov/aviation/ewrframe.HTM>), although it's probably about 2.5 hours away. There are excellent highways to both airports, but the traffic may be heavy at commute times. You could also fly into BWI, but it would be a rather long, and not very pleasant, drive of about 3 hours (+/-) depending on the traffic on the two (2) lane US Route 40 across southern NJ.

The real joy of visiting this area is the experience of driving through a New Jersey tradition: The traffic circle. You must drive through at least one (the NAFEC Circle) to get to the FAA Technical Center. Depending on where you stay, you may get to experience part of a second (the Cardiff Circle) or a third (the Somers Point Circle) one, also. These are vastly different from each other, and operate under a completely different set of merge and yield "rules," so be careful out there! The Cardiff Circle has recently been revised and is no longer a circle, but a group of turns and jug-handles.

Lodgings are available nearby in any price range from flophouse to 5 star hotels. There are many hotels located closer to the FAA Technical Center than to the Atlantic City Hotel-Casinos, proper. Since I've never stayed in a hotel here, I can't speak from personal experience about them.

The most convenient hotels (that we would recommend, anyway) are the following six. These are also the hotels for which directions are given in the accompanying DIRECTIONS.PDF file.

(1) Days Inn Pleasantville 6708 Tilton Road Egg Harbor Twp, NJ 609-641-4500	(2) Clarion Hotel [previously the Sheraton] - Pleasantville 6821 Black Horse Pike (US Hwy 40/322) Egg Harbor Township, NJ 609-272-0200
(3) Holiday Inn Express - Pleasantville 6811 Black Horse Pike Egg Harbor Township, NJ 609-484-1500	(4) Comfort Inn - Pleasantville 6817 Black Horse Pike Egg Harbor Township, NJ 609-646-8880 or 800-992-8880
(5) Quality Inn (brand new) 1012 Black Horse Pike Pleasantville, NJ 08232 609-641-4200 or 800-221-2222	(6) Best Western Atlantic City West (brand new) Extended Stay and Suites 701 Black Horse Pike Pleasantville, NJ 08232 609-646-5515 or 800-523-2557

Hotels 2 through 4 are located next door to each other on the Black Horse Pike. The new Quality Inn (5) is located a few hundred yards farther East, also on Rt 40/322. The new Best Western Suites is located another 200 yards farther east across from K-Mart, also on Rt 40/322. All five of these are located just a short distance from the Days Inn in (1) above. They are all about 5 - 6 miles from the FAA Technical Center.

There are some other nice choices, also.

Marriott's Seaview Golf Resort is a lavish old hotel. It's North of the FAA Technical Center, about 10 miles away, but very expensive. Located at:

US Hwy 9, several miles north of US 30
Absecon, NJ
(609) 652-1800 or (800) 331-3131

Marriott's Residence Inn is located in Somers Point, at the Greate Bay Golf Club, just off of the Garden State Parkway and US-9, close to the family oriented resort of Ocean City. It's about 15 miles away.

900 Mays Landing Road (Route 559)
Somers Point, NJ
(609) 927-6400 or (800) PUTT-234 or (800) 331-3131

Marriott Fairfield Inn, Atlantic City North

405 East Absecon Blvd (Route 30)
Absecon/Atlantic City, NJ 08201
609-646-5000 and www.fairfieldinnac.com

There are lots of other less expensive hotel chains (like Hampton Inn, for instance) in the area, too. The town of Absecon (on US 30) is host to some of these, and is about 5 miles from the Technical Center. Additionally, the Hampton Inn and Comfort Inn (7095 Black Horse Pike – phone: 609-645-1818 or 800-458-1138), and several other hotels are also on the Black Horse Pike (Rt 40/322) in West Atlantic City, closer to the Casinos and approximately 7 to 8 miles from the FAA Technical Center.

Additionally, the hotel closest to the FAA Technical Center is a Howard Johnson Express Inn located at 2580 Tilton Road, Egg Harbor Township (609)-641-3131. It is about 1 mile east of the NAFEC Circle.

Also an interesting possibility is the “Inn of the Dove” which advertises “Luxury Suites” with amenities including whirlpools, tubs, and fireplaces. It is located at 6665 Black Horse Pike (US 322/40), just west of the Cardiff Circle. Phone: (609)-645-1100.

Almost next door to the Inn of the Dove is a nice Econo Lodge, located at 6641 Black Horse Pike, phone (609)-484-8500. Both the Econo Lodge and the “Inn of the Dove” are in the East-bound lanes of a divided Rt 40/322.

If you would like to stay at an Atlantic City Hotel-Casino, it would probably take about half an hour to get to the FAA Technical Center from the Atlantic City casino area, driving west on the AC Expressway. From the phone book, below are the casinos. You can also make on-line reservations from the web site: <http://www.atlanticcitynj.com/hotels/cashotel.html>

There are also many more hotels in Atlantic City, on or near the Boardwalk. Many of them are “Brand-Name” hotels such as Holiday Inn, Howard Johnsons, Days Inn, Econo-Lodge, etc.

Atlantic City Hilton Casino Resort: (609) 347-7111 or (800) 257-8677	Bally's Park Place and Wild West Casino (609) 340-2000 or (800) 225-5977
Caesars Atlantic City (609) 348-4411 or (800) 443-0104	Claridge Casino Hotel (609) 340-3400 or (800) 257-8585
Harrah's Casino Hotel (one of the Marina casinos) (609) 441-5000 or (800) 242-7724	Resorts International Casino Hotel (609) 344-6000 or (800) 336-6378
Sands Hotel and Casino (609) 441-4000 or (800) 441-4630	Showboat Casino Hotel (609) 343-4000 or (800) 621-0200
Tropicana Casino and Resort (609) 340-4000 or (800) 843-8767	Trump Marina Hotel and Casino (one of the Marina casinos) (609) 441-2000 or (800) 777-8477
Trump Plaza Hotel and Casino (609) 441-6000 or (800) 677-7378	Trump Taj Mahal Hotel and Casino (609) 449-1000 or (800) 825-8888

Note: The casinos are located on (or very near) the Boardwalk, except for the two Marina casinos.

If you have any questions about the area, I'd be pleased to help.

Map

