

SEG Foundation – Student Field Trip 14
COPPER-GOLD-SILVER-MOLYBDENUM METALLOGENY OF NORTHERN CHILE
MARCH 6 – 14, 2015
PARTICIPANT INFORMATION PACKET

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Read the following instructions and recommendations carefully. **Anyone arriving in Copiapó, Chile without the designated safety gear and appropriate clothing (see below) will not be permitted to participate in the field trip.**

I. CHECKLIST, Instructions and Recommendations

Prior to Departure

- Information Required by SEG prior to departure:
 - Passport information: All participants **must** submit to SEGF their Passport information (name, number, country of issue, date of expiry) via the Medical Emergency and Travel Related Information Form, provided by SEGF – this is required for access to mine properties.
 - Proof of Insurance Coverage: Participants **must** provide to SEGF **proof of insurance coverage valid in Chile**. Carry your insurance ID card with you at all times during the field course.
 - Liability Waiver Form: Prior to participation in the field trip, you **must** sign and submit to SEGF a **liability waiver form**, provided by SEGF.
 - Medical Emergency and Travel Related Information Form: Participants must complete all sections of this form, sign and date, and return with a photo copy of passport and proof of insurance (electronic versions acceptable).
- Visas: Ensure you have the visas required by Chile for your nationality.
- Designated Safety and Field Gear: All participants **must** bring the following equipment/clothing required for mine visits—there will be no opportunity to obtain these items once the field trip begins:
 - **Long pants and Long-sleeved shirts**
 - **Hardhat (lamp bracket optional)**
 - **STEEL-TOE boots**
 - **Reflective vest**
 - **Gloves**
 - **Safety eye protection (not sunglasses).**

- Please bring all prescription medications and your written prescriptions – carry these with you, do not place in your checked baggage.
- Photocopy your Passport: Carry a photocopy of your Passport with you, keep it safe and separate from your Passport.
- Luggage: Pack lightly and use soft luggage where possible.

In-Country

1. At international arrivals at Santiago Arturo Merino Benitez International Airport (SCL), you must complete a **Tourist Card** – this allows stays of up-to 90 days and must be shown to Customs when leaving Chile so do not lose it!
2. Some nationalities must pay a one-time **Reciprocity Fee** (Australia = US\$117; Canada = US\$132, Mexico = US\$23). This is paid by cash or credit card in the Immigration Area prior to entering the lines that lead to the International Police passport checkpoints. Look for signs.
3. Once clearing customs, ALL participants should change currency to the Chilean Peso at SCL. *There will not be an opportunity to change currency once the field trip begins.* Participants will need money for incidental expenses, including travel (shuttle) to the hotel in Copiapó, and dinners (except the closing dinner sponsored by SEGF) and personal expenses. Most establishments accept credit cards, but you should have some cash on-hand. ATM cards are honored at bank ATM machines where local currency can be withdrawn at low cost. Try the bank ATMs at SCL before resorting to the more expensive Currency Exchange booths outside the baggage claim area.
4. Make your way to domestic (“National”) departures on Level 3. Check-in for your connecting flight, and check your baggage to Copiapó (CPO).
5. Upon arrival at Copiapó airport (Desierto de Atacama), the hotel is 54 km east in Copiapó city. There are regular shuttles/buses, every 30-minutes, available from the CPO airport – cost is approximately US\$6. These make a number of stops in Copiapó – your stop is Hotel La Casona, at Bernardo O’Higgins 150, a block from the Museo Regional de Atacama (see attached maps). TELL THE DRIVER YOUR DESTINATION WHEN BOARDING THE BUS.

General Information

- Climate: You will be travelling at 24° to 28° South Latitude – Antofagasta is on the Tropic of Capricorn – equal to Namibia, Botswana, and central Queensland, Australia (Southern Hemisphere) and central Mexico, Havana, Cuba, Egypt, northern India, and southern China (Northern Hemisphere). The weather will be Southern Hemisphere fall – average 68°F (82 to 54 max/min) / 20°C (28 to 12 max/min); it is a dry season. You will be at moderate elevation so bring layers for cool evenings. **Long pants and long-sleeved shirts are required for mine visits – NO EXCEPTIONS.** Carry sunscreen, lip balm, sunglasses, and a hat with a brim.
- Sundries: Bring toiletries and be prepared to room with other courteous and interesting students.
- Time Zones: Chilean Summer Time (CLST), GMT/UTC -3.

