



General Information

AGENDA

For a detailed agenda of the 2023 Mid-Year Meeting, [click here](#).

AIRLINES

- Bring your **passport** to check in. Your passport must be valid for 6 months after the dates of travel. Check the expiration date of your passport and make sure it does not expire sooner. Applying for a passport renewal by mail will take up to 8 weeks. Expedited passport renewals by mail cost an additional \$60 in government fees and take 2-3 weeks to be processed. To renew your passport quickly, go to a Passport Agency in person or use the services of a passport expediting company. [Click here](#) for more information.
- Please check with your carrier for carry-on luggage regulations.
- Contact your carrier 24 hours before departure to get up-to-the-minute flight info.
- Even though masks are no longer required on flights, the CDC recommends you consider wearing one when:
 - You are in crowded or tight spaces with poor ventilation like airport jetways, airplanes when the ventilation system is off, seaports, or when in close-contact situations like on a train or bus.
 - There are high levels of respiratory disease at your travel destination or in the community you are traveling through.
 - You or someone you have close contact with has a [weakened immune system](#) or are at [increased risk for severe illness](#).
 - You are sick or experiencing symptoms of a respiratory illness (although it is better to delay travel if you are sick). See [specific recommendations](#) for COVID-19.
 - You were [exposed](#) to a person with COVID-19 in the last 10 days.

ATTIRE

Welcome Reception: Business Casual

Gala Dinner: Business or Cocktail attire

President's Reception: Business Casual

BABYSITTING

Contact Louise at the concierge desk at parisconcierge@ihg.com to request childcare. They can arrange an English-speaking babysitter for a minimum of 3 hours at the price of 50 Euro per hour (one babysitter for 3 children maximum). If the babysitter is booked during lunch and dinnertime, a meal must be provided to the babysitter. After 11 p.m. an additional 30 Euro is required for the taxi of the babysitter.

BADGES

Badges must be worn for admission to the Welcome Reception and Wine Tasting, and the President's Reception. Entrance to the Gala Dinner will require a ticket.

BREAKFAST

A full hot breakfast is included in your room rate and is available 7 – 10 a.m., Monday – Saturday in Berlioz.

CELL PHONES

Be sure to check your phone's Date and Time settings and select the option to automatically set the date and time by using network-provided values. If you do not have international calling on your current plan, be sure to contact your service provider to update your plan. Also, note that while most U.S. mobile phones now work overseas, some older models can only be used domestically.

To see if your current phone has what it takes to work overseas (or to find out more about roaming prices and plans), check out the following links: [AT&T International Services](#), [T-Mobile International Services](#), [Verizon International Services](#).

DINING

The **Intercontinental Paris Le Grand** offers the following restaurants on property:

Café De La Paix

A listed monument, the opulent Café de la Paix is famous the world over. Attracting food lovers from both Paris and further afield with its refined, carefully selected menu, it truly is a Parisian institution. Its glorious terrace offers magnificent views of the Grand Palais Garnier opera house.

La Verrière

Offering an intimate dining experience away from the noise of the city, La Verrière occupies a spacious and inviting winter garden in the heart of the hotel. Skylights provide natural light by day and a romantic atmosphere for evening meals. Menu selections include French and international dishes.

Our favorite offsite restaurants include:

Gourmet

Drouant: Known as the temple of gastronomy and culture, Drouant has an exciting history. In the late 1920s, owner Jean Drouant commissioned Jacques-Emile Ruhlmann, “the Pope of Art Deco”, to bring the establishment into line with contemporary tastes. At the time it was a bistro, but it soon developed into a gourmet institution, frequented by all the best-known Parisian artists and personalities. Today, Drouant expertly combines the past with the present both aesthetically and gastronomically.

La Méditerranée: Established in 1942, this restaurant favorite has never been as popular as it is today. Enjoy the incredible fish and seafood menu featuring the freshest catch of the day — from oysters and urchins to sea bass. Located near Jardin du Luxembourg.

La Tour d'Argent: One of the oldest restaurants in Paris, La Tour d'Argent's roots date back to 1582, when it first operated as an inn. Over the centuries, the restaurant became a favorite of nobles, royals, and wealthy individuals alike. Best known for its stunning views of Notre Dame and Ile Saint-Louis, this classic French favorite overseen by Michelin-star chef Philippe Labbé is simply unmissable.

