VISITING OBSERVERS GUIDE
Gemini North - Base Facility Operations

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Congratulations on being awarded time to observe on the Gemini Telescope. It is important that you, as Principal Investigator, relay all pertinent information required for your observing run and complete all forms requested by Gemini in order to provide the support to enable your observations to be undertaken successfully. All visiting observers will be given a mandatory operations and safety briefing prior to the start of their observing run.

Included in this documentation is information to assist in preparation of your observing run. Please remember to log on to the following site, review, acknowledge and forward required forms:

http://www.gemini.edu/sciops/science-visitors-gemini?q=node/10992

Good luck on a successful observing run!

Aloha and welcome to Hilo on the Big Island of Hawaii!
DIRECTIONS from Hilo International Airport

To Gemini Observatory Northern Operations Center

- Stay on the exit road from the airport until you view a traffic light. At the traffic light, turn LEFT onto Highway 11 also known as Kanoelehua Avenue.
- Stay on Highway 11, in the right hand lane, proceed through three (3) stop lights, reaching a fork at Puainako Street (Prince Kuhio Plaza is on your left and Tesoro gas station on your right)
- At the light, bear to your RIGHT unto Puainako. Continue on Puainako for approximately 3 miles, until you reach Komohana Street at the top of the hill, where Puainako ends at a “T” intersection. Turn right.
- Stay in right hand lane on Komohana Street until the University Park sing on your right. Turn RIGHT on Nowelo Street.
- Turn LEFT on A’ohoku Place. Gemini Observatory base facility is the first building on your left.

To Hotels on Banyan Drive: Exit airport, at traffic light turn RIGHT unto Hwy 11 (Kanoelehua Avenue), proceed through next traffic light; Kanoelehua ends, Banyan Drive begins. All hotels in Hilo are located on Banyan Drive.
For information on Hawaii’s Island of Adventure, to:

http://www.gohawaii.com/big-island

For a Dining Experience, go to:

http://downtownhilo.com/category/business-directory/food/
http://www.gohawaii.com/big-island/plan-a-trip/dining
**HOTEL Information**

**Hotels in Hilo**

**Hilo Hawaiian Hotel**
www.castleresorts.com
71 Banyan Drive, Hilo, Hawaii 96720
Phone: 808-935-9361
Corporate rate starting from $125 plus taxes.
Contact Gemini Observatory for reservations.
Standard Room King bed, No smoking.

**Naniloa Volcanoes Resort**
http://www.naniloavolcanoesresorthilo.com/
93 Banyan Drive, Hilo, Hawaii 96720
Phone: 808-969-3333
Request Gemini Corporate Rate
Starting from $109 plus taxes

**Uncle Billy's Hilo Bay Hotel**
http://www.unclebilly.com/
87 Banyan Drive, Hilo, Hawaii 96720
Phone: 808-961-5818

**Hilo Seaside Hotel**
http://www.hiloseasidehotel.com/
126 Banyan Way, Hilo, Hawaii 96720
Phone: 808-935-0821
Gemini Observatory Preferred Card
Discount rates start from $69 + tax for Hilo

**Dolphin Bay Hotel**
http://www.dolphinbayhotel.com/
333 Iliahi Street, Hilo, Hawaii 96720
Hilo: 808-935-1466
Toll Free: 877-935-1466

**Hotels in Kona**

**Kona Seaside Hotel**
http://www.konaseasidehotel.com/
75-5646 Palani Road, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii 96740
Phone: 808-560-5558
Gemini Observatory Preferred Card
Discount rates start from $74 + tax for Kona

**Royal Kona Resort**
http://www.royalkona.com/Accommodation.cfm
75-5282 Alii Drive, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii 96740
Phone: 808-329-1311
Toll Free: 800-222-5642

**King Kamehameha Kona Beach Hotel**
http://www.konabeachhotel.com/
75-5660 Palani Road, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii 96740
Phone: 808-329-2911
Email: reservations@konabeachhotel.com

**Hotels in Honolulu**

**Honolulu Airport Hotel or Best Western Plaza Hotel**
Phone: 800—800-3477 Corporate starting from $99 plus taxes. Contact Gemini Observatory for reservations.

*NOTE: All hotel rates are subject to an 11.42% combined state and room tax which are subject to change without notice.*
BED & BREAKFAST Locations

The Bay House
http://www.bayhousehawaii.com
42 Pukihae Street, Hilo, Hawaii 96720
Phone: 808-961-6311   Toll Free: 888-235-8195

Hilo Honu Inn
http://www.hilohonu.com/
465 Haili Street, Hilo, Hawaii 96720
Phone: 808-935-4325

Holmes Sweet Home
http://www.holmesbandb.com/
107 Koula Street, Hilo, Hawaii 96720
Phone: 808-961-9089
Email: homswhom@hawaiiantel.net

Maureen’s B&B
http://www.maureennb.com/
1896 Kalaniana’ole Street, Hilo, Hawaii 96720
Phone: 808-935-9018   Toll Free: 800-935-9018

Pakalana Inn
http://www.pakalanainn.com/
132 Punahou Street, Hilo, Hawaii 96720
Phone: 808-935-0709
Email: innkeeper@pakalanainn.com

Shipman House Inn
http://www.hilo-hawaii.com/
131 Ka’ulani Street, Hilo, Hawaii 96720
Phone: 808-934-8002
Email: innkeeper@hilo-hawaii.com

Waterfalls Inn B&B
www.waterfallsinn.com
240 Ka’ulani Street, Hilo, Hawaii 96720
Phone: 808-969-3407

Wild Ginger Inn
http://wildgingerinnhilo.com/
100 Pu’ueo Street, Hilo, Hawaii 96720
Phone: 808-935-5556   Toll Free: 800-882-1887

HOSTELS

Hilo Bay Hostel
http://www.hawaiihostel.net/
101 Waianuenue Avenue, Hilo, Hawaii 96720
Phone: 808-933-2771
Email: sales@hawaiihostel.net

Arnott’s Lodge & Hiking Adventures
http://arnottslodge.com/
98 Apapane Road, Hilo, Hawaii 96720
Phone: 808-969-7097

Hawaii Island Bed & Breakfast Association - http://stayhawaii.com/
Gemini does not provide a vehicle for observers. If Gemini makes the reservation for you, please be aware that this is your individual reservation, and you will need to make provisions for insurance because you will not be covered by any Gemini policy.

**NATIONAL CAR RENTAL: 1-800-227-7368; Hilo 1-808-935-0891**
[https://www.nationalcar.com](https://www.nationalcar.com)

To benefit from the corporate discount, please contact our Visitor Coordinator to make these reservations with National.

**HARPER CAR & TRUCK: 1-800-852-9993; Hilo 1-808-969-1478**

**Other Car Rental Agencies:**
- **ALAMO:** 1-800-327-9633; Hilo 961-3343
- **AVIS:** 1-800-831-8000; Hilo 935-1290
- **BUDGET:** 1-800-527-7000; Hilo 935-7293
- **DOLLAR:** 1-800-800-4000; Hilo 961-6059
- **HERTZ:** 1-800-654-3011; Hilo 935-2896

Please check the vehicle carefully for any damage prior to accepting a rental.

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*Safety and Health are paramount at our AURA/Gemini facilities. While we work diligently to maintain a safe and healthy environment for workers, the site may still pose safety hazards. As a result, it is imperative that you proceed with caution at all times.*