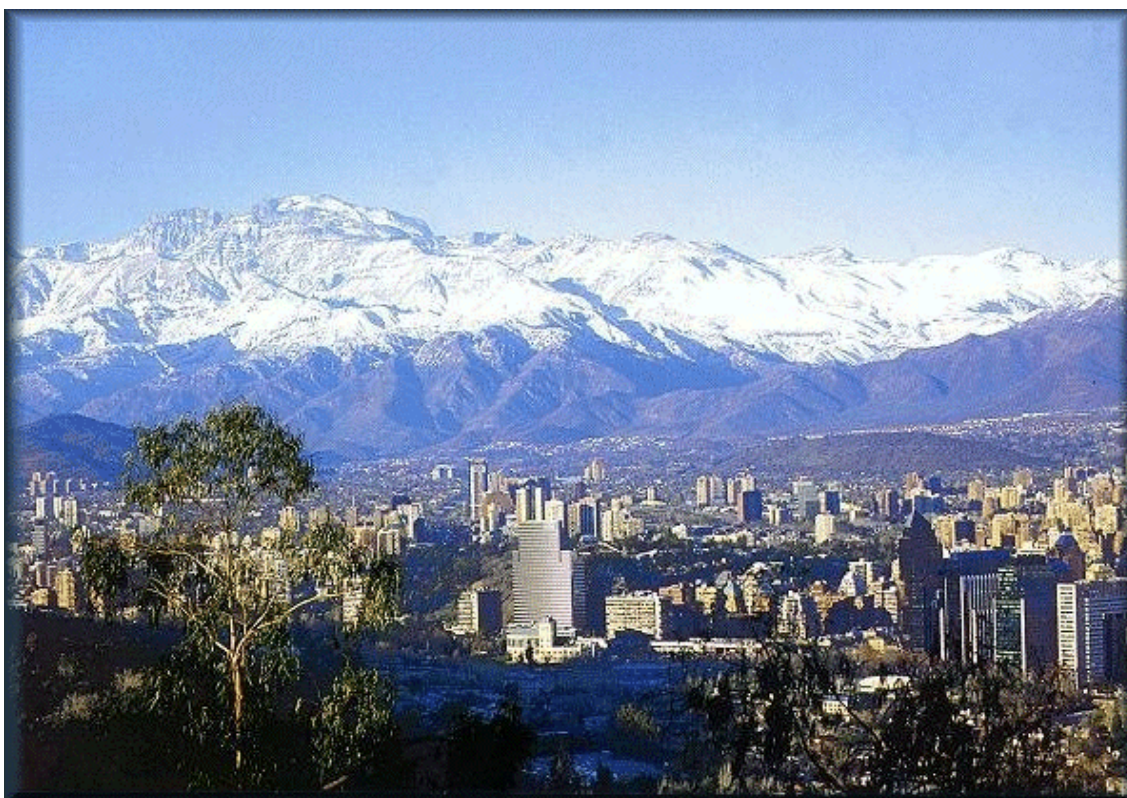


# **Practical Information for Visitors**

We hope that you enjoy your stay in Santiago, Chile.

Please read the information below about arriving in Chile, the city of Santiago and the Faculty of Mathematics at the Universidad Católica.



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## **1. Arriving at the Airport**

Upon arrival in Santiago Airport, passengers from the USA, Australia, Canada and Mexico must pay a reciprocity tax before proceeding to immigration control. Credit cards are accepted and this tax payment is valid for repeated entries into Chile until your passport expires.

The following products should not be brought into Chile as a fine will be charged: milk products, meat, fresh fruit and vegetables, nuts and dried fruits, plants and seeds. Bringing these products into Chile is seen as a very serious offence, so please make sure you eat or dispose of these products before arriving at the airport.

## **2. From the Airport to Santiago**

Santiago International Airport is located approximately 20 kilometres west of the city.

We recommend that you take an official taxi from the airport to your hotel. The names of the official taxi companies are Taxi Oficial, Taxi Vip and Radio Movil Tur Bus.

The official taxi booths are located inside the main terminal when you exit customs. The cost will depend on your final destination. Prices range from approximately CLP 14000 (Airport to Providencia) to CLP 17000 (Airport to Universidad Catolica San Joaquin Campus). It is not common to tip the driver.

Using an official taxi is the safest way to way to travel from the airport to your hotel. However, if you prefer a more economical form of transport you have 2 options:

### **1. The Airport Transfer Service**

These are minibuses that offer a shared taxi service. They drive you from the airport and drop you off at your hotel. This should be arranged within the airport. Two companies offer this service: Transvip and Turbus. Approximate cost: CLP 5000 (depending on where your hotel is).

