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Chile

- Pop. 17,772,871
- Presidenta: Michelle Bachelet
- Extremely diverse
  - Climate, geography & biology
    - Subtropical—Easter Island
    - Atacama Desert
    - Patagonia
    - Antarctica
- One of the most prosperous countries in South America
  - Economic disparity
  - Environmental issues
  - *Sanhattan*: Financial district of Santiago
Chile

- Natural resources
  - Fishing & agriculture (fruits, olives, wine)
  - Mining & minerals (copper)

- Mapuche
  - Native people of central & southern Chile
From Santiago to Viña

- Arturo Merino Benítez
- ~2 hours to Viña
INTRODUCTION TO VIÑA DEL MAR

Plan Viña

Recreo

The clock
Av. España & Calle Álvarez

IUHPF Orientation, 2016
Bienvenidos a Viña

• Chile’s Pacific coast
  – La ciudad jardín
  – Tourism

• Pop. 324,836
  – Fourth largest city in Chile
  – Part of greater Valparaíso metro area (3rd largest)
When in Viña del Mar

VISIT "THE GARDEN CITY"
GO TO THE BEACH
EAT SOMETHING
CHILL OUT
AND HAVE FUN!

THE BEST PLACES TO VISIT IN

VIÑA DEL MAR, CHILE
When in Viña
Where we'll be living
• Recreo neighborhood
Where we’ll be studying

• Iglesia mormona de Recreo
El clima: The weather

• ~San Francisco, CA

• Remember it will be winter!
  – Avg. temps: 50s-60s F (lows in the 40s)
  – July is the rainiest month (~4 in: 107 mm)

• Dress accordingly!
  – Sweaters, jacket, hats scarves
  – Our recommendation: Layer up!
En la casa

- Showering
  - Short(ish) showers!
  - Prendéi el calefón(t)!
    - Gas water heaters
- Probably no central heating
  - Gas/electric *estufas* or space heaters
    - Usually in common areas not bedrooms
- Bundle up!
- Gas range (matches)
- El “número dos”
  - Most places, yes, you can flush TP
  - If there’s a little wastebasket by the WC, maybe not
En la casa

• Make sure you have an adapter/converter
  – CHILE 220 V.
  – Adapters (~$20-30)
    • Converters
  – Best to buy beforehand
    • Hard to find in Chile
Family life

- Close-knit
- Older ‘children’ may live with parents to later ages than US college students
- Usually meals eaten together
  - Lunch not as much anymore; still some families do
  - ‘Tomar las once’
- Divorced or separated?
  - Legal since 2004
- Direct but warm
- Self-deprecation
- Different from other Hispanic countries

- Traditional v. Progressive families
Celulares

• International prefix: **56 (USA: 01)**
  – SKYPE: Cheaper than international calls

• Geographical prefix Valparaíso province: **32**

• **Mobile network:** 8 digits, starting with digits 9, 8, 7, 6 or 5

• Calls from a landline phone to mobile phones have to use the non-geographical prefix **09**. e.g.: 09 9XXX-XXXX, 09 8XXX-XXXX, 09 7XXX-XXXX, 09 6XXX-XXXX, 09 5XXX-XXXX.

• Calls between mobile phones without the non-geographical prefix. e.g.: 9XXX-XXXX, 8XXX-XXXX, 7XXX-XXXX, 6XXX-XXXX, 5XXX-XXXX.

• **EMERGENCY NUMBERS**
  – Ambulance: 131
  – Fire: 132
  – Police: 133
La comida
La comida

- Sandwiches are a big deal!
  - Churrasco, Barros Luco, Chacarero, etc.
  - Avocado, meat, cheese, etc.
- In Viña/Valpo, a lot of seafood but not exclusively
  - Chicken, pork, beef, potatoes, salads, etc.
- Wide variety of foods
  - Immigration
  - Spain, Italy, Germany
  - Middle east
  - Geographical diversity
- Asados
La comida: Some terms & dishes

- Completo
- Choclo
- Palta
- Chirimoya
- Cazuela
- Empanadas (de pino)
- Mora
- Manjar
- Congrio
- Caldillo
- Paila marina
- Pastel de choclo
- Kuchen
Trivia: Chile eats more ice cream than the rest of Latin America
The Honors Program – Viña del Mar

