

INFORMATION FOR CLASSICAL OBSERVERS

The entry to pages on the Gemini Web site with information for visiting astronomers is:

www.gemini.edu/sciops/observing-with-gemini

On this page under Observing with Gemini, click Instructions for Visitors, and then Gemini North or Gemini South. Please read the information that pertains to your visit:

www.gemini.edu/sciops/observing-with-gemini/instructions-visitors/gemini-north-visitors

www.gemini.edu/sciops/observing-with-gemini/instructions-visitors/gemini-south-visitors

GEMINI NORTH: Contact - Korey Halsch (khalsch@gemini.edu)

You will need to download, complete, and return the required forms to Korey at least four weeks in advance of your visit. She will send you a Visitors Guide to Gemini North and make arrangements for lodging and meals at Hale Pohaku (HP) on Mauna Kea. Please note that you must spend one night at HP to acclimate before you are allowed to go to the summit. Gemini will provide transportation from HP to the summit; you are not allowed to drive a rental car beyond HP.

GEMINI SOUTH: Contact - Lucia Medina (lmolina@gemini.edu)

You will need to download, complete, and return the required forms to Lucia at least four weeks in advance of your visit. She will make arrangements for lodging in La Serena and at Cerro Pachon, as well as for the shuttle to Cerro Pachon and taxi at the airport. You will either be allowed to drive a Gemini vehicle from Cerro Pachon to the summit or you will ride up with Gemini staff. Lucia can also make hotel reservations in Santiago if needed; if your flight schedule has a long layover in Santiago, you may wish to stay half a day at the airport hotel.

VISITING CHILE

Gemini South and NOAO South (CTIO) have headquarters buildings on the compound in La Serena and telescopes on neighboring mountains (Cerro Pachon and Cerro Tololo). More information about visiting Chile is available on the CTIO Web site at www.ctio.noao.edu/diroff/obser_trav.htm. Although some of this information is specific for CTIO visiting observers, the site also contains general travel information that may be of interest to you. Especially note the section on visas, i.e., visiting observers with U.S. citizenship may enter Chile as tourists (for up to 90 days); U.S. citizens entering Chile must have a valid passport and will be charged a "one-time per passport" reciprocity fee at the port of entry, currently US \$131 (cash or credit card).

Feel free to contact Sally Adams at the NOAO Gemini Science Center office if you have any questions.

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