

Hotel Recommendation for VMworld 2010?



Jonathan May 3

2010/03/03

I will be attending VMworld for the first time this year and was curious if seasoned attendees had any recommendations for Hotels that are located near to the Moscone Convention Center? I thought it might be advantageous to book the Hotel in advance of Early Bird registration unless VMware has some sort of good package deal for the Conf and Hotel?

Cheers the Brit

Jono

: vmworld2010



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2007/09/10 1. **Re: Hotel Recommendation for VMworld 2010?** 2010/03/09 6:07

There are many good hotels in the area of the Moscone center. I believe the last time I went I stayed at the hilton which is a few blocks away but it was actually a nice walk through the area. Wait until it gets closer they usually have rate packages for the VMworld attendees and it will save you a few bucks or get you a nicer room at a better rate. Enjoy

John



ewalker 1

2007/09/10 2. **Re: Hotel Recommendation for VMworld 2010?** 2010/03/15 12:25

I stayed at the W which was across the street from the entrance to Moscone. Couldn't beat it for convenience.



tspero2 4

2009/05/01 3. **Re: Hotel Recommendation for VMworld 2010?** 2010/03/15 14:35

In 2009 I stayed at the Intercontinental which was about 2 blocks from the Bart station and two blocks from the Moscone Center. In addition, it was one block from a large shopping mall as well. The rooms were nice and very clean, although a bit small. I saw several other VMWorld folks there as well. I'll probably be staying there again this year. :

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[Intercontinental San Francisco.JPG](#) (33.1 K)



[Enrico 24](#)

2007/09/10 4. **Re: Hotel Recommendation for VMworld 2010?** 2010/03/22 5:10

Hi,

San Francisco Marriott Marquis is very close to the Moscone Center.

Maybe that could be something?

Cheers

/Rico



[derekn 36](#)

2007/09/10 5. **Re: Hotel Recommendation for VMworld 2010?** 2010/04/21 9:10

 : [Enrico](#)

I stayed at the Palace hotel in 2007. It was about 5 blocks away, it wasn't bad but sometimes during the day it stunk to walk all that way to dump off materials and the such. The hotel was nice and I had no problems there.

In 2009 I stayed at San Francisco Marriott Marquis, its right next to the moscone center, you will have to cross through the Beuna Vista Gardens, no complaints there. Last year they had the labs right in the lower level of this hotel so that made it very convenient. I liked this hotel and I was in it 6 days, I brought the wife last year and she liked how it was close to the Beuna Vista gardens and close to shopping.

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This year I am traveling alone so I have yet to decide where to stay again as I like to be close to the restaurants.



[weatherman 2](#)

2007/09/10 **6. Re: Hotel Recommendation for VMworld 2010?** 2010/04/21 14:57

2 thumbs up for the Marrott Marquis. The rooms are nice, the staff was great and you can't beat the location.



[Ron Davis 6](#)

2008/06/05 **7. Re: Hotel Recommendation for VMworld 2010?** 2010/04/21 17:33

I'm staying at the King George. I haven't stayed there before, but it gets good reviews, is close by, and cheap.



[Gavin Haslett 9](#)

2008/06/06 **8. Re: Hotel Recommendation for VMworld 2010?** 2010/04/22 12:49

 : [Ron Davis](#)

I stayed at the King George last year... it was pretty good. The room was bizarre in that the ceiling was REALLY low... wouldn't take you being much over 6 feet tall (I'm 5'10") for you to be uncomfortable. However, it was decent, the service was good and I am not the type of person to spend a whole hell of a lot of time in an hotel, anyway.

The King George has the advantage that it's close to a lot of cool stuff and great places to eat. Close walk to Chinatown, and a middling length but nice walk to the Moscone Center.

Also, the Sugar Cafe is a great place to get breakfast... just a short walk away 😊



[Keith Caines 16](#)

2008/05/04 **9. Re: Hotel Recommendation for VMworld 2010?** 2010/04/27 10:55

Ok, any more Hotel suggestions? I will be registering soon... I wish VMware would lump the Conference registration in with the Hotel reservation. Does anyone know if they will do this - or at least provide a list of recommended hotels....

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2007/09/10 10. Re: Hotel Recommendation for VMworld 2010? 2010/04/27 11:30

↑ : Keith Caines

In years past VMWare has never lumped the price of the conference and hotel together. I doubt they will go that route this year.

The recommendation of hotels usually comes out later in the year, prolly in June going from years past. This includes a discounted rate for the conference. Its a small discount compared to most hotels normal rates, just from my comparison in the past.



