

## Example travel sequence for a 20-night observing run over SEP19-OCT08

### Before Leaving

- Book flights and coordinate CTIO travel arrangements (hotel stays, carry-all trips, etc.)
- Bring required documentation for entry and travel within Chile. During COVID, this currently (9/2022) also includes (1) mobility pass, (2) travel affidavit, (3) proof of covid insurance coverage (maybe).
- Confirm/setup international data coverage for phone (often \$10/day for major US carriers)

### Transit to CTIO

ATL = Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport  
SCL = Santiago International Airport a.k.a. Arturo Merino Benítez International Airport  
LSC = La Serena Airport a.k.a. La Florida Airport

- Fly out of ATL night of SEP 17th
- Arrive at SCL morning of SEP 18th
- Fly SCL-> LSC afternoon SEP 18th
- Taxi LSC -> La Serena AURA Compound Motel  
House 9 Motel - maps of compound on other page. If coordinated with Ximena, the taxi driver will typically meet you at LSC, holding a sign with the AURA logo and your name. If arriving outside business hours, motel room keys are left with guards at the Compound's control gate, otherwise keys will be at Compound reception building.
- Get groceries to bring up the mountain (see note)
- Stay at AURA motel night of SEP 18th, check out morning of SEP 19th
- Take carry-all to CTIO morning/afternoon of SEP 19th
- Check in to CTIO Hotel afternoon of SEP 19th @ the Round Office Building

### Observing Run

- First night SEP 19
- [Reports Link \(outdated?\)](#)
- Final night OCT 8

### Return from CTIO

- Check out from CTIO Hotel by ~11:30am OCT 9th @ the Round Office Building
- Take carry-all leaving CTIO afternoon Oct 9th (specify if going directly to LSC)
- Fly LSC-> SCL afternoon OCT 9th
- Fly out of SCL night of OCT 9th
- Arrive at ATL morning of OCT 10th

### Resources

Family: #	Todd: +17179618062	Eliot: +15415207974
Emergency Medical Services: Call 131	Local Police: Call 133	
<b>US Embassy in Chile:</b>	<a href="https://cl.usembassy.gov/">https://cl.usembassy.gov/</a>	
For emergencies regarding U.S. citizens during regular business hours (8:30 AM – 5:00 PM, Monday – Friday), please call (+56) 2 2330 3716 . After hours, weekends, and holidays, please call (+56) 2 2330 3000. <a href="https://cl.usembassy.gov/u-s-citizen-services/emergency-contact/">https://cl.usembassy.gov/u-s-citizen-services/emergency-contact/</a>		
CTIO Visiting Astronomers Travel Guide (not up to date post-covid) <a href="https://noirlab.edu/science/observing-noirlab/observing-ctio/cerro-tololo/visiting-astronomers-travel-guide">https://noirlab.edu/science/observing-noirlab/observing-ctio/cerro-tololo/visiting-astronomers-travel-guide</a>		
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### Chile Entry Documents (as of 9/2022)

- (1) passport
- (2) customs declaration form (digital or paper version)
- (3) travel affidavit (QR code), completed within 48hrs of arrival
- (4) proof of insurance coverage for covid (maybe)
- 5) Mobility Pass with QR code {vaccine verification} --- for domestic flights and services

### SCL Airport Information

First floor - arrivals, baggage claim      Third floor - departures, check-in, boarding gates  
COVID19 -- "You can get both an antigen test and a PCR test inside the airport. If you're coming from a foreign country, you may also be required to take a test upon arrival."  
Arrival: passport control -> customs -> back to 3rd floor and through domestic security -> domestic flight

### La Serena AURA Compound House 9 Motel -- Maps on other sheet!

"Our office hours are 8:30 am to 5:30 pm, when arriving within that time frame please come by Reception to get your envelope with motel key, visitor account and any other material/information we need to hand you. Should you arrive after office hours, this envelope will be at the main guard station on Cisternas street."

### Groceries

If you leave the AURA Compound out the side entrance near the House 9 Motel onto Raul Bitran road, there is a Jumbo Supermarket down the road. Is at Av Guillermo Ulriksen 1630, La Serena, Coquimbo, Chile. Is open 8am-9pm all week (according to Google).

### CTIO Hotel Info & Covid Protocols (maybe outdated)

Wear masks on mountain.      When eating dinner, one person per table.  
"Water in the La Serena Compound, on Cerro Pachon and Cerro Tololo is carefully treated, although we recommend you to drink bottled water, soft drinks, instead of tap water."

#### Implementation of New Meal Registration System

This new system uses tablets on which you can register for a meal entering your last name. The tablets are located at both casinos (Tololo and Pachon) near the self-service bar. It is important that you register your meal before serving yourself.

**Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner** - The system will register the meal served at the time of registration when entering your visitor ID number or your last name.

Breakfast 08:00-08:30  
Lunch 13:00-14:00  
Dinner 17:00-18:30

**Night-lunch** - Night-lunch can be requested up to 14:00, and should be registered through the new registration service. However, for the specifics of your night-lunch, you are kindly requested to use the paper forms. If, at dinnertime, you take out a hot meal as night-lunch, you should register this is night-lunch too.

"Tololo Hotel checkout is at 11:30 am. CTIO visitors must settle their bills immediately after checkout at the Round Office Building. Settle your account with Alex Jeraldo or Juan Jose Paleo (opstol-ctio@noirlab.edu) (x.440) at the Round Office Building before leaving Tololo."

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