

GP Santiago 2016: Travel Guide



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1. Useful information upon arrival

The Agricultural and Livestock Service (SAG) has put in place border controls to ensure that all sorts of cargo entering the country are in compliance with current health regulations.

You will be required to declare what you are bringing with you using this form:

http://www.sag.cl/sites/default/files/dj_2016_editable_0.pdf

Please, do not risk failing to declare something, for tax penalties and fines are very high.

If you have any doubts, please make all your enquiries to SAG officials.

The rest of the procedures are the same you will find at any other airport, such as mentioning the reason of your trip, where and how long you will be staying, etcetera. Regarding the currency, the country uses the Chilean Peso (CLP). Exchange rate against US dollar is 1 USD = 680 CLP approximately, but it varies daily. For your own safety, avoid any informal money exchanges.

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2. Airports and getting to the city

If you're flying to Santiago, you'll be arriving at the **Comodoro Arturo Merino Benítez International Airport**.

Once you get there, you'll have multiple transportation options, such as cabs and shuttles. We recommend the bus, as it is affordable and convenient.

To take the bus, the departure is from the first level, next to door number 5 of the Airport; there you will find buses from the Tur-Bus company, which works from 05:00 until 00:00, local time.

The fare costs approximately 1.700 CLP (2.5 dollars), and buses leave every 20 minutes.

We recommend this company because their buses are comfortable and highly equipped.



The bus stops in three terminal stations in Santiago, which are Pajaritos terminal, San Borja terminal and Alameda terminal. All of these terminals are next to a subway station of Line 1 (red), and you can get to the GP Venue and/or Judge Hotel by subway without further transfers.

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2.1 Santiago Subway Network



3. Moving around in the city

If you are planning to travel around the city, you'll probably need to use the city's public transportation.

Santiago has a transportation system called Transantiago, that combines buses and the subway network. One of the main features of Transantiago is its integrated fare system, which allows passengers to make bus-to-bus or bus-to-metro transfers for the price of one ticket using a smart card called Bip!.

The Bip! card can be acquired at any of the Bip! Centers available at each subway station, the card has a cost of 1550 CLP (2.28 USD). The card does not come with an initial balance, so you have to load additional money at the moment you purchase it. The minimum amount is \$1000 CLP (1.47 USD).



Passengers can do up to three transfers between buses and subway for a fixed price depending on the time of day.

On peak hours (between 07:00 and 08:59 am, and from 18:00 to 19:59 pm.), the system may be overload which can result in longer periods of waiting and travel. On weekends, travel is much smoother.

The buses of Transantiago work 24/7. The subway station service works from 06:00 to 23:00 on weekdays, from 06:30 to 23:30 on Saturday, and from 08:00 to 23:00 on Sundays and holidays.



3.1 Time Schedules and flat rates

When you pay your trip with the Bip! card, you can do up to two transfers with no additional cost. This is for 2 hours from the start of the first stage of the trip or first pay (In the same direction without repeating runs). Only one of the transfers may be using Metro (Subway).

Hora Baja 06:00 - 06:29 hrs. 20:45 - 23:00 hrs.	 +  + 	\$640
	 +  + 	
	 +  + 	
	 \$610	

Low rates

If your journey starts in Metro between 6:00 and 6:29 or between 20:45 and 23:00 hours, your ticket will cost \$610 CLP. If after traveling in Metro, at the same time, combine with buses, you will be deducted the balance to complete the set rate of \$ 640 CLP.

Valley or normal rates

If your trip in Metro is during valley time, i.e. Monday to Friday from 06:30 to 06:59 am, from 09:00 am to 17:59 pm, or from 20:00 to 20:44 pm hours; it will cost you \$660 CLP, same rate as Saturday, Sunday and holidays.

