



Steph's Quick Budget Fact Sheet

Chile - Osorno

Quick Facts

- ✓ **Capital:** Santiago de Chile
- ✓ **Language:** Spanish (kind of)
- ✓ **Sq km:** ± 951
- ✓ **Population:** ± 148,350
- ✓ **Currency:** Chilean Peso (CLP/\$)
- ✓ **Country code:** +56 (64)
- ✓ **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. Climate: Oceanic (Cfb), no dry season.

Bucket List For Free

☺ Sights: Plaza de Armas, Catedral, casa Stückrath, Parque Pleistocénico Chuyaca, Sitio Arqueo-Paleontológico Pilauco.

☺ Free Nature: [Parque Nacional Puyehue](#), Lago Puyehue, Lago Rupanco, Lago Llanguihue, Lago Todos Los Santos, Laguna Verde, [Parque Nacional Vicente Perez Rosales](#), Saltos de Petrohue, Aguas Calientes (great free hikes), [Parque Nacional Alerce Costero](#). Climb the Osorno, Casablanca (Crater Raihuen), Calbuco or Carrán volcano.

☺ Free daytrips: Puerto Varás, Puerto Montt, Bahía



Worth The Extra \$€¥

👍 [Auto Museum Moncopulli](#).

👍 Sports: Kayak, ski & snowboarding (Antillanca).

👍 [Termas Aguas Calientes](#) & [Termas Puyehue](#).

Mansa (coast), Puaucho.

☺ Free museums: Museo Histórico Municipal, [Centro Cultural Sofia Hott](#), [Museo Surazo](#), Pinacoteca, [Museo Interactivo](#), [Museo Pablo Fierro](#) (Puerto Varas), Museo Antonio Felmer (Puerto Varas).

Budget Bites

- ⌘ Markets: Mercado Central.
- ⌘ Streetfood & local eateries food: Sopaipillas, completo, italiano, churrasco or empanada (which are huge in Chile).
- ⌘ Supermarket: Jumbo, Unimarc, Lider.
- ⌘ Go vegan: Casa de Rodrigo (Calama 1200).

Mama Said

- ☠ Watch your bag, buy a lock. Don't walk all over the place at night.
- ☠ Think responsible, avoid the Cattle Fair and Festival de la Carne y Leche.

Next?

- ➔ In Chile: Puerto Varas, Puyehue National Park, Puerto Montt, Isla Chiloe, Valdivia, Temuco.
- ➔ International destinations closeby: Argentina, (Bolivia, Peru).

Sleep Cheap

- ❖ Osorno 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](#).

Free-Riding?

- Everything within the centre of Osorno is walkable.
 - Biking is a good way to explore the environment.
 - The bus terminal is a good starting point for daytrips or longer bus trips. It's located here: Calle Errazuriz 1400. The minibus-terminal behind the market is a cheaper alternative for destinations close by.
 - Taxis are relatively expensive and take your precautions. Foreigner = money, which can attract robbers.
 - Hitch-hiking is possible and very easy, but there's always a risk. However, I had no problems doing it as a solo female traveller.
- 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.

The Earth Becomes My Throne