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GRAND PRIX

DALLAS-FORT WORTH



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Welcome!

Fort Worth is home to about 800,000 individuals and part of the expansive and populous Dallas/Ft. Worth metropollex. The Dallas/Ft. Worth (DFW) area is the sixth largest urban population in the United States, and expands over 1400 square miles. The DFW area is home to multiple professional sports teams, renowned museums, countless game stores, and some of the best food in the country.

Weather

Dallas is very warm in July. The average temperature is around 95-100F, but July can often see temperatures close to 110. Make sure to pack lots of light clothing and stay hydrated.

Airports

The Dallas/Fort Worth (DFW) area is home to two airports, Dallas/Fort Worth International (DFW) and Love Field (DAL). Both are viable options to fly into, but there are some specific benefits to choosing one over the other.

Dallas/Fort Worth International (DFW)

Most major airlines will fly into DFW

Often longer security lines

Closer to the venue

Dallas Love Field (DAL)

Only airport with Southwest Airlines

Smaller airport with few lines

Still within a reasonable distance of the venue

For specific notes on getting from the airport to the convention center, please see the transportation section.

Venue



Fort Worth Convention Center
1201 Houston St.
Fort Worth, TX 76102

[Directions from Houston, TX](#)

[Directions from Austin, TX](#)

[Directions from Dallas, TX](#)

[Directions from Oklahoma City, OK](#)

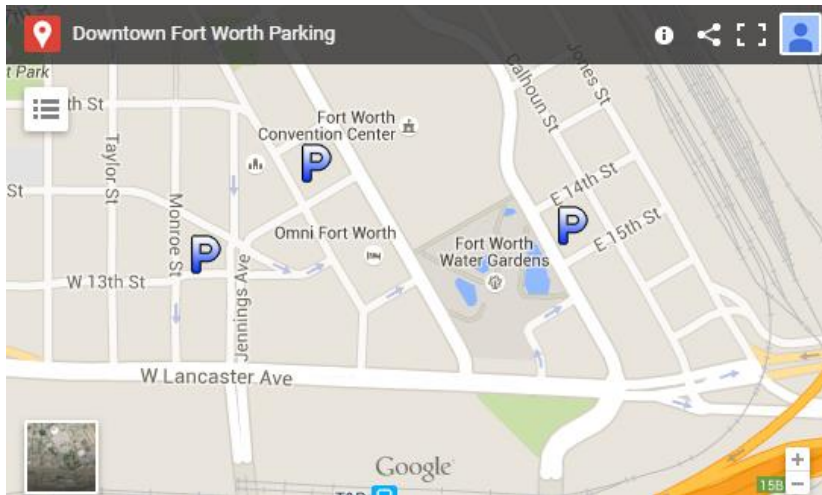
The venue is relatively nice and situated in downtown Fort Worth with a variety of nearby food and lodging. A map is included below to give an idea of venue's location in relation to the airports and surrounding metroplex:



*Please note that it is 40 miles between Dallas and Fort Worth.

Parking

There are three convenient ramps near the venue to park your vehicle for each day for about \$10.00. These are usually cash only on event days.



***On Saturdays and Sundays the metered street parking is free, and it is usually fairly easy to find a spot within a short walk of the center. Many judges who work events here regularly always park on the street with few to no issues.

Transportation

If you intend to do any sightseeing or visit areas outside of walking distance from downtown Fort Worth, a rental car is almost 100% necessary. Public transportation is available, but it is limited when considering how vast the DFW area is.

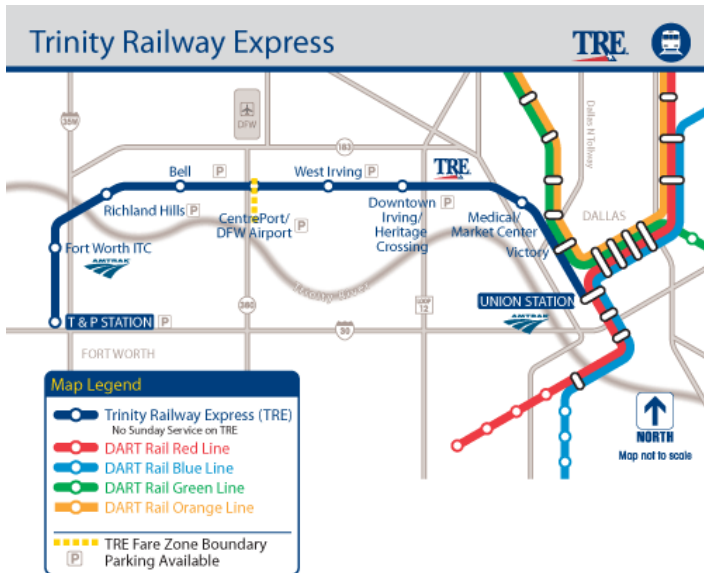
If you are planning trips outside of Fort Worth with no vehicle, I would highly suggest trying to do some planning ahead of time with the Dart trip planner: <https://www.dart.org/riding/traveltoolsandapps.asp>

*****Please note that the TRE DOES NOT RUN ON SUNDAYS.** If you need to get to or from the airport on Sunday, please plan for an alternate route.