Chris Kunkel 1

2009/04/14 11. Re: Hotel Recommendation for VMworld 2010? 2010/04/27 13:24

Anyone got any reccomendations for some of the cheaper ones?

triton, serrano, or sir fransis drake?



Shawn Logan 10

2008/04/01 12. Re: Hotel Recommendation for VMworld 2010? 2010/04/27 13:48

↑ : Chris Kunkel I took a chance this year booked with hotwire even though I had no idea which Hotel I would get. Selected the Moscone area, and ended up with Parc 55 for \$109 a night, 3 block walk does not look too bad. There is a website that helps you determine which hotels you may get, search for better bidding on google. Last year I stayed at Westin on market street which was great just being down the block.



Joel Williams 9

2008/09/03 13. Re: Hotel Recommendation for VMworld 2010? 2010/04/27 14:13

↑ : Shawn Logan Last year, many of the labs were held inside the Marriott Marquis. Some of the labs started as early as 7:00 AM and I found it convenient to have a really short walk for those. Also, the Marriott Marquis is just a block away from the BART station. When you have luggage to carry, it's nice to be so close.



Enrico 24

2007/09/10 14. Re: Hotel Recommendation for VMworld 2010? 2010/04/27 23:20

↑ : Chris Kunkel

Hi Chris,

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In 2007 I stayed at Serrano Hotel.

The hotel was okay and the walking distance was'nt too far (helps when there is a Starbucks on the way)

One thing that bothers me the most was that they did have a restaurant/place, which means you had

to find a place for breakfast in the morning.

I know some people eat breakfast at the conference, but being european, I'm not really into having cakes and hardboiled eggs in the

morning. :-)

Last year, I stayed at the Hiltons in the financial district, which was very nice and close to China town.

Also a fair walk to the conference.

Cheers!

/Rico



[sobrien82](#) 23

2007/12/14 15. **Re: Hotel Recommendation for VMworld 2010?** 2010/05/04 9:41

I took a chance this year and booked at the W, since its the closest hotel. I see mixed reviews for it on line, so not really sure how its going to be.



[Gavin Haslett](#) 9

2008/06/06 16. **Re: Hotel Recommendation for VMworld 2010?** 2010/05/04 10:53

Honestly, you should think about hotel a different way; where do you **want** to stay?

Personally, I have gone ahead and booked myself in the King George Hotel again simply because despite the bizarrely low ceiling and pretty decent walk to the Moscone Center, it's more in the heart of where I want to be in San Fran. If you don't visit San Fran often, it's an incredible city with loads to do off the main strip down by Moscone... there's the piers, there's Union Square... hell there's always something to do. I picked the King George because it's more central... and besides, I actually like the long walks. It's a refreshing start to the day to grab a cup of coffee and either sit and watch the world go by or walk to Moscone.

Oh and if you're booking now, you can get MUCH better hotel deals on Priceline, Sidestep or (if you're less fussy) Hotwire than you'll get through VMWorld. 😊



[sobrien82](#) 23

2007/12/14 17. Re: **Hotel Recommendation for VMworld 2010?** 2010/05/04 10:57

: [Gavin Haslett](#)

thanks for the info, but my company requires that we book either thru Corporate travel or thru the actual conference site. So since vmworld registrate was actually cheaper than our corporate travel site, thats what i used.

I found that last year i really didn't get out in the city much at all, so i went for close to the conference center. Coming from the east coast, i was in bed early 😊



[Gary Newman](#) 1

2009/06/02 18. Re: **Hotel Recommendation for VMworld 2010?** 2010/06/22 16:18

After a fair bit of research in 2009, I stayed at the Milano Hotel, for good rates and a 5 minute walk a few blocks from the Moscone Center. Lobby wasn't much but the rooms were nice and modern.

www.hotelmilanof.com

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I did search on line for discounts instead of going through their website, but think it turned out to be a wash.

Hope you enjoy the event - WAY too many people in one place for this Alaskan.



Patrick Brown 31

2007/09/10 19. Re: **Hotel Recommendation for VMworld 2010?** 2010/06/23 7:57

I stayed at Parc 55 for both the 2007 and 2009 conferences. If I'm remembering right, Parc 55 is a little on the higher priced side of the hotels that the conference website lists, but I've had a great stay both years. The rooms are spacious and modern. The location is excellent - right across the street is the Powell St. BART station, enabling you to ride the subway all the way from the airport to essentially the front door of your hotel. Also across the street is a large mall - plenty of shops and places to grab a bite to eat (not to mention your on Market St., full of shopping and eateries). If you are looking to do any sightseeing you are one block away from the turnaround point for the Market and Powell street cable cars, which can get you to Fishermans Wharf, Alcatraz, etc. The walk to the Moscone center takes about 10-12 mins from Parc 55, so it's not too bad. There's a breakfast shop in Parc 55, (Barbary Coast), and they serve a range of breakfast goodies.

