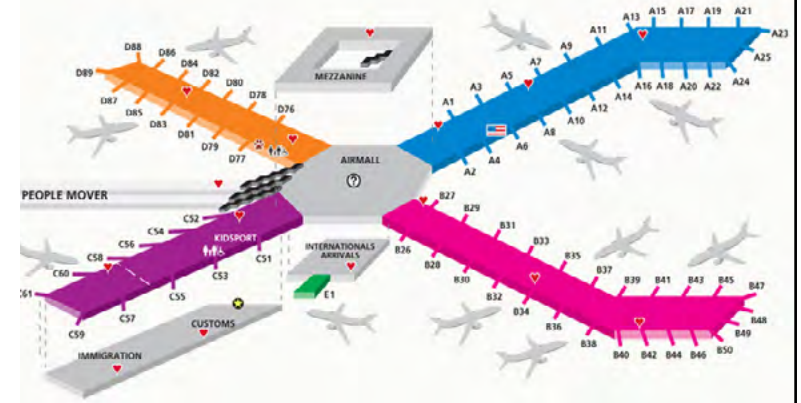
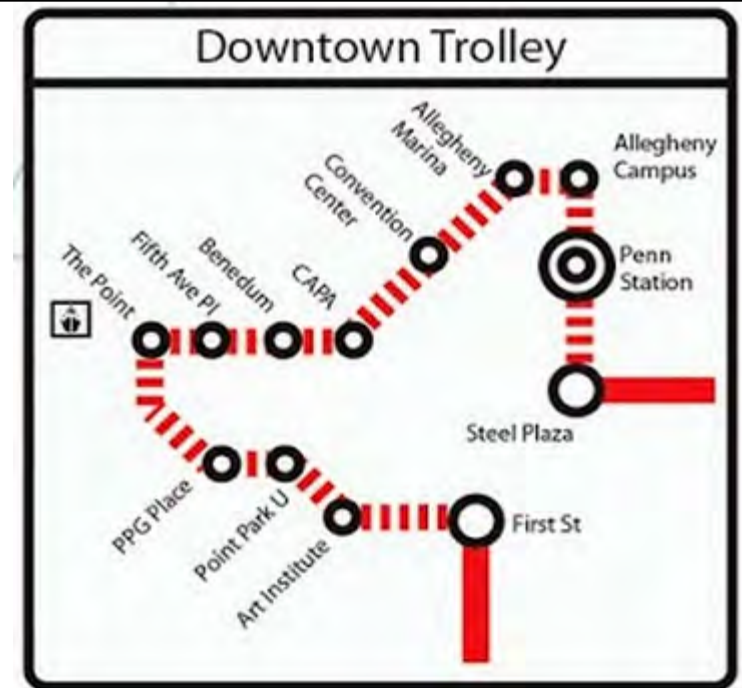
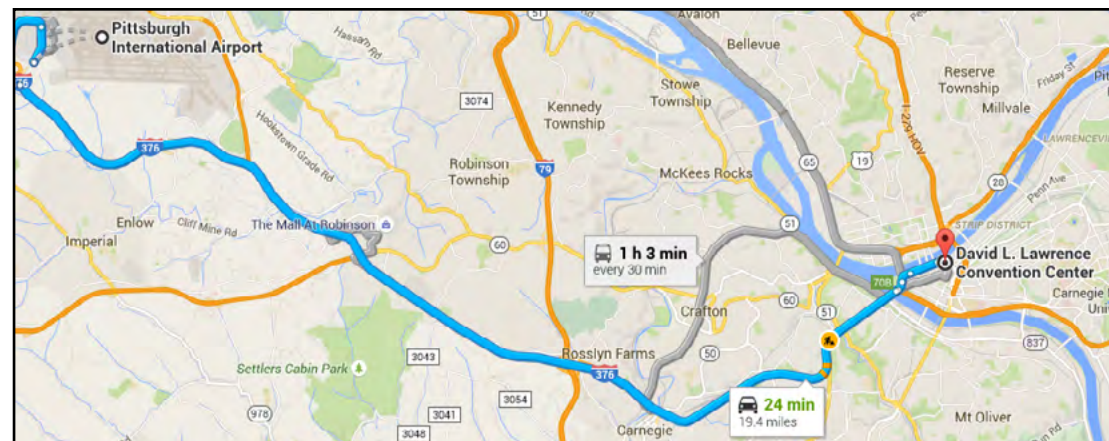


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Getting Around Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh was never meant to be a city. It wasn't planned, it just sort of happened. As a result the city is cut into pieces by hard geographical boundaries. A twisting labyrinth of bridges and tunnels is the result of a natural landscape full of rivers and mountains. If you're driving plan extra time for the likely cases of traffic or getting lost. Depending on where you are and where you're going a **10 mile drive may take 40 minutes**. Research your route before setting your Saturday morning alarm. The good news is that parking is cheap once you get downtown, you can safely keep your car in the city for **under \$15 per day** and garages are plentiful.

