

# VIÑA DEL MAR

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GUIDE



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# Pre-Departure

Please see our Pre-Departure Guide for All Programs for additional important pre-departure information!

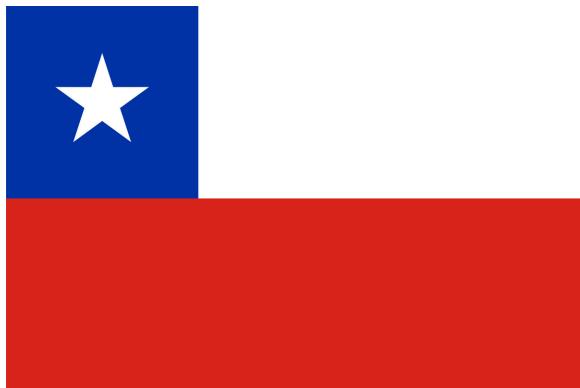
Please add the important numbers to your phone

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<p><u><a href="#">U.S. Embassy in Santiago, Chile</a></u> <a href="https://cl.usembassy.gov">https://cl.usembassy.gov</a> Av. Andrés Bello 2800 Las Condes Santiago, Chile Tel: +56 2 2330 3000</p>	<p><b>Additional Emergency Numbers</b> (Local numbers, as dialed in the Chile)</p> <p>Police <b>133</b> (If calling from a cell phone, dial 911)</p> <p>Ambulance <b>131</b></p> <p>Fire <b>132</b></p> <p>Coast Guard <b>137</b></p>

In an emergency, please contact your ASA Site Director immediately. It is of utmost importance that you notify your Site Director of any problems, issues, or concerns that you encounter while you're abroad.

011 = International Dialing Code

56 = Chile Country Code



# International Dialing Instructions

- Calling U.S. to Chile
  - Calling a Land line in Chile: 011 56 32 (then the 7-digit home number)
  - Calling a Cell Phone in Chile: 011 56 9 (then the 8-digit cell phone number)
- Calling within Chile
  - If you want to call from a land line ("red fija") to another land line, you only have to dial the number. For example, if you want to call the International Office from your home in Chile, just dial: 246 2734.
  - If you want to call a cell phone from your home (land line) you must first dial the cell phone code: 09. For example, if you need to call Kathleen Lowry just dial: 09 7876 8928. But, the majority of houses are not equipped to call cell phones from a *red fija*.
  - If you want to call a land line from a cell phone, you must first dial the area code of the phone you are calling. For example, if you need to call the UVM International Office from your cell phone, you must first dial Viña's area code 032, and then 246 2734. To call a land line in Santiago from your cell phone, you must first dial Santiago's area code 02 and then the 7-digit number
  - If you want to call a cell phone from another cell phone, just dial the 8-digit number. For example, if you need to call Kathleen Lowry from your cell phone, just dial: 7876 8928.



# Passport & Visa

All students must have a passport that is valid for at least 6 months beyond the day you plan to return to the U.S.

**IF YOU DON'T HAVE A U.S. PASSPORT, PLEASE NOTIFY ASA IMMEDIATELY!**

Non-U.S. citizens may have a different visa process than described below, that requires steps to be taken in the U.S. or your home country before you arrive in Chile.

**What should I do if I lose my passport?**

Contact the local police, the U.S. Embassy, and your Site Director immediately. Having a photocopy of your passport on hand will make it MUCH easier to have it replaced.

You **must** have your passport stamped upon your first entry into Chile (e.g. Santiago airport). This will document your entry into the country. Failing to get your passport stamped could cause problems with your visa. Check the stamp to make sure the entry date is easily legible!

