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at the National Centre of Performing Arts, Mumbai, India
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Hotel and Airport Transfer Information Sheet

Delegates may book and arrange payment for their accommodation and for their airport transfer with the appointed travel agent for the Conference, Sita (a division of Kuoni India) through their web page [LINK]

Hotel Accommodation

December is high season in Mumbai and delegates should book their accommodation at the earliest opportunity as availability cannot be guaranteed. The latest deadline for booking is 30th September 2007.

A limited number of rooms has been reserved by Sita in hotels quite near to the conference venue, the National Centre for the Performing Arts in Mumbai at preferential rates. These rooms will be released after 30th September 2007. This sheet has been compiled by IALL to provide additional information about the hotels. To make a reservation, please see the Sita web page [Link] which lists the hotels available and gives rates and methods of payment. All prices shown there are per room, per night, including breakfast and taxes.

Please note that the conference venue is near the southern tip of Mumbai in an area called Nariman Point, very close to the southern end of the long curving road along the edge of the Arabian Sea called Marine Drive and close to an area called Churchgate. If you arrange your own accommodation, it is strongly recommended that you do not take a hotel near the airport or in the suburbs such as Juhu because your travelling times to the conference venue will be excessive. See the map below.

The hotel classification system in India is not exactly equivalent to that which some foreign delegates will be accustomed. The best hotels are world class. All the hotels all have air conditioning and are clean and convenient but some may have fewer facilities and be more basic than those with the same number of stars in some other countries.

Transport

There will be a shuttle coach from the listed hotels at the start of the programme each day and returning to the hotels at the end of the programme each day. The hotels are almost all within reasonable walking distance of the National Centre for Performing Arts (NCPA) – the Taj Mahal and the Taj President are a little further though still walkable. Mumbai is safe for walking, taking the usual care as in any large city.

The Hotels (rates with the booking form at [LINK] and location map below)

- **Taj Mahal Palace & Tower ******* address: Apollo Bunder, Mumbai 400 001. A landmark luxury hotel right next to the Gateway of India and the Arabian Sea. An architectural marvel of dating back to 1903 with a modern tower extension. It has been the preferred hotel for royalty and leading political figures throughout its life. It has a business centre, swimming pool, fitness centre, spa, and several restaurants and bars. All rooms are

spacious and have a private bathroom, air conditioning, telephone, wireless Internet, satellite TV and a mini bar. Website: <http://www.tajhotels.com/>

- **Taj President** ***** 90 Cuffe Parade, Mumbai. A large luxury business hotel with views of the harbour and the city. It has a business centre, swimming pool, three restaurants and a bar. All rooms are spacious, have private bathroom, air conditioning, telephone, satellite TV, and wireless Internet. Website: <http://www.tajhotels.com/>.
- **Hotel Marine Plaza** **** 29 Marine Drive, Mumbai 400 020. A fairly small high quality hotel in a restored art deco building on Marine Drive overlooking the Arabia Sea within easy walking distance of the conference venue along Marine Drive. It has business centre and a glass-bottomed pool on a rooftop terrace, two restaurants and a bar. All rooms have private bathroom, air conditioning, cable TV and telephone. It has three restaurants and a bar. Website: <http://www.hotelmariplaza.com/>.
- **Ambassador** **** Veer Nariman Road, Churchgate, Mumbai 400 020. A medium-sized business hotel within easy walk of the conference venue along the nearby Marine Drive. All rooms have private bathroom, air conditioning, cable television and telephone. It has two restaurants and a bar. Website: <http://www.ambassadorindia.com/mumbai.asp>
- **Hotel Astoria** *** Jamshedji Tata Road. Churchgate, Mumbai 400 020. Near Churchgate railway station on a broad street behind Marine Drive within walking distance of the conference venue in a somewhat austere stone-built 1930s Art Deco building, providing inexpensive, clean and reasonably comfortable accommodation in the heart of the city. It has a restaurant and a bar. All rooms have private shower / toilet, air conditioning, cable /satellite television and telephone.
Website: [http://www.hotel-rates.com/india/mumbai-\(bombay\)/astoria-hotel.html](http://www.hotel-rates.com/india/mumbai-(bombay)/astoria-hotel.html)
- **Chateau Windsor Hotel** *** 86 Veer Nariman Road, Churchgate, Mumbai 400 0200. A fairly small hotel providing inexpensive, clean and reasonably comfortable accommodation just around the corner from Marine Drive and within walking distance of the conference venue. All rooms have air conditioning, telephone, cable television, wireless internet.
Website: <http://www.chateauwindsor.com/>
- **Sea Green Hotel / Sea Green Hotel South** ** 145 and 145A Marine Drive, Mumbai 400 020. Two separate budget hotels alongside each other within easy walking distance along Marine Drive to the conference venue. They are reasonably priced and convenient with a good location facing the Arabian Sea, simple facilities and fairly bare but good -sized rooms. Both have airconditioning and satellite television. Websites: <http://www.seagreenhotel.com/>and <http://www.seagreensouth.com/>
- **YMCA**. 18 YMCA Road, Mumbai 400 008. A budget hostel located in central Mumbai further from the conference venue than the hotels above. Telephone and television in all rooms. Dining hall. Airconditioned and non-airconditioned rooms with bathroom attached or with common bathroom. Website: <http://www.ymcabombay.com/ymcaint.htm>.

Airport Transfer

An airport transfer can be booked with Sita [LINK] at the same time as booking your hotel accommodation. You are advised to make prior arrangements for transport from the airport to your hotel on arrival. If you book an airport transfer, someone will be at the airport to meet and assist you. The pre-booked cars are generally of better quality than taxis. The journey from the airport to the area of Mumbai where the hotels listed above are located can take a considerable time, often 90 minutes.

Maps and Other Information

See the map below and also:

Maps of Mumbai see <http://www.mapsofindia.com/maps/mumbai/>

Mumbai City Information see <http://www.mumbainet.com/>

