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## Survival Guide





## Hotel information

You have hotel reservations at **Cabañas del Lago Hotel**, located in a quiet area in the high part of Puerto Varas city, walking distance from the city's main square.

- Address: Pasaje Luis Wellmann 195
- Phone: (56) 65-232291 –237545
- Fax: (56) 65-232707
- Web: [www.cabanasdellago.cl](http://www.cabanasdellago.cl)
- Person in charge of Workshop reservations: Angélica Vidal, [reservas2@cabanasdellago.cl](mailto:reservas2@cabanasdellago.cl)
- The hotel has wireless internet connection in the conference rooms, restaurant and Bar, and also in the Business center for three computers. Rooms don't have internet connections.

## Airport-Hotel-Airport

The airport is 60 km away from Puerto Varas and a transfer service will cost you about US\$10.

## The Symposium

Information on the symposium, which will be held on the aforementioned hotel, is available at <http://www.dii.uchile.cl/~lagos07/>

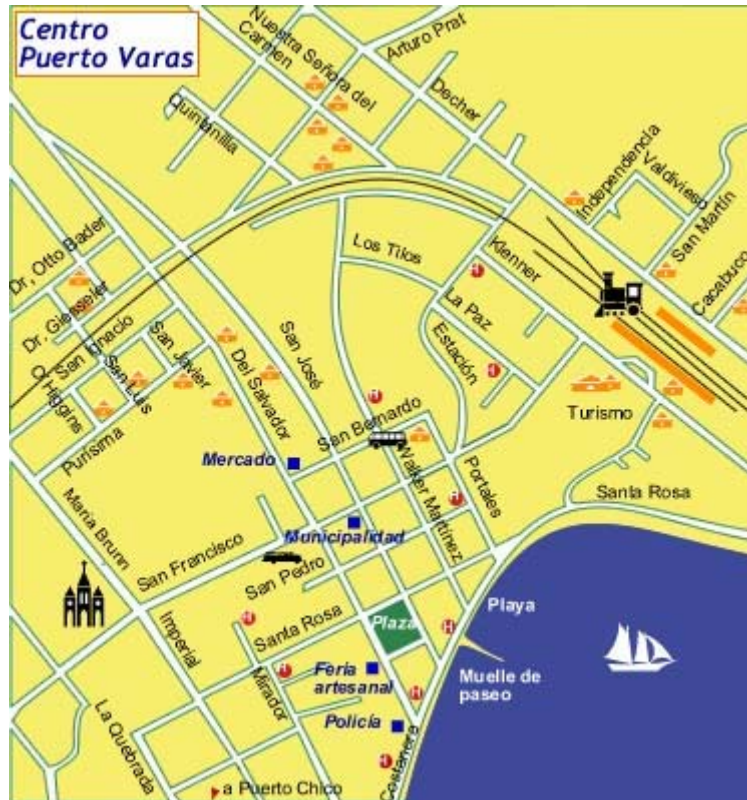
## Getting around in Puerto Varas

Puerto Varas is a small city where you can access most services walking. If you choose to take a taxi, a regular ride within the area you will likely move around, will be approx. US\$3 daytime and US\$5 nighttime.



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### Weather

The area has a tempered-rainy weather. Be prepared for rain and cold, but at this time of year you will likely enjoy sunny days.

