



Dear Mr./Mrs.,

It is a pleasure to officially invite you at **Cities in Transition: MIT City Science Summit 2025**, to be held in Concepción, Chile, and hosted by our local partners at City Science Lab Biobío, Corporación Ciudades, Gobierno Regional del Biobío and Cámara Chilena de la Construcción.

The event will take place from **October 07th to 09th, 2025, in Gran Concepción**. This year's summit will focus on how technology, data, and science are accelerating social, environmental, economic, urban, and territorial transitions like never before. Can we actually plan these transition processes in our cities? Zoning laws, regulations, and urban planning tools are static instruments, but we need to move toward a more dynamic and innovative way of organizing our cities—one that allows us to actively shape and respond to the everyday experiences of the people who live in them.

We are excited to welcome you in our city, we look forward to your contribution to the discussions, and we are eager to engage in future collaborations.

Please, review all information in this letter regarding agenda schedule per day and trip information.

Kind regards,



Agenda Schedule.

October 7 th

- Opening event at Salón Mural, Gobierno Regional del Biobío.
- Workshops in Talcahuano, San Pedro de la Paz and Santa Juana.
- AV technical check at Teatro Biobío (for speakers only).
- City Science Networking.

October 8 th

- Main event at Teatro Biobío.
- International Speakers from Pixar Animation Studios, Microsoft and EntelDigital.
- Lightning Talks from City Science Network Directors.
- Thematic discussion panels.
- Exhibition of local and national tech startups.

October 9 th

- City Science Network workshops: Tools and Future Collaborations.
- Summit wrap-up and final remarks.
- Cultural Activities across the Biobío region.

Trip Information

Getting to Concepción, Chile

Concepción is located approximately 500 kilometers south of Santiago de Chile.

Most international travelers will arrive at Arturo Merino Benítez International Airport (SCL) in Santiago.

Domestic Flight Connections

- Domestic flights to Concepción depart from Terminal 1 (T1) at SCL.
- These flights arrive at Carriel Sur Airport (CCP) in Concepción.
- Approximate flight time: 1 hour.

Major airlines operating on the SCL–CCP route:

- LATAM.
- JetSmart.
- Sky Airlines.

Compare prices across airlines—fares can vary significantly depending on time and day.

Entry Requirements

For most passports, a Temporary Visa is not required to enter Chile. However, we strongly recommend that you verify your entry requirements in advance.

You can do so by visiting the official government page <https://chile.travel/en/traveltochileplan/>

Ground Transportation in Santiago

If you're transferring from SCL to downtown Santiago before your flight to Concepción:

- Only use authorized airport transportation services.
- Purchase tickets inside Terminal 2 (T2).
- Most providers accept credit and debit cards.
- Avoid ride-hailing apps like Uber, InDriver, or Cabify—they may not be allowed to pick up at the airport.

Hotels in Concepción

We are working in coordination with Hotel Mercure and Hotel Aurelio. When making your reservation and upon check-in, please indicate that you are attending the City Science Summit. Use the booking code **CITIES IN TRANSITION SUMMIT– CITY LAB BIOBÍO** at either hotel to register your stay under the event.

Mercure Hotel

- Cochrane Poniente 75, 4070708, Concepción.
- Contact information: Catarina Queiroga, Email to catarina.queiroga@accor.com

Aurelio Hotel

- Salas 135, 4070305, Concepción.
- Contact information: reservas@aureliohotel.cl

We recommend booking your stay from October 6th to October 10th.

Our local team will be happy to help—feel free to check prices or ask for recommendations before your trip.