

# OIE Information & Travel Cheat Sheet



## Country:

Chile (CL)

### Sex & Dating

- Machismo is less prevalent now than before
  - Catcalling and harassment are illegal in certain areas, though still exist
- Still a predominantly Roman Catholic country, and rural areas can be quite different to urban
- Communication typically involves quite a bit of indirectness, with limited personal space

### Alcohol & Drugs

- Legal age to buy/consume alcohol: 18
  - Drinking in public is illegal
- Cannabis (marijuana) recreational use is decriminalized for personal use in some areas
  - Medicinal use permitted under conditions
  - Taking steps towards legalization, and is a common part of society

### LGBTQIA+ Culture

- Chile has legalized same-sex marriages
- Legal protections for gender identity
- Santiago has many queer spaces, and multiple other cities throughout CL have queer scenes
- Resources
  - Rainbow SIG
  - Diversity Abroad
  - OutRight Action International

### Cultural Customs and Norms

- Population: 18 million
- Currency: Chilean peso
- Official Language: Spanish
  - Many know English
- "Usted" is expected in formal situations, with more communal situations utilizing "tú"
- Common to greet others with a kiss
  - More respectful to greet the head of household first

## Resources

**131** Ambulance / **132** Fire / **133** Police

**+56** Country code

- International SOS
  - DU Membership Number: 11BSGC000067
  - Phone: 215.942.8478 / Website: [internationalsos.com](https://www.internationalsos.com)
- Student Support Program (My SSP): 24/7 Mental Health Support
- U.S. Department of State Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP): [travel.state.gov](https://travel.state.gov)



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