

**XXXIII GEBCO Guiding Committee (GGC), Joint Technical Sub-Committee on Regional Undersea Mapping (SCRUM) and Technical Sub-Committee on Ocean Mapping (TSCOM),  
GEBCO Bathymetric Science Day Meetings**

**Valparaíso, Chile, 10-14 October 2016**

**LOGISTIC INFORMATION**

**Venues**

The Joint SCRUM and TSCOM meetings as well as the GEBCO Guiding Committee meetings will take place at the SHOA facilities – Conference Room. The GEBCO Bathymetric Science Day will take place at the Naval Club Conference Room, both in Valparaiso, Chile.

**Accommodation**

Participants are expected to make their own accommodation arrangements. However, assistance can be provided as needed. Anyone requiring assistance is invited to contact Captain Hugo GORZIGLIA at [hgorziglia@shoa.cl](mailto:hgorziglia@shoa.cl) and [hgorziglia.hydro@gmail.com](mailto:hgorziglia.hydro@gmail.com)

The following Hotel information has been provided by the Chilean Navy Hydrographic and Oceanographic Service – SHOA (in alphabetic order).

**1. Hotel GALA**

Address: Arlegui, 273, Viña del Mar, V Region, Chile

Tel: +56 (32)2321500 and +56 (32)2689568

Fax: +56 (32) 2689568

Website: [www.galahotel.cl](http://www.galahotel.cl)

Rate: There are various room types available.

- Single Room @ US\$146 per room per night (aprox.)

American Breakfast is included (served at restaurant).

Parking for one vehicle

Reference for booking: Please indicate “SHOA meeting 10-14 October 2016”

Note: this Hotel is 5 minutes’ walk from Hotel Marina del Rey.



**2. Hotel MARINA DEL REY**

Address: Ecuador 299, Viña del Mar, CP 2520735, V Region, Chile.

Tel: +56.32.238 3000

Fax: +56.32.238 3001

E-mail for reservations: [reservas.vina@marinahoteles.cl](mailto:reservas.vina@marinahoteles.cl)

Website : [www.marinahoteles.cl](http://www.marinahoteles.cl)

Rate: There are various room types available.

- Single Room @ US\$ 135 per room per night (**This is a negotiated rate**)

Breakfast (buffet) is included, served at restaurant.

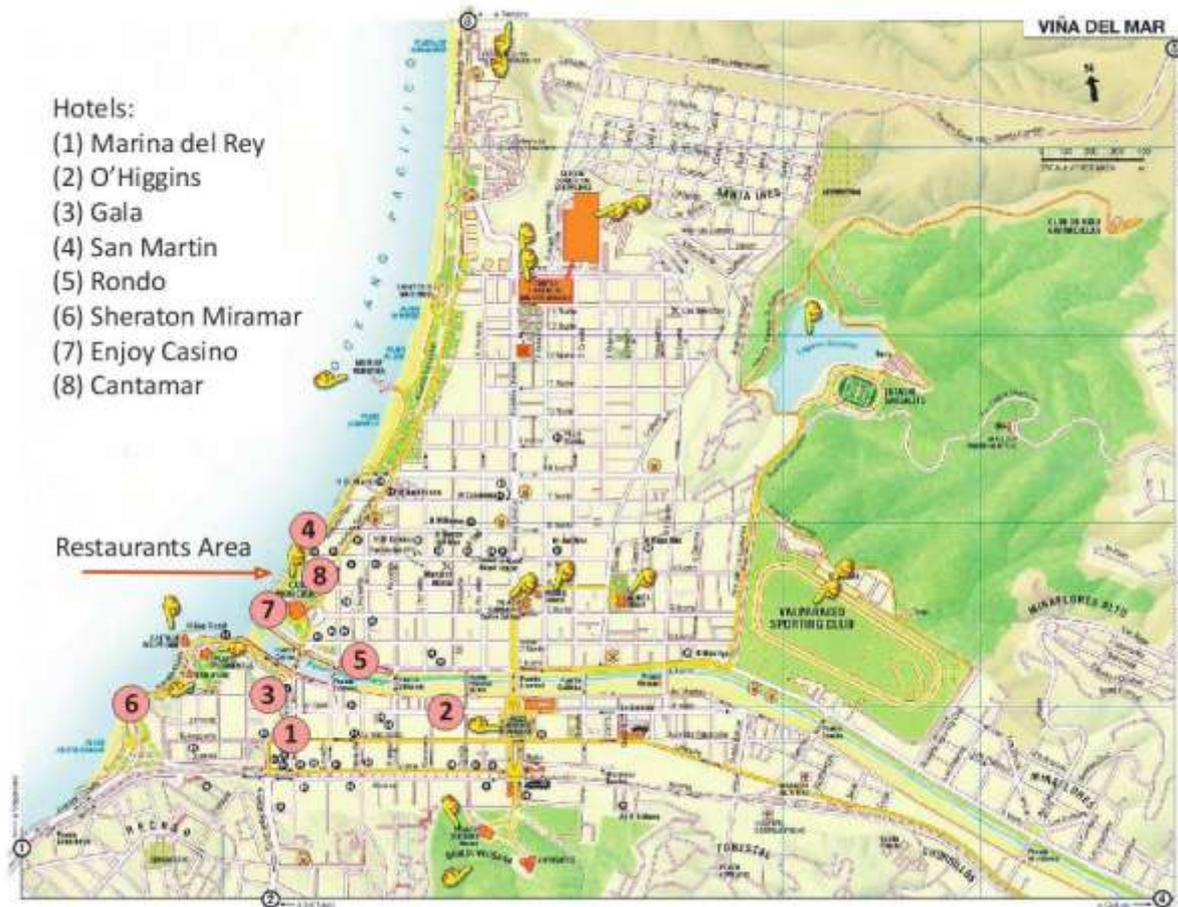
Parking for one vehicle

Reference for Booking: Please indicate “SHOA meeting 10-14 October 2016 Special Rate US\$135.00”

Note: this Hotel is 5 minutes walk from Hotel Gala.



