



AURA'S SHARED TRANSPORT SERVICES

AURA runs 2 modes of scheduled transport services for staff and work-related visits to the telescopes, funded by the astronomical programs that use the site and their visitors.



A 38-seater bus carries passengers on a two-way, work-day commute from La Serena to Cerro Pachón and back, each day Monday to Friday (except holidays).

Cerro Tololo bus riders disembark and embark at El Quisco junction to take alternative transportation from there to the Tololo summit and back.

Bus Schedule



An 11-seater carryall offers two, two-way shuttle trips from La Serena to Cerro Tololo and Cerro Pachón and back – each day Monday to Saturday (including holidays).

On Sunday there is a single mid-day two-way shuttle run.

Mercedes Sprinter carryall operated by West

Carryall schedules are detailed on the following 2 pages

BUS SCHEDULE (Buses Hualpen) MONDAY – FRIDAY

LA SERENA to SUMMIT 		
	Arrive	Depart
La Serena (in front of Gemini)		6:30
Puerta	7:20	-
Quisco	7:55	-
Pachón (Dining – Gemini/SOAR)	8:20	

SUMMIT to LA SERENA 		
	Arrive	Depart
Pachón (Gemini/SOAR)		16:30
Quisco	16:55	-
Puerta	17:30	-
La Serena	18:20	

Shuttle (Carryall) Schedule

Monday – Friday

EARLY RUN WEEKDAYS

LA SERENA to SUMMIT

	Arrive	Depart
La Serena (Bodega)		8:00
Puerta	8:50	-
Quisco	9:25	-
Tololo (Las Tacas/Office)	9:35	9:40
Quisco	9:50	-
Pachón (Hotel/Gemini/SOAR)	10:15	

Boarding/Rest 1:15

SUMMIT to LA SERENA

	Arrive	Depart
Pachón (Hotel/Gemini/SOAR)		11:30
Quisco	11:55	-
Tololo (Las Tacas/Office)	12:05	12:10
Quisco	12:20	-
Puerta	12:55	-
La Serena	13:45	

Boarding/Rest 1:30

LATE RUN WEEKDAYS

LA SERENA to SUMMIT

	Arrive	Depart
La Serena (Bodega)		15:15
Puerta	16:05	-
Quisco	16:40	-
Tololo (Las Tacas/Office)	16:50	16:55
Quisco	17:05	-
Pachón (Hotel/Gemini/SOAR)	17:30	

Boarding/Rest 0:00

SUMMIT to LA SERENA

	Arrive	Depart
Pachón (Hotel/Gemini/SOAR)		17:30
Quisco	17:55	-
Tololo (Las Tacas/Office)	18:05	18:10
Quisco	18:20	-
Puerta	18:55	-
La Serena	19:45	

Shuttle (West - Carryall) Schedule – Saturday

Early Run SATURDAY

LA SERENA to SUMMIT ↑		
	Arrive	Depart
La Serena (Bodega)		8:30
Puerta	9:20	-
Quisco	9:55	-
Tololo (Las Tacas/Office)	10:05	10:10
Quisco	10:20	-
Pachón (Hotel/Gemini/SOAR)	10:45	

Boarding/Rest 0:15

SUMMIT to LA SERENA ↓		
	Arrive	Depart
Pachón (Hotel/Gemini/SOAR)		11:00
Quisco	11:25	-
Tololo (Las Tacas/Office)	11:35	11:40
Quisco	11:50	-
Puerta	12:25	-
La Serena	13:15	

Boarding/Rest 1:00

Late Run SATURDAY

LA SERENA to SUMMIT ↑		
	Arrive	Depart
La Serena (Bodega)		14:15
Puerta	15:05	-
Quisco	15:40	-
Tololo (Las Tacas/Office)	15:50	15:55
Quisco	16:05	-
Pachón (Hotel/Gemini/SOAR)	16:30	

Boarding/Rest 0:00

SUMMIT to LA SERENA ↓		
	Arrive	Depart
Pachón (Hotel/Gemini/SOAR)		16:30
Quisco	16:55	-
Tololo (Las Tacas/Office)	17:05	17:10
Quisco	17:20	-
Puerta	17:55	-
La Serena	18:45	

Will go to Pachón only if there is a passenger registered

Otherwise afternoon departure from Tololo will be at 16:05 1 hour earlier

Shuttle (West - Carryall) Schedule – Sunday

Single Run on Sunday

This run is only made if there are passengers registered by 08:00 Sunday Morning

LA SERENA to SUMMIT 		
	Arrive	Depart
La Serena (Bodega)		10:00
Puerta	10:50	-
Quisco	11:25	-
Tololo (Las Tacas/Office)	11:35	11:40
Quisco	11:50	-
Pachón (Hotel/Gemini/SOAR)	12:15	

Boarding/Rest 0:00

SUMMIT to LA SERENA 		
	Arrive	Depart
Pachón (Hotel/Gemini/SOAR)		12:15
Quisco	12:40	-
Tololo (Las Tacas/Office)	12:50	12:55
Quisco	13:05	-
Puerta	13:40	-
La Serena	14:30	