- **Students going to Chile on a Semester or Academic Year program who obtained a Student Visa before departure:** After you deplane at Santiago airport and reach the Immigration checkpoint, present your passport with your visa inside it. You won't need any additional documentation besides this. If asked the purpose of your visit, they will look for your student visa inside your passport and probably try to explain what you'll need to do to register your visa with the PDF office. Don't worry, during Orientation the UVM will help you with this process.
- **If you are a Semester student and did NOT get a Student Visa, you will enter as a Tourist.**  
**Here is what you will need to do:** After you deplane at Santiago airport and reach the Immigration checkpoint, you will present your passport. You are entering Chile as a Tourist. Important: Keep the "*Tarjeta Internacional Entrada Salida*" (little sheet of paper with the stamp on it where you can clearly read the date of arrival to Chile) in a safe place. Ensure the stamp on this piece of paper with your entry date AND the stamp in your passport with the entry date can both be read clearly!! If you lose the sheet of paper or if the entry date can't be read easily, you will have to pay a fine and may be held by International Police when you try to leave Chile. If the Immigration officer has questions about the reason for your stay (e.g. if you are a student, why are you entering as a tourist), you should:
  - Explain that you will apply for your Student Visa in Valparaíso after receiving full details from the UVM during orientation.
  - Hand them the 2 UVM letters ASA will send to you. (An acceptance letter from the UVM will be mailed to you before you depart. A letter from the UVM letter confirming you will apply for your visa after arrival will be emailed to you shortly before you depart. You can give these letters to the Immigration officer as back-up in case of any confusion.)

# Passport & Visa

- U.S. passport holders entering Chile as a tourist do not have to pay the \$160 reciprocity fee.
- Upon returning home, all U.S. passport holders will have to pay an Airport Exit Tax of about US\$18 or equivalent in Chilean pesos. (For domestic flights within Chile, this is included in the plane ticket fare.)
- For full details on the Tourist Visa and Student Visa, please visit <https://www.academicstudies.com/pre-departure>

## STEP: Safe Traveler Enrollment Program

STEP registration is MANDATORY to complete before departure. This free service, offered by the US Department of State, enables the DOS to quickly contact US citizens abroad during emergencies, such as natural disaster, civil unrest, or a family emergency. By registering, you also get real time updates about safety, security, health, and weather in country. Click this link to complete your STEP registration before departure: <https://mytravel.state.gov/s/step>

# Budgeting for Study Abroad

The Chilean PESO is the official currency of Chile and is abbreviated with a dollar sign (\$).

- If you are **traveling to rural areas of Chile, always carry pesos in cash** because credit cards may not be accepted!

Exchange rates fluctuate, so check [XE](#) for today's exchange rate.

## How much money should I bring?

US\$150 per week of your stay

*Please note that these are general guidelines based on what past students have reported spending. Some students spend less and others more. The figures do not allow for traveling every weekend, eating out a lot, or shopping every day.*

## What expenses should I budget for?

Please note: Housing, medical insurance, and all other ASA services are not included during the break between semesters or terms. \*Accounted for in weekly money recommendation above.

1. **Books and materials for your classes** Budget US\$250 per semester/US\$100 per summer session
2. **Local transportation** Budget \$150 per semester/US\$50 per summer session. Local transportation includes getting around town during your free time, getting to and from where your group is meeting to depart for an excursion or academic field trip, and getting home afterwards. This may include paying for bus and taxi fares.
3. **Cell phone** Budget US\$400 per semester/US\$100 per summer session.
4. **Spending money/Personal expenses\*** Entertainment, shopping, souvenirs, dining out, travel, haircuts, toothpaste, etc. This is accounted for in our weekly money recommendation.
5. **Meals on excursions** (Accounted for in weekly recommendation above).
6. **Transportation back to the airport at the end of the program** Budget US\$100
7. **Have at least \$1,000 in savings for emergencies**

Please refer to the Departure Dates page under Helpful Info on our website to be sure you book your flight to arrive within the window for airport pickup.

# Arrival

What should I do when I get off the plane at Santiago (SCL) airport?

## 01 Passport Control/Immigration

After you de-plane, you will go through Passport Control (also called Immigration). Follow the instructions in the "Passport and Visa" section above!

## 02 Baggage Claim

After Passport Control and Customs, follow signs to baggage claim. Delayed baggage must be reported to your airline's lost luggage counter before exiting the baggage claim area.