- Mobile phone use: Avoid expensive roaming charges. Most carriers offer limited-duration International call packages allowing affordable calling and text messaging to your home country while travelling overseas. Check with your provider *before* departure, and make sure your device will operate in Chile. Chile country code is +56; Copiapó city (area) code is 52; Taltal and Antofagasta are in the 55.
 - Calls from Chile: You will need to dial: 00 (Country Code)+(Area Code)+(Number)
 - Calls *within* Chile: From your mobile phone you will need to dial *as if you are calling Chile from your home country*.
 - US and Canadian Nationals – you will need to dial: 011+56+(Area Code)+(Number).
 - Australian Nationals – you will need to dial: 0011+56+(Area Code)+(Number).
 - Columbian Nationals – you will need to dial: 009+56+(Area Code)+(Number).
 - Hungary, Philippine, South African and Zambian Nationals – you will need to dial: 00+56+(Area Code)(Number).

Chile Area Codes (by Region)

Santiago (Region XIII) – 2

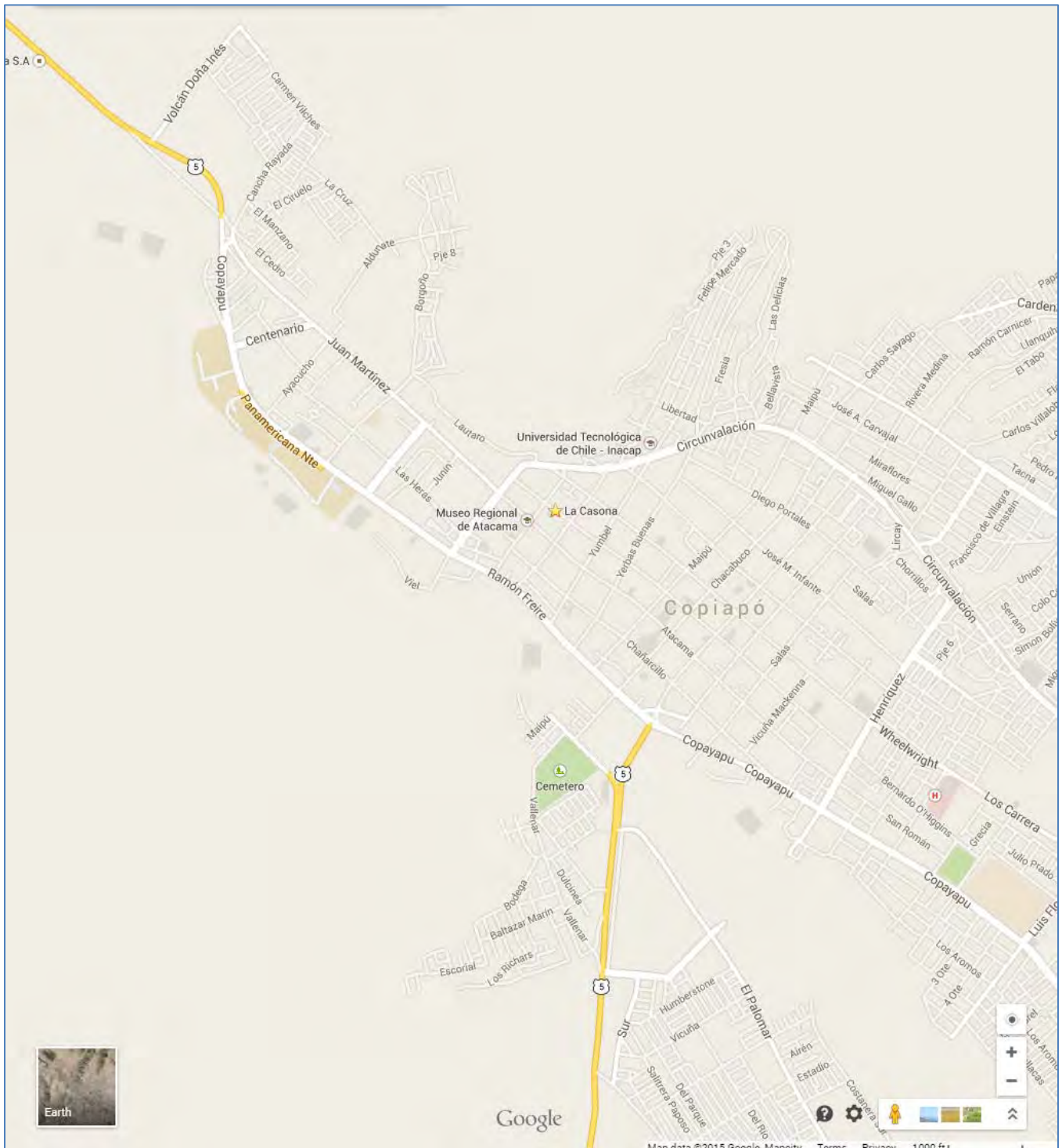
Antofagasta/Taltal (Region II) – 55

Copiapó (Region III) – 52



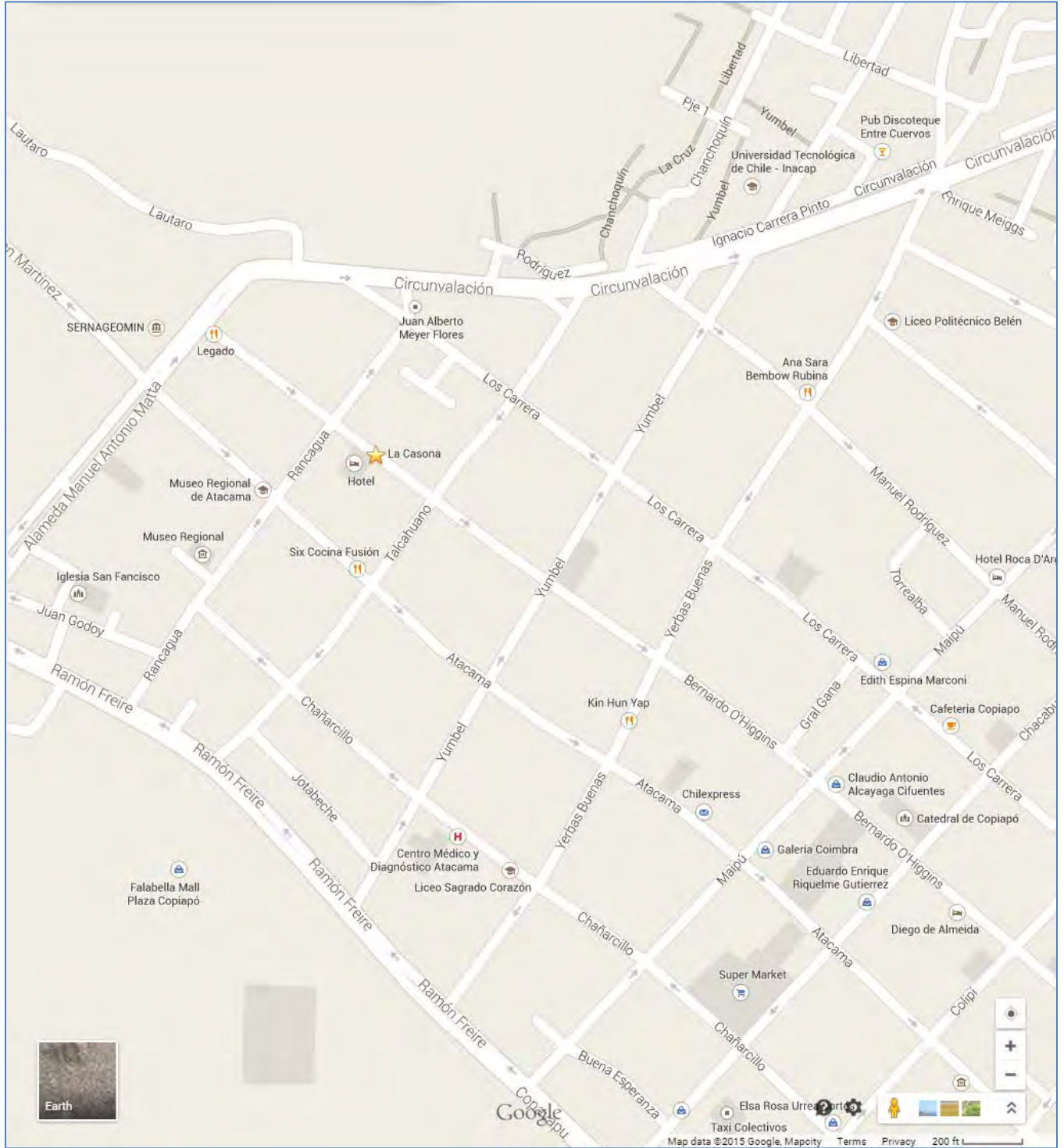
Region around Copiapó: Desierto de Atacama Airport is west of the Copiapó along Route 5, midway to the port town of Caldera.