### Other useful information

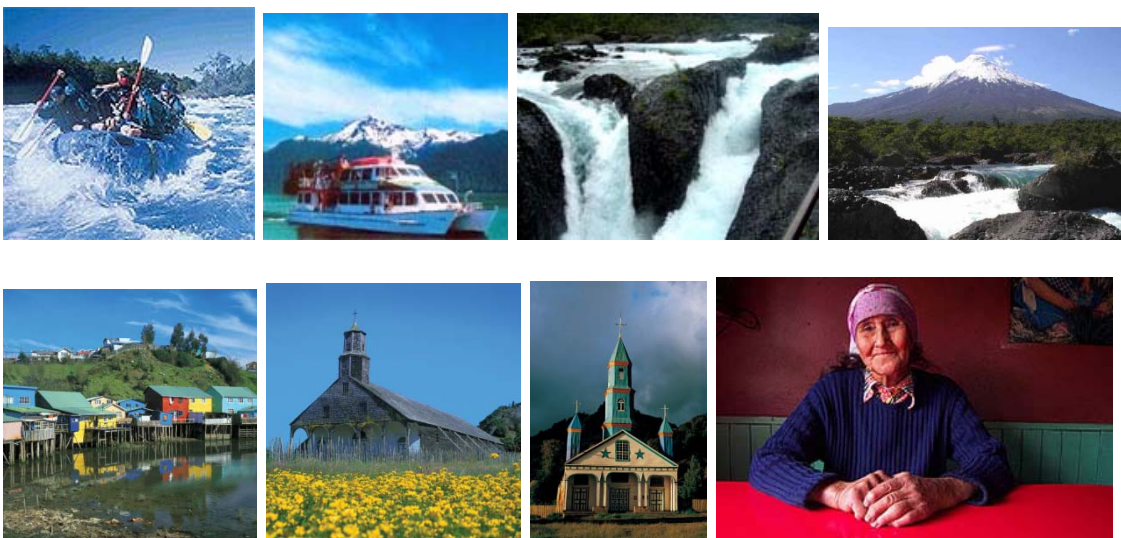
- Normally no business will accept foreign currency, so you should change money at the airport, hotel or in an exchange office near the hotel. Nowadays you get around \$500 pesos for each dollar, but check [www.chile-travel.com/chile-info.html#exchange](http://www.chile-travel.com/chile-info.html#exchange) a day before your flight for an updated value.
- You'll get a receipt for nearly everything you buy, whether you ask it or not. If you don't get a receipt and you need it, ask for the *bolela* (pronounced *bolehta*).
- You don't need to negotiate a price with taxi drivers. Just pay what the display says at the end of your trip. In Chile we don't tip taxi drivers.
- Police emergency phone number: 133 ; medical emergencies: 131 ; firefighters: 132.



- At [www.aduana.cl](http://www.aduana.cl) (customs) you can have detailed information on restrictions applicable to goods carried by tourists, but there're no atypical restrictions.
- A normal meal will cost you US\$7-10; a coke, US\$0.9; a beer, US\$2; cigarettes, US\$2.2; a drink, US\$6.
- **WARNING: Electric power in Chile is 220V. If you plug an electronic device designed for 110V, you'll burn it.**

## Tourism

Puerto Varas is a small city of around 30.000 inhabitants, located by the Llanquihue lake, in the south of Chile, near Puerto Montt, de most important city in the area, and close to the Chiloé island, which is one of the favorite Chilean touristic attractions, with their old wooden churches and houses on water at the towns of Ancud and Castro. Puerto Octay and Frutillar are other towns nearby that are worth a visit. Chile's best touristic asset is landscapes, though, and there are several excursions you can take, for example, to the Osorno volcano, Saltos del Petrohue (water falls) or the Vicente Pérez Rosales National Park. Rafting, trekking, horse rides, fly fishing, and sailing tours are the preferred offers. At the hotel you can ask information about how to visit all these attractions. Puerto Varas also has a Casino ([www.casinodepuertovaras.cl](http://www.casinodepuertovaras.cl))



A few websites:



- [www.visit-chile.org](http://www.visit-chile.org)
- [www.visitchile.com](http://www.visitchile.com)
- [www.ladatco.com/Gate%20-%20Chile.htm](http://www.ladatco.com/Gate%20-%20Chile.htm)
- Here you can find tourism agencies operating at Puerto Varas or nearby, as registered at the Government's National Tourism Service (SERNATUR).  
[http://www.sernatur.cl/scripts/sitio/destino\\_servicios.php?destino=106&servicio=2](http://www.sernatur.cl/scripts/sitio/destino_servicios.php?destino=106&servicio=2)



## Brief on Chile

- Chile has a population of around 15 millions, with a third of them living in Santiago. The best brief report on Chile, in English, including basic statistics, a summary of its economy, history and other relevant data, seems to be the one provided by the nice and industrious people of the CIA.  
[www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/ci.html](http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/ci.html)
- For a country that considers itself very traditionalistic, it was a surprise that last presidential elections were won by a woman, who became the first female president in our history. She's also socialist, agnostic and a single-mother. Just in case being a woman wasn't controversial enough.  
[www.chileangovernment.cl](http://www.chileangovernment.cl)
- Chilean news in English: [www.topix.net/world/chile](http://www.topix.net/world/chile)