## 03 Meet Pick Up Staff

After claiming your bags, exit into the airport lobby and look for sign that says "UVM / Universidad de Viña del Mar." Mr. Carlos Torres or another UVM representative will be waiting for you in the airport lobby and will take you to your program housing. NOTE: They cannot meet you in baggage claim!

Contact Carlos Torres if you have a travel delay on your way to Chile. If you save Carlos' number exactly as below and have WhatsApp, you can text/call him for free if your phone is connected to WiFi or data.

If direct dialing: 011 56 9 9576 8846 (from the U.S.) / 9576 8846 (from a Chilean cell phone) / 09 9576 8846 (from a Chilean landline)

Email: [ctorres@uvm.cl](mailto:ctorres@uvm.cl) , [Carlos.torres.corro@gmail.com](mailto:Carlos.torres.corro@gmail.com) Facebook Messenger: [www.facebook.com/ctorrescorro](http://www.facebook.com/ctorrescorro)

**DO NOT leave the airport on your own (e.g. in a taxi) or with anyone except Carlos Torres or another UVM representative!**

## If my flight is delayed, will you still pick me up at the airport?

If you will not be arriving as scheduled, it is YOUR responsibility to notify the emergency contact person indicated on your Last-Minute Checklist. See above for inexpensive and quick transportation options to campus.

## Address for delivery of delayed luggage:

Please have lost luggage delivered directly to your host family's address. ASA will email you your housing assignment (including the address) approximately 2 weeks before your program start date. Write their address on your Last-Minute Checklist and pack it in your carry-on, and save their address to your phone's Notes.

# Arrival

## Orientation Week

During semester programs, the staff members from the UVM International Office will conduct a week-long orientation after you arrive in Viña del Mar. Summer students will also have a detailed orientation, but since they are staying in Chile for a shorter time period, the Summer orientation is shorter than the Semester orientation.

The UVM's orientation is designed to help you become familiar with your new environment. They will go over host family information, Chilean culture, excursions, safety procedures, policies, and much more. You will also have the opportunity to have all of your questions answered. Always feel free to bring your questions and concerns to your on-site staff! Their job is to help you adjust to life in Viña del Mar.

The following is a typical orientation week schedule for semester students. Your actual schedule may vary slightly. Once again, orientation for a summer program is shorter. You will receive a detailed orientation schedule upon arrival.

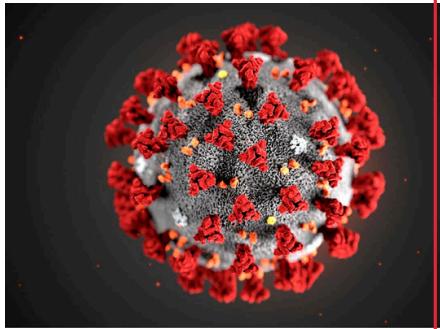
Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10:00	Welcome	Living in Chile Seminar	International Police	Campus Visit	City Tour
11:15	Carnet photos	Health & Safety Seminar			
12:00	Spanish Written Exam				
15:00	Spanish Oral Exam Enrollment	International Police: Visa Carnet	Living with a Chilean Family Seminar	Studying in Chile Seminar Registration	Registration for Classes

# Academics

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**Diego Portales 90**  
**2580022 Viña del Mar**  
**Valparaíso, Chile**

University Viña del Mar

[Website](#)



## COVID-19

Your host university may have COVID-19 protocols you must follow, such as sanitizing your desk after class, not congregating indoors, wearing a mask, sanitizing hands, and others. Please follow accordingly.



## Sports

At the UVM, you may choose to participate in soccer, rugby, tennis, Tae Kwan Do, volleyball or ping pong. If you're interested, inquire during orientation week.



## Virtual Tour

Take a [virtual tour](#) of UVM and discover the campuses before you arrive.

A detailed Calendar of Events, including orientation and excursion dates & locations, will be emailed to you about 2 weeks before your program starts. ASA will run as many of our normal excursions and activities as possible, according to what is permitted in your host city and country during COVID-19. Calendar is subject to change. All **Orientation Meetings are mandatory**. Click [here](#) to view the general Academic Calendar for your upcoming program (which includes dates of any breaks).

