



Getting from the Santiago airport to the Talca bus station

Arriving in Chile

Upon leaving the plane you will first have to go through passport control. This works as it does in most countries, foreigners must show their flight itinerary, signaling when they will leave Chile, and the address of where they will stay while in Chile (hotel). I recommend bringing a copy of the invitation I sent (I doubt showing it will be necessary, however it is better to be prepared). After passport control you must recover your checked luggage and go through a customs and sanitary and livestock service (SAG) control checkpoint. Here all of your luggage and bags will be put through a scanner, and an agent will collect the declaration form you will have completed either in the plane or upon arriving at the airport. SAG controls are very strict, and all food, drink, and animal/plant based products and items being brought into the country must be declared. Failure to do so results in steep fines. If you are unsure whether you should declare that you are carrying such items it is better to err on the side of caution and do so anyways, replying in the affirmative on the SAG form, and passing through the corresponding line (the line for people with items to declare). More information can be found on the SAG web page:

<http://www.sag.cl/ingreso-o-salida-de-chile>

Traveling from the airport to Talca

To get to Talca from the Santiago airport you first need to arrive at the “**Terminal Sur**” bus station in Santiago. There you will be able to take a bus to Talca.

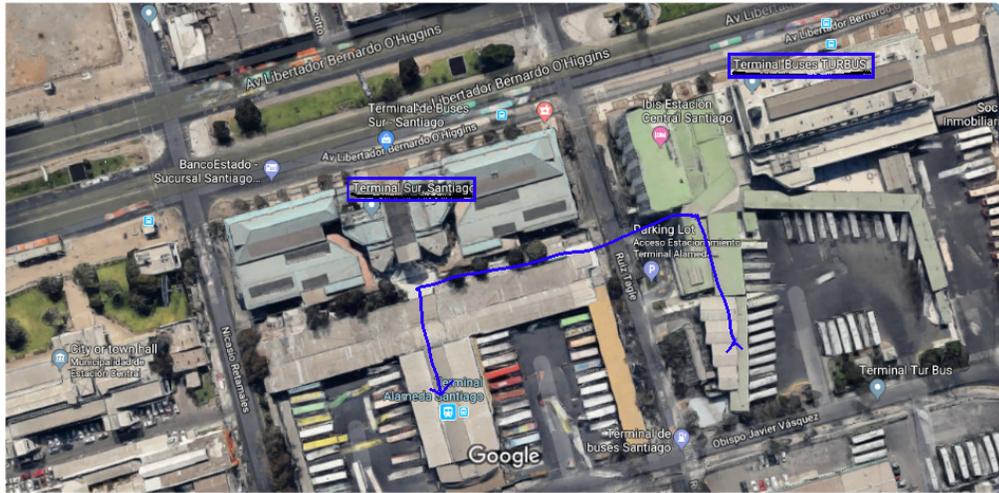
Getting to Terminal Sur from the airport: It takes approximately 25 – 35 minutes to get to the Terminal Sur from the airport, and there are three ways to complete the trip

1. **Taxis:** Authorized taxi stands can be found in the main arrival hall of the airport (first floor). The approximate cost of a taxi ride from the airport to Terminal Sur is 18.000 CLP (about 28 USD). Most taxi drivers are honest, however there are those who take advantage of travelers so it is important to be cautious. Taxis in Chile are normally black with yellow roofs, but there are also tourist taxis that come in all colors.

Important to note: All legitimate Chilean taxis have orange license plates.

2. **Transfers:** the stands for airport transfers run by the companies **Transvip** (see <http://www.transvip.cl>) and **Transfer Delfos** (see <http://www.transferdelfos.cl>) can be found in the main arrival hall of the airport as well. The cost of a trip in a transfer from the airport to Terminal Sur costs approximately 7.000 CLP (about 11 USD). Authorized transfers stands can be found in the main arrival hall of the airport (first floor).
3. **Bus Tur Bus Airport:** You can take the airport shuttle (located just outside the airport’s main passenger exit, at the middle portion of the driveway) operated by the company Tur Bus from the airport to the “**Tur Bus terminal**” in Santiago (this will be the shuttle’s last stop), located on the Alameda, where you can easily connect to buses traveling from Santiago to Talca. Once you have arrived at the terminal Tur Bus you just have to cross the street Ruiz Tagle (perpendicular to the Alameda, see the map) and enter the Terminal Sur.

The cost of a one way ticket from the airport to Tur Bus Terminal on the Tur Bus shuttle is 1.900 CLP (about 3 USD), and the cost of a round trip ticket is 3.600 CLP (about 5.50 USD). Tickets can be purchased from a stand right next to the bus stop, however you must pay cash and have change, or they can be purchased on the web page: <https://www.turbus.cl/wtbus/indexCompraAeropuerto.jsf>



Important to note: Since this is the most popular option you may have to wait in line for a spot on a shuttle.

Getting Terminal Sur to the bus station in Talca: The bus companies providing transportation from Santiago to Talca operate out of Terminal Sur. There are many companies offering transportation from Santiago to Talca, and in my opinion the following three are the best:

1. **Altas Cumbres:** The cost of the first class ticket (cama) is: 7.500 CLP (about 11.50 USD). The cost of the second class ticket (semicama) is: 6.500 CLP (about 10.00 USD). For more information see:

www.busesaltascumbres.cl/

2. **Talca-París y Londres:** The cost of the first class ticket (cama) is: 7.500 CLP (about 11.50 USD). The cost of the second class ticket (semicama) is: 6.500 CLP (about 10.00 USD). For more information see:

<http://www.busestalcaparisylondres.cl/web/>

3. **Los Libertadores:** The cost of the first class ticket (cama) is: 10.000 CLP (about 15.30USD). The cost of the second class ticket (semicama) is: 7.100 CLP (about 10.90 USD). For more information see:

<https://www.recorrido.cl/en/bus/los-libertadores-tickets#>

Once you have arrived in Talca

Just outside Talca's bus station there are taxis that can take you to your hotel. The cost of the trajectory between the bus station and the hotel should cost approximately 3.000 CLP (about 4.60 USD). I repeat that the taxis in Chile are normally black with yellow roofs, but there are also tourist taxis that come in all colors. All legitimate Chilean taxis have orange license plates.