



TRANSPORTATION/DIRECTIONS

There are several ways to get to the Francis Marion Hotel located in beautiful Charleston, South Carolina.

Directions:

From Charleston International Airport

Exit airport on International Dr. and Follow signs for I-526 to Mt. Pleasant. From I-526 follow signs for I-26 East to Charleston.

From I-26 Headed East

Travel on I-26 to the end. Turn right onto Meeting St. Stay on Meeting St. in the right hand lane for .6 miles. Pass the Charleston Visitor's Center and turn right at the light, which is John St. Take John Street one block to King St. and turn left on King St. The Francis Marion Hotel is on the right.

From Hwy 17 Headed North

Follow Hwy 17 (Savannah Hwy) North and cross the Ashley River Bridge onto the peninsula. Hwy 17 will make a sharp turn to the left as it forks with Cannon Street. Follow the sign for Cannon Street. Take Cannon Street until it ends at King Street. Turn right onto King Street. The Francis Marion is approximately 6 blocks on the right.

From Hwy 17 Headed South

Follow Hwy 17 (Johnnie Dodds Blvd.) South and cross the new Arthur Ravenel Jr. Bridge also known as the Cooper River bridge. Stay in right hand lane and take the Meeting Street Exit. At the traffic light, turn left onto Meeting Street. Stay on Meeting Street in the right hand lane for .6 miles. Pass the Charleston Visitor's Center and turn right at the light, which is John Street. Take John Street one block to King Street and turn left on King Street. The Francis Marion Hotel is on the right.

Guests may pull up to the front door on King St. for unloading and check-in, the bell-staff will be happy to assist you.

Parking:

Valet parking is available at a \$17 per day charge that will be automatically charged to your room bill. Self-parking is available in the City Garage located next door to the Hotel. The charge is \$12 per 24 hour period and is payable to the garage attendant in cash.

Shuttle Services (13 miles from Airport to Francis Marion; 20 minutes by car)

- **Public Transportation** - Bus. CARTA bus route from downtown to the airport is Route 11-- Route Schedule: <http://www.ridecarta.com/routes/routedisplay.aspx?pid=584&nid=589&cid=2013> Please note the hours are different for weekdays and weekends. The final stop is about three blocks from the Francis Marion Hotel at the Charleston Visitors Center.
- **Shuttle** - The shuttle service from the airport downtown is \$15.00. Go to the transportation booth and ask for the shuttle service to downtown. There is a 15 min. wait from the time the first person asks for this shuttle. The van is pulled up and if more people want to go downtown they board. After the 15 min. wait the van heads for town. Because of the random selection of the van, the name is not important.
- **Cab** - Many cab services are available at the airport. Charleston Black Cab (843 216 2627) and Green Taxi (843-532-0527) are the cleanest and most innovative.
- **Car Rental** - Most major rental car companies have an office at the airport. Check the hours of operation if you are not arriving during regular business hours. Garage is available beside the Francis Marion Hotel at an additional charge.

Weather and Attire

September in Charleston, SC can be warm and humid, the normal daily high is 85 degrees and the normal low at night is 66 degrees. All field trip participants should wear appropriate field clothes and comfortable closed-toe shoes. Recommended attire for the technical sessions is business casual. Banquet attire is business-formal / formal.

