

IBD Meeting 12-15 October 2023

Dallas, Texas, USA

Location:

The Hilton Anatole will be the meeting place for the delegates of the Mensa International Board of Directors (IBD) meeting in 2023. It is located 15.2 miles (24.4 kilometers) from the Dallas–Fort Worth (DFW) International Airport.

The hotel address is:

Hilton Anatole Hotel
2201 N Stemmons Fwy
Dallas, TX 75207
P – 214-748-1200

How to get to the hotel:

You will arrive at Terminal D of the DFW airport. Once you clear board security and customs and claim your baggage, you will be on the lower level. The best way to reach the hotel is by [Uber](#) or [Lyft](#). Proceed out the doors and follow signs to “Ride Share” to be picked up. On Thursday, October 12, we will have volunteers positioned as you exit with your bags to ask questions between the hours of 9:00 and 18:00.

Uber and Lyft are the best ways to get around the Dallas area as well. There are other forms of public transportation available but are less reliable and not as easily accessible.

Important Number:

911 for all emergencies, police, fire, ambulance, etc.

Currency in the US:

The United States dollar (USD) is the official currency of the U.S. It is approximately USE 1.00 to EUR 0.95. We recommend that you check a currency converter such as XE Currency Converter for the live market rates.

As for currency exchangers, you may find several at the airport though the rates may not be as favorable.

Payment Methods in the US:

The most common payment method is credit card, and debit cards (VISA/Mastercard) are widely accepted. Contactless card payment is used in various shops and restaurants throughout the city.

Do note that if you use cash, most places will only take the US dollar and be unable to exchange it for you.

Picking up your name badge:

The registration desk will be in the Atrium lobby of the hotel. Please note that this hotel has two lobbies and that you may need to go to the other lobby to find the registration desk, which will be clearly marked. The registration table will be open:





12.10 10 - 18:30
13.10 8:30 - 17:00
14.10 8:30 - 17:00
15.10 8:30 - 12:00

Weather Forecast:

The average temperature in Dallas in October for a typical day ranges from a high of 81°F (27°C) to a low of 57°F (14°C). Some would describe it as pleasantly warm with a gentle breeze.

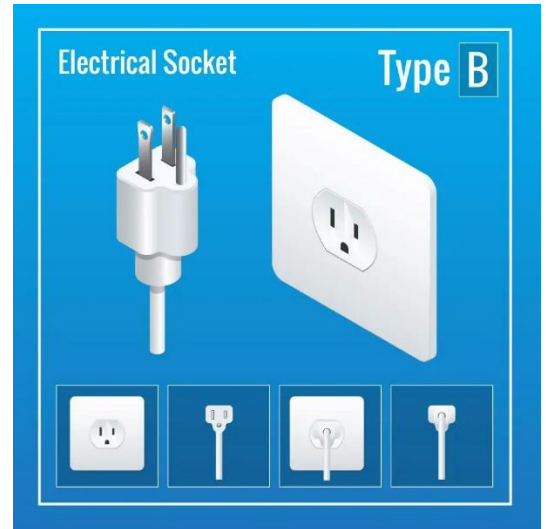
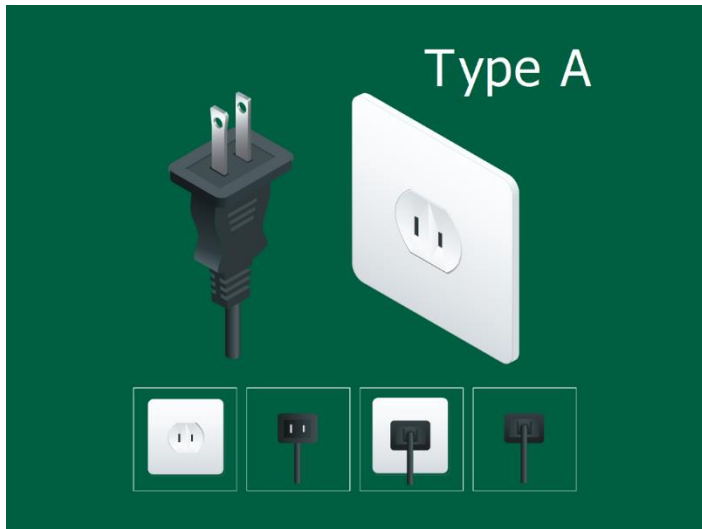
Do pack a few pairs of shorts and at least one pair of pants in case it gets chilly in the evenings. Bring a light jacket and sweater to wear at night, and don't forget to pack comfy walking shoes. Packing a rain jacket or umbrella and water-resistant shoes is also a good idea, as October gets its fair share of rain.