Le Train Bleu: While dining in train stations generally evokes memories of takeaway containers and cardboard coffee cups, a visit to Le Train Bleu couldn't be more elegant. First opened in 1901, this former Buffet de la Gare hosted artists, actresses, and clothing designers alike, from Coco Chanel to Salvador Dali. Today, the restaurant's stunning interior features sparkling chandeliers and intricately painted ceilings, as well as massive windows overlooking the swarms of train-bound travelers in the station below. À la carte and set menus are available for all three meals of the day; we can't think of a better way to instantly upgrade a travel day.

DINING (cont'd.)

Brasserie/Bistro

Café de Flore: Frequented by the likes of Picasso, Sartre, and Gertrude Stein, this famous Left Bank institution is beloved for its quaint Saint-Germain location and expansive outdoor terrace perfect for people-watching. Menu favorites include a variety classic bistro fare.

D'Chez Eux: Savor traditional recipes created with the best local products in this 18th century coaching inn. Located near the Invalides Garden.

Grand Café Capucines: Located near the Opéra Garnier and open 7 days a week, 24 hours a day, this Parisian brasserie offers traditional dishes always respecting the seasonality of the products. Enjoy exceptional seafood, as well as traditional favorites, in an atmosphere that offers unique charm.

Le Mesturet: A classic bistro offering typical French dishes, home-made desserts and a wine menu filled with wonderful discoveries, many not often found in other Paris bars.

Les Jalles: Located near the Tuileries Garden, this open-kitchen brasserie is known for both its traditional and newly imagined local cuisine.

Les Noces de Jeanette: Enjoy a “tour de France” of regional delicacies at this establishment located within walking distance of the InterContinental Paris Le Grand.

Mon Paris!: Since 2015 this gourmet brasserie has been offering a seasonal menu of varied cuisines in a refined yet friendly atmosphere.

La Closerie des Lilas: This Montparnasse artistic and literary haven attracted Hemingway (there's a sign showing his favorite spot at the bar), Pablo Picasso, Paul Verlaine, and Man Ray. *La Closerie* first opened its doors in 1847; Hemingway later wrote about it in *A Moveable Feast*. Enjoy the brasserie/piano bar, or a more formal dinner in the dining room.

ELECTRICITY

You will need an adapter for type C (two round pins) plugs. Because the supply voltage in France is 230V, devices must support 100V to 250V Dual Voltage. Check the label on your device and look for INPUT AC 120V – 240V (or a variation of that), or a switch that can be set to 125V or 250V. If your devices are 110V or 125V only, you will need a voltage converter.

FITNESS CENTER

For fitness and workout enthusiasts, InterContinental Paris Le Grand offers a state-of-the-art fitness room. It's equipped with world-class Technogym® equipment and available 7 days a week, 24 hours a day.

GALA DINNER

This ticketed event takes place in the Salon Opera at InterContinental Paris le Grand, the most renowned ballroom in Paris. With opulent statues, gilding, 45-foot-high ceilings, a massive chandelier and circle of mirrors, it evokes the splendor of the Garnier Opera House, its illustrious neighbor. This registered historic monument has welcomed royalty, politicians, aristocrats, and artists since its inauguration in 1862. Join us for a delightful evening of award-winning classic French cuisine, select wines, music, dancing and a few surprises. Business or cocktail attire.



Tickets to the Gala Dinner must be purchased separately and are not included in the registration fee. You may pick them up at the NJSBA Registration Desk in the hotel lobby. [Click here](#) to purchase.

INTERNET ACCESS

Complimentary Wi-Fi is available in all guest rooms, social areas, and meeting rooms.

LANGUAGE

While many people in Paris speak English, don't assume the person you are approaching with a question does. In general, the French are a proud people, and some may think you're rude to ask them a question in English. Use a translating app or French phrase book to ask touristy questions. Most natives are delighted by foreigners' attempts to speak French. Chances are, when you try to ask a question in French, the locals will smile and grant you permission to speak in English.