• Our blog (for parents)
  – https://iuhpflvinadelmar2016.wordpress.com/

• Students can also have a blog

• The Facebook group is for student use, pre-departure
A typical day in Viña

So what will we be doing?
Weekdays

7:30/8:00am – wake up, breakfast at home
9:30 - 1:20 – classes (grammar, culture, linguistics, literature); break & grupos de apoyo
1:30 - 2:30 – lunch at the school
2:30 – 4:30 – afternoon activities (dance, choir, sports, community work, surprise!)
Weekdays

**Mondays:** Classes and theatre/sports

**Tuesdays:** Classes and choir/dance

**Wednesdays:** Classes and community work with instructors around Viña

**Thursdays:** Classes and surprise activity

**Fridays:** Classes and travel for excursions
Afternoons & Evenings

• Free time in the city with other students
  – groups of 3+
  – Host family members over 25
• Homework
• Spend time with host family
• Dinner with host family
Weekends

• Spend time with host family
• Socialize with other students
• Optional local activities with instructors
• Personal ‘down time’ for reflection, rest, and Internet correspondence (1hr/week)
• Inform instructors of plans
• Students may only go out in the evenings with host parents
Public Transportation

Colectivo

Micro(bus)

Getting around Viña
Colectivos and Micros

• **Colectivos** and micros will be your primary source of transportation to school each day
• Colectivos are like taxis with a fixed route
• Micros are essentially city buses
• If you live in Recreo, you´ll probably take the colectivos or walk
• Expect about 15-20 mins. of commute to class
Other considerations

- Colectivos are shared transportation-like a taxi, but with a fixed route. Your ideas of personal space may be challenged.
- Public transportation in Viña is safe and efficient, but always be mindful of your belongings.
- Each week, you will receive a travel allowance to cover the cost of public transportation to and from school.
Safety in Viña

• Earthquakes & Tsunamis
  – Chile is in a zone prone to earthquakes
  – Chilean building codes are strict, especially recently
  – Recreo is built on sturdy, hard-rock ground
  – Procedure: In the case of a large earthquake we’ll have meeting places; students given instructions on-site
  – Tsunamis are not common, but are not unheard of
  – Chile is part of an international alert system w/ sirens
  – Procedure: seek higher ground
Earthquakes

• What to do
  – Stay indoors and stand under something sturdy
  – If you are not with your host family, contact them ASAP to let them know you are safe
  – If you are not with the instructors, contact us ASAP

• What NOT to do
  – Run outside- you are more likely to be hurt by falling debris
TRAVEL PLANNING AND LOGISTICS
Departure Day: Friday, June 10th

• Flight departs IND (Indianapolis International Airport) at 4:33 pm

• **ARRIVE AT THE AIRPORT AT 1:30 pm**

• **MEETING POINT → Delta ticket counter**

Fernando, Travis and Dara will be waiting there
(María Karen will meet us in Santiago)

• Once *everyone* has checked their bags and received their boarding passes, we will go through security as a group

*If you are delayed for any reason (beyond 15 mins) contact the IUHPFL Office.*
Pre-departure Day Tips

• Pack well in advance (don’t wait until the last minute!) and weigh your suitcase before leaving home. You don’t want to have to repack or pay fees at the counter!
• Be mindful of what you pack in your checked luggage v. your carry-on
• Do NOT lock your bags
• Try to get some rest the night before!
• Eat a good lunch at home and bring snacks. Our next meal will be dinner in the Atlanta airport.
• Bring entertainment for the long plane ride. Cards, books, magazines, etc. (In Spanish! Check FB for reading suggestions!)
Packing: luggage

Luggage restrictions: (check w/ Delta)

1 checked bag $\rightarrow$ <50 lbs / 62 in (l+w+h)

*Overweight fees $\rightarrow$ $100 = 51-70$ lbs / $200 = 71-100$lbs

*Extra bag $\rightarrow$ 2^{nd} bag = $100 (<50$lbs/62in)

1 carry-on bag $\rightarrow$ <45 linear inches (l+w+h)

1 carry-on personal item $\rightarrow$ purse/small bag

• *Recommendations
  – 1 suitcase (checked)
  – 1 backpack (carry-on, everyday bag)
What to pack

Checked Bag
- EXTRA MEDICATIONS
- Clothes (be prepared for cool, rainy weather. Think layers!)
- COMFORTABLE SHOES
- Slippers/Warm socks
- Toiletries
- Converters/Adapters
- Extra batteries
- School supplies (including MANUALS)
- Gift for host family

