

EXPEDITION 385 Guaymas Basin Tectonics and Biosphere

The information provided herein was prepared by the IODP Travel Office to assist you and/or your organization in arranging travel for your participation in the cruise. We respectfully ask that you take the time to become thoroughly familiar with this information as soon as you receive it.

As a reminder, you and your funding organization will be responsible for the following:

- 1) Travel expenses en route to and from the ship, including airfare, lodging, meals, taxis, and other miscellaneous expenses.
- 2) Airline reservations - all reservations must be arranged through your travel agency or organization's travel office. U.S. funded participants should contact the U.S. Science Support Program for assistance with booking flights.
- 3) All costs associated with obtaining required visas.

RECONNAISSANCE INFORMATION

The IODP Reconnaissance sheet is attached separately. This provides essential logistical information regarding your participation in the cruise (the ship's schedule, your expected arrival dates in port, port agent's name, and address). We suggest a copy of this be carried with you to the port city should you need the port agent's name and telephone number for directions to the ship's exact docking location. Please note, unless advised in advance, transportation from the airport to the hotel is the traveler's responsibility.

VISA INFORMATION

Check with your local consulate or embassy for visa requirements. If your nationality requires a visa to enter the United States, the standard rule is to apply at least 20 days before your trip. However, we strongly recommend that you apply for a United States visa as soon as your flights are scheduled.

U.S. Visa Holders - Non-U.S. participants who hold U.S. visas, such as an H1B, J1, or TN, and who plan to return to the U.S., should ensure that their visas do not expire during the cruise. ***IODP will not be liable for any costs incurred to participants as a result of inadequate or expired visas.***

PASSPORT INFORMATION

Passports are required for all participants because the ship is **Cyprus** registered. **Passport information MUST be sent to IODP** – IODP is required to forward this information to the agents in the port cities prior to your arrival to satisfy Customs & Immigrations requirements, and to facilitate your entry into the country and your embarking/disembarking the ship. If you have not already sent this information to Donna Hoover (hoover@iodp.tamu.edu), please do so at your earliest convenience.

LETTER OF INTRODUCTION

This letter explains the purpose of your travel and should be used only if questioned by officials en route to your destination. A letter will be sent electronically to each participant closer to your departure.

HOTEL INFORMATION

San Diego, California – September 2019

Embassy Suites by Hilton San Diego Bay Downtown

601 Pacific Highway, San Diego, California, 92101, USA

Tel: +1-619-239-2400

Reservations must be made no later than August 17, 2019. Reservations requested after this date will be accepted based upon availability.

You can use the below link – or call 1-800-EMBASSY and give them the group code: **IOD**, if you prefer to make your reservation over the phone.

<https://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/S/SANDNES-IOD-20190916/index.jhtml>

You will need to provide a credit card to make the reservation, but nothing is charged until the guest arrives. You have up until 72 hours prior to arrival to cancel without penalty (penalty is 1 night room + tax).

If you are looking to book 3 days pre/post the contract date of 9/15/19 – please contact Jennifer Jackson directly (619-819-0186) – the web link or central reservations only has the \$160 rate for the 2 nights, and will not show it available if you need it – so please contact Jennifer if you are looking to stay more than two nights.

City View Suites King or Double Room (\$160.00 per night plus tax rate of 12.708%): 600-sq-foot (56-sq-meter) room. All suites with a private bedroom and separate living area.

Amenities:

- Room Service
- Safe box
- Fitness Center
- Pool
- Complimentary nightly reception
- Complimentary Breakfast
- Hotel offers valet parking only, at the current rate of \$50.00
- Wireless Internet is available for \$12.95 per room for 24 hour connectivity

Hotel Transportation: Hotel is 3 miles from San Diego International-Lindbergh Field. Taxi service from/to airport/hotel is approximately USD 15.

Check-in/Check-out Time: Check-in is 4 p.m. and checkout is 12 noon.

San Diego, California – November 2019

Embassy Suites by Hilton San Diego Bay Downtown
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Reservations must be made no later than October 17, 2019. Reservations requested after this date will be accepted based upon availability.

You can use the below link – or call 1-800-EMBASSY and give them the group code: **IOP**, if you prefer to make your reservation over the phone.

<https://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/S/SANDNES-IOP-20191116/index.jhtml>

You will need to provide a credit card to make the reservation, but nothing is charged until the guest arrives. You have up until 72 hours prior to arrival to cancel without penalty (penalty is 1 night room + tax).

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REQUIRED NOW – FLIGHT INFORMATION

IODP is required to provide the Port Agent with a complete Travel Manifest. This is mandatory for Immigration Notification. Without advance notification, entry may be denied. Once your flight arrangements are confirmed, please provide an electronic copy of your flight itinerary to:

Beverly Wilson
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