



Steph's Quick Budget Fact Sheet

Chile - Pisco Elqui

Quick Facts

- ✓ **Capital:** Santiago
- ✓ **Language:** Spanish (with accent)
- ✓ **Population:** 1072
- ✓ **Currency:** Chilean Peso \$
- ✓ **Country code:** +56
- ✓ **Visa:** Some countries, [check!](#)
- ✓ **Alarm codes:** 133 (police), 132 (firemen), 131(ambulance)
- ✓ **Vaccinations:** Hep-A / Typhoid / DTP

History Recap Over 1 Drink

800: Agricultural communities: Picunches/Promaucaes → Incas conquer north: local Mapuche resisted (Battle of the Maule). 18th century: Landowners economic/political force. 1810-1827: Chilean War of Independence between Chilean independentists and Royalists → San Martín / O'Higgins. 1879-83: War of Pacific with Peru/Bolivia, expanded territory northward. 1970: Allende president (Marxist): weapons from Cuba, US opposition Nixon. Economic crisis. 1973: Military coup: Allende suicide. New totalitarian regime: Pinochet → Caravan of Death: over 3000 (supposedly left) Chileans murdered, 29000 imprisoned & tortured, 30000 exiled. 1989: Elected president Aylwin. 2006: Bachelet.

Travel Seasons

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

Bucket List For Free

- ☺ Walk / trek around the beautiful Pisco Valley. It is advisable to walk in the morning or evening, when the heat is less strong.
- ☺ Visit the church on the main square: Iglesia de Pisco Flauí.

Sleep Cheap

- ❖ Hostel Triskal, +56994198680, Banquedano.
- ❖ Hostel Don Juan, +56981668775, Calle Prat.
- ❖ Camping El Refugio del Angel, +5651245292, Calle El Condor

Worth The Extra \$€¥

- 👍 Astro tour: Inche Mapu Ecoturismo.
- 👍 Horsebackriding: [Caballo Elqui](#).
- 👍 Pisco distillery: [Destileria Pisco Mistral](#) or [Fundo Los Nichos](#).
- 👍 Rent a mountain bike: Turismo Migrantes has decent ones.

Tourist Trap Alert

- ☹ Mountain bike tours are unnecessary. There is only 1 main road, so it's hard to get lost.

Mama Said

- ☞ Stay at the main street after sunset.
- ☞ Check the minibus times before planning your trip. The departures are quite irregular.
- ☞ There are no ATM's in Pisco! Bring enough cash.

Budget Bites

- ☞ La Manada, Pasaje El Condor.
- ☞ La Terraza de Pisco Elqui, Plaza de Pisco Elqui.
- ☞ Typical Chilean fastfood: Completo, Italiano, Churrasco or empanadas, which are huge in Chile.

Free-Riding?

- All distances in Pisco are walkable.
- Taxi's are quite expensive and completely unnecessary in this tiny village.
- Minibuses from the Ovalle company take you from La Serena to Pisco. Times vary tremendously as every driver takes its own pace, so don't plan too tight.
- Rent a bike to get around easy and healthy.

Tip: Download the free Triposo Chile app for an offline map, offline guide & more.

Next?

- ➔ In Chile: La Serena, Santiago, San Pedro de Atacama, Calama.
- ➔ International destinations closeby: Argentina.

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