



# Steph's Quick Budget Fact Sheet

## Chile – Isla de Chiloé

### Quick Facts

- ✓ **Capital:** Santiago de Chile
- ✓ **Language:** Spanish (kind of)
- ✓ **Sq km:** ± 9181
- ✓ **Population:** ± 154,800
- ✓ **Currency:** Chilean Peso's (CLP/\$)
- ✓ **Country code:** + 56 (65)
- ✓ **Visa:** Fore some countries, [check!](#)
- ✓ **Alarm codes:** 133 (police), 132 (firemen), 131 (ambulance)
- ✓ **Vaccinations:** Hep-A / Hep-B / Typhoid / DTP / Yellow fever / Malaria prevention



### History Recap Over 1 Drink

800: Agricultural indigenous communities. 1535: Successful Araucanian resistance against Spanish. '41: Valdivia begins Spanish conquest, Santiago founded → Araucanians kill Valdivia. 1814: Spanish regain control → '17: defeated by Army of Andes led by San Martín & O'Higgins → '18: Independent with O'Higgins as leader. '23-30: Civil War between liberal federalists & conservative centralists (last wins). 18th century: Landowners economic/political force → changes with Pres Montt. 1879-84: War of Pacific with Peru/Bolivia, expanded territory 1/3 northward. European immigration, large-scale mining. 1927: Start dictatorship Gen. Ibanez (seized power) → '52: elected pres. Growth US political influence. '64: Pres Montalva: social reforms. '70: Allende president (Marxist): weapons from Cuba, US opposition Nixon. Economic crisis. '73: CIA-sponsored military coup: Allende suicide. New totalitarian regime: Pinochet → Caravan of Death: over 3000 (leftish) Chileans murdered, 29000 imprisoned & tortured, 30000 exiled. 89: Pres Aylwin, Pinochet remains commander-in-chief army. '94: Pres Frei. 2000: Pres Lagos → '04: Divorce law (despite Church's opposition). '06: Pres Bachelet (first female). Free-trade China. Difficult relations with Peru. '10: Pres Pinera. 8.8 earthquake.

### Travel Seasons

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Spring												
Summer												
Autumn												
Winter												
Budget												

Altitude: 39m (Castro). Climate: Oceanic (Cfb), no dry season.

### Bucket List For Free

- ☺ Towns: Dalcahue, Castro (costanera), Chonchi, Ancud, Quemchi, Queilén, Quellón, Cucao, Chanquín.
- ☺ Other islands (free ferry): Isla Lemuy, Achao, Añihue, Butachauques, Cheniao, Mechuque, Tac, Lin lin, Meulin, Teuquelín, Quenac, Apiao, Alao, Chaulec, Quehui, Chulín, Llingua, Imelev, Aucar, Chaulín, Cailín, Laitec, Coldita, San Pedro, Quilan, Quinchao & much more.
- ☺ Free museums: Museo de los Acordeones, Museo Histórico Local, Museo Municipal Castro, [Museo Regional](#), [Museo Coloane](#), [Museo de Arte Moderno](#), UNESCO churches route.

### Worth The Extra \$€¥

- 👍 Nature: [Parque Nacional Chiloé](#) (enter for free via campsite), [Parque Tantauco](#) (check my photos for maps), Muelle de las Almas, Cascadas de Tocihue, Punta Pirulil, check out the penguins at [Puñihuil!](#)
- 👍 Sports: Kayak, biking.
- 👍 Paid museums: [Museo de las Tradiciones Chonchines](#).
- [Full museum list HERE!](#)

## Budget Bites

- ⌘ Markets: Every town has its Mercado Municipal.
- ⌘ Streetfood & local eateries food: Sopaipillas, completo, italiano, churrasco or empanada (which are huge in Chile). Chilote cuisine: fish, shellfish, potatoes, lamb asado, curanto, paila marina, pulmay.
- ⌘ Supermarket: Unimarc, Lider.
- ⌘ Go vegan: Chepu Adventures Ecolodge (Chepu), Cafe del Puente (Castro), Café Emporio Ancestral (Castro), Refugio de Navegantes (Dalcahue).

## Mama Said

- ☠ Watch your bag, buy a lock. Don't walk all over the place at night.
- ☠ Try to be responsible, think about where your souvenir from these 'art fairs' really comes from. If an animal had to die for it, it might not be worth it.

## Next?

- ➔ In Chile: Puerto Montt, Puerto Varas, Chaitén.
- ➔ International destinations closeby: Argentina, (Bolivia, Peru).

## Sleep Cheap

- ❖ Isla de Chiloé is rather expensive. Don't book anything in advance, because the cheapest *hospedajes* and *hostales* don't have websites.
- ❖ Go [Couchsurfing](#) or [house-sitting](#)! Or check [workaway](#).

## Festivals

- ☼ Festivos Costumbristas: March (1st week).
  - ☼ Fiestas de San Juan: June.
- Get a full calendar at the tourist office.

## Free-Riding?

- Everything within the centres is walkable.
- Biking is a good way to explore the environment, but don't be mistaken by the large distances between towns.
- Buses go to every place in and outside of the island. Generally the small minibuses you can stop on the street are cheaper. Current prices are displayed in the bus, destinations displayed on the front window.
- Taxis are relatively expensive. Negotiate prices up front.
- Ferries bring you from island to island, mostly free or very cheap for pedestrians. It's more expensive with a vehicle.
- Hitch-hiking is possible and very easy, even locals do it. But of course, there's always a certain risk.

Tip: Download the free Triposo Chile app for an offline map, offline guide & more. Load Google Maps when you have wifi and leave it open, you will still be able to use it offline.

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