

## Some useful tips about Santiago

### **ARE THERE MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION FOR ARRIVAL OR DEPARTURE AIRPORT?**

At the Arturo Merino Benitez airport – Santiago de Chile (SCL), there are the following types of official public transportation: basic taxis and Executive taxis, minibuses and buses. You will find the offices right after the Duty free.

### **HOW MUCH SHOULD IT COST TO GO FROM THE AIRPORT TO DOWNTOWN SANTIAGO?**

The Transvip (minibus) service costs about \$8.000 Chilean pesos (CLP) in a shared transfer, \$20.000 CLP in an executive taxi, and the exclusive transfer costs about \$25.000 CLP. There are two bus services: Centropuerto (blue buses) and Turbus (green buses) that connect the airport with the Metro Line 1, it cost about \$2.000 CLP. We do not recommend taking a regular/basic taxi outside the airport since the fares may raise excessively.

In this link you will find extra information that might be interesting and useful:

[www.nuevopudahuel.cl](http://www.nuevopudahuel.cl)

### **WHERE CAN I FIND A MONEY EXCHANGE OFFICE AT THE AIRPORT?**

Inside of the Passenger Terminal, the airport features several Exchange houses, located on the first and third level of the public Hall, in international departures. In Santiago there are also several Exchange Houses. Also, banks offer this service at a slight higher rate. You will also find many automated cashiers (ATM) on the streets and at the hotels. The official currency is the Chilean Peso (CLP), which is the only valid monetary unit in the country's territory.

### **TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM**

Transantiago is the name of the bus transportation system around the city. The buses have different colours. The best way of transport is to use the Metro, previously buying a “Bip!” card at any Metro station. The Bip! Card themselves costs \$1.500 CLP and must be loaded with an initial credit of at least \$1.000 CLP. After this, you are ready to go—just scan the card on the yellow machines and it will subtract credit from your balance. The card can be used for more than one person—just scan it twice. A one-way trip in either bus, Metro or

combination of both costs between \$700 and \$800 CLP. If you want to go somewhere, you can plan your trip using the website:

[www.transantiago.cl](http://www.transantiago.cl)

Our Faculty is about 45-60 min from City Center. Thus, we have coordinated a transportation bus from downtown to our Campus for workshop participants. If you don't want to use that option, the best way to reach the workshop venue is taking the Metro to **Metro Station Santa Rosa, Line 4A**, and then take any of these buses to **Facultad de Ciencias Agronómicas, Universidad de Chile (Avda. Santa Rosa 11315, La Pintana, Santiago): 212, 216, 205, 206, 207, 209, 230.**

## METRO

Santiago's Metro trains are clean and modern. We aware that rush hour is from 7:00 to 9:00 in the morning and from 18:00 to 20:00 in the afternoon, so it is quite probably that the metro will be crowded at this time.

Here is the traveler's guide:

[www.metro.cl/guia-viajero](http://www.metro.cl/guia-viajero)

And the map of Metro's Network

[www.metro.cl/tu-viaje/plano-de-red](http://www.metro.cl/tu-viaje/plano-de-red)

## OTHER TIPS

### AC power plug

The power plugs used in Chile are L and C type. Local system uses 220 V. and 50 Hz.

### Bank cards

ATMs in Chile are available to be used with any bank card. Banks are open from 9:00 to 14.00. You may find ATMs outside the Banks or in public places, available 24 hrs.

### Commercial schedule

Usually markets are open from 10:00 to 20:00 Monday to Friday. On weekends, some stores close earlier or on Sunday, although malls generally are open.

### In case of earthquakes

ALWAYS keep calm, Chile is a seismic country and its infrastructure has been built to support seismic activity. Never use elevators while an earthquake is ongoing.

### Security

Even though Chile is considered one of the safest countries in South America, it is important to be always careful and alert. We recommend keeping your valuable items with you, saved properly in your bag or closed pocket, especially when walking around the city.

**Uber Service**

Even though we have this service in Chile, its regulation it is not quite clear. We do not recommend its use from and to the airport. If you want to use it within the city, you must seat on the front seat.

**Water**

Tap water is drinkable everywhere in Santiago.