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Current DFAT Travel Advice

This advice is current for Mon, 5th November 2018.

Exercise normal safety precautions in Chile. Use common sense. Look out for suspicious behaviour. Large-scale protests can occur in Chile, including in central Santiago. Tear gas and water cannons have been used in the past by local authorities. See [Safety and security](#). Avoid all demonstrations and protests as they may turn violent without warning. Monitor local media for information, particularly before visiting central Santiago or other major cities. See [Safety and security](#). Tourists have been robbed and assaulted by taxi drivers or their accomplices. Book taxis by phone, particularly if travelling alone or at night. Prepaid official taxis are available at the airport. Ensure that the vehicle has the logo of the company on the side. See [Safety and security](#). Bag snatchings at restaurants and scams occur, including where a substance is squirted onto the back of a tourist and thieves 'assist' the individual to clean up in order to steal their bag. See [Safety and security](#).

If you have Chilean heritage, you could be deemed a Chilean national under Chilean law, even if you've taken steps to renounce Chilean citizenship. If you are, or could be, a dual citizen, check visa requirements with an Embassy or Consulate of Chile. See [Entry and exit](#).

The above information is an edited excerpt of the Travel Advice Summary from The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Travellers are encouraged to read the travel advice in full, subscribe to updates to this advice and to register their presence in Chile at www.smarttraveller.gov.au.

Tourist Visa Conditions

Australian ordinary passport holders do not require a visa to enter Chile as a tourist. Australians will be issued a tourist card upon arrival that will allow them entry into Chile for up to 90 days and will be charged a reciprocity fee payable in cash (the fee is around US\$117 but changes regularly so please contact a Chilean mission on the details below to confirm the current price). The tourist card should be retained as it may be required at the time of departure from Chile. Passports should be valid for 6 months beyond the period of intended stay.

Travellers should also be able to show documents confirming their ability to financially maintain themselves, as well as tickets and entry documents for their next destination. Special conditions apply to any children under the age of 18 years.

For further information, and to confirm that you are eligible to travel to Chile without a visa, please contact a Chilean mission on the details below. Persons travelling via the US are reminded of their obligation to comply with US entry and transit requirements.

Vaccinations and Health Precautions

The following information is intended as a guide only and in no way should it be used as a substitute for professional medical advice relative to a travellers individual needs and vaccination history. No guarantee is made as to its accuracy or thoroughness. For further information, please contact The Travel Doctor on 1300 658 844.

Vaccination against Hepatitis A is recommended for travellers to Chile. Vaccination against Hepatitis B should be considered by frequent or long stay travellers. Vaccination against Typhoid should be considered particularly when travelling to areas with poor sanitation and hygiene. Cholera is reported in Chile, but immunisation is usually not recommended. Care with food and beverage selection is far more important than vaccination.

Regardless of destination, all travellers should be up-to-date with their routine "background" vaccinations including for Influenza. Please consult a medical practitioner or contact The Travel Doctor for your specific risk to these preventable diseases and the appropriate avoidance measures. Australians travelling to Chile should ensure that they have adequate travel insurance to cover the length of their stay. Medications that are legal in Australia may be illegal in other countries. For further information on insurance, taking medication overseas and other issues please visit www.smarttraveller.gov.au/tips.

Chilean Representation in Australia

Embassy of Chile, Canberra

10 Culgoa Circuit
O'MALLEY ACT 2606

Tel: (02) 6286 4027 (Consular Office)
Fax: (02) 6286 1289

Consulate General of Chile, Sydney

Level 18, 44 Market Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Tel: (02) 9299 2533
Fax: (02) 9299 2868

Chile also maintains Consulates and Honorary Consulates in the following cities:

Brisbane: (07) 3208 8444
Melbourne: (03) 9866 4041
Perth: 0413 842 266



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Time Differences between Chile and Australia

Chile is Greenwich Mean Time -4 hours (-3 during daylight saving). Daylight saving is observed from the second Sunday in October to the second Sunday in March. The applicable time zone is Chile Standard Time (CLT) or Chile Summer Time (CLST). The following times in Australia are a day ahead of the time in Chile, for instance if it's Sunday afternoon in Chile, it's Monday morning in Australia.

Chile, 12 noon, Winter (Jun) = Perth midnight; Adelaide, Darwin 1:30am; Brisbane, Hobart, Melbourne, Sydney 2am.

Chile, 12 noon, Summer (Dec) = Perth 11pm; Darwin 12:30am; Brisbane 1am; Adelaide 1:30am; Hobart, Melbourne, Sydney 2am.

