



# Steph's Quick Budget Fact Sheet

## Chile - Santiago

### Quick Facts

- ✓ **Capital:** Santiago
- ✓ **Language:** Spanish (with accent)
- ✓ **Sq km:** 8470
- ✓ **Population:** ± 5,6 mln
- ✓ **Currency:** Chilean Peso \$
- ✓ **Country code:** +56
- ✓ **Visa:** Some countries, [check!](#)
- ✓ **Alarm codes:** 133 (police), 132 (firemen), 131(ambulance)
- ✓ **Vaccinations:** Hep-A / Typhoid / DTP

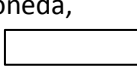
### History Recap Over 1 Drink

800: Agricultural communities: Picunches/Promaucaes → Incas conquer north: local Mapuche resisted (Battle of the Maule). 1541: Spanish Valdivia founded '*Santiago del Nuevo Extremo*'. Strong Mapuche resistance: Arauco War. 18th century: Infrastructure. 18th century: Landowners economic/political force. 1810-1827: Chilean War of Independence between Chilean independentists and Royalists → San Martín / O'Higgins. 1872: Vicuna → urban development Santiago. 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, Plaza Moneda bombed. 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
Spring												
Summer												
Autumn												
Winter												
Wet												
Best												
Budget												

### Bucket List For Free

- ☺ 'Free' (tip-based) walking tours. [Free Tour Santiago](#), 10AM & 3PM, takes off in front of El Catedral / Plaza de Armas.
- ☺ Stroll through bohemian Lastarria neighbourhood.
- ☺ [Museo de la Memoria y los Derechos Humanos](#) . Free admission, (recommended) audiotour for small fee.
- ☺ Free admission at Museums on Sunday: Museo de Bellas Artes, Centro Cultural Palacio de la Moneda, Museo Ralli, Museo de Arte Pre-Colombino. 
- ☺ [Centro Cultural Gabriela Mistral](#): Free!

### Worth The Extra \$€¥

- 👍 [La Chascona](#): Neruda museum.
- 👍 [Andes Explora](#): Nearby trekking in the Andes.
- ☺ Free sights: Plaza de Armas, Catedral, Municipalidad, Antiguo Congreso, Corta Suprema, Palacio de la Moneda, Bolsa de Comercio, Plaza Italia.
- ☺ Parks: Parque Metropolitana (hill San Cristobal), Parque Bicentenario, Parque Forestal, Cerro Santa Lucia.
- ☺ Parque Natural Aguas de Raman: A hike that's a 1-hour metro ride away from Santiago.

## Tourist Trap Alert

- ⊗ Mercado Central is catered for tourists and 70% is owned by one guy: monopoly alert!
- ⊗ Unless you are disabled or over 70 years old, you can't be in the tourist bus without losing your dignity.

## Nights Best Spent

The Bellavista area is the place to be.

- ◆ [Candelaria Bar](#), Candelaria Goyenechea 3820.
- ◆ [Club Laferia](#), Constitucion 275.
- ◆ Fri & Sat 10PM: Pub Crawl, meeting point: Ernesto Pinto Lagarrigue.

## ... Seated Down

- ◆ [Teatro Municipal](#) (Cheap! Especially if you're under 27), Agustinas 794.
- ◆ [Centro Cultural Metropolitano Gabriela Mistral](#), Avenida O'Higgins 227.
- ◆ [Teatro Universidad de Chile](#), Plaza Italia.

## Free-Riding?

- Metro's bring you everywhere in Santiago. And hey, they're cheap too! Buy tickets at the entrance and avoid rush hour.
- The bus system can be slow due to intense traffic. A route planner can be found [here](#).
- Taxi's are quite expensive, although it's wise to use them upon arrival & departure and at night.
- Colectivos are collective taxis. Their fixed routes are indicated on the roof and they usually leave when there is a minimum of riders.
- Santiago has its own public biking plan, [Bike Santiago](#). Membership minimum 1 month.

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

## Sleep Cheap

- ❖ Aji Hostel, +56222364401, Triana 863.
- ❖ The Magic House Hostel, +56228947975, Juan Crisóstomo Jaques 2280.
- ❖ Go [Couchsurfing!](#)

## Budget Bites

- ⌘ La Vega Central: Cheap fruit, veggies and meals... and a sneak-peak in Chilean culture. Antonia López de Bello.
- ⌘ [Mercado Central](#), Ismael Valdes Vergara 900.
- ⌘ Typical Chilean fastfood: Completo, Italiano, Churrasco or empanadas, which are huge in Chile.

## Mama Said

- ☠ Stay at the main streets and don't wander around the parks after sunset. Especially not at San Cristobal.
- ☠ Watch your bag, buy a lock. You'll need it.

## Festivals

- ⚙ Lollapalooza Chile: Music, end-March.
- ⚙ Festival Nacional del Folklore: end-Jan.
- ⚙ Fiesta del Vino: Wine, begin-April.

## Knowledge I'm Taking Home

- 📖 Hable español: [Ecela Spanish](#).
- 📖 Dance the Cueca: [Opera Catedral](#)
- 📖 Cook like a Chileno: [Uncorked Cooking Workshop](#).

## Next?

- ➔ In Chile: Valparaiso, Vina del Mar, Concepción.
- ➔ International destinations closeby: Argentina (Mendoza).

The Earth Becomes My Throne