NOTE: There are other Hotels but only these two have replied offering a special deal.



## Transportation

### **To and From airport**

The Comodoro Arturo Merino Benitez International & National Airport (AMB), <http://www.aeropuertosiago.cl/english/>, is located in the north west of Santiago, about 100 km from Viña del Mar and 20 km from downtown Santiago.

While there are several transportation options to travel from the Airport to Viña del Mar, we recommend considering:

#### 1. TRANSVIP

Reservation can be made on line ([www.transvip.cl](http://www.transvip.cl)) or at the Counter in the Airport. The voyage from the Airport to Hotels in Viña del Mar, based on a Van for up to 7 passengers and luggage has a cost of CLP\$100.400 (approximately US\$150 or 135€). 5% discount applies if paid by “webpay” and 10% discount applies if return reservation is made. TRANSVIP also has a Taxi service. The price Airport-Viña del Mar is about the same as for the Van.

#### 2. Transfer Class ([www.transferclass.cl](http://www.transferclass.cl))

Reservation can be made at email: [reservas@transferclass.cl](mailto:reservas@transferclass.cl)

The voyage from the Airport to Hotels in Viña del Mar, based on a Van for up to 5 passengers and luggage has a cost of CLP\$100.000 (approximately US\$150 or 135€).

3. There is a bus (TUR BUS) from the airport to the TUR BUS Central Terminal in Santiago, where a connection to Viña del Mar is available in the same company at the Bus Terminal. Total cost Airport-Central Station - Viña del Mar is around CLP\$6.000 (approximately US\$9), one way ticket.

Note: We do not recommend hiring non official transportation at the Airport.

### To and From SHOA

SHOA will provide daily transportation from the two Hotels indicated above to SHOA and Naval Club (on Wednesday) and back to Hotels. Details of pick-up hours will be provided upon arrival.

### Catering arrangements

Morning and afternoon coffee breaks will be provided on the days of the meetings. SHOA will offer a snack (light lunch) each day of the meetings.

In the nearby of the Hotels there are several alternatives at walking distance to have dinner. Participants can experience different sorts of food at their cost. Particularly in neighborhood of San Martin Avenue and nearby you may find a variety of places to eat. There are Fast-Food providers as well as nice Restaurants with different specialties (sea food, meat, pasta, etc.).

### General Information for Viña del Mar

Viña del Mar, also known as the Garden City, was founded on December 29th, 1874, by the engineer Jose Francisco Vergara, and has grown into Chile's most luxurious beach resort town, attracting visitors from all over the world.

Some come to Viña del Mar's languid tropical atmosphere, its grand tree lined boulevards, its vast, soft stretches of white sand beach, and its sybaritic abundance of gourmet restaurants. While Viña's celebrity has brought it any number of sleek, modern buildings and hotels, the character of the town is set by its many charming colonial houses.

Viña is famous because of the Musical Festival, which is held every year in the third week of February and lasts for five days. It is very popular amongst nationals and effectively marks the end of the summer season. The city is also home to one of the most renowned gambling casinos you'll find in the country.

### Electrical Power

Electricity in Chile runs at 220 Volts and 50 Hz. For the most part, electrical sockets (outlets) in Chile are the "Type C" European CEE 7/16 Europlug. Also reported to be in use is the "Type L" Italian CEI 23-6/VII.



## Currency

The peso is the currency of Chile. The current peso has circulated since 1975, with a previous version circulating between 1817 and 1960. Its symbol is defined as a letter S with either one or two vertical bars superimposed prefixing the amount, \$; the single-bar symbol, available in most modern text systems, is almost always used. The ISO 4217 code for the present peso is CLP. It is officially subdivided into 100 centavos, although there are no current centavo-denominated coins.

Banknotes: 1000, 2000, 5000, 10,000, 20,000 pesos

Coins: 1, 5, 10, 50, 100, 500 pesos



## FAQ

**Location & Transport:** Coordinates: 33° 0' S 71° 31' W, located 74 miles (120 km) northwest of Santiago and 5 miles (8 km) north of Valparaiso on the Pacific Ocean, Viña is in the central zone of Valparaiso and well connected to the central valleys and locations north and south of the city. Buses leave from and to Santiago every half hour or less, and are a mere 1.5 hour ride away.

**Telephone:** Country code: 56, Area code: 032

**Climate:** The weather is generally considered to be Mediterranean, with rains restricted exclusively to the winter season. Proximity to the sea means that the land temperatures are regulated by ocean currents during the summer and winter months (October to March and April to September respectively) making the former warm and pleasant and the latter mild, with temperatures ranging between 10 and 22 degrees C. The mild climate and lack of morning frost in winter has helped the growth of robust vegetation, including both autochthonous and imported species, with such plants as the bougainvillea, hibiscus and golden thimbles, whose gilded petals can often be seen creeping up between railway sleepers.