Important Contact Numbers

Country Code for Chile: +56

To Dial Australia Call: 00 61 <City> <Number>

Australian Reverse Charges Direct:

Entel - 800 360 150 - No pay or mobile phones.

Tele Mundo - 800 800 287 - Not all pay phones.

Travelex Card Services:

Call the US on 00 1 954 838 8294

Visa Global Assistance:

1230 020 2136

MasterCard:

1230 020 2012

American Express Travellers Cheques:

1230 020 0549

Emergency Services:

Ambulance 131

Fire 132

Police 133

These services may not have English speaking staff. To avoid delay it may be best to seek the assistance of a Spanish speaker to call the emergency services.

Important Information to be Recorded

Travellers are encouraged to carry photocopies of all important documents separately to their originals, and to leave a set of these photocopies with someone in Australia. This includes those documents listed below.

Passports

Name: _____ Passport #: _ _ _ _ _

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Credit Cards

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Card Number: _ _ _ _ _

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Card Number: _ _ _ _ _

Travel Insurance

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Policy #: _____ Emergency #: _____

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Policy #: _____ Emergency #: _____

Australian Representation in Chile

Australian Embassy, Chile

Isidora Goyenechea 3621

Levels 12 and 13

Las Condes

SANTIAGO DE CHILE

Tel: (+56 2) 2550 3500

Fax: (+56 2) 2550 3560

Web: www.chile.embassy.gov.au

Alternatively, Australians may obtain assistance by contacting the 24 hour Consular Emergency Centre in Australia on (+61) 2 6261 3305.

Australians in Chile are encouraged to register their presence and contact details with the Australian Embassy in Santiago, or online with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade at www.orao.dfat.gov.au.



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Duty Free Allowances

Duty Free allowance when entering Chile:
Alcohol: Up to 2.5 L of alcoholic beverages.
Tobacco: 400 cigarettes or 50 cigars or 500 g of tobacco.
Total Goods: Up to US\$500.

Duty Free allowance when entering Australia:
Alcohol: 2.25 litres.
Tobacco: 25 cigarettes plus one open packet of cigarettes.
Other Tax Free Goods: Up to AUD\$900 (\$450 for minors).

For further information on customs and duty free regulations when entering Chile, please visit the National Customs Service website at www.aduana.cl.

For further details on Australian duty free allowances and other customs restrictions please go to www.border.gov.au.

Minors may not claim alcohol or tobacco products. Further restrictions apply to these and other goods, travellers should familiarise themselves with these restrictions before entry.

Electrical and Telephone Adaptors

Electrical Plug: European
Voltage: 220-240 volts
Modem Plug: USA

Special Tip: Some areas of Chile also use the three pinned Italian plug socket, but this is very uncommon.

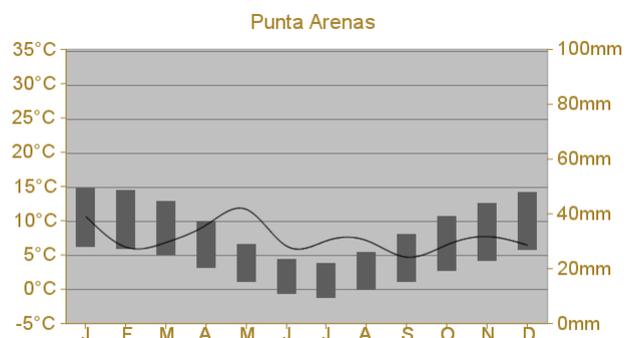
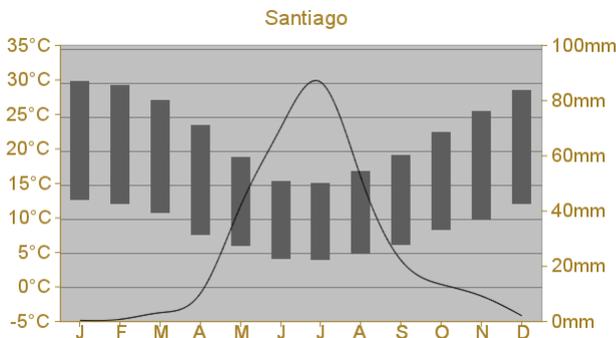
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Chilean Holidays 2018

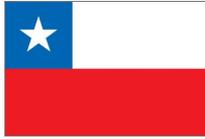
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| 01 Jan: New Year | 17-18 Sep: Independence Day |
| 17-18 Jan: Papal Visit | 19 Sep: Army Day |
| 30 Mar: Good Friday | 15 Oct: Columbus Day |
| 01 May: Labour Day | 01 Nov: All Saints Day |
| 21 May: Navy Day | 02 Nov: Day of Churches |
| 02 Jul: St Peter & Paul | 08 Dec: Immaculate Conception |
| 16 Jul: Virgin of Carmen Day | 25 Dec: Christmas |
| 15 Aug: Assumption | |

Average Temperature (Bar) and Precipitation (Line) in Chile



Source: Direccion Meteorologica de Chile. For local forecasts please go to www.meteochile.cl or www.bbc.co.uk/weather.

