



## CHILE - COUNTRY FACT SHEET

### ➤ GENERAL INFORMATION

<b>Climate &amp; Weather</b>	There are 4 seasons. Temperature drops from the north to south. In the central part there can be a big difference between day and night temperatures.	<b>Time Zone</b>	CLT.
<b>Language</b>	Spanish.	<b>Currency</b>	CLP (Chilean Peso).
<b>Religion</b>	Catholic.	<b>International Dialing Code</b>	+ 56
<b>Population</b>	18.000.000 aprox.	<b>Internet Domain</b>	.cl
<b>Political System</b>	Democratic.	<b>Emergency Numbers</b>	133,132.
<b>Electricity</b>	220V.	<b>Capital City</b>	Santiago.
<b>What documents required to open a local Bank Account? Can this be done prior to arrival?</b>	Chilean RUT number, Work contract, Copy of the passport. No it can only be done, once visa has been granted and Chilean RUT delivered.	<b>Please confirm how salaries are paid? (eg monthly directly into a Bank Account)</b>	Paid on a monthly basis directly into a bank account.



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<b>Culture/Business Culture</b>	Not very punctual.
<b>Health care/medical treatment</b>	Public and Private healthcare available. Generally, private is suggested as public has very long waiting lists. Hospitals have excellent facilities and installations. Many professional and specialized doctors.
<b>Education</b>	Public schools are not recommended in Chile. Most expatriate families attend private schools or international schools. Public universities however are recommended. Local school and university calendars are from March to December.
<b>Utilities</b>	Electricity, Gas, Water, Internet, Phone, Cable. These are not included in monthly rent and paid separately by the tenant.
<b>Food &amp; Drink</b>	Typical Chilean Food: Cazuela (meat and vegetable soup), Pastel de Choclo (Corn Pie), and Empanadas. Drink: Chilean Wine.
<b>Leisure/Entertainment/Sport</b>	Soccer and Tennis are very important sports in Chile, although many people like to jog and cycle. Bellavista neighborhood in Santiago is great for entertainment and leisure.
<b>Security</b>	In general, Chile is a secure country. Police officers are very trustful and honest. However, some behavior modification is recommended for extra precaution.
<b>Driving</b>	Driving in Chile is safe and most people are able to drive without problems. Traffic can be challenging in some major cities like Santiago.
<b>Public Transport</b>	There are taxicabs, subway, and buses. The most suggested public transportation is the metro as it is clean and quick. In traffic hours, service delays are common due to the amount of people using it.
<b>Taking Pets</b>	It is common to have a pet in Chile, especially dogs and cats. There are many pet friendly areas. It is best to confirm with the airline any specific information on traveling with pets.
<b>Expat Groups</b>	Inter-nations Community. Canadian, American and British Association.



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### Cost of Living

Cost of living will depend on one's lifestyle which can be costly or inexpensive.

How much is  
1 litre milk:  
A loaf of bread:  
1 litre of petrol:

- Average price for 1 liter of Milk is \$1.18 USD
- A loaf of white Bread \$1.60 USD
- 1 liter of Petrol \$1.20 USD

## ➤ HOUSING AND TENANCY INFORMATION

Do expats tend to live in specific areas/ compounds or standalone properties throughout the city?

Yes, neighborhoods such as El Golf, La Dehesa, Santa Maria de Manquehue.

How long does it take between finding and securing a property?

It depends upon negotiations with the landlord, lease review time needed to approve the contract and how payments are managed. The average time to secure a property is 2 to 3 weeks.

How many days face to face home search package without any unforeseen problems are required for

**Single** 2 - 3 days  
**Couple** 3 - 4 days  
**Family** 4 - 5 days

Please advise availability of Furnished and Unfurnished properties and please advise what is normally included in Furnished and Unfurnished (eg. Carpets, curtains etc)

There are furnished and unfurnished properties. Unfurnished do not include light fixtures, curtains or electrical appliances. Furnished include everything, even linens and towels.

What is the length of a normal tenancy agreement?

12 months.

When are rental payments due?

Monthly  Quarterly   
 Yearly  Other   
 Explain when other:

What is normally the term to give notice?

60 days



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What are usually the tenancy renewal terms?	On a yearly basis.
What break clauses are generally available e.g. business/diplomatic, and what time scale can notice be given eg. 2 months after 6 months	Diplomatic Clause and generally with 60 days notice.
Is a deposit paid and how much will this be? Who holds the deposit and how is this protected?	Security deposit is 1 month's rent and landlord holds the deposit.  It will be returned usually 30 days after the property is returned to the landlord.
In what name can the tenancy agreement go? Eg. Individual, company	Individual and sometimes in the company's name.
When a property has been found - does a holding deposit has to be paid and how much? Will this secure the property	In some cases 1 month's rent is requested and it secures the property.
What information does a tenant or occupier need to provide before being able to secure the property eg. References, employer's reference, ID copies	In case the relocating company does not act as a guarantor, work contract and ID are requested.
Can properties be taken and rent paid at any time of the month or only on the 1st of the month?	They can be paid any time of the month but the norm is 1st or 15th of the month.
Are rents paid in currency of the country	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Is short term accommodation available?	Yes.
During tenancy who normally manages the property?	Tenant.
Are there any broker/government/agency fees to be paid	Realtor's commission is 1 month's rent, the landlord and tenant each pay half plus VAT.
Any other cost that client should be aware of when taking on a property? Such as tenancy preparation charges, government and service charges	Utilities, phone, cable and internet.



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Are tenancy agreements in English?

No.

## ➤ OTHER SERVICES

Is Rental furniture available?

Yes, it is available.

Is there any information you wish to share with us?