### **2. By Bus**

These are shuttle buses that go from the airport to the city. Two companies offer this service: Turbus and Centropuerto. You can catch these buses immediately upon exiting the main airport terminal. During the day they run frequently. You pay the driver directly. Once you arrive in Santiago, you can get off the bus at a subway (Metro) station and take the subway to your final destination.

## **Turbus**

Weekdays from 05:30 till 22:30, weekends and Bank Holidays from 05.30 until 22.00.

Prices: CLP 1700 (CLP = Chilean Peso \$) for a one way ticket, and CLP 2900 for a return ticket.

Stops in Santiago: Pajaritos Metro station, Las Rejas Metro station, Universidad de Santiago Metro station, Los Heroes Metro station, Intersection of the streets La Moneda and San Martin.

Phone: (56 2) 601 9573; (56 2) 601 9621

Webpage: <http://www.turbus.com/aeropuerto/servicio-buses.html>

## **Centropuerto**

Everyday from 06:00 till 23:30

Prices: CLP 1400 for a one way ticket, and CLP 2500 for a return ticket.

Stops in Santiago: Pajaritos Metro station, Las Rejas Metro station, Universidad de Santiago Metro station, Estacion Central Metro station, Los Heroes Metro station.

Phone: (56 2) 601 9883; (56 2) 601 0549

# **3. Public Transport In Santiago**

## **Using Public Transport**

To use public transport in Santiago you must have a Pay As You Go card, called a BIP card which can be purchased in any metro station. The cost of the BIP card is CLP 1300 and the cost of each fare is CLP 460/400/380 depending on the time of day. You need to charge the BIP card with a sum of money before using it to pay your fare. If you only want to use the Metro then you can also buy single journey tickets at any metro station.

## **The Metro**

The easiest way to travel in Santiago is by Metro (subway).

For general information about the Metro, please visit the official website: [www.metrosantiago.cl](http://www.metrosantiago.cl)

## **The Bus System**

In addition to the Metro, Santiago has a bus network. You can find bus routes at [www.transantiagoinforma.cl](http://www.transantiagoinforma.cl)

## **Taxis**

We recommend that you use radio taxis and agree on a price in advance with

the taxi driver. Radio taxis can be called on your behalf from the Faculty reception and from your hotel. See <http://www.transportearauco.cl/> and <http://www.rtgolf.cl/>.

If you use a regular taxi, be sure to check that the taximeter is on and working correctly.

### Maps and directions

For maps of Santiago and directions see: <http://www.mapcity.com/>

## **4. How to get to the Faculty of Mathematics**

The Faculty of Mathematics is located on San Joaquín Campus, one of the four campuses of the Pontificia Universidad Católica. The address of the campus is Av. Vicuña Mackenna 4860, San Joaquín, Santiago. The campus is just in front of the Metro station San Joaquín on Line 5. During the morning from 6 to 9 am and the evening from 6 to 9 pm, Line 5 of the Metro operates 2 services and the trains don't stop at each station. Only the red train stops at San Joaquín station - look out for the red lights on the train carriage before you get on the train.

It is safer to cross the footbridge to get to the campus rather than crossing the road. On this map the way to the Faculty of Mathematics from the Metro is printed in red.



## **5. At the Faculty of Mathematics**

Upon arrival at the Faculty you should ask for your host at reception. You will then be directed to your host and/or your host's secretary, who will welcome you and show you to your office.

The building is open from 8:00 to 21:00 from Monday to Friday. At other times you will need a key card to enter into the building.

There is a wireless internet connection available at the Faculty. For any IT questions, please contact Rodrigo Flores:

Phone: (562) 354 4039

E-mail: rodrigo@mat.puc.cl

The faculty library is located in the basement of the building. If you wish to borrow books, journals etc., from the library, please ask your host. An electronic collection is accessible via the server.

## **6. Currency Exchange**

There are ATM machines (Redbanc) all over the city, including the airport.