MOBILE APP

Stay abreast of all the goings on at the 2023 Mid-Year Meeting with our mobile app. Downloading instructions will be distributed shortly.

NJSBA REGISTRATION DESK

The NJSBA Registration Desk will be located in the hotel lobby. Pick up materials, tickets and badges here.

Hours of Operation:

<i>Sunday, November 5</i>	<i>10 a.m. – 4 p.m.</i>
<i>Monday, November 6</i>	<i>8 a.m. – 4 p.m.</i>
<i>Tuesday, November 7</i>	<i>8 a.m. – 2 p.m.</i>
<i>Wednesday, November 8</i>	<i>7 a.m.–1 p.m.</i>
<i>Thursday November 9</i>	<i>8 a.m.–1 p.m.</i>
<i>Friday, November 10</i>	<i>8 a.m.–12 p.m.</i>
<i>Saturday, November 11</i>	<i>8–10 a.m.</i>

PROGRAMS

All educational programs for the 2023 Mid-Year Meeting are eligible for CLE credit. You may earn up to 9 CLE credits at programs taking place Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

[CLICK HERE](#) to review the full lineup.

CLE Forms will be available at each program and a representative will be on hand to answer any questions.

Program materials will be available online at [njsba.com](https://www.njsba.com) beginning Nov.1. All programs are sponsored by New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education, a division of the New Jersey State Bar Association.

To access materials online, follow these steps:

1. Log into [njsba.com](https://www.njsba.com)
2. Under My Links, locate your Program Materials Library
3. Click on the link for 2023 Mid-Year Meeting. Materials will be available Nov. 1.

REGISTRATION FEE

Your Mid-Year Meeting registration fee includes the opportunity to earn up to 9 CLE credits, as well as attendance at the Welcome Reception and Wine Tasting, and the President's Reception. See the [agenda](#) for details.

SAFETY

Emergency Assistance: dial 112

Your health and safety are our number one priority. Although masks are not mandatory in France, you may want to bring an N-95-type face covering in case you become ill or encounter anyone who is. We will have a small supply of masks available at the NJSBA Registration Desk.

General Safety Tips

Be sure you've [provided emergency cell phone numbers](#) in case we need to reach you while we're in Paris.

Upon arrival at the NJSBA Registration Desk, staff will confirm cell phone numbers so in the event of an emergency, attendees may quickly and efficiently be alerted whether you are at the hotel or off the premises.

In an Emergency

- Listen carefully to announcements in the hotel and/or on your phone.
- STAY CALM and follow instructions.
- The hotel has identified safe evacuation locations; however, they depend on the situation and severity. It's important to listen attentively and quietly to announcements and follow instructions carefully.

Evacuation Safety

- Stay calm and listen to announcements/notifications.
- Do not use elevators or escalators.
- Walk directly to the designated relocation area.
- Wait quietly for further instructions.
- Do not leave the relocation area unless instructed to do so.

Additional Safety Tips

- Pay attention when making purchases. Never allow yourself to be distracted.
- Avoid placing purses or briefcases on the backs of chairs or on the floor while dining.
- Study the area: Know the safest route before you go (driving or walking) and identify areas you don't want to encounter. If unfamiliar with the area, ask the hotel front desk, bell staff or valet.
- Remove convention IDs: Remove your name badge and ribbons. Similarly, leave the convention totes back in the room. These are signs you are from out of town and might be an easy target.
- Scan the environment: Look for well-lit streets and areas where you feel safe. Select routes that are the shortest between your destination and hotel. Be leery of people who are overly friendly in wanting to be of help or offering you a deal.
- Buddy system: Travel in groups whenever possible. If you are alone, consider using a taxi or Uber.
- Guard your drink: If you leave your drink on the table or bar unguarded even for a few minutes, throw it away.
- Backup identification: Be careful leaving valuables, purses and especially IDs in meeting and hotel rooms. Travel with a second official government-issued ID such as a passport stored in a separate location. At a minimum, make a copy of your driver's license so if it is lost officials could use the information to check databases.
- Escape routes: Whether in the meeting room or guest room, notice the nearest exits. Remember an emergency could occur at the most inopportune time and in the dark. Keep your cell phone and room key accessible.
- Hotel door: Don't let anybody in the room without knowing they are expected and wearing a uniform or badge. Think twice about hanging a breakfast order on the exterior doorknob that identifies your name and room number for a stranger to pick up. In a fire emergency, be sure to check the door for heat and smoke before exiting.
- Theft: Beware of pickpockets. Pay attention to your belongings while on the Metro, especially next to the metro doors; Keep bags under your arm or wear the strap across your body and place your hand over the zipper; Move your backpack to your front; Do not leave wallets, phones, or money in your back pocket;

SAFETY (cont'd.)