Hora Valle 06:30 - 06:59 hrs. 09:00 - 17:59 hrs. 20:00 - 20:44 hrs.	 +  + 	\$660
	 +  + 	
	 +  + 	\$640

If your trip also includes a bus ride, the cost of the transfer will be \$0 CLP. The Valley Metro fare is only \$ 660 CLP pesos and bus is only \$ 640 CLP.

Hora Punta 07:00 - 08:59 hrs. 18:00 - 19:59 hrs.	 +  + 	\$740
	 +  + 	
	 +  + 	\$640

Peak Rates

During peak hours, between 7:00 and 8:59 am and between 18:00 and 19:59 pm, Metro fare costs \$740 CLP.

4. Venue & Judge Hotel information

4.1 Grand Prix Venue and Judge Hotel

The Convention Center of the Gran Palace Hotel, located at Huérfanos 1178, is the home of Grand Prix Santiago 2016.

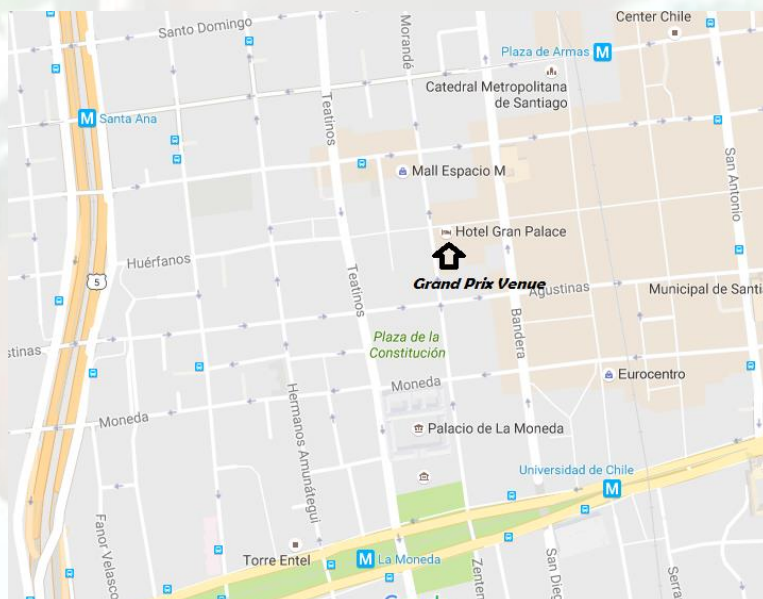
It's close to 4 subway stations (Plaza de Armas on Line 5, Universidad de Chile and La Moneda on Line 1 and Santa Ana on Line 2), so it's relatively easy to get to the venue; while also being close to the main touristic attractions and hotels in the city.

Hall space is 1800 square meters, which is enough to accommodate 1200 players in the event while providing a nice and comfortable experience for all attendees.



4.1.1 Going from airport to the Venue.

Once you get to any of the subway stations mentioned in the “Airports and getting to the city” section, take the subway and head to La Moneda station. Then take the Morandé exit and walk one block to the east, turn north in Morandé and walk three blocks north. Make a right in Huerfanos and you'll find the Gran Palace hotel entrance after walking a few more meters.



From here you have to walk approximately one block east, until street Morandé, turn north and walk 3 blocks, from where you will arrive to street Huérfanos, then walk 100 meters east, and welcome to the Grand Hotel Palace.

As you are walking through the Alameda and turn in Morandé, you are passing right in front of the Palacio de la Moneda, the Chilean presidential palace.

5. Hotel and Hostels

On the following link, you will find the list of hotel and hostels near the GP Venue located in Google Map.

https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/viewer?mid=1aUG8wl_wZHQ_pYFH8xKkTutG-pM

