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The 2027 RI Conference Travel Guide

Conference Hotel Location:

Chicago Marriott Oak Brook

1401 West 22nd Street, Oak Brook, IL, 60521

The [Chicago Marriott Oak Brook hotel](#) is located in a central location, 30-60 minutes from downtown Chicago (depending on traffic), across the street from Oakbrook Shopping Center, and about 8-9 miles from DuPage's popular attractions such as Brookfield Zoo and Morton Arboretum.

Arriving by Air

If you're arriving by air, you have good airport options. The hotel is in the western suburbs, so O'Hare International Airport (ORD) is generally the best choice for commercial flights, although Midway (MDW) can work well depending on your airline and fare. The Marriott hotel is 15 miles from O'Hare International Airport and 20 miles from Midway Airport.

O'Hare International Airport is located northwest of downtown Chicago and is very large. If you have any accessibility issues or walking concerns, we encourage you to reserve a wheelchair with your airline to take you to/from the entrance and your gate. There is no charge for this service.

Midway Airport is on the southwest side of Chicago. It is also recommended here that if you have any accessibility issues or walking concerns, you reserve a wheelchair with your airline to take you to/from the entrance and your gate. Again, there is no charge for this service.

Rideshares/Taxis from the Airport

The Chicago Marriott Oak Brook does not, unfortunately, provide its own airport shuttle, so you will need to arrange your own transportation. There is not a train/metro that goes directly from either airport to Oak Brook. American Taxi is a reputable taxi company and they are often easy to find outside of baggage claim. Rideshare services such as Uber or Lyft have designated pick-up locations outside the main doors of each airport. It's preferred to book either in advance. Their rates are usually about the same. You can save money by booking a shared ride, which means you will be sharing with another passenger. If you have not used Uber or Lyft before, they sometimes have coupons available on their websites for new users.

If you are meeting other RI members at the conference, you might check with them to see when they are arriving. Perhaps you can coordinate transportation to the hotel together and reduce the cost by sharing transportation.

Rental Cars

Both airports have a variety of rental cars available. You need to make a reservation in advance for a rental car. The Chicago Oak Brook Marriott also has some Hertz rental cars available. To reserve a car to pick up at the hotel, go to [Hertz.com](#) and choose *Chicago - Marriott Oak Brook* as your pickup location. Please be aware that in Chicagoland, if you use a Maps app on your phone for directions, most routes will involve a tollway unless you choose to uncheck that option for your route. You can go online and pay your tolls within a week of taking a tollway if your rental car does not include that service.

Arriving by Train

Most trains will take you downtown to Union Station. If you can find a train route that goes to Naperville, IL, that will save you time and transfers. You can take a taxi or rideshare (Uber/Lyft) to the hotel, which is a shorter distance from Naperville than from Union Station. Another option to save money is to take the BNSF Metra Line from Union Station to Hinsdale, then take a rideshare service (Uber/Lyft) to the hotel. *Note: Taxis are limited at small train stations. Rideshares or booking taxis in advance is recommended, or be prepared to wait.*

Things to Do Nearby

There is so much to do in Chicago! If you have the ability to stay longer and visit the area, we hope you will! Extended stays at the hotel are available at our discounted conference rate.

- Visit the [DuPage Convention & Visitors Bureau](#) here for information about the area.
- [Oakbrook Center](#) (shopping, dining and entertainment) is across the street from the hotel. It features 168 stores and 27 restaurants, making it one of the premier shopping and dining destinations in the Midwest. Oakbrook Center spans over 2 million square feet of retail space and is an open-air shopping mall anchored by major retailers like Macy's, Nordstrom, Neiman Marcus, and Apple. They have restaurants available at a variety of price points, including Corner Bakery Café, Shake Shack, Sweetgreen and California Pizza Kitchen.
- [Drury Lane Theatre](#), Oak Brook (1.3 miles)
- [Brookfield Zoo Chicago](#), Brookfield (8.4 miles)
- [Morton Arboretum](#), Lisle (8.8 miles)
- [Lizzadro](#) Museum of Lapidary Art, Oak Brook (2 miles)
- [Cantigny Park](#) (gardens, museum and golf), Wheaton (15 miles)
- [Obama Presidential Center](#), Chicago (27 miles) Purchase tickets in advance – demand has been high
- [Art Institute of Chicago](#), Chicago (19 miles) (Closed Tuesdays)
- Chicago's Museum Campus houses the [Field Museum](#), [Shedd Aquarium](#), and [Adler Planetarium](#)
- [Harry Potter Shop Chicago](#), Chicago (20 miles)
- Numerous municipal golf courses nearby
- Numerous tour options in the City of Chicago including [Architectural Tours](#), [boat cruises](#), and [bus tours](#)