



2025 GPUSA Grand Convent and Investiture FAQ for Attendees

Flights and Getting to the Hotel:

What are my options for getting to the hotel?

- If you are driving to Arizona, the hotel's address is:

Embassy Suites by Hilton Scottsdale Resort
North Scottsdale Road
Scottsdale, AZ 85250

- If you are coming from Sky Harbor Airport (Estimated Travel Time = 15 minutes):
 - o Option 1 – Taxi – Estimated cost: \$28-\$35
 - Yellow Cab AZ – 480-888-8888
 - VIP Taxi – 602-300-3000
 - Downtown Taxi – 602-800-2417
 - o Option 2 – Rideshare – Uber – Lift – Waymo
 - Cost varies by service – Estimated cost: \$69-\$31
 - Use the service's app to order a car
 - Meet the car at the terminal specific "Ride Share" designated area
 - Waymo is an autonomous vehicle – there will be not driver – just an FYI
 - o Option 3 – Shuttle Service – pricing and schedules vary by service
 - SuperShuttle - <https://www.supershuttle.com/locations/phoenix-phx-aza/>
 - ExecuCar - <https://www.execucar.com/airport/phoenix-sky-harbor-international-airport-phx/>
 - Blacklane - <https://www.blacklane.com/en/car-service-phoenix/>

How do I get around the area?

- Hotel Shuttle – the Embassy Suites offers a complimentary shuttle to any location within a few miles of the hotel
- Taxi and Ride Share Services – all are available from the hotel. Prices may vary
- Scottsdale Trolley – free on weekdays – information and times will be available at the hotel

What are some options for sightseeing or shopping?

- Old Town Scottsdale
- Taliesin West
- Western Spirits Museum
- Butterfly Wonderland
- OdySea Aquarium
- Scottsdale Fashion Square
- Musical Instrument Museum
- The Heard Museum
- Desert Botanical Gardens
- Phoenix Art Museum
- Sedona, AZ
- Tiger Wood's PopStrokes
- Plus much, much more

What restaurants (food and drink) are close to the hotel?

- AZUL Clubhouse – located in the West Complex of the Resort
- Granada Bar and Grill – located on the top floor of the Resort
- The Canal Club – 0.1 mi.
- Roaring Fork – 0.1 mi.
- Postino Highland – 0.2 mi.
- QDOBA Mexican Eats – 0.2 mi.
- Metropolis – 0.3 mi.
- Pronto by Giada – 0.4 mi.
- Sevan – Caesars Republic Scottsdale – 0.4 mi.
- Luna by Giada – 0.4 mi.
- Asadero Cocina and Cantina – 0.4 mi.
- Tocaya – Fashion Square – 0.4 mi.
- Ocean 44 – 0.5 mi.
- Salad and Go – 0.5 mi.
- Toca Madera – 0.5 mi.
- Elephante – 0.5 mi.
- Zinqué – Scottsdale – 0.5 mi.
- Francine – 0.5 mi.

What can I expect for the weather?

- The average high for the first week of June is 98 F.
- The average low for the first week of June is 73 F.
- Humidity is typically very low (10-20%) – it is a dry heat!
- Sunshine will be nearly constant, with minimal cloud cover

- Rain is very unlikely in early June

How do I best deal with the climate?

- It is dry in Arizona. We live in a desert! Drink plenty of water. Keep a bottle with you. There is a saying in our region: “If you’re thirsty, it is too late!” Water, water, water!!!
- If you are planning on being outside, you will want to wear sunscreen (SPF 30 or higher)
- Follow time outdoors with moisturizers and chapstick
- A pair of sunglasses and/or a wide-brim hat are great choices
- Wear lighter colors and lightweight, breathable clothing for optimum comfort
- Be careful of surfaces (outdoors). Things like door handles can be very hot.

What are the dress expectations for the event through the week?

- Early Bird Mixer - Casual
- General sessions/Day Trip – Business Casual
- Reception – Casual - No shorts or T-shirts
- Investiture/Banquet – Full Dress, Black Tie

What is the Agenda/Schedule of Events for the Grand Convent and Investiture?

There is a pdf of the full schedule, with room assignments on our website: SMOTJGrandCandl.com. It can be found by clicking the “Schedule” link located at the top right of the home page, then scrolling through the daily schedule to the bottom of the page. Or, you can scan the QR below to be taken directly to the pdf schedule.

