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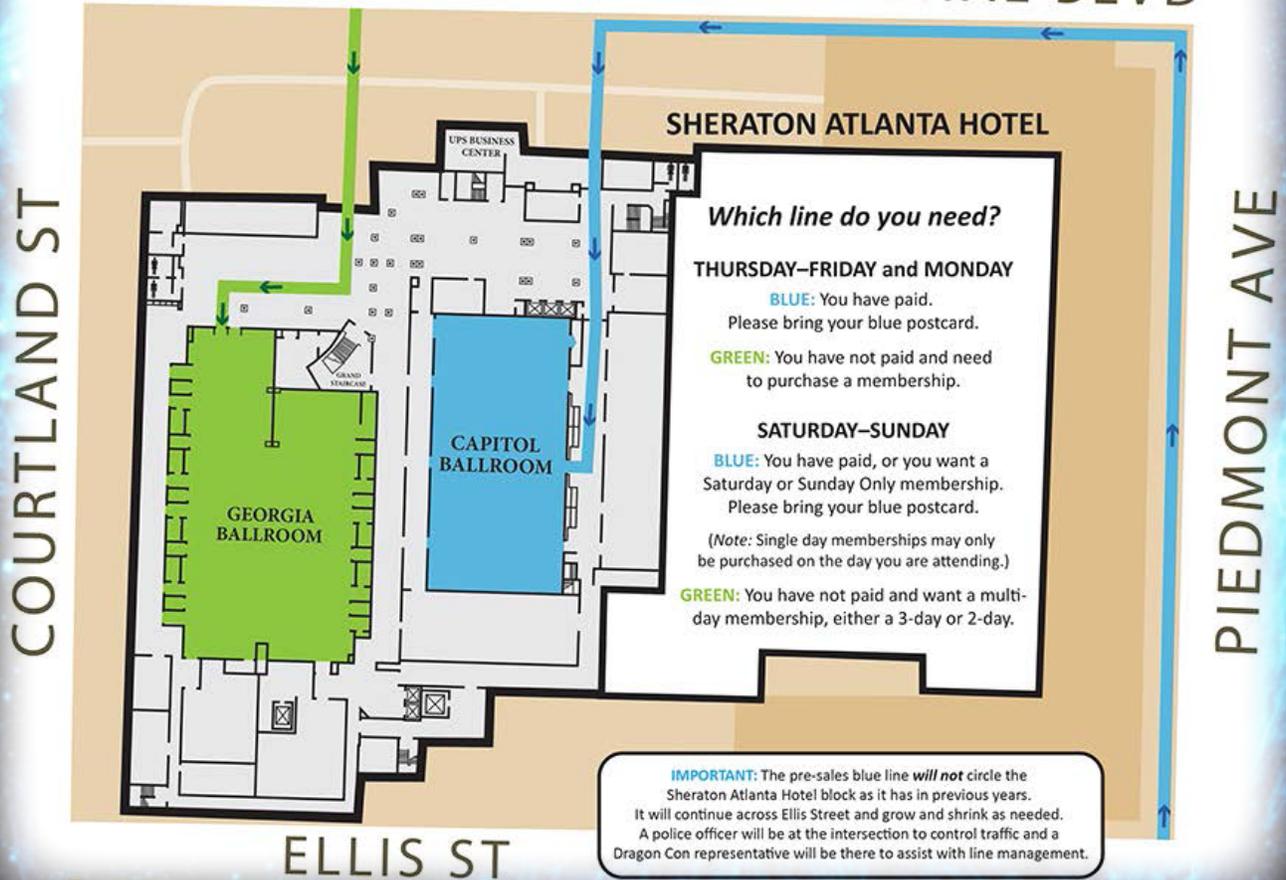
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Ready, Set, Blast Off To Dragon Con!