If I go this year, I'll be right back at Parc 55.



philreynolds16 5

2009/05/26 20. Re: **Hotel Recommendation for VMworld 2010?** 2010/06/30 21:01

First vmworld for me and I'm wondering if there is there a benefit to reserving hotel through the conference? For example, vmworld has Hilton for \$230 but with AAA, it's less than \$200.

Also some great rates down at Fisherman's Wharf.

Just wondering if there was a benefit to stay at an "official hotel" booking through the "official channels"



Gavin Haslett 9

2008/06/06 21. Re: **Hotel Recommendation for VMworld 2010?** 2010/07/01 5:57

👤 : philreynolds16

@Phillip Reynolds: Well, I guess like everything that depends. The advantage to the "Official" hotels is that they have the shuttle from the conference to the hotels themselves. However, as far as an advantage to booking through the conference? None that I can see. Yes, you can find much better rates elsewhere. Remember also that San Francisco is a very pedestrian-friendly city with great public transport. If you're not afraid to walk then you can find great hotels in the Union Square area that aren't on the official list, but have great prices and are about a 15 minute walk to the conference center itself.

I'm staying in that area, partly because I did last year too and really liked the area. Fisherman's Wharf sounds like a nice idea until you realize that it's a LONG way from the conference itself and you'd need to catch public transport every day. That in itself isn't bad, but it increases your expenses a bit and there's the fun experience of catching public transport in one of the main tourist areas of the city... that's always a riot.

If you do stay in Fisherman's Wharf, another option would be to rent a bicycle for the duration of the conference. You can bike it to the con in about 30-45 minutes, though I'd highly recommend going down the Embarcadero to Market or Mission streets... trying to go over the hills of San Fran on a bike if you've never done it before will have your legs screaming for mercy. Ask me how I know... 😊



Sean Hatfield 4

2008/07/29 22. Re: **Hotel Recommendation for VMworld 2010?** 2010/07/21 9:19

👤 : Gavin Haslett

There really are no good hotels in San Francisco. They aren't quite as bad as european hotels, but that seem to be where they draw their inspiration. Most of them are just ancient buildings with new paint jobs. Don't expect any of the common amenities you would normally expect at hotels that cater to business travelers. But you'll pay exhorbinant rates anyway.

This isn't like going to vmworld in las vegas. SF in general is a pretty miserable town to do a convention in. Once the convention lets out, there is nothing to do, and you're in a part of town you don't want to be wandering around in after dark. If you've never been there, you can burn off a few hours at fishermans warf and giant cisco logo (golden gate bridge), but thats about it.

Just stay as close to the convention center as possible, in whichever hotel was remodeled most recently. Everything in SF is uphill, and you'll be walking back and forth quite a bit. Don't expect your cellphone to work if you are on ATT. Their network is fragile even when you don't have 10,000 IT people with iphones trying to hit the same tower.

We may not be going back to VMWorld until the contract with Moscone runs out. Vegas is the only place to do a show like this.

Enjoy the show.



Gavin Haslett 9

2008/06/06 23. Re: **Hotel Recommendation for VMworld 2010?** 2010/07/21 9:29

 : Sean Hatfield

@Sean: Wow... did someone do something unmentionable in your Wheaties at a hotel last year?

While everyone's entitled to an opinion, I might point out that Sean's is not everyone's. Personally, I hated Vegas when I worked there a decade ago, and I hated returning there for VMworld. I for one was really glad the event was moved to San Francisco because I find Vegas generally horrendous. If you like paper thin walls in your hotels, a thin veneer spread over horrendous workmanship and cheap construction, and staff who will gladly direct you to the casino but will look at you like you have four heads in the event you ask to go somewhere other than a chain restaurant to eat... then by all means enjoy Vegas.

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Besides, many companies really frown on paying for staff trips to Vegas. Although the company I work for now doesn't care, several previous companies I worked for would never consider sending their staff to Vegas no matter what the conference. San Francisco is a FAR easier sell.