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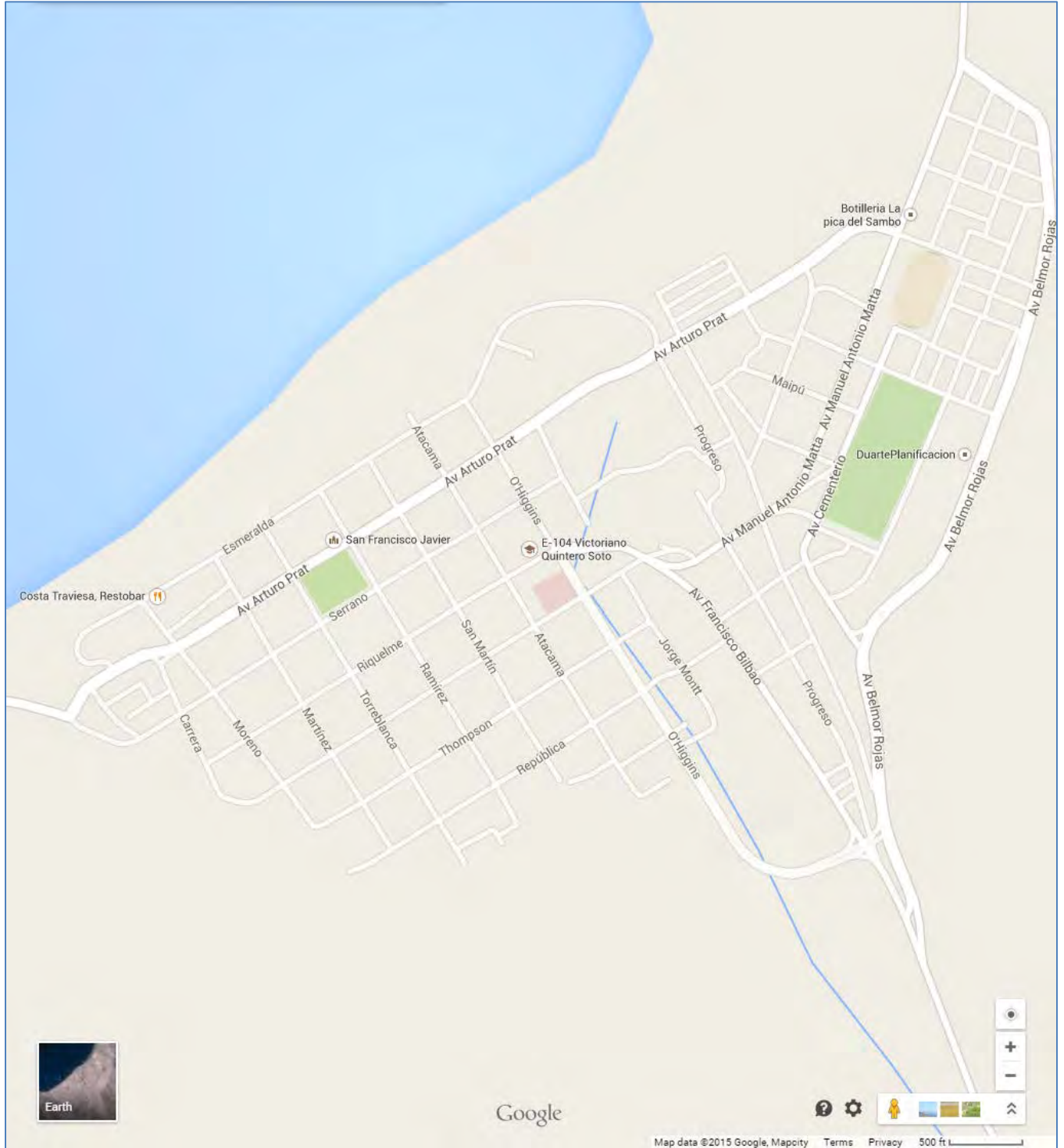
Copiapó: Hotel La Casona labelled by “star”

