

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Opal Sands Resort, 430 South Gulfview Boulevard, Clearwater Beach, FL 33767, Tel: 727-450-0380.

A beacon of modern design, Opal Sands Resort invites guests to experience a contemporary Clearwater Beach retreat where everything from generously-sized guest rooms and suites to restaurants and event venues all feature stunning views of the Gulf of Mexico. In the stylish guest rooms and suites, you'll discover a serene beachfront escape, complete with plush beds, flat-screen TVs, and large balconies that boast dramatic views of the Gulf and awe-inspiring sunsets.

Master artist Christopher Still was commissioned to produce original pieces and oversee the resort's art collection, which appear in the guest rooms and throughout the resort. Soak up the sun and take a dip in the Gulf front zero-entry outdoor pool and hot tub. Refresh your senses with a day of pampering at the Opal spa. Relish in upscale waterfront dining at one of our three restaurants and lounges including the signature Italian restaurant, Sea-Guini, or unwind with handcrafted cocktails at the beachside Sandbar Tiki bar while watching the sun set over the Gulf. It's all waiting for you at Opal Sands Resort.

Please note that meeting participants are responsible for their own housing and travel reservations. For discounted hotel reservations, contact the Opal Sands Resort at 855-355-1087, request the reservation department and inform the agent that you are with the Eastern Cardiothoracic Surgical Society™.

DESTINATION INFORMATION

Clearwater Beach, Florida has plenty to offer the adventurous traveler. Whether you seek shopping, dining or culture, there is something for everyone. Named the Best Beach in America by TripAdvisor and the Best Beach in Florida by USA Today, Clearwater Beach is characterized by white sand beaches stretching for 2.5 miles along the Gulf of Mexico and sits on a barrier island.

Local attractions include the Clearwater Marine Aquarium, Caladesi Island, Clearwater Marina sunset sails and dinner cruises, deep sea fishing, Chihuly Collection Morean Art Center, Tarpon Springs, Florida Botanical Gardens, Sunsets at Pier 60, and the Salvador Dali Museum.

TRANSPORTATION

Delta Air Lines is pleased to partner with ECTSS and offer special negotiated discounts for registrants for the 56th Annual Meeting. To take advantage of these discounts, visit www.delta.com/booking and enter the meeting code NMSGGA. Then, continue the online booking process. You may also call Delta Meeting Network at 800-328-1111, Monday-Friday, 7:30 am - 7:30 pm (CT) and refer to meeting event code NMSGGA. Please note that there is a direct ticketing fee for booking through the telephone reservation number above.

Opal Sands Resort is conveniently located near both Tampa International Airport and St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport. Transportation to and from the Opal Sands Resort is available via car and van services as well as taxi and car rental. The resort also offers car and driver service, with on-call limousines, sedans and vans. Please contact the hotel concierge to arrange for transportation needs.

Overnight valet parking is available (fees apply).

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