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Interbank Rate

1 Australian Dollar (AUD) = 493 Chilean Pesos
 1,000 Chilean Peso (CLP) = 2.03 Australian Dollars

With 4% Margin

1 Australian Dollar (AUD) will buy 474 Chilean Pesos
 1,000 Chilean Peso (CLP) will cost 2.11 Australian Dollars

All rates were correct at a point in time on Monday, 05 Nov 2018. The "Interbank Rate" does not take into account any exchange fees, while the "With 4% Margin" adds 4% to the exchange rate to simulate a typical margin that would be paid when exchanging currencies. These rates have been rounded and should not be used when calculating transactions of large value.

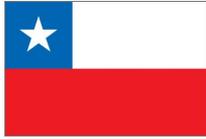
Currency Cheat Sheet

This cheat sheet uses the "With 4% Margin" rate of exchange listed above.		
\$500 CLP = \$1.05 AUD	\$10,000 CLP = \$21.09 AUD	\$100,000 CLP = \$210.87 AUD
\$1,000 CLP = \$2.11 AUD	\$20,000 CLP = \$42.17 AUD	\$200,000 CLP = \$421.75 AUD
\$2,000 CLP = \$4.22 AUD	\$30,000 CLP = \$63.26 AUD	\$300,000 CLP = \$632.62 AUD
\$3,000 CLP = \$6.33 AUD	\$40,000 CLP = \$84.35 AUD	\$400,000 CLP = \$843.49 AUD
\$4,000 CLP = \$8.43 AUD	\$50,000 CLP = \$105.44 AUD	\$500,000 CLP = \$1,054.37 AUD
\$5,000 CLP = \$10.54 AUD	\$60,000 CLP = \$126.52 AUD	\$600,000 CLP = \$1,265.24 AUD
\$6,000 CLP = \$12.65 AUD	\$70,000 CLP = \$147.61 AUD	\$700,000 CLP = \$1,476.11 AUD
\$7,000 CLP = \$14.76 AUD	\$80,000 CLP = \$168.70 AUD	\$800,000 CLP = \$1,686.99 AUD
\$8,000 CLP = \$16.87 AUD	\$90,000 CLP = \$189.79 AUD	\$900,000 CLP = \$1,897.86 AUD
\$9,000 CLP = \$18.98 AUD		\$1 million CLP = \$2,108.74 AUD

Notes and Coins

The legal currency of Chile is the Peso, which is abbreviated using the symbol "\$" and has the currency code "CLP". The peso does have a subunit, but it is too small in value to be used in day to day transactions. The following units of currency are the most common however other units are also in circulation. Pictures are not to scale. As it is illegal in many countries to print copies of bank notes, travellers are advised not to take the below images with them when travelling.





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About Chile

Full Name: Republica de Chile (Republic of Chile).

Independence: 18 September 1810 (from Spain).

Size: 756,102 sq km (similar to the size of New South Wales).

Population: 17 million (78% the size of Australia).

Ethnicity: white and white-Amerindian 95%, Mapuche 4%, other indigenous 0.6%.

Language: Spanish (official), Mapudungun.

Religion: Catholic 70%, Evangelical 15%, Jehovah's Witnesses 1.1%.

Significant Dates:

- 13,000 BC - Nomadic hunters settle along South America's west coast.
- 1450 AD - Incas conquer northern Chile.
- 1520 - Magellan from Portugal is the first European to sight Chile.
- 1541 - Spanish conquest of Chile begins. Santiago is founded.
- 1810-18 - Chile wins its independence after an eight year struggle.
- 1879-83 - Chile wins northern regions after war with Peru & Bolivia.
- 1973-90 - General Pinochet overthrows the leftist government and establishes a dictatorship.
- 2010 - An 8.8 magnitude earthquake strikes central Chile causing widespread damage.

Largest metro areas:

Santiago	pop - 5.8 million
Concepción	pop - 1 million
Valparaíso	pop - 930,000
La Serena	pop - 350,000
Temuco	pop - 340,000
Antofagasta	pop - 290,000