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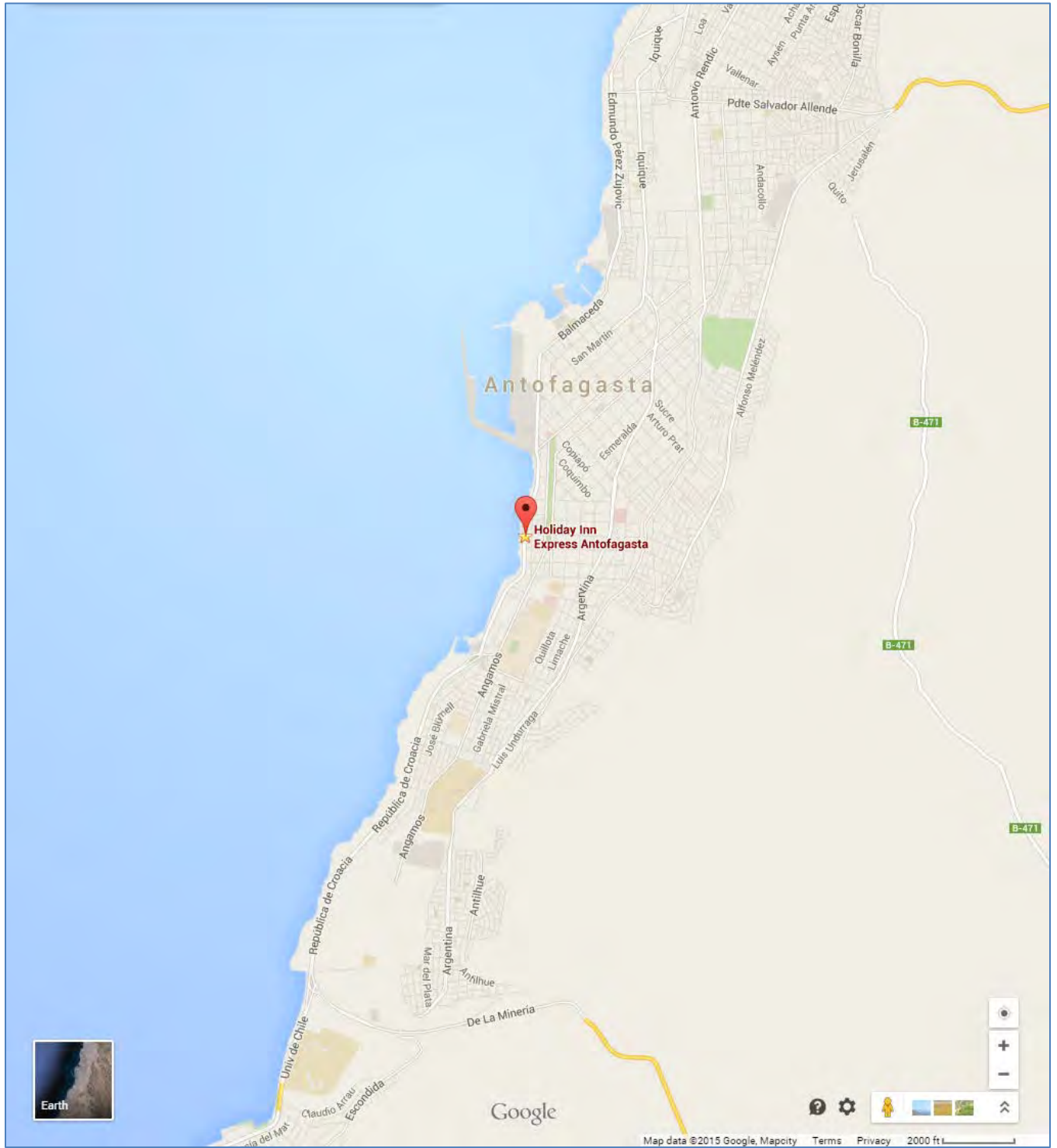
Central Copiapó: Hotel La Casona labelled by “star”

