





Why a cruise?

A conference at sea combines the best of land-based learning with a unique travel experience that is more affordable, inclusive, immersive, and engaging.

Conferences at sea are:

-  **No Different** - a conference on a cruise ship provides the same access to lodging, dining, and learning spaces as a land-based conference. The only difference is that the conference hotel just happens to be moving.
-  **More Equitable** - difficult choices about quality of lodging or the cost of meals don't need to be made. All attendees have access to the same world class amenities, food, and entertainment options. You don't need to spend a fortune, be a "cool kid", or have the vendor hook up to have access to safe cabins, excellent dining options, and access to entertainment.
-  **More Focused** - unlike a land based conference where you can skip anytime, walk out of the conference hotel and go explore, on a cruise conference all sessions are held while at sea. You aren't going to just walk off the ship to explore. You will have fewer distractions while sessions are taking place during a cruise conference which means more immersive and engaged learning.
-  **More Affordable** - all-inclusive pricing that covers registration, meals, lodging, taxes, fees and gratuities are more cost effective when compared to the average cost of land based conferences. But don't take our word for it, compare for yourself:

	The Collective at Sea	ALA Annual	ACRL	Charleston	ER&L	IFLA*	LOEX	NASIG	SAA	SLA
Regular Registration, which includes:	\$814	\$490	\$519	\$600	\$625	\$755	\$325	\$445	\$479	\$890
Access to Sessions	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Lodging	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
All Meals	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
International Travel	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N
Lodging Per Night at Conference Rate/Hotel	-	\$223-\$275	\$179-\$209	\$149-\$319	\$189-\$259	\$117-\$214	\$152	\$189	\$214-264	\$224
Daily Meal Costs at "CONUS Rates"	-	\$79	\$64	\$79	\$64	\$142	\$64	\$64	\$79	\$64
Cost of Registration + Lodging + Meals	\$814	\$1,510	\$972	\$1,512	\$1,637	\$2,050	\$1,037	\$1,457	\$1,651	\$2,042

Conference Cost Comparison - based off of 2022 and 2023 data. Total cost uses lowest hotel room price listed & reflects the registration fee plus hotel nights for each day a conference takes place exclusive of taxes and fees. *IFLA costs are based on Euro to Dollar conversion at time of publication with daily meal costs based on U.S. State Department per diem rates.

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