Getting to the convention center from DFW by train: (Not on Sundays)

Cost: \$2.50

- 1) Follow the instructions on the [DART \(Dallas Area Rapid Transit\) site to ride the TRE \(Trinity Railway Express\)](#)
- 2) Ride the TRE to T&P Station
- 3) [Walk 10 minutes or take a short cab ride to the convention center](#)



Getting to the convention center from DAL (Dallas Love Field): (Not on Sundays)

Cost: \$5.00

- 1) [Take the Dart Love Link bus to Inwood/Love Field Station](#)
- 2) Take the orange or green line to Victory Station
- 3) Transfer to the TRE train to T&P Station.
- 4) [Walk 10 minutes or take a short cab ride to the convention center](#)

Other Options to get to and from the airport:

Super Shuttle – Approximately \$35 each way

Cab – Approximately \$75 each way

Lodging

Below is a list of some of the hotels in close proximity to the convention center. There are many other options for nearby hotels, but these are the best options within walking distance. Prices are a rough estimate of what you can expect to pay.

1. Sheraton Fort Worth Hotel and Spa (\$170/night)
Address: 1701 Commerce St, Fort Worth, TX 76102
Phone: [\(817\) 335-7000](tel:8173357000)

The Sheraton is right behind the convention center and offers a wide array of amenities. This is where many judges often choose to stay.

2. Park Central Hotel (\$110/night)
<http://www.parkcentralhotel.com/>
Address: 1010 Houston St, Fort Worth, TX 76102
Phone: [\(817\) 336-2011](tel:8173362011)

The Park Central is directly across the street from the convention center, has a bar downstairs, and is by far the cheapest option downtown.

3. Hilton Fort Worth (\$175/night)

Address: 815 Main St, Fort Worth, TX 76102

Phone:[\(817\) 870-2100](tel:(817)870-2100)

The Hilton is quite nice and in close proximity to the convention center, and offers a wide array of amenities.

4. Omni Fort Worth – About \$250/night

Address: 1300 Houston St, Fort Worth, TX 76102

Phone:[\(817\) 535-6664](tel:(817)535-6664)

Food

There are quite a few in Fort Worth eat, but here are some suggestions that are close enough for a full round break:

Tie Thai - 911 Houston St, Fort Worth, TX 76102 --*NOTE: Closed on Sundays!

A local judge favorite. It's about a five minute walk from the far end of the convention center and provides speedy and tasty Thai cuisine. Dishes average about \$10.

Jake's Hamburger - 515 Main Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102

Jake's is about a five minute walk from the convention center, and serves up a plethora of burger choices. Dishes average about \$10.

The Brass Tap - 901 Houston Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102

The Brass Tap is a local beer bar with a selection of fast and tasty food. Pizzas, burgers, salads, and other American cuisine can be found here are a reasonable price. Dishes average about \$8-\$12.

*For those short on time, there is also a Jimmy John's that will deliver to the convention center.

150 Throckmorton St #190 Fort Worth, TX (817) 665-9959

For those of you with access to a vehicle, Velvet Taco is highly suggested as a dinner location. It is about a 5-10 minute drive from the convention center and has a plethora of unique and delicious tacos.

Velvet Taco - 2700 W 7th St, Fort Worth, TX 76107

Attractions

Fort Worth Water Gardens



The Water Gardens are conveniently located right next to the convention center and contains a uniquely designed water garden in downtown Fort Worth. It's free, and you are unlikely to see anything else like it.

Fort Worth Stockyards



The stockyards are the pride and joy of Fort Worth, and the Grand Prix happens to coincide with Cowboy Days, a celebration of all things American cowboy. The stockyards are home to western shootouts, rodeos, and all things Texas. For more information, [check out their website.](#)

Six Flags Over Texas and Hurricane Harbor



The weather is extremely warm in July, so why not spend some free time on one of the many massive waterslides and roller coasters in nearby Arlington, TX? Tickets are about \$50 for the day, and you can find more information on [their website.](#) *Please note that a vehicle will be necessary to get to this location.

Texas Rangers



DFW is home to the MLB Texas Rangers, and their stadium, Globe Life Park, is only a 20 minute drive from Fort Worth. On Monday following the Grand Prix, the Rangers will be hosting the Yankees for a night game. Tickets can often be found for about \$10-\$20 each. More information can be found on the [Ranger's website.](#)

Museums



Dallas and Fort Worth are both home to a plethora of museums ranging from modern science to classic Asian art.

Some notable museums in Fort Worth include:

- Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth (\$10)
<http://themodern.org/>
- Fort Worth Museum of Science and History (\$15)
<http://www.fortworthmuseum.org/>
- Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame (\$5.00)
<http://texascowboyhalloffame.org/>

Dallas also has a large selection of high quality museums if you want to make the journey over, and there is even a Dallas city pass to help make your visit easier. It includes admission to the famed Perot Museum, Sixth Floor Museum (JFK Assassination), Dallas Zoo, the Dallas Arboretum, and more. More info can be found at <http://www.citypass.com/dallas>.