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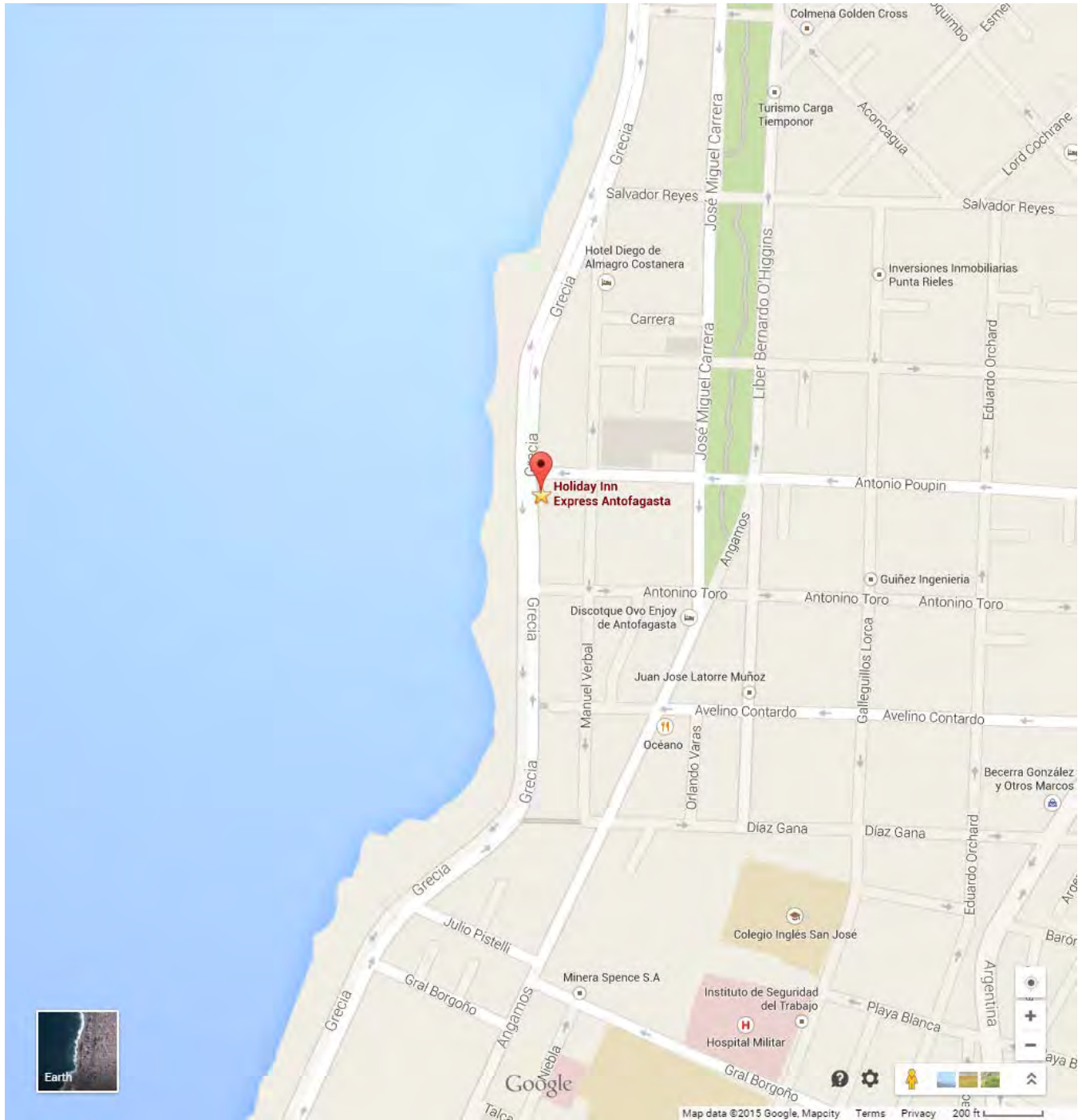
Central Taltal: Hosteria Taltal, Avda Calle Esmeralda 671,
corner San Martín and Esmeralda

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Antofagasta: Holiday Inn Express labelled by “star”

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Central Antofagasta: Holiday Inn Express labelled by “star”