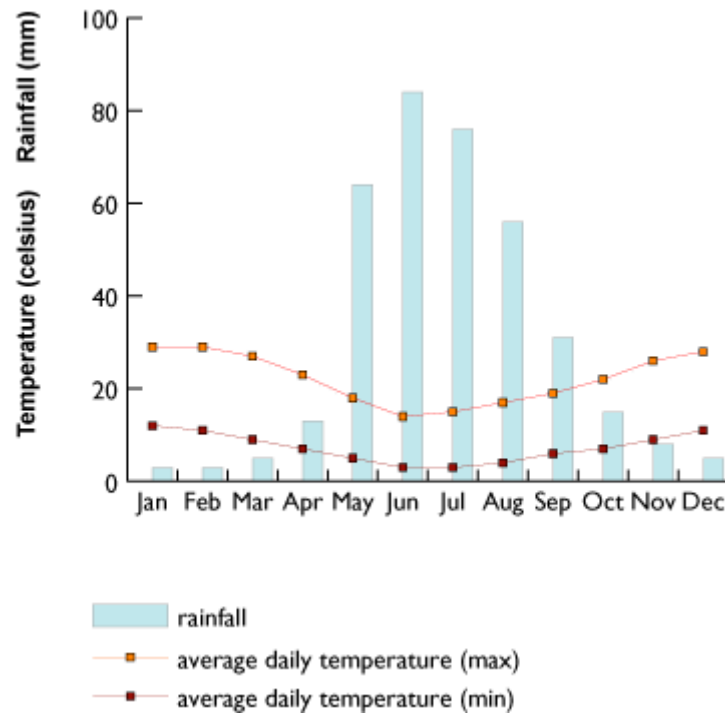
You can exchange money at the airport, in banks or at *Casas de Cambio* (Currency exchange offices). Note that *Casas de Cambio* generally have better rates than banks. Banks are usually open from 9:00 to 14:00. The *Casas de Cambio* are usually open from 9:30 to 18:00.

For currency conversions, please visit: <http://www.xe.com/ucc/>

There are cash machines and two banks (Corpbanca and Santander) on San Joaquin Campus. Note that if you want to cash a cheque you will be asked to show your passport. In order to cash a Chilean cheque you need to sign vertically across the front side of the cheque and write your passport number on the reverse side.

## **7. The Weather in Santiago**

The weather in Santiago during the summer months (December to March) is usually dry and warm in the day and cool at night. During the winter (June to August) the temperature ranges from 2°C to 16°C.



For a 5-day weather forecast see: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/weather/forecast/110>

Chile has a high level of UV radiation so we recommend that you use sunscreen, especially in the summer.

## **8. Where to Stay in Santiago**

Rates are expressed in American dollars and do not include tax. Non-resident tourists who pay for services in US dollars do not have to pay tax. Rates may vary – please state that you are visiting the Faculty of Mathematics at Universidad Católica and ask for the contact person for special rates

### **Hotels in Santiago**

#### **Hotel Santiago Park Plaza**

Address: Av. Ricardo Lyon 207, Providencia, Santiago.

Subway station: Los Leones (Line 1).

Rates: *Single room:* USD 126.

*Double room:* USD 136.

Telephone: (+56 2) 372 4000 or (+56 2) 372 4010.

Website: [www.parkplaza.cl/](http://www.parkplaza.cl/)

Contact: Ivette Goujon.

#### **Hotel Club Presidente**

Address: Luis Thayer Ojeda 558, Providencia, Santiago.

Subway station: Tobalaba (Line 1).

Rates:           *Single room:* USD 98.  
                  *Double room:* USD 113.  
Telephone: (+56 2) 233 56 52.  
Fax: (+56 2) 231 69 48.  
Website: [www.presidente.cl/hotel\\_apart\\_santiago/tarifas.php](http://www.presidente.cl/hotel_apart_santiago/tarifas.php)

### **Hotel Cap Ducal\***

Address: Av. Suecia 281, Providencia, Santiago  
Subway station: Los Leones (Line 1)  
Rates:           *Single room:* USD 70.  
                  *Double room:* USD 75.  
Telephone: (+56 2) 231 1400.  
Email: [infoventas@capducal.cl](mailto:infoventas@capducal.cl)  
Website: [www.capducal.cl](http://www.capducal.cl)  
Contact: Yanet Canales.

\*There is also a Hotel Cap Ducal in Viña del Mar, so please make sure your reservation is for the Santiago hotel.

### **Hotel Presidente**

Address: Eliodoro Yañez 867, Providencia, Santiago.  
Subway station: Salvador (Line 1).  
Rates:           *Single room:* USD 69.  
                  *Double room:* USD 76.  
Telephone: (+56 2) 235 80 15.  
Fax: (+56 2) 235 91 48.  
Website: [www.presidente.cl](http://www.presidente.cl)  
Contact: Daniela Panza.

### **Hotel Principado**

Address: Vicuña Mackenna 30, Providencia, Santiago.  
Subway station: Baquedano (Line 1 and Line 5).  
Rates: (includes breakfast)  
                  *Single room:* USD 50  
                  *Double room:* USD 58  
Telephone: (+56 2) 222 76 28 or (+56 2) 222 70 22.  
Fax: (+56 2) 635 21 67.  
Email: [reservas@hotelesprincipado.com](mailto:reservas@hotelesprincipado.com)  
Website: [www.hotelesprincipado.com/indexprincipado.htm](http://www.hotelesprincipado.com/indexprincipado.htm)  
Contact: Vanessa Fernández

### **Hotel Montecarlo**

Address: Victoria Subercaseaux 209, Santiago.  
Subway station: Universidad Católica (Line 1 - This is not the station by San Joaquín campus!).  
Rates: (includes breakfast)  
                  *Single room:* USD 48.  
                  *Double room:* USD 53.  
Telephone: (+56 2) 6392945 or (+56 2) 6381176

Fax: (+56 2) 6335577.  
Email: [hmontecarlo@terra.cl](mailto:hmontecarlo@terra.cl)  
Website: [www.hotelmontecarlo.cl/santiago/info\\_general/informacion\\_gen.htm](http://www.hotelmontecarlo.cl/santiago/info_general/informacion_gen.htm)

### **Hotel Posada del Salvador**

Address: Eliodoro Yañez 893, Providencia, Santiago.

