# Chile

## **Travel Facts**

### US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens exercise increased caution in Chile due to civil unrest.

https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html

#### Passport/Visa Requirements

For the latest passport and visa requirements for this country, please consult the U.S. State Department's "Learn About Your Destination" search tool, available through the link below.

https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html

#### US Embassy/Consulate

[56] (2) 2330-3000; US Embassy Santiago, Av. Andrés Bello 2800, Las Condes, Santiago, Chile; https://cl.usembassy.gov/; SantiagoUSA@state.gov

#### LGBTQIA+, Women, and Special Needs Travelers

Additional travel considerations can be found on the US State Department's International Travel page. <u>https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations.html</u>

#### **Telephone Code**

56

#### Local Emergency Phone

Ambulance: 131; Fire: 132; Police 132

#### Vaccinations

The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for Chile: hepatitis A, hepatitis B, typhoid, rabies, meningitis, polio, measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis), chickenpox, shingles, pneumonia, influenza, and COVID-19. <u>http://www.who.int/</u>

#### Climate

Temperate; desert in north; Mediterranean in central region; cool and damp in south

#### Currency (Code)

Chilean pesos (CLP)

#### Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

220 V / 50 Hz / plug types: C, L





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Major Languages

Spanish, English, indigenous languages

#### **Major Religions**

Roman Catholic, Evangelical or Protestant, Jehovah's Witness

#### **Time Difference**

UTC-3 (2 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time); daylight saving time: +1hr, begins second Sunday in August; ends second Sunday in May; Punta Arenas observes DST throughout the year; note: Chile has 3 time zones: the continental portion at UTC-3; the southern Magallanes region, which does not use daylight saving time and remains at UTC-3 for the summer months; and Easter Island at UTC-5



Opt for bottled water

#### **International Driving Permit**

Suggested; additionally, if you plan to drive in Chile, you will need an Inter-American Driving Permit issued by the AAA

#### Road Driving Side Right



#### **Tourist Destinations**

Torres Del Paine National Park; Valle de la Luna and the Atacama Desert; Easter Island; Santiago; Chile's Lake District; Valparaíso; Lauca National Park, Cape Horn; Qhapaq Nan/Andean Road System

Major Sports

Soccer, rugby, tennis

#### **Cultural Practices**

Some of the core principles of Chilean society are family, hospitality, pride, solidarity, and modesty. Chileans tend to be hospitable and helpful and will likely expect that you reciprocate when they need it. Many communities help each other in times of social, economic, or natural disasters.

#### **Tipping Guidelines**

Tipping taxi drivers is not expected, but rounding up is appreciated. A tip of 1,000 pesos per night per person is considered a good tip for housekeeping, and a little tip per bag is expected for bellhops.

#### Souvenirs

Lapis lazuli jewelry, greda clay cooking pots, native pottery/ceramics, brassware, wine, merken chile seasonings

#### **Traditional Cuisine**

Pastel de Choclo — ground beef, onions, olives, and raisins, topped with a sweet corn crust; the corn crust is a paste of sweet corn kernels and basil cooked in milk or lard

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