Set Course For The Sheraton

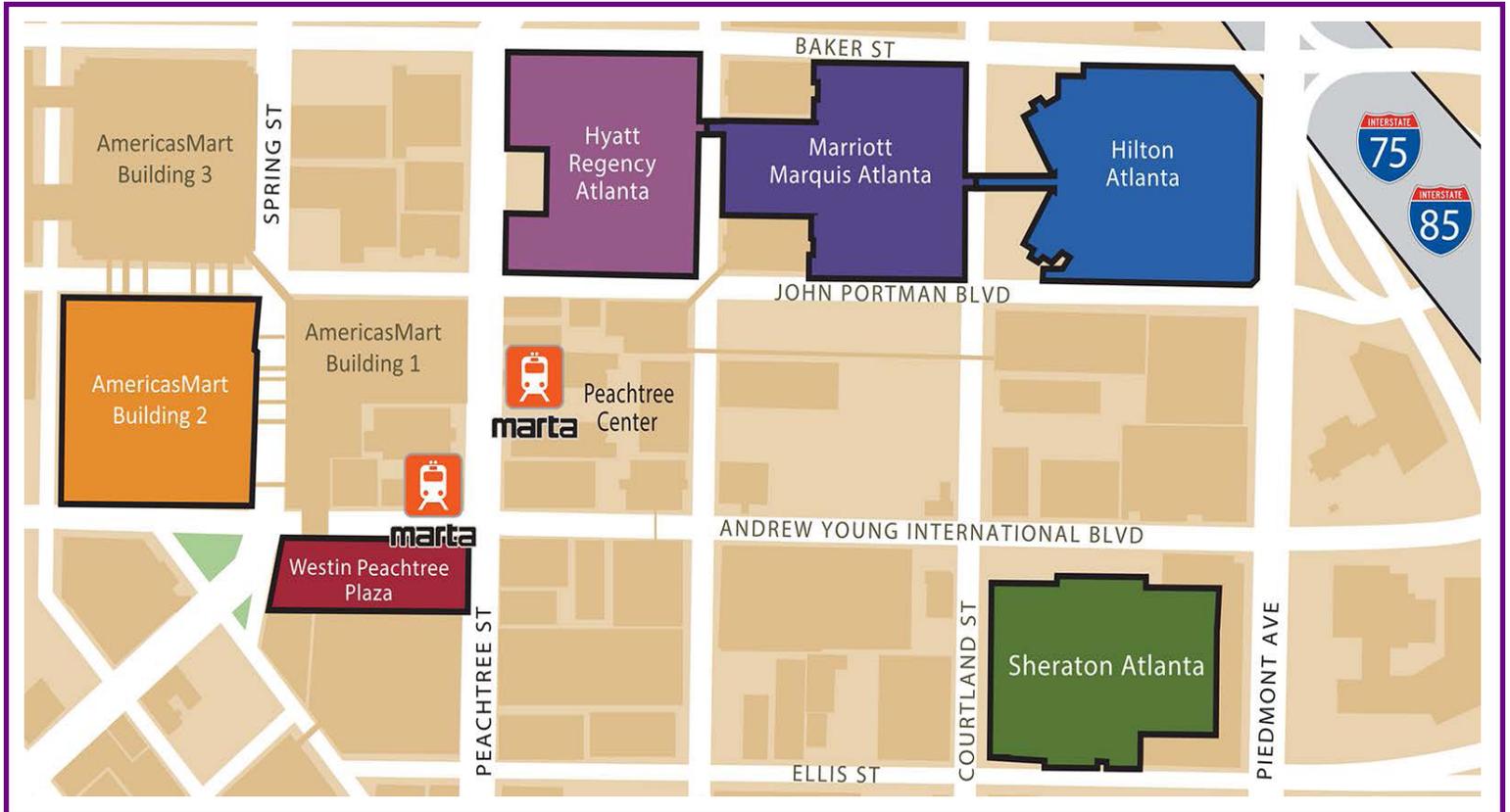
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Where in the World is Dragon Con?



AmericasMart Building #2

Concourse Stage
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Dragon Con Store

Westin Peachtree Plaza

Alternate History
Apocalypse Rising
Avengers Ball
Horror Track
Mechanical Masquerade:
Dystopia
Spectrum Party
StarGate Multiverse
Urban Fantasy
Whedon Universe

Hyatt Regency

Anime-Manga
Animation
Armory
Art Show
Charity Auctions
Comics Alley
Con Suite
Concourse Stage
Drum Circle
Fantasy Literature
Filk
Georgia Philharmonic
Orchestra
Independent Films
Late Night Puppet Slam
Masquerade Contest
Monster Mash for
Charity
Sci-Fi Literature
Silk Road
Wrestling
Writers

Marriott Marquis

American Sci-Fi Media
American Sci-Fi Classics
Autographs
Concerts
Costuming
Dragon Con Store
Costuming Contest
Froggy's Photos
Kaleidoscope
Last Party on Alderaan
Middle Earth 90's Night
Dance Party
Puppetry
Tolkien
Security: M102
Star Wars
Suits, Sinatra, & Star
Wars
VIP Badge Pickup
Walk of Fame
Young Adult Literature
X-Track

Hilton Atlanta

Blood Drive
Dilithium Crystals Ball
Electronic Frontier Forum
Evening at Bree
Gaming:
Campaign RPGs
Collectible Card Games
LAN Gaming
LARPs
Mechcorps
Miniatures
Non-Campaign RPGs
NSDMG/War College
Role-playing Games
Table Top Gaming
Video Gaming Track
Podcasting
Science
Skeptics Track
Space

Sheraton Atlanta

Brit Track
Dragon Con Store
Disability Services
Doctor Who NUWHO
10th Anniversary Ball
Heroes and Villains Ball
Atlanta Mini Maker Faire
Miss StarTrek Universe
Pageant
Paranormal
Registration
Robotics & Makers
Trek Track
Volunteer Registration
Yule Ball
Zombie Prom

Note:
Dragon Con Fan Tracks
Highlighted in Yellow

Dragon Con Survival Guide

Your pre-flight checklist to prepare you for your upcoming trip to Planet Dragon Con.

Get Your Badge, Secure Your Badge, Show Your Badge

First things first...swing by the Sheraton and pick up your badge. Did you pre-purchase your membership? If so, be sure to bring your postcard. We made some awesome upgrades to the registration system in 2011 and the lines move much quicker than they used to.

