

SIGMOD PODS 2024



City **Santiago**
Population **8,058,416**
Area **15 403 Km2**

Time Zone **UTC-3**
Season **Fall**
Power **220V**

TOURISM RECOMENDATION

PRE-TRIP

» To enter Chile, you must complete an Affidavit for the Chilean Agricultural and Livestock Service (SAG), pointing out whether or not you are bringing in: animals, vegetables, products, parts or by-products of animal and/or vegetable origin. It can be completed online at www.ingresoachile.cl, or on paper forms available at entry points.

» Book formal and official services. Look for different lodging alternatives and tourism activities in the country's National Registry of Tourism Service Providers www.serviciosturisticos.sernatur.cl.

» At airports and bus terminals always use formal and official transportation services. At Arturo Merino Benitez International Airport (AMB), the authorized means of transportation can be booked at the Terminal T2 exit at authorized counters. They are located after baggage claim and at the terminal exit. Pay special attention to the recommendations announced over the airport loudspeakers.

» Check the immigration requirements for entry.

» Travel insurance is recommended.

» Identify Travel Apps to explore and enjoy Chile and load maps offline on your phone. You will make the most of your stay and get to visit many tourist attractions.

ON YOUR TRIP

» Credit Cards

Widely accepted credit cards are Visa, MasterCard, Diners Club and American Express.

» Money Exchange

It is recommended that currency exchange is only done at official money exchange agencies. Such agencies can be found at the airport, downtown, shopping malls and hotels. Exchange rates for the US dollar changes daily.

For an updated exchange rate you can check <https://www.valor-dolar.cl/>

» Cash Machines (ATMs)

REDBANC ATMs are easy to find in the city, where Chilean pesos can be withdrawn. The most common places to find these ATMs are shopping malls, supermarkets and gas stations. Public ATMs can be used 24 hours a day and accept cards such as CIRRUS, PLUS and MAESTRO.

» Taxes and tips

In Chile a 19% tax is charged, called IVA (Value Added Tax), which is already included in the total price of any product for sale. The common tip given for the service in cafeterias and restaurants is 10%, and it is voluntary.

» Transportation

Santiago has many ways of moving through the city, also including interurban buses and train services. The city has excellent public transportation, such as Metro (subway), Transantiago (city buses) and taxi cabs. Also you can use Uber and Cabify Apps.

» Emergency phone numbers

Ambulance: 131 (Medical care)

Firefighters: 132 (Accidents or fire)

Carabilneros: 133 (Police)

Maritime Authority: 137

PDI: 134 (Chilean Investigative Police)

*Santiago de
Chile
is waiting
for you*