



## Country Profile: Chile

Chile is a rapidly developing country with a large, educated middle class and a robust free-market economy. Tourist facilities are generally good and are continuously improving. Read the Department of State's [Background Notes](#) on Chile for additional information.

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### COUNTRY OVERVIEW



<b>Country Name:</b>	Chile
<b>Continent:</b>	South America
<b>Capital City:</b>	Santiago
<b>Boundary Countries:</b>	Argentina, Bolivia, Peru<
<b>Recommended Hospitals in Capital:</b>	<b>Concepcion: Clinica Francesa</b> <b>Puerto Varas: Clinica Alemana</b> <b>Santiago: Clinica Las Condes, Hospital Mutual de Seguridad</b> Antofagasta: Hospital Dr. Leonardo Guzman Concepcion: Clinica Sanatorio Aleman La Dehesa: Clinica Alemana Osorno: Clinica Alemana Punta Arenas: Centro Medico – El Bosque Santiago: Centro Médico San Joaquín, Clinica Santa Maria, Clinica Universidad Catolica, Hospital Clinico UC, Hospital del Trabajador, VitaClinic Temuco: Clinica Alemana Viña del Mar: CentroMed, Clinica Rañaca
<b>Main Cities:</b>	Santiago, Valparaiso, Concepcion, Punta Arenas, Iquique, Huasco, Arica, Antofagasta, Coquimbo, San Antonio, Rancagua, San Vicente, Lebu, Temuco, Puerto Montt, Talcahuano
<b>Country Size:</b>	756,950 sq km
<b>Population:</b>	16,284,741

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### COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

<b>Language:</b>	Spanish
<b>Currency:</b>	Chilean Peso (CLP)
<b>Predominant Religions:</b>	Roman Catholic 70%, Evangelical 15.1%, Jehovah's Witness 1.1%, other Christian 1%, other 4.6, none 8.3%
<b>National Holidays:</b>	Independence Day, 18 September (1810)
<b>Economic Status:</b>	Chile is a rapidly developing country with a large, educated middle class and a robust free-market economy.
<b>Security:</b>	Army of the Nation, Chilean Navy (Armada de Chile, includes naval air, marine corps, and Maritime Territory and Merchant Marine Directorate (Directemar), Chilean Air Force (Fuerza Aerea de Chile, FACH), Chilean Carabineros (National Police)

<b>US Presence:</b>	The U.S. Embassy is located at Avenida Andres Bello 2800, Santiago, Chile. The telephone number is (56) (2) 232-2600. The Embassy website is <a href="http://www.usembassy.cl">http://www.usembassy.cl</a> and the email is <a href="mailto:SantiagoAMCIT@state.gov">SantiagoAMCIT@state.gov</a> . The Consular Section fax # is (56) (2) 330-3005. The American Citizen Services section is open to the public from 8:30a-11:30a, Monday through Friday, except American and Chilean holidays.
<b>Major Airports:</b>	Airports: 363, Airports w/paved runways: 73  Santiago- Arturo Merino Benitez Airport (SCL/SCEL) Santiago Airport, Chile, Casilla 1152, Santiago, CHILE Tel: +56 (0)2 676 3000, +56 (0)2 601 9008 Fax: +56 (0)2 601 9416, +56 (0)2 601 9366 E-mail: <a href="mailto:ap.amb@dgac.cl">ap.amb@dgac.cl</a> Website: <a href="http://www.dgac.cl">www.dgac.cl</a>

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