Once you have your badge, you must secure it and show it at all times. You will need your badge to get into the events at the host hotels, as well as the Vendor Halls at the AmericasMart. We will also be requiring a badge or room key at the host hotels during peak hours to cut down on congestion, and to help keep our members safe. Lost badges are not replaced. So have your badge ready, secure, and visible!

Plan Your Time

Dragon Con is four non-stop days of 24 hour fun! There are almost forty individual programming tracks and even more special events, contests, gaming, and parties. We hate to break it to you, but you can't do everything you want, so you'll have to prioritize. The free app and pocket program will tell you where all the activities and guests are and when.

Make a plan and allow time to wait in line for a big event or popular panel. Lines for events in main programming will begin when the group for the previous panel has been seated. An important note, we clear the room after each panel in the larger rooms. But if your plan falls through, try to go with the flow. There's lots to do and you'll have fun if you don't stress too much.

Carry a Survival Bag

Sure, you think you will swing by your room or the store to pick up what you need. In reality, the elevators, the time, the distance and the crowds will make you rethink that trek. We have listed some items below you might want to have at easy reach.

Wear Comfortable Shoes

The convention takes place in five hotels and the AmericasMart; you'll be doing a lot of walking! Wearing a costume with special shoes? Bring a pair of plan "B" shoes for your off times...you'll thank us later!

Pro tip: Start walking more before you get to the show to build up your stamina.

Follow the 5/2/1 Rule

We encourage our volunteers to adhere to the 5/2/1 rule. Get a **minimum** of five hours of sleep, two meals, and one shower every day, please. It works for everyone.

Sleep: We know you are probably not going to get enough sleep at the convention, but you'll have a lot more fun if you at least try. Plus, you'll be a nicer person to be around (just ask your friends). So shoot for at least 5 hours sleep at a minimum in one stretch.

Food: You can usually find a hamburger and hotdog vendor anywhere. Here are some other options:

Each of the hotels has somewhere to buy café and deli style food and salads with some open 24 hours.

The Peachtree Center has a **food court and mall** that is accessible via the skywalks from the Hyatt, Marriott, and the Peachtree Center parking garage. You can find a wide variety of quick food options as well as fine dining restaurants nearby.

Carry some snacks with you so you can eat something when you get hungry and don't have time at that moment to track down food. There is a Publix located approximately one mile north of the host hotels on Piedmont Avenue. And don't forget about the ConSuite. It's a sci-fi convention tradition located in the Hyatt where you can get snacks and some soda.

Tip Your Hotel Staff

The hotel staff gets a kick out of the convention and they work pretty hard to take care of us! So remember to tip the maid service, bartenders and other hotel staff that provide a service to you.

Get Ready for Registration

- Bring a Valid Government issued ID
- Did you pre-pay your membership? Bring your blue postcard.
- Lose your postcard? Bring your ID (and receipt if you have it).
- Picking up for someone else? You'll need a copy of their ID, post card if pre-paid, and permission slip.

Tools for Planning

Download the Dragon Con [app](#).



- You'll have the entire show schedule at your fingertips. You can create your own personal schedule, share with friends, search for guests and exhibitors, access maps, and so much more .
- Classic Dragon Con Style. I need it on paper. You'll receive the *Pocket Program* when you pick up your badge. Bring your highlighters!

Pack a Survival Bag

- Camera/and or Phone
- Batteries/Charger
- First aid supplies (adhesive bandages, aspirin, and medications)
- Business Cards (for networking)
- Cash (There are ATMs, but it's best to be prepared)
- Snacks
- Water bottle
- Sweater or jacket (it can get cold in the rooms, plus it makes an impromptu pillow)
- Hand Sanitizer (Con Crud is no one's friend).
- Page protectors or photo sleeves for autographed photos
- Sharpie, pen, highlighter, and paper.

The Best Parade On The Planet

The annual Dragon Con Parade is not only a fan favorite, but one of our favorites as well.

To better accommodate parade spectators, the parade will have a new, longer route. Beginning at the intersection of Peachtree Street and Linden Avenue, the parade will head south on Peachtree, east (left) on Andrew Young International Boulevard and north (left) on Peachtree Center Avenue. It will end on Peachtree Center Avenue between John Portman Boulevard and Baker Street, in front of the Atlanta Marriott Marquis.

The new route is now a little longer - .9 miles, from .8 miles last year, and brings the route closer to the North Avenue MARTA station, in addition to Civic Center and Peachtree Center. Parking downtown is expected to be tight, and we encourage parade spectators to consider taking MARTA. If you are planning on coming out to view the parade only, we strongly encourage you to use the North Avenue MARTA station to avoid the majority of traffic around the general vicinity of Dragon Con.

Please note, North Avenue at Peachtree will be closed to pedestrian and motor traffic. North Avenue MARTA riders are encouraged to follow West Peachtree to Linden. Civic Center MARTA riders can head either North to Pine or South to Ivan Allen Jr.

