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Top 10 Reasons to Meet in Pittsburgh

1. **Accessible to Attendees:** Pittsburgh is conveniently located within 500 miles of nearly half of the population of U.S., a 90-minute flight for half of North America and a six-hour car or train ride from nine states, Washington, D.C. and Canada.
2. **Compact, Walkable Downtown:** There's an exciting mix of culture, world-class hotels and amazing dining, all nestled within 30 square blocks at the heart of the urban core. Travel throughout downtown and to the North Shore is free on board our "T" subway system.
3. **David L. Lawrence Convention Center:** With simple floor plans, high ceilings, natural lighting, ventilated halls – and exceptional views of the mighty rivers, the Platinum and Gold LEED-certified David L. Lawrence Convention Center is ideal.
4. **Award-Winning Culinary Scene:** Pittsburgh boasts a highly acclaimed culinary scene. Zagat named Pittsburgh the **No. 1 City for Food** in the country and the **2016 James Beard Awards** recognized several Pittsburgh chefs for their outstanding talents.
5. **Culture, Culture and More Culture:** The downtown Cultural District features 10 theaters nestled among eclectic art galleries, shops, restaurants and more. Pittsburgh consistently receives praise as one of America's "[most cultured cities](#)" and one of the nation's "[most creative cities](#)."
6. **Fun for All Ages:** Carnegie Museums of Art and Natural History offers the third-largest collection of real dinosaur bones on exhibit, plus a fantastic collection of Impressionist and post-Impressionist art. In addition, the Carnegie Science Center provides hands-on fun, as does the Children's Museum of Pittsburgh. For grown-up fun, Rivers Casino is the place to gamble, dine and be entertained. See the cityscape from Mt. Washington via the Duquesne Incline or via the water aboard the Gateway Clipper fleet or Just Ducky Tours.
7. **Affordable:** Moneybox called Pittsburgh "the most affordable city in the world." There's no sales tax on clothing and shoes and that means big savings for the shoppers in your group.
8. **Unique Off-Site Venues:** Whether hosting an intimate dinner or entertaining thousands, Pittsburgh offers a variety of locations to choose from. Sip local wine and learn about legendary Pittsburgh Pirates' Roberto Clemente at the Roberto Clemente Museum. Immerse your attendees in the arts with an event at The Andy Warhol Museum. Host an event at quintessential sporting facilities Heinz Field, PPG Paints Arena or PNC Park.
9. **World-Class Accommodations:** Convenience is key and Pittsburgh's got it with 18 hotels within walking distance of the David L. Lawrence Convention Center, restaurants, attractions, theaters and more.
10. **Hospitable Community:** When you visit or bring a convention to Pittsburgh, you'll find a warm, friendly community awaits. People in Pittsburgh will go out of their way to be helpful, and will smile as they pass you on the street.