5.1 Hotel List

- **Hotel Grand Palace**
Address: Huérfanos 1178, Santiago Centro.
Google Maps: <https://goo.gl/maps/jdQsT>
Phone: +56 2 2474 8489
Web: <http://www.hotelgranpalace.cl/>
This is the GP Venue.
- **Hotel Panamericano**
Address: Teatinos 320, Santiago Centro.
Google Maps: <https://goo.gl/maps/Mhgga>
Phone: +56 2 2432 3300
Web: <http://www.hotelpanamericano.cl/>
Located 200 meters from the GP Venue
- **Hotel Santa Lucia**
Address: San Antonio 327, Santiago Centro.
Google Maps: <https://goo.gl/maps/Rmyn2>
Phone: +56 2 2639 8201
Web: <http://www.hotelsantalucia.cl/>
Located 600 meters from the GP Venue.
- **Hotel Ibis**
Address: Av. Providencia 1187, Providencia.
Google Maps: <https://goo.gl/maps/9JwKu>
Phone: +56 2 2768 3800
Web: <http://www.ibis.com/>
Located 4 km from the GP Venue.

5.2 Hostals List

- **Chile Hostales**

Address: Román Díaz 140, Providencia.

Google Maps: <https://goo.gl/maps/OFL4G>

Phone: +56 2 2474 8489

Web: <http://www.chilehostales.cl>

Located 4 km from the GP Venue

- **Hostal de la Barra**

Address: José Miguel de la Barra 451, Santiago Centro.

Google Maps: <https://goo.gl/maps/Drd6p>

Phone: +56 2 2639 2384

Web: <http://www.hostaldelabarra.cl>

Located 1.5 km from the GP Venue.

6. Tourist spots

6.1 National Museum of Bellas Artes



The Museum of Fine Arts, founded in 1880, is one of the major centers for Chilean art and for broader South American art.

Located in Parque Forestal 3209, just a block away from the metro station “Bellas Artes” (Line 5), the Museum of Fine Arts has

the mission of contributing to the knowledge and spreading of artistic practices contained in the visual arts according to the codes, the time, and the context where they were developed. The entry fee costs a bit more than 1 dollar, and it is open for public visits from Tuesday to Sunday, between 10:00 am and 6:50 pm.

Web: www.mnba.cl

Map: <http://goo.gl/maps/KX7hC>

6.2 Chilean National Zoo

Located at the foot of San Cristóbal Hill on Pío Nono 450, the Santiago Metropolitan Park (Parque Metropolitano de Santiago) is the home of thousands of animals representing 158 species.

Unique exhibits feature Chilean native animals and birds including rare and endangered species.

The Chilean National Zoo has a dual focus: to conserve and research species held at the zoo, and to educate and provide activities for the visiting public.



Open from 08:30 am until 20:00 pm every day of the week, the entry fee is 3.000 CLP (5 dollars)

Web: <http://www.parquemet.cl>

Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/bUHym>

6.3 Palacio de La Moneda Cultural Center



This is located right under the Plaza de la Ciudadanía, in the southern face of the Palacio de La Moneda. Its goal is to place the Chilean capital in the international cultural circuit, allowing participative and formative access for all citizens to the cultural and audiovisual richness of the nation.

Entrance to the Cultural Center is free and it is open from Monday to Sunday, between 09:00 to 21:00 hrs. However, there are some showrooms that might charge for entrance

Web: www.ccplm.cl

Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/lza99>

6.4 Funicular Santiago

The funicular is located at the San Cristóbal hill and it's part of the attractions of the Santiago Metropolitan Park.

The funicular, which dates from 1925, has been declared a National Monument and is a must-see attraction for tourists and Santiago residents on weekends. The funicular has two stations: one to visit the National Zoo, and another for reaching the summit. The funicular runs for almost 500 meters on a 45 degree incline, departing from Barrio Bellavista.



The funicular has two carriages, with one displaying a memorial plaque commemorating his holiness John Paul II, who rode in the carriage in 1987 en route to saying mass at the feet of the Virgin Mary statue located at the hill's summit.

The route from Pio Nono to the top, and then the return from the top has a cost of \$2.600 CLP (3.87 USD).

Web: <http://funicularsantiago.cl>

Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/jyVU5>

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6.5 Barrio Brasil



It's a historical neighborhood that is considered national heritage, since it combines neo gothic architecture with the Chilean neo classical style.

