

## Media Summit Days FAQ

Q. Would you see different things depending on which month you visit? Are there parts of construction that won't be completed in February?

A. Everyone would see and experience the same thing. We would not do the visit until construction is complete.

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Q. What do you see on the summit vs not going on the visit? Is it physically difficult to visit the summit? How does transportation work?

A. You get to see the facility and the telescope and to see it moving, something that can be seen recorded but it is not the same as experiencing it in person. The facility is at an altitude of 2600m so people need to be physically fit. To reach the summit is a winding 1 hour drive and can only be driven by approved drivers and vehicles.

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Q. What's the advantage of doing the two-day stay vs the one-day stay? Is it just getting a great view of the sky at night or more than that?

A. Getting to see the night sky but also experiencing the the night time operations crew work - operators doing the work to use and move the telescope and dome, being at the start of the whole process - where light hits the telescope and becomes data that is then transported across the globe and seeing how an observation can trigger an alert (for transient science)

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Q. What sort of photography, audio recording, and film recording are allowed?

A. You can also fly a small drone (weather permitting). Photography as well as audio and film recordings are allowed in most of the accessible parts inside and outside of the observatory and you will be accompanied by a host. Subject Matter Experts will be available for on-camera interviews. We do have a location recording agreement that has to be signed.

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Q. Will I know in advance who I will meet with? Will we get some choice?

A. We will make a schedule of who will be available for which visit. You would be able to express a preference based on the schedule

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Q. Will everybody get exactly the same tour, or will we get to customize it somewhat? How many journalists will be in a tour group at a time?

A. These details are still to be worked out but we envisage there would only be two tours going on at the same time and each would have its own host to not overlap in the same areas. Of course we would need to see just how much interest we get and if it is a lot we would have some decisions to make.

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Q. Do you have approximate costs so that I can work out a budget?

A. These are approximate costs

La Serena hotel per night \$170

Summit hotel per night \$50

Santiago-La Serena flights return \$100 (maybe more if you have specific types of luggage)

Meals on the summit \$16 per meal

Transportation with driver La Serena to Summit daily charge for private hire \$350 for a minivan equipped for summit roads

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