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## History

The Universidad de Viña del Mar (UVM) was founded on November 21, 1988 and currently has an enrollment of approximately 5,000 students. The Universidad de Viña del Mar is a private institution and is part of the selected Chilean universities that have been accredited by the Chilean Minister of Education, which certifies the quality of higher educational institutions and assures the completion of optimal academic standards.

The UVM's modern campus has characteristics and dimensions similar to higher education centers in Europe and North America. The 50-acre campus is located on the principle access street to Viña del Mar and minutes away from the center of the city. The UVM's educational model emphasizes social responsibility. It is a new institution that is proud of its innovations and flexibility, and strives to create leaders who can be competitive in today's global society. Therefore, the UVM's mission is "to create people who can contribute to the development of their surroundings, by gaining knowledge in an academic environment that is also humanistic, technologically advanced, and integrated." The UVM also stresses the importance of cultural exchange through sending Chilean students abroad and also by welcoming the international students on its campus.

## Viña del Mar and Valparaíso

Viña del Mar (or Viña as called by Chileans) is located 70 miles northwest of Santiago. It is the fourth largest city in Chile with a population of 320,000, and being a major vacation destination, the population increases tremendously during the summer months of January and February.

Viña del Mar is in the Region (state) of Valparaíso and actually 5 miles from the famous UNESCO World Heritage City of Valparaíso. These two cities together form the second largest urban center in Chile, with a combined population of over 600,000. Viña del Mar is famous for its beautiful beaches and its artistic performances at the Quinta Vergara. Valparaíso is recognized as the cultural and legislative capital of Chile. The uniqueness of both cities has turned area into the preferred destination for college students.

Around 60,000 students from all regions in Chile and various countries make up the student population. Viña del Mar was founded in 1878 as a place for the rich to get away from the cities of Santiago and Valparaíso. It has become much more than a town for the wealthy, as major Chilean and international companies have established their business here, helping the local economy boom. The town originally was an extension of the neighboring city of Valparaíso, but because of the growth, it was authorized to be a separate city in 1874.



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## Volunteer Opportunities

Participation in volunteer or internship opportunities in Chile is an excellent way to immerse oneself in our country's way of life. Volunteering adds another dimension to the study abroad experience through daily exposure and interactions, resulting in a greater understanding of the language, culture, and community of the host country.

During the third week of classes, the UVM International Office will have an information session about Volunteering, where you'll have the chance to find out more and sign up if you want. Also, there may be internship opportunities available as well, for an additional fee. Feel free to ask about this during the information session.

## English Open Doors Program

This Government sponsored program is designed to compensate for the lack of exposure to native English speakers faced by most students in Chile's public/subsidized school system. Volunteers work 4-16 hours a week in a local public/subsidized school. They work alongside Chilean EFL teachers in the classroom, and have the opportunity to lead their own lessons and activities that focus on listening and speaking.

## English Alliance Program

This program started as a branch of the UVM's Cultures in Contact course. The objective of the Cultures in Contact course is to expose International Students to different aspects of Chilean Culture. One way this can be achieved is by giving International Students the opportunity to volunteer in the community. As a way for UVM International Students to become involved in their surrounding community, the English Alliance Program was formed in 2005. International Students can choose from different High Schools, Middle Schools, Elementary Schools, and Preschools. Each student is placed in a Classroom with an English Teacher where they serve as Teacher's Assistants. Students are required to volunteer for an hour and a half once a week.



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## Hogares de Niños (Orphanages)

Another volunteer opportunity to work is in one of the many orphanages in the Viña del Mar and Valparaíso area. There are children of varying ages, and they are there for a variety of reasons (orphans, taken away from family for abuse). It is a wonderful way to give back to the community and help children in need. A typical student goes to the orphanage for several hours once a week and helps the "tía" (paid person in charge of the children) and plays with the kids while helping out with daily tasks.