Don't place electronics or wallets on the table while sitting at a café, particularly if you're outside. Keep your personal items inside a closed bag and keep them close to you. Beware that iPhones are the most stolen item and are usually swiped from restaurant or café tables or chairs! When possible, use the ATM inside the bank rather than on the street. Cover your hand as you enter your code and count your money discreetly.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow us on Twitter @NJStateBar for meeting updates. Join the conversation with #NJStateBar.

SPA

Spa Anj wellness & Balmain Hair Salon offers unparalleled beauty treatments. With a team of highly trained and qualified staff who pay close attention to the most subtle details, the spa offers exclusive access to professional high-end cosmetics and a hair salon by Balmain Hair Couture. [CLICK HERE](#) for the menu.

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TEMPERATURE

Average high: Low 50's

Average low: Low 40's

TIPPING

Concierge: 8-20 EUR for service

Housekeeping: 2-3 EUR per night

Taxi driver: It is acceptable to round up to the nearest euro.

Restaurants: 5-10% additional in cash (Service charges are usually included in menu prices.)

TOURS

[CLICK HERE](#) to view all available tours. If you have registered for tours, be sure to wear comfortable walking shoes and dress in layers for temperatures between the 40s – 50s. All tours will depart from the main hotel lobby.

TRANSFERS

It is approximately 1 hour and 10 minutes from Charles de Gaulle Airport to the InterContinental Paris Le Grand.

[Private Group Airport Transfers](#) – Reserve your seat(s) by Oct. 4

We are pleased to offer private NJSBA group airport transfers to and from the InterContinental Paris le Grand. Assuming we have at least 20 passengers to fill a small bus, transfers will be available on a first-come, first-served basis for **arrival Nov. 4, and Nov. 5, and departure Nov. 11**. You may purchase one-way or round-trip transportation. Transfers are \$45 each way and are non-refundable. The price includes an English-speaking escort to meet you outside customs on arrival, and in the hotel lobby on departure, to assist with the transfer.

Once your purchase has been processed, you will be emailed a form to submit your flight information. If you do not receive this form, please contact Melenie Wernersbach at mwernersbach@njsba.com.

In the event at least 20 people do not request transfers by Oct. 4, we will contact you so you can make other arrangements.

Private Individual Transfers

You may arrange for private individual transfers with the concierge department by sending an email with the details of your needs, including the name of the airport, flight number and arrival/departure time to ParisConcierge@ihg.com. **Cancel at least 24 hours in advance of service to avoid cancellation fees.**

One-way transfer from or to CDG/Orly airport

Mercedes S 350 (or equivalent type BMW I7) (*maximum 2 people with luggage*): €285

Sedan car (*maximum 2 people with luggage*): €190

Mercedes Viano Minivan (*maximum 7 people with luggage*): €245

To ensure a smooth arrival in Paris, the hotel is also able to arrange a VIP Meet and Greet service at the door of the aircraft. The greeter will be pleased to assist with customs, luggage claim, and meeting the driver; 1 greeter can assist **up to 4 guests**. Kindly find below the packages they offer:

One-way transfer from or to CDG/Orly airport with 1 Meet and Greet agent

Mercedes S 350 (or equivalent type BMW I7) (*maximum 2 people with luggage*): €440

Sedan car (*maximum 2 people with luggage*): €340

Mercedes Viano Minivan (*maximum 7 people with luggage*): €395

Taxi Fare

The fixed taxi fare from Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport to the Intercontinental Paris Le Grand is 54-68 EUR one way. All taxi drivers have a license to operate in Paris.