The neighborhood was home of the aristocracy during the mid 19th century. However, in the 1940s, rich people moved towards the east part of the city, leaving those huge households in oblivion.

Nowadays it has been renewed, holding cultural and art spaces, nightclubs, restaurants, cafés, and pubs.

If you are looking for dancing, having fun, and enjoying the local gastronomy, then Barrio Brasil is your place! It is located on the heart of Santiago, at "Cumming" station (Line 5).

Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/BEvFHUr7SG42>

6.6 La Chascona

One of the 3 houses owned by renowned Chilean poet Pablo Neruda, La Chascona is part of the artistic neighbourhood of Bellavista.

The house is full of unconventional artifacts that Neruda gathered during his whole life, as well as works of art made by some of his friends.

Tour prices vary depending on the language spoken by the tour guide, but they are not higher than 9 dollars (\$6.000 CLP).



Web: <http://www.fundacionneruda.org/es>

Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/DQz6k>

6.7 Costanera Center

The Costanera Center is a business and commercial complex that includes a six-floor shopping mall, the Gran Torre Santiago and three other skyscrapers - two high-end hotels and an office building

The shopping mall is the largest in South America. It has six floors, and features all kinds of stores, including luxury and international fashion stores, the main Chilean department stores, as well as over 100 other stores. It also includes restaurants ranging from fast food to fine dining, a gym on the sixth floor, a cinema, and the first Hard Rock Cafe in the country.



The tower can be seen from many parts of Santiago, as it is the highest building in the city and Latin America.

Web: <http://mall.costaneracenter.cl/>

Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/slwtv>

6.8 Barrios Lastarria and Bellas Artes

Located near metro station Universidad Catolica on line 1 and Bellas Artes on line 5, this is one of the most charming places to visit in Santiago, two adjoining neighborhoods that captivate with a bohemian atmosphere, lots of green areas and small streets lined by old mansions, most of those restored and used as cafés, restaurants, designer shops, bookstores and museums.



Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/BEvFHUr7SG42>

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6.9 Pre-Columbian Art Museum

It is considered one of the best museums in Chile, for the value of the samples and the overall museum concept exhibits.

This museum collection consists of over 5,000 pieces on permanent display, from various sources, but aesthetic criteria chosen with care.

The exhibition goes beyond the chronological or spatial order, presenting each showcase different cultures by common aesthetic or anthropological characteristics, such as shamanism, masks or music.



Web: <http://www.precolombino.cl/>

Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/DPiUWqyr3Vn>

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7. Tours

These are some of the options for tours around Santiago:

7.1 Free Tour Santiago.

Consists on a tour around the city on foot. It is based on a tip system, starting at 10 dollars (around \$6.500 CLP).

These tours are held every day, and have a duration of 4 hours approximately, starting at 10:00am at Plaza de Armas, in front of the Metropolitan Cathedral.

For further information:

<http://freetoursantiago.cl/portada.html>



7.2 Turistik.

City Tours on red Double-decker buses, very similar to the ones in cities like New York, London, Madrid and Paris.

Turistik offers different tours across the city, and some of them are around 30 dollars (20.000 CLP).

Web: <http://www.turistik.cl/>



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8. Recommendations to visit

8.1 Patio Bellavista

Located where Santiago and Recoleta meet, it's the most representative artistic place in the city, although in the early 19th century it was characterized as an aristocratic, deeply catholic zone.

Nowadays, popular bars, cultural centres and international gastronomy coexist, with the crowded Pio Nono Street as their spinal column.

The most popular places to check out are Club La Feria, Club Surreal, Club Dominica 54, Ex Oz, and Patio Bellavista, a highly visited cultural centre that also has restaurants.

It is only a few steps from the subway station "Baquedano"

Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/NoscBmGPW1x>



8.2 La Piojera - Aillavilu 1030.



One of the most famous "picadas" in Santiago, La Piojera is a bar full of mysticism and tradition, where you can taste typical Chilean drinks at very affordable prices.