## Medical Care/Clinic

The Universidad de Viña del Mar has a special agreement with the Clinica Miraflores ([www.clinicamiraflores.cl](http://www.clinicamiraflores.cl)). It is located in Miraflores Bajo on Calle Los Fresnos #276; Tel: 238-9900. All UVM international students will receive a free doctor's visit but must pay for other examinations and prescriptions. In order to receive your free doctor's visit, you have to first obtain a special letter from the UVM International Office and bring it with you to your appointment. To obtain this letter, contact Kathleen Lowry or Carlos Torres. Be sure to bring your passport or photocopy of passport with you to any doctor visit. Also, be sure to keep your receipts so you can be reimbursed by CISI.



# Academics

## Grades

You must check with your home institution to ensure you understand:

- The minimum grade you need to earn to receive transfer credit. Typically you need to earn a C or C+, but this can vary by institution. Check with your home institution to ensure you understand their requirements!
- Will your grades impact your GPA? Every institution handles this differently! Some institutions transfer in study abroad grades and it impacts your gpa. Some transfer in the grades and it doesn't impact your gpa. Others transfer in study abroad grades as pass/fail. Be sure you understand how your institution handles this.

You must check with your host institution or ASA Site Director upon arrival to ensure you understand:

- The deadline to change or drop classes. Classes dropped after your host institution's add/drop deadline will appear on your final transcript with a failing grade.
- What is your host institution's attendance policy? Absences from class will affect your grade and can result in a failing grade. Many institutions only allow a couple of absences a semester and only for valid reasons such as medical. Travel or family/friend visit is NOT ever an excused absence.

Percentage	Grade	Grade Point	Pass/Fail
6.0-7.0	A	4.0	Pass
5.0-5.9	B	3.0	Pass
4.0-4.9	C	2.0	Pass
0-3.9	F	0.0	Fail

These are suggested grade equivalencies provided by the host institution and are SUBJECT TO CHANGE. Your home institution may use a different set of equivalencies.

Your HOME INSTITUTION will ultimately determine your final grade and credit equivalencies.

## COVID-19 In Country

You are responsible for complying with all COVID-19 protocols and recommendations throughout your journey. COVID-19 protocols will vary based on the city where you are studying. Once you arrive, our Site Director(s) will educate you on the COVID-19 protocols you need to follow on site. **PROTOCOLS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE!** Local officials make changes to protocols based on case data, which may become stricter or more relaxed at any time.

Your housing and host institution may have their own COVID-19 protocols you must follow as well. Once again, these are subject to change without notice.

## Living with a Chilean Host Family

ASA will email you your housing assignment approximately 2 weeks before your program start date.

As a college student, the transition to living with a family again may be challenging at the beginning. Most likely your Chilean family, especially your host mother, will want to do a lot to help you. Expect that they will do all the laundry, cooking, cleaning and other household chores. Try to integrate into the family as much as possible, as this is the best way to learn about the culture, language and customs of a country! For the sake of courtesy, try to keep your room neat and advise your family when you will be staying out very late or staying at a friend's house. It is typical for college students to go out and "carretear" (party) on the weekends until late, so just keep your family advised of your plans. Your family will worry about you...so keep them informed!

- All students must abide by the ASA Code of Conduct that they signed prior to departure. Violating the Code of Conduct may lead to expulsion from your housing and/or from the ASA program. Any student removed from ASA housing will be responsible for finding their own housing and will receive no refund.
- Overnight guests are NOT allowed under any circumstance. Do not bring over guests of any kind without permission. Your host family will be upset if they find out you have brought guests over while they're not home.
- Drug use and alcohol abuse are strictly prohibited and may lead to you being removed from your housing and/or the program. Being drunk is considered abuse of alcohol.
- Always let your host family know that you appreciate everything they do for you! An occasional gift (flowers, dessert, etc.) is always appreciated.
- Ask before using the house phone. Outgoing calls are probably not allowed, but incoming calls may be.
- If you're going to miss a meal, let your family know ahead of time so they won't go to the trouble of making one for you!
- Let your family know if you'll be staying out late or spending the night elsewhere, so they won't worry. If you're traveling, let your host family know if you're leaving and when you plan to return.
- You won't have a curfew, but you must be quiet and courteous when returning home late at night.
- Do not take food from the kitchen or refrigerator without permission.
- You will receive ONE set of keys. It is forbidden to make copies of these keys. Be careful not to lose them! If you lose your keys, you will be required to change the locks and issue brand new keys for everyone, at YOUR expense.
- Out of respect for your host's home, please keep your room tidy and remember it is a home, not a hotel.