Subway station: Salvador (Line 1).

Rates: (includes breakfast)

*Single room:* USD 45.

*Double room:* USD 55.

Telephone: (+56 2) 2360991.

Fax: (+56 2) 2518697.

Email: [posatel@interactiva.cl](mailto:posatel@interactiva.cl)

Website: [www.posadadelsalvador.cl/](http://www.posadadelsalvador.cl/)

## **Apartment Hotels**

### **Apartment Hotel Santa Magdalena**

Address: Helvecia 244, Las Condes, Santiago.

Subway Station: Tobalaba (Line 1).

Rates: *One room apartment for 1 person:* USD 85.

*One room apartment for 2 people:* USD 95.

Telephone: (+56 2) 374 6875.

Fax: (+56 2) 374 6876.

E-mail: [info@santamagdalena.cl](mailto:info@santamagdalena.cl)

Website: [www.santamagdalena.cl/nuevo2.htm](http://www.santamagdalena.cl/nuevo2.htm)

### **Park Suites Apartments**

Address: Lota 2233, Providencia, Santiago.

Subway Station: Los Leones (Line 1).

Rates: *One room apartment for 1 person:* USD 80.

*One room apartment for 2 people:* USD 85.

Phone: (+56 2) 3724000.

Fax: (+56 2) 233 6668.

Email: [bookings@parkplaza.cl](mailto:bookings@parkplaza.cl)

Website: [www.parkplaza.cl](http://www.parkplaza.cl)

Contact: Ivette Goujon.

## **Hostels**

### **Hostal Don Alfredo**

Address: Alberto Henckel 2360, Providencia, Santiago.

Subway station: Los Leones (Line 1).

Rates: *Single room* USD 28.

Telephone: (+56 2) 205 5929.

E-mail: [hoteldonalfredo@gmail.com](mailto:hoteldonalfredo@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.hostaldonalfredo.cl](http://www.hostaldonalfredo.cl)  
Contact: Carlos Vidal.

### **Residencia Universitaria**

Address: Holanda 518, Providencia, Santiago.  
Subway station: Tobalaba (Line 1).  
Rates: Please call or email for rates.  
Telephone: (+56 2) 234 3626.  
E-mail: [info@residenciasuniversitarias.cl](mailto:info@residenciasuniversitarias.cl)  
Website: [www.residenciauniversitaria.cl](http://www.residenciauniversitaria.cl)

## **9. Where to Eat in Santiago**

There are many restaurants and cafes in the Providencia area. Most of them are open until 23:00 or later. On Sundays most restaurants and cafes are closed apart from those on the street El Bosque Norte, which is located between the Metro stations Tobalaba and El Golf. On Sundays the restaurants on the streets Pio Nono (in Bellavista) and Seminario (in Providencia) are also open. For directions see <http://www.mapcity.com/>  
We do not recommend the bars and restaurants in the street Suecia.

In general, the tip is not included and should roughly amount to 10% of the bill.

Note: We do not recommend raw seafood and raw fish dishes e.g. cerviche, for health reasons – if you want to try these dishes do so at your own risk!

We recommend that you use radiotaxis to get around at night. These are safer to use than regular taxis although they can be slightly more expensive. See: <http://www.transportearauco.cl/> and <http://www.rtgolf.cl/>

## **10. Useful websites**

1. **Yahoo Travel - Chile:** [http://travel.yahoo.com/p-travelguide-191502067-chile\\_vacations-i](http://travel.yahoo.com/p-travelguide-191502067-chile_vacations-i)

2. **Yahoo Travel - Santiago:** [http://travel.yahoo.com/p-travelguide-191502068-santiago\\_vacations-i](http://travel.yahoo.com/p-travelguide-191502068-santiago_vacations-i)

3. **Go Chile:** <http://www.gochile.cl/>

4. **Official Chilean tourism site:** <http://www.sernatur.cl/>

5. **Visit Chile Tour Operators:** <http://www.visitchile.cl/>

6. **CONAF** – Government body in charge of Chile's National Parks:  
<http://www.conaf.cl/>