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# **SOLO TRAVELER'S GUIDE**

2024 NODA Annual Conference

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# WELCOME TO PORTLAND, OREGON!

We are so excited to see you at the 2024 NODA Annual Conference in Portland! This packet has information important to you, as a Solo Traveler including travel tips, event details, and contact information.

## THINGS TO KNOW

As a Solo Traveler, there will be plenty of opportunities to network and engage with other NODA members and other Solo Travelers. Solo Travelers will have our own [GroupMe Chat](#) that will be used for reminders, meet up information, and as a chance to connect with other solo travelers. For any session or event with designated solo traveler parts, the point of contact will be Shauna Kaplan who you can contact via GroupMe.

In addition to the GroupMe, there will be a designated channel on the [Conference App](#) for reminders about meetups and events with a section for Solo Travelers.

## TRAVELING SOLO

While traveling solo, there are a few factors you may want to take into account including transportation and being in Portland.

### Transportation

**Portland International Airport (PDX)** is the closest airport and approximately 30-45 minutes from downtown.

Portland International Airport (PDX)

7000 NE Airport Way

Portland, OR 9721

<https://www.flypdx.com/Directions>

Once in Portland, there are multiple ways to get around. The airport's central location offers easy access to the public bus, shuttles, and light rail service, and both convenient and affordable ground transportation options are available for

passengers. Over 84 bus lines that crisscross over the Portland area. Visit [trimet.org](https://trimet.org) for more information regarding bus lines and light rail lines.

## Conference Hotels

NODAC 2024 will be utilizing two hotel locations for the conference. All of the featured sessions, exhibit hall, conference office and most of the breakout sessions will be located in the Hilton Downtown Portland while some breakout sessions will be located in the Duniway.

- [Hilton Downtown Portland](#): 921 SW 6th Ave, Portland, OR 97204
- [The Duniway](#): 545 SW Taylor Street, Portland, OR 97204

## Being in Portland

Below are some points of guidance for the sections below as you prepare to travel to and spend time with us in Portland throughout the NODA Annual Conference:

1. Pay attention to your surroundings.
2. Use individual discretion when choosing how you engage.
3. If you prefer to avoid areas specific, identify alternate walking/travel routes before departing.
4. Travel in groups when possible. If you need a contact for the duration of the conference, please reach out to the conference committee at [nodac2024@umn.edu](mailto:nodac2024@umn.edu).

Check out the [Health and Safety Guide](#) and [Accessibility Guide](#) for more detailed information for navigating Portland.

## CALENDAR

Below is a calendar that lists events where there will be reserved seating for solo travelers. For events with theater style seating, solo travelers will have a few rows reserved. For events with round table seating, there will be a designated table for solo travelers. While we welcome you to sit with your fellow solo travelers, you are welcome to sit wherever you would like at these events.

<b>Session</b>	<b>Time &amp; Date</b>	<b>Meet Up Location**</b>
Pre-Conference Reception & Social	Nov. 11   5:30 - 7 pm	Hilton Pavillion / Foyer
Opening Celebration	Nov. 11   7 - 8 pm	Hilton: Grand Ballroom
Drag Bingo	Nov. 11   8 - 9:30 pm	Hilton: Pavillion
Coffee Run	Nov. 12   7:30 am	Hilton: Main Lobby
Keynote Speaker	Nov. 12   9:30 - 10:30 am	Hilton: Grand Ballroom
*River Cruise	Nov. 12   7 pm	TBA
Current Trends Panel	Nov. 13   9:30 - 10:30 am	Hilton: Grand Ballroom
*Author’s Luncheon	Nov. 13   11:35 am - 1:30 pm	Hilton: Pavillion
NODA Talk	Nov. 13   3:40 - 4:30 pm	Hilton: Grand Ballroom
Closing Lunch	Nov. 14   12:30 - 2 pm	Hilton: Grand Ballroom I-II; Parlor ABC

\*Indicates prior registration required.

\*\*Locations are subject to change after publishing.

## STAYING CONNECTED

We can’t wait to see you at the 2024 NODA Annual Conference in Portland. We encourage you to connect with fellow conference attendees and solo travelers before, during, and after the conference. Feel free to use the [Solo Travelers GroupMe](#) and/or reach out to the NODA conference committee at [nodac2024@umn.edu](mailto:nodac2024@umn.edu).