# Everyday Life

## Local Transportation & Traveling

Viña del Mar has excellent public transportation which you'll surely use.

### LA MICRO (Buses in Viña del Mar and Valparaíso)

With the "Pase Escolar," you can travel anywhere in Viña and Valparaíso and only have to pay 180 pesos (approx. US\$.40). However, on weekends and holidays after 9pm, you have to pay the local fare (300 pesos, approx. US\$.65), which depends on each bus. As you can see, the Micro is a super inexpensive way to get around!

Micro Fares:

Pase Escolar (Viña - Valpo): 180 pesos

Viña - Valparaíso - 360 pesos

Pase Escolar (Viña - Campus): 180 pesos

Viña - Reñaca - 360 pesos

Local: 300 pesos

### COLECTIVO (A shared taxi with a fixed route)

A "colectivo" is a taxi that has a fixed route and set fares. Colectivos have a sign on top of the car that indicates the major streets they pass and the number of the colectivo company. A colectivo can hold up to 4 people along its route. People get in and out of the colectivo just like a micro. You should let the driver know where you would like to be dropped off when you get into the colectivo.

Important Colectivo Etiquette:

- Greet the driver: "Hola, Buenos días" etc.
- Tell him where you are going: "Voy a ..."
- Ask the price if you don't know already: "¿Cuanto cuesta?"
- Say: "Se paga" when you hand your money to the driver (this is to be done at the BEGINNING of the ride, not at the end!)
- If you don't know exactly which street you're going to, you can ask the driver for help. Say: "Me avisa en..."
- Tell the driver when you want to get out. Say: "Me bajo acá, por favor" or "Aquí, por favor" or "En la próxima esquina, por favor."
- As you leave, say: "Gracias" or "Que te vaya bien."

### SUBWAY

There is a subway called Metro Valpo ([www.merval.cl](http://www.merval.cl)), which runs between Valparaíso and Limache.

Prices vary depending on where you get on and where you get off. Prices range from 200-780 pesos.

You must buy a rechargeable student card in order to use the Metro.

Metro Hours of Operation:

06:30 - 22:30 (peak hours are 07:30-09:30 and 18:00-19:30)

Puerto - Sgto. Aldea line: every 6 min.

Puerto - Limache line: every 15 min.

# Everyday Life

## Local Transportation & Traveling continued...

### TAXI

A taxi is an easy way to get around, but it's also the most expensive. Taxis charge by the kilometer, and they have a meter to keep track of your fare. Always check first to make sure your taxi has a meter! If it doesn't, get out and find another taxi with a meter. When you're out after 10pm, we strongly recommend you take a taxi home.

Recommended Taxi Company: Radio Taxi. Tel: 278 0566 or 278 0568

When taking a taxi in a foreign country, it is very important to follow these guidelines:

If you're going to take a taxi from the airport, it is very important to go straight to the taxi stand. There may be more than one. Beware of "independent" drivers who may offer you a ride; never accept a ride from a taxi driver who approaches you inside the terminal. Even if they have a meter in their car and/or an official business card, it is safer to go to the taxi stand, or to the transportation desk inside the terminal. When in doubt, look for the taxi stand outside of the airport exit. At certain times of the day, there may be a long line of people with their luggage waiting for a taxi. Make sure that the taxi has a meter inside that is working. For getting around on a regular basis, you'll probably want to take advantage of your host city's public transportation, since taking taxis can add up.

### BUSES (for traveling, not commuting)

Viña and Valparaíso have major terminals with buses going to most large towns in Chile. Buses to Santiago leave from both terminals, and some companies give discounts to students with the "Pase Escolar" and ISIC card—just show your card to ask for a discount. Buses to Mendoza, Argentina, also leave from both bus terminals.

