



WELCOME TO CHILE!



Nestled between the majestic Andes Mountains and the Pacific Ocean, Santiago is a vibrant city that seamlessly blends rich history with modern charm. As you explore our bustling streets, you'll discover a tapestry of cultural experiences, from world-class museums and historic landmarks to lively markets and excellent dining.

Whether you're here to enjoy the stunning views from San Cristóbal Hill, stroll through the picturesque neighborhoods of Bellavista, Lastarria, and Italia, or savor the renowned Chilean wines, Santiago promises an unforgettable adventure.

We hope you enjoy your stay and make the most of everything our beautiful city has to offer!



OVERVIEW

Santiago is Chile's capital and one of the largest cities in Latin America with over 8 million people. Founded in 1541, the city center is characterized by a 19th-century neoclassical architecture. Its cityscape is defined by several stand-alone hills and the Mapocho River. The outskirts are surrounded by vineyards, and Santiago is within an hour's drive from both the mountains and the Pacific Ocean. Most of the city is situated between 500–650 m (1,640–2,133 ft) above sea level.



WHAT TO DO IN SANTIAGO

Palacio de La Moneda

Chile's presidential seat, La Moneda, is in downtown Santiago. A guard changing ceremony happens every other day at 10am during weekdays and at 11am on weekends. Nearby, you can also visit Centro Cultural La Moneda where you can enjoy art and cultural exhibits.

Barrio Italia

Considered a haven within the bustling capital, this neighborhood adds personality and a "vintage" air to the city of Santiago. With small and attractive shopping galleries nestled inside old, restored houses, there are restaurants, cafés, as well as art galleries, theaters, and antique shops that offer a varied alternative when looking to explore the capital.

Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes, Barrio (neighborhood) Lastarria and Parque Forestal

If you visit Barrio Lastarria and Parque Forestal on Saturdays or Sundays, you will find the area bustling with people enjoying the flea markets or street music in one of the most bohemian neighborhoods in Santiago. You can also check out the art displays inside Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes (National Museum of Fine Arts) or go for a walk to the top of Santa Lucía Hill, both of which are right around the corner.

CHECK OUT THE VIEW

The Andes Mountain range gives Santiago many beautiful vistas and the views from San Cristóbal Hill should not be missed.

You can reach the top by cable car (teleférico) or the 100-year-old funicular. The summit features a statue of the Virgin Mary and incredible vistas overlooking the city. There are also walking and hiking trails that offer breathtaking views. For safety reasons, we recommend taking a guided tour.

You can also visit Sky Costanera, a 300-meter-high observation deck set on top of the Costanera Tower, the highest viewpoint in South America. This observatory is open year-round, and it features a 360° glass-walled view of the city. The building also houses the largest shopping mall in Santiago, the Costanera Center.

If you wish to explore one of the city's largest and most easily accessible parks on foot, Parque Bicentenario is an excellent option. With 27 hectares featuring native trees and a lagoon where flamingos, taguas, herons and triles live together, it is ideal for a long walk or jog.



WHERE TO EAT?

STEAK

Carnal Prime Steakhouse: USDA Angus beef with an exclusive raw bar.

carnalprime.cl

Happening: One of the best restaurants to enjoy a tasty steak.

happening.cl

Rubaiyat: Recognized for two consecutive years as "The Best Steakhouse in Chile".

gruporubaiyat.com/en/casa/rubaiyat-chile

SEAFOOD

La Calma by Fredes: Delectable Chilean seafood restaurant.

lacialma.cl

La Mar Cebichería: Excellent Peruvian food featuring lots of fresh fish and seafood.

lamarcebicheria.com/santiago-de-chile

CHILEAN

Aquí está Coco: Traditional Chilean dishes and seafood.

aquiestacoco.com

El Mesón de la Patagonia: Crab and lamb prepared in the traditional Patagonian style.

meson.cl

MISCELLANEOUS

Ambrosía: Offers a menu that changes daily with fresh seasonal ingredients, a wide selection of wines, good music and a beautiful garden.

ambrosia.cl

Dagan: Food "from somewhere in the Mediterranean".

daganresto.com

Don Doh: A Japanese steakhouse that offers a casual dining experience.

dondoh.com/santiago

El Toro: A city bar with international cuisine.

eltoro.cl

Tigre: A contemporary restaurant and bar known for its exceptional service, signature cocktails, and vibrant atmosphere.

tigrestorran.cl

CV GALERÍA:

A space that integrates gastronomy, art and architecture with various options:

99: Chilean signature cuisine. Specializing in tasting menus with a strong emphasis on Chile's wine regions.

99restaurante.com

La Dicha: A fusion-style restaurant with signature cuisine and cocktails.

ladicha.cl



Important: A 10% tip is usually suggested but not mandatory. Tipping above this amount is neither expected nor necessary.



AROUND SANTIAGO

DAY TRIPS

Pirque

There are a lot of things to do just outside the city. For many residents of Santiago, **Pirque** is considered the ideal getaway. It is located 45 minutes from downtown Santiago, where its colonial style remains intact. The area is surrounded by vineyards, national parks, restaurants, and boutique hotels. Among the must-sees is **the Las Majadas Hotel**, an old palace from 1907 surrounded by 8 hectares of French-style park, making it an unforgettable place.

