

Expo Hall

Set a budget IN ADVANCE, with two figures: the amount you'd *like* to spend (lower amount) and the absolute maximum amount you can afford to spend if you fall in love with an item at the convention.

As much as possible, do your "pre-shopping" before you get to the convention. Know what product(s) you're interested in, and which ones are your highest priority (i.e. I really *want* to buy a complete set of those new signature marimba mallets, but I don't own my own tambourine yet and ensemble auditions are coming up).

Don't spend more than you can afford.



Other tips

Social Activities - a great way to network

- Morning run/yoga
- Drum Circles
- Jam Sessions
- Artist meet and greets

Dining

Figure out in advance what your food budget is, and how many "big" meals you will allow (meeting up with friends at a restaurant is often part of the experience)

Don't be afraid to pack a bag lunch!

Find out if your room has a fridge/microwave

Take advantage of free breakfast at your hotel (where available). Plan a grocery run, if staying at an Airbnb. Planning meals ahead of time can help save money.

Bring a water bottle to stay hydrated during the convention.



PASIC on a PENNY

A guide to attending PASIC on the cheap



created by the Socioeconomic subcommittee

Registration



Early Registration - PAS Members can save on PASIC registration by registering from **July** through **September**.

Group Registration Rates - To inquire about PASIC group registration rates, please email membership@pas.org, or call 317-974-4488.

Scholarships

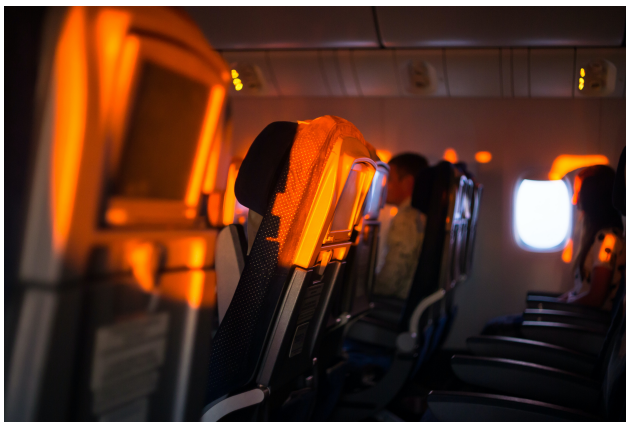
PASIC Scholarships - Funds established by Companies, in Honor of Individual, and by PAS Chapters who recognize the value of PAS and PASIC. We thank each and every person who has played a role in the creation of these scholarship funds and applaud the shared goal of assisting individuals in attending PASIC at little or no cost. *Applications for the PASIC Scholarships open every **May** and close at the end of **July**.*



Travel

Flights

- Book early - here's a [link](#) to a great article on the best time to buy plane tickets.
- Travel at off-peak times
- Price watch using websites/apps such as: Google Flights, JustFly.com, and Hopper.



Volunteers

PASIC Volunteers - checking badges at event doors, assisting at the registration desk, and helping with the logistics of our various competitions, PASIC requires a large number of volunteers to keep the show running smoothly. **Please note: Volunteers must at least be 18 years of age. PAS membership not required.*

PASIC Logistics Team - Duties include, but are not limited to setting up stages, moving gear, checking badges at doors, among other required assignments. **Please note: Logistics Team members MUST be members of PAS at the International, VIP, or All Access level AND at least 18 years of age.*

Driving

- Drive - if within reasonable distance (round trip car expenses equal to or less than round trip airfare)
- Drive - if hotel offers free or inexpensive parking OR if there is safe and free or inexpensive parking nearby - [Parkopedia](#)
- Carpool - Obvious benefits here in terms of cost and taking turns at the wheel
- Rental cars: depending on how far you have to drive, it might be worthwhile to avoid putting that many miles on your personal vehicle

Accommodation

Hotels - Discounts are available when booking through the PASIC website or book Budget hotels near the convention center.

*Tips: Book early
Share a room with friends/colleagues
Opt for cheaper hotels that are further away*

Home Share - Stay with friends/family who live in Indy, or book an Airbnb/Vrbo.

Pros: can be extremely affordable, especially if booked well in advance and/or shared with multiple guests; everyone can have their own bed/room.

Cons: Will most likely NOT provide any meals, will almost certainly be far enough from the convention center that driving (and therefore paying for parking downtown) or getting Uber/Lyft/taxi will be required