### RAIL

Trains leave from Santiago daily, but only go as far South as Temuco. Santiago Train Station Website: [www.efe.cl](http://www.efe.cl).

### TRAVEL

Former students have recommended these places in South America to visit:

Easter Island, Machu Pichu (Cuzco, Peru), Torres del Paine (in Patagonia of Chile), Buenos Aires (Argentina), San Pedro de Atacama (Chile), Mendoza (Argentina), Chiloé (Chile), Brazil (requires a visa), Pucón (Chile).

**Travel Tip:** The water is safe to drink in the majority of Chile. But when you travel or are in rural areas, always ask, "¿Es el agua potable?"

# Everyday Life

## Tipping

The standard rate for tips in Chile is 10%. You do not tip taxi, colectivo or micro drivers. You should tip a few hundred pesos to the grocery bagger at the supermarket, the pizza delivery guy, and the parking attendant.

## Weather

### Sun Warning

The sun in Chile is very strong, being close to the hole in the ozone layer, so even if you tan easily, you will still sunburn if you don't wear sunscreen. Bring a sunscreen of at least 30 SPF and put it on every morning.

The weather in Viña del Mar is favorable practically year round. But no matter which time of year you come to Chile, you'll encounter a mix of cold AND warm weather. Also, Chilean households are NOT equipped with heating or air conditioning!! When it's cold, homes are not heated as well as they are in the States. So, please bring clothes you can layer.

Since Chile is in the southern hemisphere, the seasons are opposite of North America:

**Spring:** September - December

**Summer:** December - March

**Autumn:** March - June

**Winter:** June - September

If you'll be in Viña del Mar for their Winter season (June - September), bring warm clothes including an overcoat, scarf and gloves. The Summer (December - March) is hot and humid, so light clothes are essential. In the summer, temperatures remain mild even at night.

<b>Spring: Sept - Dec</b>	<b>Low: 10°C (50°F)</b>	<b>High: 20°C (68°F)</b>
<b>Summer: Dec - March</b>	<b>Low: 13°C (55°F)</b>	<b>High: 27°C (80°F)</b>
<b>Fall: March - June</b>	<b>Low: 5°C (41°F)</b>	<b>High: 17°C (63°F)</b>
<b>Winter: June - Sept</b>	<b>Low: 0°C (32°F)</b>	<b>High: 15°C (59°F)</b>

## Chilean Holidays

January 1- New Year's Day

Floating - Easter / Holy Week

Floating - Sunday after Easter May 1 - Labor Day

Floating (end of May) - Corpus Christi

May 21 - Glorias Navales

June 29 - San Pedro y San Pablo

August 15 - Asunción de la Virgen

September 11 - 1973 Military Coup

September 18 - Fiestas Patrias, also called the Dieciocho

September 19 - Armed Forces Day

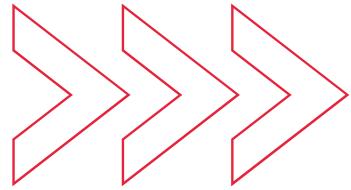
October 12 - Columbus Day, also called Día de la Raza

November 1 - All Saints Day

December 8 - Immaculate Conception

December 25 - Christmas Day

# Staying In Touch



## Cell Phones

For information about cell phones abroad, please see the  
ASA PRE-DEPARTURE GUIDE FOR ALL PROGRAMS

## Time Difference

The following are the number of hours BEHIND Chile each region is during Daylight Saving Time (March - November):

Pacific	Mountain	Central	Eastern
3 hours	2 hours	1 hours	0 hours

The following are the number of hours BEHIND Chile each region is *NOT* during Daylight Saving Time (November-March):

Pacific	Mountain	Central	Eastern
5 hours	4 hours	3 hours	2 hours

For date and time around the world, to help schedule meetings, sunrise and sunset, use the [Time and Date](#) website.

## Computers & Internet

*Should I bring a laptop? Yes! All on-campus accommodation rooms and campus buildings have Wi-Fi.*

### HELPFUL TIPS

For information about using a plug adapter with your laptop,  
see PRE-DEPARTURE GUIDE FOR ALL PROGRAMS