



ICAC'S 40TH ANNUAL CARIBBEAN CONFERENCE OF ACCOUNTANTS

FRIDAY JUNE 23 - SATURDAY JUNE 24, 2023

Location: Bridgetown, Barbados

From the desk of: The ICAC President

Date: April 3, 2023

Update on ICAC 40th Annual Conference of Accountants

Hello to all Registered and Prospective Delegates,

Firstly, let me express our gratitude to you for the overwhelming response to our first in-person event since 2019 when we gathered in Kingston, Jamaica. Registration is moving along at a steady pace and spaces are filling up.

Please note that we have now extended our early bird rates to April 15, 2023, to allow additional time for you to benefit of the discounted rates. Please take advantage of these lower rates as this is the last extension.

Secondly, I am aware that there remain areas of concern or anxiety and this is customary with any event of this size and also expected as the “wheels of operation” once again become well-oiled and functional. I therefore take this opportunity to address these areas one by one to assist with your registration and preparations to attend the event.

Registration Challenges

Some of you have experienced challenges with payment after registering via the website and some of you have had some issues in terms of your hotel reservations.

Therefore, please note the following:

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION – ICAC website

- If the payment page requesting your payment preferences and choices does not populate after you submit the registration form, please immediately forward an email to admin@icacorg.com and copied to events@icacorg.com and president@icacorg.com
- On receipt the ICAC will verify your registration and issue you a payment link for credit card processing. Please note that the link will reflect the appropriate fee based on your date of registration and start to be issued on April 4, 2023.
- An auto generated confirmation for your conference registration and payment regardless of method will come to the email logged at time of your conference registration.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

- Delegates should visit the ACCOMMODATIONS tab on our conference website for information on the conference hotel and neighbouring hotels as they are added to the list.
- At present, all reservations are to be submitted by email to the hotel email addresses provided on the conference website ONLY. No reservations are to be submitted via the hotel official website.
- The rates at Radisson have been confirmed as rates per room and not per person. Therefore, a double occupancy garden view room at USD 230.00 per night equates to USD 115.00 per person if two guests stay in the room.
- Additional room types will be added to the list shortly as we sought to increase the room stock available.
- All room rates quoted on the website currently (Radisson and Coyaba) have been negotiated to include all taxes and breakfast daily.
- Conference rates extend a few days before and after the official conference dates.

Airlift

Regional air travel has been a hot button topic for several years and the pandemic has heightened the concern, fear and the costs of inter-regional travel while the availability and convenience appear to have decreased.

- The ICAC is currently negotiating airlift with Caribbean Airlines and InterCaribbean Airways and with the support of the Grenada Tourism Authority.
- We are not negotiating charters but rather stops in Grenada by southbound flights that must terminate in Trinidad and on northbound flights departing Trinidad. Therefore, for example a CAL flight from Kingston to Port-of-Spain would make a stop in Grenada etc.
- Additionally, since we launched registration both CAL and InterCaribbean have increased airlift via Barbados and other islands to Grenada which provide additional seats during the conference period.

The following offer from CAL applies to all existing scheduled flights.

- **Institute of Chartered Accountants of the Caribbean**
- **Discount:** 10%
- **Booking Code:** ICAC23
- **Applicable Routes for this Intra-Caribbean Rate:** Barbados, Trinidad & Tobago, Guyana, Bahamas, Jamaica, St. Lucia, Antigua, St. Vincent and Suriname - **To/From** Grenada
- **Booking Period:** 28TH MARCH – 19TH MAY 2023
- **Travel Period:** 19TH JUNE – 27TH JUNE 2023
- **Booking Channels:** CAL Website, Reservations, Airport Offices and Ticket Offices
- **Applicable Fare Levels:** Classic, Flex, Business and Business Flex

Additional flights will be scheduled as demand warrants and CAL will advise on these in short order.

Please check the conference website for updates.

Conference Programme & Activities

The ICAC and the Local Organising Committee in Grenada are planning an exciting and inspiring package of speakers for an agenda at will revolve around sustainability mindset. This focus will see speakers addressing:

- Sustainability of our environment
- Sustainability of our businesses
- Sustainability of our industries, productive and service sectors
- Sustainability of our governance models
- Sustainability of climate
- Sustainability of our profession

A cadre of exciting speakers will soon be revealed via our promotion channels.

An equally exciting social programme including an accompanying person's programme is also being finalized that will showcase local culture, cuisine, entertainment, shopping and sightseeing for all, both as a part of the conference and for those who wish to explore before or after the conference days.

Thank you.

On behalf of the Local Organising Committee and the ICAC board and management, I take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support and we look to welcoming you to beautiful Grenada – June 22-24, 2023.



ICAC President & Director (Barbados)