Now of course this is just my opinion, but one of the strengths of SF is the fact that it's pedestrian friendly. I love the hills, and I really enjoyed last year taking long walks up and down through the hills, finding the off-the-beaten-track restaurants and generally enjoying the city for what it was. And as for after-conference activities... I only slept in my hotel room so I didn't care what facilities it had. I walked, discovered and enjoyed the city. I had some great dinners, met some great people and was never left wondering what to do next.

Have you ever actually strayed from the strip in Vegas? A couple of blocks each way and it's like a demilitarized zone.



[Sean Hatfield](#) 4

2008/07/29 24. **Re: Hotel Recommendation for VMworld 2010?** 2010/07/23 15:08

 : [Gavin Haslett](#)

@Gavin: If you love walking uphill, San Francisco is the place to be. You seem to be more of an "explore the nooks-and-crannies" kind of traveler. When you spend more nights in hotels than you do at home, all you really care about on a business trip is comfort and convenience.

But the OP wanted hotel recommendations. Like I said, there aren't any "good" hotels in SF.


Here's another tip: All the hotels are uphill from the convention center, so stay at a hotel that's close to a shuttle stop. The last thing you want to do after a long day at vmworld is walk 8 blocks uphill to some hotel that even VMWorld didn't think was good enough for a shuttle stop. Chinatown is not that interesting.



[philreynolds16](#) 5

2009/05/26 25. **Re: Hotel Recommendation for VMworld 2010?** 2010/07/23 15:10

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 : Sean Hatfield How do you know what hotel is near a shuttle stop?



Sean Hatfield 4

2008/07/29 26. Re: Hotel Recommendation for VMworld 2010? 2010/07/25 19:44


 : philreynolds16

They don't usually publish the shuttle routes ahead of time, but all of the hotels on the list are usually within a block of one of the stops. Stay at or adjacent to the listed hotels and you should be fine.



Jason Langdon 68


2007/09/24 27. Re: Hotel Recommendation for VMworld 2010? 2010/07/28 4:21

 : Sean Hatfield I just booked with Parc55 by contacting the hotel myself and got a special of \$160.00 per night.



Patrick Brown 31

2007/09/10 28. Re: Hotel Recommendation for VMworld 2010? 2010/07/28 5:29

 : Jason Langdon Oh wow, guess I should have looked into that before I booked - I'm staying at Parc 55 but at whatever the VMworld rate was.. 😊



Sharon Ben atia 5

2007/09/24 29. Re: Hotel Recommendation for VMworld 2010? 2010/08/01 4:03

pickwick hotel

nikko hotel

courtyard marriot on 2nd street



Enrico 24

2007/09/10 30. Re: Hotel Recommendation for VMworld 2010? 2010/08/09 23:58

 : Patrick Brown

Hi,

the VMworld rate for Parc 55 is \$222.00..

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I'm staying at Hotel Palomar - the VMworld rate says \$252.00 but I got way cheaper than that - almost \$90... 😊

Cheers

/Enrico



[ANorton](#) 15

2009/09/01 31. **Re: Hotel Recommendation for VMworld 2010?** 2010/08/11 11:19

I am staying at the Westin on Market Street simply for convenience.



[Joe Graziano](#) 9

2010/08/06 32. **Re: Hotel Recommendation for VMworld 2010?** 2010/08/11 11:33

👤 : [ANorton](#) Work booked me at the Intercontinental, don't know what they paid but looked to be about the closest to the center.



[Michael Pacheco](#) 3

2010/07/26 33. **Re: Hotel Recommendation for VMworld 2010?** 2010/08/13 12:45

Has anyone who booked their hotel through VMworld received their final confirmation yet?



[gsalisbu](#) 1

2010/03/03 34. **Re: Hotel Recommendation for VMworld 2010?** 2010/08/15 9:17

👤 : [Michael Pacheco](#) I contacted vmworld about this last week - they said they were in the final stages of getting the information to the hotels. Said to expect the confirmations to come through sometime early this week. (8/16)



[Manuel Risco-Herrera](#) 2

2007/09/10 35. **Re: Hotel Recommendation for VMworld 2010?** 2010/08/16 4:30

Try Hotwire.com and calculate the distance... got a nice hotel (all facilities) 8 blocks away for \$99



[James Williams](#) 7

2011/03/30 36. **Re: Hotel Recommendation for VMworld 2010?** 2011/04/11 7:50

👤 : [ewalker](#) I stayed there also when I was in town. I loved attending my first VMworld and can't wait to come back. Many believe that cloud computing is the next big thing so I want to be onboard and learn as much as possible about it in its early stages. Now that there are a few major companies offering [vCloud](#) services, it is possible that numerous others will follow in the years to come.