Public transit is not spectacular. The **28X bus** runs from the airport to downtown **every 30 minutes and takes about an hour** to get there. Getting around via bus downtown is reasonable and reliable, Google maps public transit option will tell you what you need to know, but trying to get from downtown to anywhere else (and back) will be a lengthy and frustrating endeavor. Once you're downtown though the subway system ("[The T](#)") is intuitive and **completely free to use** within the downtown and north shore service area.



Where to Stay

Hotels are already filling for the weekend of the event. You should plan your stay as soon as your application is accepted - if you wait, you'll either end up spending considerably more than you expected or staying farther from the venue than you might like.

The staff hotel is \$134/night, with flexible cancellation, and is part of the Starwood Preferred Guest loyalty program. [It can be booked through a link on JudgeApps.](#)

Venue Adjacent:

[The Westin Convention Center](#)

[Courtyard Pittsburgh Downtown](#)

Walking Distance:

[Renaissance Hotel](#)

[Hotel Monaco Pittsburgh](#)

[Omni William Penn](#)

Short Drive:

[Days Inn Pittsburgh](#) (\$7-9 Uber)

[Hyatt House Pittsburgh South](#) (\$8-10 Uber)

There are many significantly cheaper hotels in the Robinson, Carnegie, and Greentree suburbs just southwest of the city. All will require a car, but hotels near the airport or just outside of downtown will cut the nightly rate by \$100+.



What to eat

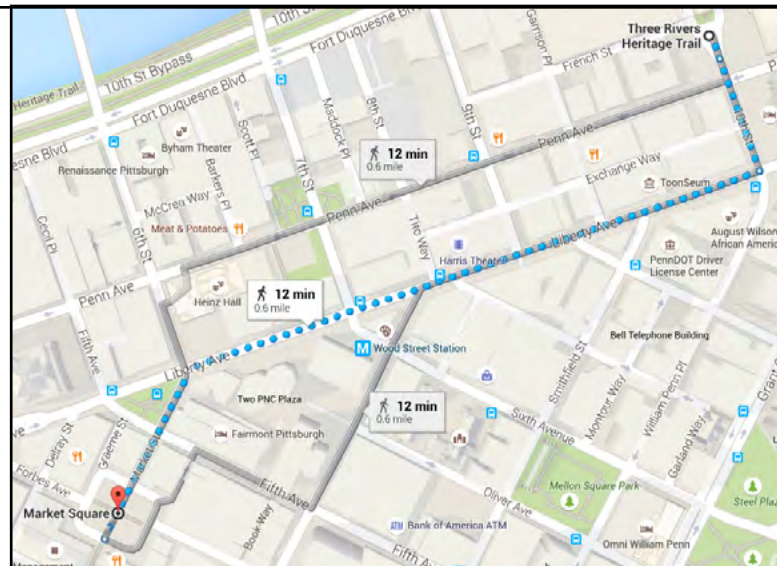
Market Square is a 10-15 minute walk from the venue. Market square contains a wide range of restaurants from fast food to an exclusive champagne bar. Hits for judges on the move include **Moe's**, **Chipotle**, **DiBella's Subs**, **Noodles & Co**, and Pittsburgh's famous **Primati Brothers**. There is also a **Subway** less than a block from the convention center.

For off duty judges with time to sit and enjoy there are dozens of restaurants in every direction from the convention center. Food can be found in Market Square after a shift ends, sitting down or grabbing to go can both be accommodated.

August Henry's is a saloon-style bar with reasonably priced food and open until 11PM Friday and Saturday just one block from the convention center. Closed on Sunday.

Meat & Potatoes comes highly recommended. 2.5 blocks from the venue. Open until midnight on Saturday and 9PM on Sunday.

For the fine diners with sophisticated pallets money to spend, **Eleven** is located less than a block from the convention center. It is Pittsburgh's downtown fine dining destination of choice.



Things to do

Pittsburgh has a rich history and loves to show it off. Downtown holds the **Heinz History Center**, a 5-story building located right behind the convention center that features a Western Pennsylvania and Pittsburgh-centric take on world history. The Heinz History Center is part of the historic **Strip District**, a long strip of specialty shops and excellent restaurants easily accessible by foot from the convention center.

A short walk across the Allegheny River from downtown to Pittsburgh's North Shore offers the **Andy Warhol Museum**, the **Carnegie Science Center**, **PNC Park**, **Heinz Field**, the **Rivers Casino**, the **National Aviary**, and **Stage AE**.

A slightly longer walk over the Monongahela River to the **South Side** offers nearly unlimited food, bar, and nightlife options as well as access to Pittsburgh's famous Incline, a train that goes vertically up the side of the mountain from South Side to Mt. Washington. **Grandview St. in Mt. Washington** is one of the most beautiful city views in America.

Having access to a vehicle opens up **The Carnegie Art and Science museums** in the Oakland neighborhood, just blocks away from unofficial MTG historical site **Carnegie Mellon University**. Another 15 minute drive past the Carnegie Museum's gets you to the **Pittsburgh Zoo and Aquarium**.

