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Chile, officially the Republic of Chile, is a country in the western part of South America. It occupies a long, narrow strip of land between the Andes to the east and the Pacific Ocean to the west. Chile covers an area of 756,096 square kilometers (291,930 sq mi), with a population of 17.5 million as of 2017. Chile is the southernmost country in the world, the closest to Antarctica, and borders Peru to the north, Bolivia to the northeast, Argentina to the east, and the Drake Passage in the far south. Chile also controls the Pacific islands of Juan Fernández, Isla Salas y Gómez, Desventuradas, and Easter Island in Oceania. It also claims about 1,250,000 square kilometers (480,000 sq mi) of Antarctica under the Chilean Antarctic Territory. The country's capital and largest city is Santiago, and its national language is Spanish.

Population

12,19 millones

GDP (percapita)

USD13,231,70

Capital city

Santiago de Chile

Languages

Spanish

Currency

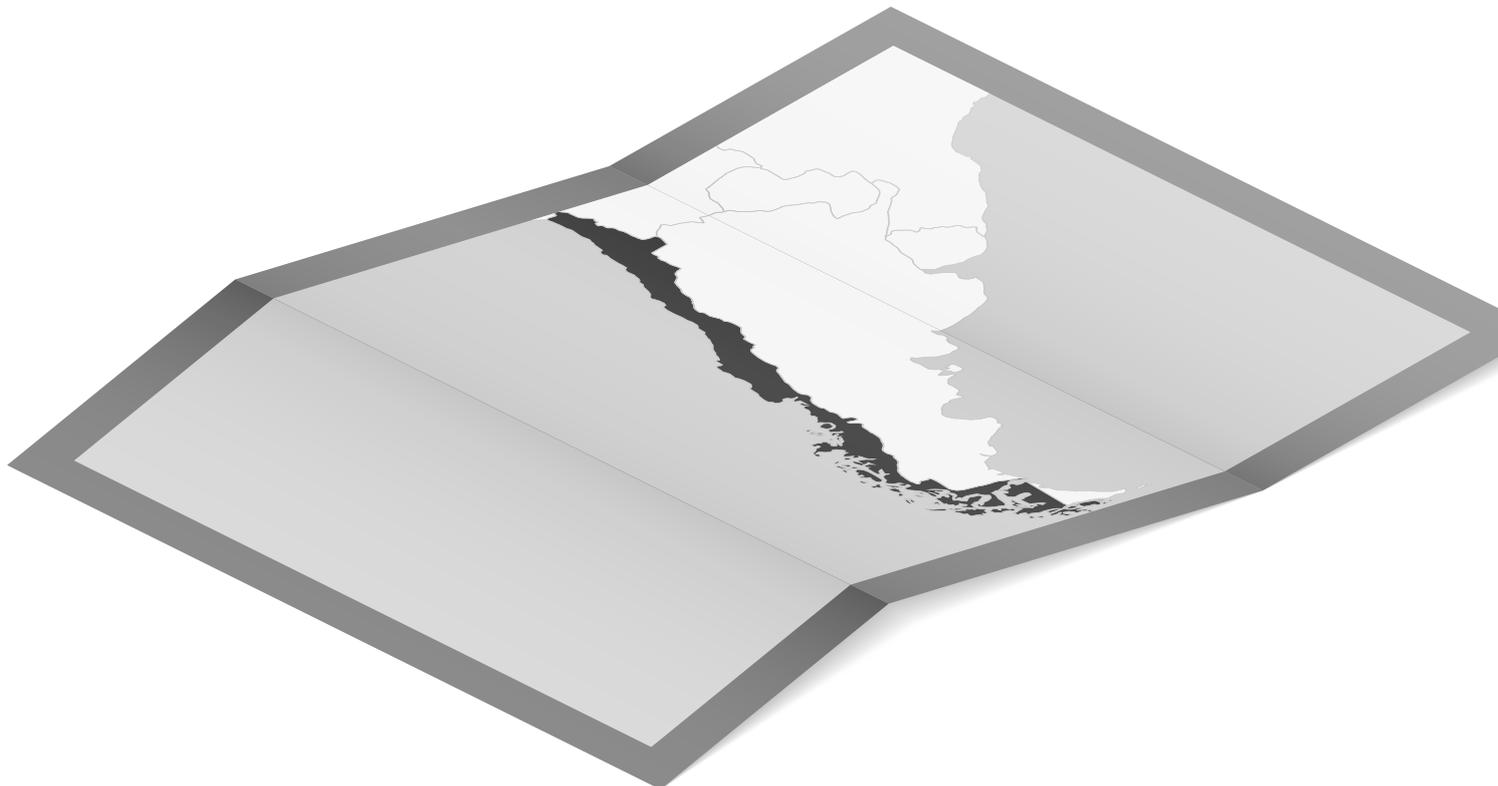
Pesos (chilenos)

Main Industry

Mining production

Total area

756,950 Km²





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Activities

Boasting one of the planet's most diverse landscapes, Chile has in recent years become an increasingly popular travel destination, particularly among nature lovers and adventure seekers. Here in this long, narrow nation on the west coast of South America, travelers will find an array of stunning sightseeing opportunities, from the tall peaks of the Andes and endless beaches to lush temperate forests, ancient volcanoes, and a dramatic coastline such as that found at Cape Horn.

