

Convention Center Amenities

For the 2012 AVSA/AVSC Convention

"Violets Bridge Borders"

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Everyone participating in the 2012 AVSA/AVSC Convention at the GM Renaissance Center and the Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center will be delighted to know that the hotel and RenCen offer a multitude of restaurants, shops, movies, live music and, of course, spectacular views.

The RenCen houses a wide variety of restaurants. Three of Detroit's premier restaurants are located there: Italian cuisine is found at Andiamo Detroit Riverfront, Coach Insignia, a contemporary steakhouse, and Joe Muer's Seafood restaurant. Dining in any of these three will offer wonderful views. Casual dining can be found both in the Marriott's Volt Lounge and Forty Two Degrees North restaurants plus other restaurants in the RenCen. The Marriott's restaurants are on the same level as the hotel registration lobby, along with the Convention show room, sales room, and registration area. A variety of breakfast, lunch, dinner, and snack foods are available in the RenCen Food Court. Among the Food Court restaurants are McDonald's, Burger King, and Subway. Hot coffee can be purchased at Starbucks and Coffee Beanery. The wide varieties of restaurants are all available without leaving the RenCen building!

Shops and services make up the RenCen retail collection – a mixture of local and national shops located



on three levels and in the beautiful GM Wintergarden atrium. Included among this collection are the RenCen 4 Theatre, CVS Pharmacy, and Chase and Comerica bank. ATMs, WiFi access, and post office are also available. A customer service desk is located in the atrium to help everyone find just what they are looking for...whether it be a flower store, market, clothing stores, or hair salons. If that's not enough to keep you busy, the Detroit Marriott has a fitness center on the 40th floor with marvelous equipment and incredible U.S. and Canadian views.

If you can't find what you need in the RenCen, a weatherproof skywalk is provided from the RenCen to the Millender Center across the street. It houses the Courtyard by Marriott, the Courtyard Café & Bar, Tim Horton's, Birmingham Deli, Tunnel Liquor & Gift Shoppe, along with other shops and restaurants. Escalators, elevators, and stairs connect visitors to all levels of the Detroit Marriott, RenCen, and Millender Center.

Whether you are spending a week at the Convention or only a few days, the Convention Center provides all the conveniences for a comfortable and interesting stay. The RenCen and Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center have created a city within a city. You are again invited to experience the unique qualities of this Convention location.