



Fall 2025 Travel Information

The following document contains the specific details of the travel for your HMI Gap program as well as some additional information on how you can arrange that travel. You are responsible for booking all airfare, and HMI coordinates all ground transportation during the course. We ask that **you arrange this air travel before August 15** in preparation for your upcoming program. As always, you can reach out to us directly with any questions at gap@hminet.org.

ARRIVAL: SEPTEMBER 20, 2025

You should plan to arrive at Denver International Airport (DIA) before 2pm.

Driving

If you choose to be dropped off at DIA, you should plan to arrive at DIA sometime between 10 am and 2 pm.

Some students may drive directly to HMI's campus. If you choose to do this, please plan to arrive between 4pm and 6pm.

A further note on student vehicles:

HMI has limited space for students to store their cars. If you plan to leave a car on HMI's campus, please notify us as soon as possible. HMI cannot be held responsible for any damage to your personal vehicle while you are on course. Additionally, we cannot permit students to use their personal vehicles for any reason once the course has begun. While there may be a few opportunities to access items stored in your vehicle, you should plan to keep everything you will need for the semester with you for the course. Finally, you will need to arrange transportation back to HMI's campus after the course has ended to pick up your vehicle.

Flying

If you choose to fly, we will be glad to meet you at the **Denver International Airport (DEN)**. We will be meeting flights that are scheduled to arrive between **10 AM and 2 PM only** on the day your course starts. From the airport, we'll load the van and drive to HMI (about 3 hours).

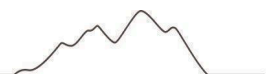
MID-COURSE TRAVEL: NOVEMBER 8, 2025

You must arrange travel from Denver, CO to Balmaceda, Chile, departing after 12pm and arriving on the following day.

HMI will shuttle students from our campus to Denver International Airport on this day to travel to Patagonia for the final section of HMI Gap. Travel to Patagonia typically involves a domestic flight to a major international airport in the US, an overnight flight to Santiago, and a shorter domestic flight from Santiago south to Balmaceda. From there, you will travel by bus and ferry to the hostel where we base our programming.

In an effort to offer more flexibility and the most affordable airfare, we have worked with Éxito to research a few different itinerary options for HMI students. When you contact Éxito, the agent will provide you with these itinerary options. We strive to book staff on the same flights as students.

Please see "Booking Travel" below.





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DEPARTURE: DECEMBER 8, 2025

You will travel from Balmaceda, Chile to your home, departing no earlier than 1pm.

The course officially ends when you and your group arrive at the Balmaceda airport on the last day. Most students travel home at that time; however, you can elect to travel on your own and delay your travel from Chile or travel to a different destination. In this case, you should plan your additional travel starting from the Balmaceda airport.

BOOKING TRAVEL

We have partnered with [Éxito Travel](#) to help students make their flight arrangements. They can help you book flights from your city of origin to Denver at the start of the course, the specific mid-course flight to Patagonia, and your return home or additional travel after HMI Gap.

While we do not require students to book travel through Éxito, we strongly encourage you to work with them, particularly in arranging travel from Denver to Patagonia and back. By doing so, you are more likely to get an affordable ticket that meets the specific requirements of the program and to travel with other HMI students and staff. They also offer additional assistance should your travel be disrupted.

Please use this [link](#), entering your individual information along with the HMI program in which you are enrolled and the travel details noted above. Once received, an agent from Éxito will contact you to book your travel.