

From SCL to Conference Town Hotel in Reñaca.

The conference is organizing a bus directly from the airport in Santiago (SCL, <http://www.aeropuertosiago.cl/ingles/index.php>) to the conference site. This bus will leave ~ 10:30 AM on Sunday, January 7. There is no charge for this trip, but if you have not done so already, please inform us that you intend to take this bus. We will wait a “reasonable” time for delayed flights.

Another option is to take a taxi to travel directly from the airport to the hotel in Reñaca. This is a 2 hr trip with a ball park price of CL\$60,000. Make arrangements with **Radio MóviTurBus**, located in a counter at the first level, main hall, of the airport, NOT with a taxi driver directly. They take up to 8 people for this price and are open 24 hrs. Try to get some change from the ATMs at the airport. US\$ are most of the time not accepted and when they are, the exchange rate is not favorable, at least not for you.

If you arrive before 10 PM your best bet is to take a bus from the airport to the city (Centropuerto or TurBus, typical price: CL\$1,000) and get off at the **Pajaritos** Subway Station in Santiago (don't worry if you miss this stop, stay on the bus to the city terminal and get a bus to Viña from there – the trip will only take a little bit longer). To access the bus in Pajaritos, you have to go across the subway station to the door opposite the one you came in (this is straightforward). You should take a bus to Viña del Mar (Viña is much closer to Reñaca than Valparaíso), buses run every 10 minutes or so. Two of the companies that run this route are Turbus (<http://www.turbus.com>) and Pullman (<http://www.pullman.cl/>). The cost for this trip is approximately CL\$3,500 and it takes approx. 90 minutes. Once at the bus terminal in Viña, you have two options, a cab or public transportation. Cabs in Viña are expensive if they go by the meter, negotiations are always recommended. You should never have to pay more than CL\$8,000 for this trip; you can get this rate in the taxi counter inside the bus terminal. If you prefer public transportation, once you get out of the bus terminal in Viña you will be in Valparaíso street. Walk to your right for 3 blocks until you hit “Plaza de Viña” (Main square). Here at the north east corner you will find a busy bus stop. Get in a bus that says Reñaca (usually a salmon colored bus), you should not have to wait more than 3 minutes. The ride to Reñaca is about 30 min and the cost < US\$ 1. If you want to walk to the hotel get off just after the church on your right, by “El Puente de Reñaca” (bridge), not much of a bridge, just a passage over a dry small river. This point corresponds to number 1 in the map on our web site. **We suggest** you instead get a cab in Reñaca. In front of the MacDonaldis in Reñaca (about a 100 m from “El Puente”) there is a cab stop (Taxis Reñaca, the corner of Balmaceda & Av. Borgoño, phone # 2835457).

Good luck and enjoy the trip – it is not at all as complicated as it sounds.