

Travel Information

Results in Contemporary
Mathematical Physics

a conference in honor of Rafael Benguria

December 17 - 21, 2018

Santiago, Chile

1. Information upon arrival

1.1. Visa

Foreign Citizens require a valid passport to enter Chile. Citizens holding an EU or USA passport DO NOT require a visa to enter Chile for a stay of up to 90 days (depending on the country of citizenship).

For a complete list of countries and visa regulations please visit [Chile Abroad](#)

1.2. Accommodation

There are still a few rooms at a special rate for the conference available in apart hotel Heidelberg Haus, <http://www.heidelberghaus.cl/>.

If you don't have a hotel reservation yet and you would like to stay here, please write to Jennifer Cerda, jcerdau@mat.uc.cl.

1.3. Transport from Santiago airport to the hotel

The companies listed below have offices inside the airport and offer either a shared mini-bus service (servicio compartido) or a taxi service (exclusivo, about 23.000 CLP) at fixed rates depending on the municipality of destination. The hotels Nueva Lyon and Heidelberg Haus are both located in Providencia. The conference venue, campus San Joaquín, is in Macul.

TRANSVIP

<http://www.transvip.cl/>

(56-2) 26773000 reservas@transvip.cl

TAXI OFICIAL

www.taxioficial.cl

(56 2) 2601 9880 reservas@taxioficial.cl

DELFOS

<http://www.transferdelfos.cl/>

(56 2) 2913 8800 reservas@transferdelfos.cl

For further information about Santiago Airport, please visit: <http://www.aeropuertোসantiago.cl/>

1.4. Money / credit card

The monetary currency in Chile is the Chilean peso (CLP\$). The exchange rate is approximately (March/2015):

1 US Dollar	= \$ 670 CLP
1 Euro	= \$ 770 CLP

You may exchange money at any established "*Casa de Cambio*" at market-driven exchange rates. They are common in commercial areas, downtown, airports and shopping centres. It is NEVER convenient to change currency on the street. "*Casas de Cambio*" are usually open Monday to Friday from 9:00 – 19:00 and Saturdays from 9:00 – 15:00.

Using credit cards is easy in Chile. Stores and business accept Visa, MasterCard, Diners and American Express cards, among others.

You may withdraw cash from a *cajero automático* (ATM), widely installed in banks, shopping centres, metro stations, hospitals, pharmacies, and supermarkets.

2. City Transport

The **metro** in Santiago is safe and reliable, but very crowded on rush hours. In order to use the metro, you have to buy a prepaid card "tarjeta BIP" from the ticket office or vending machine in any station (1500 CLP). Then, you can recharge your card (with cash and some cards) again at ticket offices and vending machines. The fare depends on the time of the day and is about 700 CLP regardless of the distance travelled.

Metro station San Joaquín is right in front of the campus.

To get from either Nueva Lyon or Heidelberg Haus to campus San Joaquín, you can use metro line 6 from station Los Leones (direction Cerrillos) and change in Ñuble to line 5, direction Vicente Valdes. Note that, during rush hour (about 6-9 AM and 6-9 PM), trains on line 5 stop only in about half of the stations. In order to get to San Joaquín, check on the screens for the route of the next train. Trains indicated by "ruta Roja" and "ruta Normal" stop at San Joaquín.

Also note that metro line 3 is still under construction, although it appears on some maps.

City Buses also work with the metro card, but they can be more confusing at first sight, and are not very comfortable. Google maps is useful to plan itineraries combining buses and metro.

Otherwise, **taxi's** are not too expensive. If you take a taxi in the street, you will need cash to pay, and preferably smaller bills. To get to the campus, just ask to get to "metro San Joaquín".

From the metro station, the entrance of the **campus** is to the east. To get to the auditorium, follow the principal lane until arriving in front of the church, turn right there. Following this road, turn left after passing the physics building on your left hand. The entrance to the auditorium Ninoslav Bralic is at your right hand after about 100 m, in the same building as the mathematics faculty.



3. Additional information

3.1. Weather

Santiago is generally around 29°C in December, but temperatures drop at night time to around 10°C.

For further information, please check:

<http://www.meteochile.gob.cl>
<http://www.accuweather.com>

3.2. Security

Santiago is usually peaceful and calm. However, we recommend you take the following precautions during your stay:

- Take official taxis or transfers at the airport.
- If possible, avoid carrying or wearing jewellery or valuable items, and take only the amount of money you think you may need.
- Avoid walking through isolated areas.
- Be on the lookout for pickpockets.
- It is a good idea to leave your valuables in a safety deposit box.

3.3. Energy / electricity

Electric voltage is 220 volts, 50 cycles (220v 50Hz). Appliances or electric devices designed for 110V need a transformer. Most travel appliances like notebook computers have an auto volt (110V-240V) transformer that will adapt to Chilean electricity.

3.4. Tipping

It is common courtesy to tip 10% in restaurants. It is not customary to tip taxi drivers, but you may round up the fare for convenience, or tip when the taxi driver has helped with your luggage.

3.5. Useful website links

- If you need to find a specific address, please visit: www.mapcity.cl
- For information on exchange rates check: www.xe.com/ucc
- For touristic information: www.chile.travel/en.html

4. Contact numbers

During office hours, you can contact the secretary of the Physics institute, Carolina Saavedra, at +56 2 2354 4491.

For urgent matters outside office hours, you can contact Hanne at +56 9 7868 8696 or Edgardo at +56 9 8501 8700.

For emergencies, please contact:

Police: 133; Ambulance: 131; Fire-fighters: 132.

Welcome to Chile!