Another iconic place in Pirque is the **Concha y Toro vineyard**. Founded in 1883, it features 23 hectares of parkland and a majestic mansion. Here, you can take a wine tasting tour and witness the place where the legend of the 'Casillero del Diablo wine' was born.

Cajón del Maipo

A few kilometers southeast of Santiago you can go to **Cajón del Maipo**, a narrow canyon where the Maipo River flows, featuring magnificent views of the Andes Mountains with natural landscapes, small remote communities and roadside eateries. If you have time, you may also visit **El Yeso reservoir**.

Vineyards

Chile is known for having top wineries and vineyards. There are several that are easily accessible from Santiago, like **Viña Cousiño Macul** and **Viña Undurraga**. You can also head to the **Casablanca Valley** between Santiago and Valparaíso for a day of wine tasting at **Casas del Bosque** or **Emiliana (organic)**. **Matetic Vineyards** is located in the Rosario Valley and offers a colonial-style hotel, and their restaurant is the perfect place to enjoy Chilean cuisine par excellence.

Santa Rita Winery is located just 45 minutes from Santiago and features a museum that allows visitors to explore Chilean culture and history.

Wine Shopping

If you can't get out of the city and you want to buy some wine to bring home, you can visit the store "**El Mundo del Vino**" on Isidora Goyenechea 2931, Las Condes. They carry a unique selection of local wines.



If you'd like to arrange a city tour, visit nearby vineyards, or enjoy a curated Santiago experience, please contact our boutique travel agency.



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SHOPPING CENTERS

Costanera Center:

The largest shopping mall in Santiago
Avenida Andrés Bello 2425
Providencia
www.costaneracenter.cl

Casa Costanera:

Open-air, luxury shopping mall
Nueva Costanera 3900
Vitacura
www.casacostanera.cl

Parque Arauco:

Luxury stores and many restaurants
Av. Pdte. Kennedy 5413
Las Condes
www.parquearauco.cl



USEFUL INFORMATION

SANTIAGO'S INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Comodoro Arturo Merino Benítez, also known as Aeropuerto Pudahuel, is located on the west side of the city, approximately 30–40 minutes by car from Santiago's downtown. The airport offers the following official public transportation options: basic taxis and executive taxis, minibuses and buses. There is an official taxi booth located next to the baggage claim sector.

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WEATHER

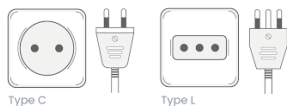
During mid-June, Santiago is transitioning from autumn into winter, with cooler days and crisp mornings. You can expect:

- Daytime temperatures ranging from 8°C to 18°C (46°F to 64°F)
- Nighttime temperatures dropping to around 6°C to 10°C (43°F to 50°F)
- Occasional rainfall, though many days remain clear.
- A mix of sunny skies and overcast periods.

It's still a pleasant time to explore the city, especially during the day. We recommend bringing layers, a light-to-medium coat, and comfortable shoes, as temperatures can vary throughout the day. Clear days often offer beautiful views of the Andes, making it a particularly scenic time to be in Santiago.

ELECTRICITY

Chile uses 220 volt, 50 cycle electricity. Travelers will require a voltage converter for 110-volt devices.



TRANSPORTATION

Santiago offers a variety of safe and convenient transportation options to help you move around the city with ease:

Ride-Hailing Apps

Apps such as Uber and Cabify operate in Chile and are widely used. They are considered safe, reliable, and convenient, making them a great option for visitors.

Night Transfers

For evening or late-night travel, it is recommended to arrange transportation through your hotel desk. Many hotels have agreements with trusted providers, ensuring a secure and comfortable experience.

Public Transportation

Santiago's public system includes buses and Metro (subway), both efficient and affordable. To use them, you must purchase a BIP! card.

Cards can be bought and recharged at Metro stations. The same card works for both buses and the Metro network.

Taxis

Taxis are readily available throughout the city. You will recognize them by their black exterior and yellow roofs. Fares are typically paid in cash.

It is recommended to always carry some local currency (Chilean pesos) when using this service. Make sure the cab is metered to ensure you pay a fair rate.

CURRENCY

In Chile, all payments are accepted in cash with Chilean pesos or with major international credit cards. You can exchange money at the airport and some shopping malls also have exchange offices. If paying for items in cash, always keep small bills on hand; many vendors will not be able to break a 20,000-peso note.





SAFETY TIPS

These simple precautions will help you enjoy Santiago comfortably and with confidence.



Be aware of your surroundings in busy areas and public transportation, as you would in any major city. Keep personal belongings secure, especially in crowded places (use zipped bags or backpacks worn in front).



Avoid displaying valuables such as smartphones or jewelry unnecessarily in public.



Use registered taxis or ride-hailing apps like Uber or Cabify for safe and reliable transport.



Prefer well-lit and busy areas at night, and plan your return transportation in advance.



Carry a mix of payment methods, but avoid carrying large amounts of cash.



Follow local advice from your hotel or hosts, as they can recommend trusted transport options and areas to visit.



IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

EMERGENCIES

Ambulance

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Fire Dept.

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Police Dept.

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Emergency
Las Condes

1402