Chile is also blessed with an abundance of superb national parks and conservation areas, many of them popular destinations for those into trekking and hiking, as well as those who enjoy adventurous things to do such as climbing, river rafting, mountain biking, and horseback riding.

But Chile is not without its cultural attractions, too, with cities such as the capital of Santiago offering many fine museums and art galleries, and stunning Easter Island with its famous stone figures. Whatever your travel preferences, you'll find no shortage of beautiful places to visit and photograph in Chile.

Places to visit

Valparaíso: best place for sweeping views and street art

This scrappy seaport west of Santiago has a way of capturing travelers' hearts (and upending onward travel plans). Maybe it's the sweeping views you get from hotels and hostels that cling off the edge of the city's 42 hills? Perhaps it's the narrow lanes of Unesco-listed architecture, which are covered in prismatic street art? Or could it be the 100-year-old funiculars, which transport visitors up into the clouds? Whatever the reason, Valparaíso has an unkempt charm that can become oddly addicting.

Santiago de Chile

A bustling city like Santiago de Chile has a lot to offer to its tourists. From museums to markets, there is something for everyone to discover.

- The only place in the world where you can ski in the Andes, then stroll the beach and surf in the Pacific Ocean, all in the same day.
- Vibrant, cosmopolitan city with museums, theatres, art galleries, fine dining, nightlife, bustling markets, grand architecture and more.
- Dramatic setting overlooking the Andes on one side and the Pacific on the other.
- Panoramic views of the leafy city from Santiago's iconic park, Cerro San Cristóbal.



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Food

Below you will find a list of some of the most traditional Chilean foods and beverages which are must haves on any trip to the Latin American nation:

Pastel de choclo

Chile's most iconic dish is based on a variant of corn called choclo, which is slightly sweet. While there are many different versions of this dish, the most typical consists of a purée of corn mixed with basil and coriander, ground beef, onions, a piece of chicken, hard-boiled eggs cut in quarters, and a few black olives.

Empanadas de pino

Chile's favorite snack / appetizer / street food. While you can find empanadas (a pastry stuffed with a variety of ingredients) in several South American countries, the recipes are different in each of them. In the case of Chile, the specialty is empanada de pino (iwhich, by the way, has nothing to do with a pine tree!).

Entertainment

In Chile, and especially in Santiago, there is a great variety of restaurants and pubs where you can enjoy Chilean food and music, not just typical traditional. Walking down any street, you will find singers, joke-tellers, comics, mimes, painters and jugglers, all of whom share their art and idiosyncrasy with the visitor.

- Downtown Santiago
- Metropolitan Park-Zoo
- Providencia - Suecia
- Malls

Most expensive neighbourhoods

- Vitacura
- Las condes



Rentist residency

A Temporary Resident Visa is required for all foreign nationals travelling to Chile with the purpose of residence based on family ties with Chilean nationals, investment in Chile or whose residence is considered useful or advantageous for the country.

This kind of visa allows the holder to work, study and/or do businesses, for a maximum length of one year. The parents, spouse or children of the person applying for a Temporary Resident may apply for a Dependent Temporary Resident Visa, which does not allow them to work. The relationship with the main applicant must be supported with the original marriage or birth certificates

Requirements:

- Valid passport issued by the corresponding authority of the country of origin or similar document, qualified as such by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile, whose validity is equal to or greater than the visa granted.
- Application letter, addressed to the Chilean consul, stating the reason for the trip, the economic means available to him in Chile, activities to be carried out, his last habitual residence, and if he was previously in Chile, in what capacity (tourism, visa, etc.) And when did you leave the country.
- Criminal record certificate, apostilled or legalized, no more than 60 days old on the date of visa application.
- Medical certificate.
- Color photograph, 5x5 centimeters, passport size, with white background, whose full face and front face are 3/4 of the photograph.



Investors Residency

This visa is aimed at foreign entrepreneurs, investors, merchants or business people in general who travel to the national territory for periods of more than ninety days for reasons of their activities and interests in the country.

As it is a temporary residence visa, it has a duration of up to 1 year, after which time, an extension for the same period may be requested or a Definitive Permanence may be requested.

If you request it as the HOLDER, you can carry out any lawful activity within the country (work, invest, study, etc).

If requested as a DEPENDENT (spouse, parents, children), you may reside in Chile during the validity of the holder's visa, but you may NOT work.

There is no minimum investment required. However, it must be in accordance with the type of project or business to be developed in the country.

Documentation:

- Completed and signed temporary residence visa application;
- A photocopy of the following pages of your passport:
- Identification sheet: number and dates of granting and expiration of the passport;
- Sheet with entry stamp to the country;
- When applicable, a photocopy of the Sheet containing the Consular Tourism Visa; Y,
- Photocopy of the last Tourist Card. If you lost the Tourism Card get a Duplicate here;
- Additional document if you are a national of Colombia, Peru or the Dominican Republic (only for people over 18 years of age):

^{CO} Colombia: Certificate of Judicial Background in force and fully processed.

^{PE} Peru: Valid Consular Certificate of Criminal Record requested at the Consulate.

^{DO} Dominican Republic: Certificate of NO Current Criminal Record, obtained at the Consulate of the Dominican Republic in Chile.



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