

PLAN YOUR TRIP TO THE 9TH WORLD CONGRESS FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM!



Key Dates

- **February 28, 2023:** Registration opens at www/irla.org.
- **July 30, 2023:** Congress Registration ends.
- **August 21, 2023:** Arrival and registration at the World Headquarters of 7th Day Adventists, Silver Spring, MD
- **August 21, 2023, 6 PM:** 9th World Congress for Religious Freedom begins with the Opening Ceremony
- **August 23, 2023:** Afternoon trip to the National Archives Museum in Washington DC
- **August 23, 2023:** 9th World Congress for Religious Freedom Closing Dinner and Awards Ceremony

Translation Services

- We will provide headsets for simultaneous translation of general congress sessions in French, Portuguese, and Spanish. Please indicate during registration whether you require this service.

Visitor's Visa

- If you need a letter of invitation from the International Religious Liberty Association in order to apply for a visitor's visa to the United States, please send us an email request at contact@irla.org.

Hotel Accommodation

- Each attendee is responsible for reserving their own hotel reservation.
- Here are the hotels in the area:
 - Hilton Garden Inn
 - Courtyard by Marriott
 - Residence Inn
- Discounted hotel rates are available for Congress Attendees. Reach out to your Division PARL Director to submit a request on your behalf at contact@irla.org or sicalos@gc.adventist.org

Transportation

- Transportation will be provided from any of the three hotels above to the Congress location for free.
- Other airport transportation options include Uber, taxi, or car rentals
- Parking at the hotel is free.

Meals

- Lunch and dinner will be provided on site for the duration of the Congress
- All meals will be vegetarian with vegan options
- Daily breakfast at your hotel

Incidental Expenses

- Congress attendees are responsible for all incidental expenses, including airfare and travel insurance.

Weather

- In August the weather in Washington DC tends to be warm and humid. It ranges between 20°C /30°C, (87°F / 66°F)
- A jacket or sweater will feel comfortable in the meeting rooms which tends to be quite cool due to the air conditioning. Come prepared!

Contact Information

- If you have any questions, please reach out to contat@irla.org