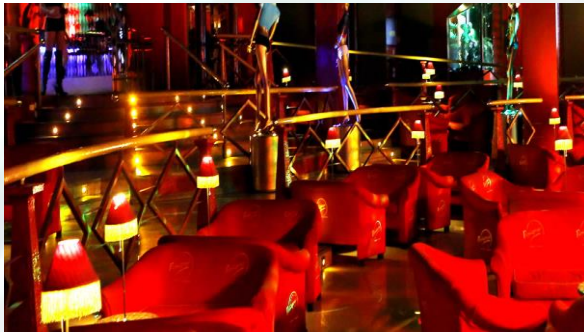
It is located in front of the Central Market, just a few steps from the metro station "Puente Cal y Canto" (Line 2)

Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/dH1cnipWdHp>

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8.3 Passapoga Night Club - Providencia 11



“The best night club in Santiago and Chile”. Its classy infrastructure includes a large stage, international bar and comfortable armchairs.

The dancers work with choreographers to ensure the highest standards. A favorite of foreigners seeking first-rate performances, 50 dancers and 70 beautiful girls are waiting.

Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/yeP5HVZW57B2>

8.4 Insert Coin Bar - Irarrazaval 1920, Ñuñoa.

When I heard about this place, I thought to myself “How come I didn’t think of this before?” Yes, Insert Coin is a videogame-themed bar.

It looks like a regular bar, but it has gamer aesthetics, some couches and TVs with video game consoles hooked up.

You can go drink a cocktail while playing FIFA 16 with your friends, or take a gore inspiration and play a Mortal Kombat tournament, or go back to your childhood and play Mario Kart or Super Smash Bros.



Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/2Yorhrgdx7A2>

9. Food And Beverages

As you might expect, Santiago has a plethora of great, interesting food choices. Just remember to buy from established vendors, as street food may not be handled properly. These are some of our picks:

9.1 Mercado Central



If you want to taste typical gastronomy from Chile in a National Monument, this is the place. Quoting its web page:

“This place is known for offering the most typical and traditional dishes, seafood, local fruits; an offer related to the quality, freshness and seasonality of food.

People from all social classes come around here, showing the peculiar form of the Chilean mischief”.

Definitely a place worth visiting whether for everyday shopping, learning more about our culture, gastronomy, typical items, or just to walk around and share.”

Mercado Central offers a lot of different dishes related to fish, shellfish, and meat. It’s an ideal place to know the local gastronomy.

Web: <http://www.mercadocentral.cl/index2.html>

Map: <http://g.co/maps/38xp3>

9.2 Teclados Bar - Manuel Montt 634, Providencia.

There is a pub called “Teclados”, which is located a few blocks heading south away from the metro station “Manuel Montt” (Line 1). This pub characterizes for offering some extremely delicious French fries, in addition to the regular stuff you’d expect at a bar. The signature fries at Teclados are served with a dip made with sour cream, cheese, meat, and ciboulette in perfect proportions. It is the ideal place to go with some friends to eat and have a drink.



Map : <https://goo.gl/maps/Ya5z22mGaYJ2>

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9.3 Emporio La Rosa - Merced 291



Emporio La Rosa is an ice cream parlor known for its delicious and original ice cream flavors like rose petals, or orange-ginger and pepper-chocolate combinations.

It was selected as one of the 25 best ice cream parlors in the world by The Daily Meal. It is a few meters from Santa Lucia Hill and the Museum of Visual Arts in Lastarria. In addition, Emporio La Rosa works as restaurant, ideal for breakfast or to grab something to eat while visit the park.

Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/4vyj2L8RvW12>

9.4 Dominó Fast Food Restaurant - Ahumada 146

Domino started back in 1952 as a family business and is now one of the most popular and traditional fast food restaurants of Chile.

It's a sandwich place known for its delicious hotdogs, but it offers a wide variety of sandwiches.

Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/jqmJerJG1AP2>



9.5 Fernandez Concha Portal



If you like fast food, you'll love this place. The Fernandez Concha Portal, just in front to Plaza de Armas, is a bohemian and exotic place inside the city, full of history.

It's well known for his typical Chilean food restaurants and fast foods stands that specialize in pizzas, hot dogs and sandwiches.

<https://goo.gl/maps/gumF2Xb7yh92>

10. Useful tips

In general, Santiago is a safe city. However that doesn't mean you should walk around carefree, especially at night. All of these should go without saying, but we want you to have a great experience in our city, so please follow this advice.

- Do not go around on your own, try to do it in groups.
- Do not count money on the street.
- Do not carry valuables stuff with you unless it's strictly necessary.
- Try to always plan your route beforehand.
- Metro stations close around 11:00pm, so it is advisable to make all your tours before that time. If you are still on the street after that hour, try to find a taxi.
- If you are not planning to take any of the Transantiago buses, then don't buy a Bip! Card, as you can purchase tickets for your trips at metro stations.
- Print this guide, it might be useful if you forget any detail once you have arrived to Chile.
- If you arrive after 10:00pm at the airport, the safest bet is to use a private shuttle service to get to the staff hotel, for it is much cheaper than taking a taxi.

11. Local Games Stores

In Santiago there are many local games stores, where you can buy games and accessories to satisfy the nerd that lives in you; some of these stores are owned by some members of the judge community, and the majority of them are open from 11:00 am to 11:00 pm.

11.1 La Forja de Stone.

Owned by Jorge Peñailillo (L2), located in Gorbea 2170, Santiago. A couple of blocks away from the subway station "Toesca" (Line 2) or "Republica" (Line 1)

Map: <http://g.co/maps/tgnfb>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/855527677790858>

11.2 Rivendel el Concilio.

Owned by Ignacio Quiroz (L1), it's located in Moneda 772 - 782, Store 0101- A. Close to both "Santa Lucia" and "Universidad de Chile" metro stations. (Line 1)

Map: <http://g.co/maps/7au2q>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/rivendelconcilio>

11.3 Stronghold - Entrejuegos.

Owned by Christian Navarro (L1), located in Av. Providencia 2198, store 5. A few steps from the subway station "Los Leones" (Line 1)

Map: <http://g.co/maps/p3e74>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Entre-Juegos-Stronghold/158220767576478>

11.4 In Nomine Draconis.

Owned by Carlos Lorca (L1), located in Américo Vespucio 7547 - a, La Florida. Close to the metro station Vicuña Mackenna (Line 4).

Map: <http://goo.gl/maps/Dio9X>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/In-Nomine-Draconis/62076384436>

11.5 Portalmagic.

Owned by Cristian Sanchez (L2) located in Apoquindo 7020. Close to the subway station Hernando de Magallanes (Line 1).

Map: <http://goo.gl/maps/z43ro>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/PortalMagic>

11.6 MagicSur.

Owned by Daniel Ortiz (L1), located in Seminario 507. Close to metro station Santa Isabel (Line 5).

Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/zn1Ts>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/magicsur.chile>

11.7 Gamesol.

Owned by Manuel Saldivar, located in Pajaritos 3932, Maipu. Close to subway station Del Sol (Line 5)

Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/eKoMcY1CVyt>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Gamesol.cl>

12. Currency Exchange houses.

There are many currency exchange houses close to the GP venue, and they offer very competitive rates due to competition. As we previously mentioned, we advise against any informal money exchanges. Do not expose yourself to scams.

CURRENCY	EXCHANGE TO CLP
1 USD	672
1 Euro	752
1 Brazilian Real	205
1 Argentinian Peso	44
1 Mexican Peso	35
1 Colombian Peso	0.2
1 Bolivian	97
1 Venezuelan Bolivar	67
1 Uruguayan Peso	23
1 Costa Rican Colon	1

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