As a reminder to delegates, the meeting rooms are generally cool, and you will want to keep that in mind for packing.

Thu 12	87°/61°	 Partly Cloudy	24%	SSW 14 mph
Fri 13	74°/53°	 Partly Cloudy	14%	NNW 17 mph
Sat 14	70°/51°	 Sunny	1%	N 13 mph
Sun 15	73°/55°	 Sunny	2%	NNE 9 mph

Electrical Appliances:

For the USA there are two associated plug types, types A and B. Plug type A is the plug, which has two flat parallel pins, and plug type B is the plug, which has two flat parallel pins and a grounding pin. USA operates on a 120V supply voltage and 60Hz.



Tipping:

Tipping is widely practiced in the US. The following are recommendations for common places you may encounter for tipping:

- Restaurants/Bars - servers primarily make their earnings from tips. The recommended tip is between 18% to 20% of the bill total depending on the service. Typically for groups of 6 or more, restaurants will automatically include tip in the price.
- Hotel Housekeeping – Standard is \$2 to \$5 per day of your stay.
- Uber/Lyft – tipping is encouraged as well. The apps have it built in so that you can do so directly from there.

Taxes:

Taxes will be charged on all purchases. All prices you see do NOT include tax. Tax will be added on top of that.

Mobile Operators:

Once you arrive in the United States, you will be able to purchase a prepaid SIM card through local carriers such as AT&T or T-Mobile. There is not one immediately available when you arrive at the airport. If possible, we suggest you contact your carrier about options before you arrive.

The nearest store to the hotel:

AT&T
3329 Oak Lawn Ave
Dallas, TX 75219

T-Mobile
4807 Maple Ave Stee 200
Dallas, TX 75219

Internet:

Most places such as hotels, restaurants, etc. offer free Wi-Fi to guests.

IBD Agenda:**Thursday, 12 October**

10:00 – 18:30 Registration Desk is Open

19:00 – 22:00 Ice Breaker event at Cidercade. Buses will depart from Hotel Atrium at 18:45 (*)

Friday, 13 October

9:00 – 17:00 IBD Meeting (open to non-delegates to observe) – Stemmons ABC

Non-delegates can explore Dallas. Here are various things to do around the city:

<https://ibd.us.mensa.org/programming/things-to-do/>

Dinner on your own

Saturday, 14 October

9:00 – 17:00 IBD Meeting (open to non-delegates to observe) – Stemmons ABC

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19:00 – 22:00 Gala Dinner in Carpenter Ballroom (*)

Sunday, 15 October

9:00 – 12:30 IBD Meeting (open to non-delegates to observe) – Stemmons ABC

13:00 – 17:00 Half-Day Tour to Texas State Fair (*)

(*) Pre-purchased tickets are required. Tickets will NOT be sold on-site. All delegates will have tickets for these events.

NOTE – All meals and breaks are provided to delegates only. Non-delegates are able to bring their own food to connect with the delegates but are not included in the counts.

Delegates will be provided breakfast vouchers to use each morning if they choose to do so.

International Volunteer Network

This will be virtual this year. Please visit <https://ibd.us.mensa.org/programming/international-volunteers-network/> for more details.