Carry-on
- PASSPORT (and a copy)
- Credit/debit card(s)/cash ($USD/Chilean pesos)
- MEDICATIONS (and Rx)
- Liquids only 3 oz. or less in ziploc bag
- Camera
- Toothpaste/toothbrush
- 1 change of clothes
- Books/magazines/music for the plane
EXCURSIONS

• Day Excursions
  – Valparaíso
  – Santiago
  – Pomaire/Isla Negra

• Weekend Excursion
  – La Serena / Valle de Elqui
Valparaíso

- 3rd largest metropolitan area in Chile
- Chile’s ‘Cultural Capital’
- UNESCO World Heritage Site
- One of South America’s most important seaports
- Headquarters of Chilean National Congress

- Referenced in many works of literature (Daughter of Fortune by Isabel Allende)
Santiago

- Capital; largest city in Chile
- Located in the central valley; lined by the Andes mountains

- Home to the executive/judicial branches of government, sports stadiums, multinational corporations, museums, parks, churches, monuments, universities, and more.
**Pomaire/Isla Negra**

**Pomaire** is a small town famous for its traditional pottery (*greda*) and giant empanadas!

**Isla Negra** is a coastal area south of Viña del Mar, and home to the *Casa de Isla Negra*, one of Pablo Neruda’s former homes in Chile, now a museum.
Norte Chico

La Serena is the capital of the Coquimbo region and the 2nd oldest city in Chile. (pop. ~200,000)

Vicuña (pop. ~25,000) is the birthplace of Gabriela Mistral.

**COOL, DRY, DESERT CLIMATE**

Astronomical tourism: Chile is home to 42% of the world's astronomy infrastructure of telescope!
DEALING WITH MONEY ABROAD
La plata

- Chilean peso
  - ~680 Chilean pesos = 1 US dollar
  - **NOT MONOPOLY MONEY**
  - Keep rate in mind
  - Spend accordingly
  - Good rule of thumb
    - 500 to 1
    - Math is easy and you save $$$
Some common prices in Chilean stores

• Cup of coffee CP$300-700 (Nescafé) ($.50-1.14 US)
  – Starbucks Caramel Flan Latté CP$2.550 ($4.19 US)
• Admission to museums CP$1.000-5.000 ($1.62-8.11 US)
• Bus rides (la micro)
  – CP$320-380 Local ($ .57-.68 US)
  – CP$460-650 ‘Directo’ (460 to Valparaíso/Reñaca)
    • ($ .80-1.25 US)
• Combo meal at McDonalds ~CP$3.500 ($5.67 US)
• .33L Coke/ water (~20 oz): ~CP$525 (H2O)-630 ($ .93-1.16 US)
  – Sin/con gas
• Pair of jeans ~CP$28.500-40.000 ($46.22-64.87 US)
Money tips

• ATMs in Chile
  – Banks & stores have ATMs
  – ATM cabins can be a good hangout for thieves at night: Use with caution
  – *Let your bank know where you´ll be!*
    • Can you use an ATM? Fees?
  – Select ‘extranjeros’ for international withdrawals
  – Fees for ATM use ($3.000-4.000 CP ~ $4.87-6.49 USD)
  – Best to take a larger amount less frequently
Money tips

• Credit cards
  – El rut? You don’t have one—use passport (copy)
  – Some places charge fees to foreigners
• Don’t take out too much!
  – Easy to lose
  – Big bills tough to change in some places and many won’t accept cards
  – Have **SOME** cash on you
  – Have your bank’s/credit card company’s phone number
Money tips

• Changing money
  – Can get it before through your bank
    • Give it time; Not as common as Mexican pesos and Euros
  – Casa de cambio: But they will charge you!
  – Airports have places, but we’ll be short on time!
    • You may have to be 18
  – Traveler’s cheques may not be the best (poor exchange rates, etc.)
  – ATM fees probably less than Changing Houses

• Keep money in several places
  – Backpack, pocket, shoe, home
Money tips

• Don´t spend it all!
  – Parents, make sure students have some money
  – WE WON’T LEND YOU MONEY

• Parents and students
  – Talk about this before
  – BUDGET
Living with a Viña Family

• 3 expectations of your own son/daughter in your home

• 3 expectations of a foreign student you would host in your home
Tips for Successful Host Family Relationships

• Be aware of family habits & routines
• Be aware of your use of home resources
  – Water, electricity, internet, phone
• Be open & be willing to share your experience
• Ask, ask, ask
• Talk, talk, talk
• Be thoughtful, present, & express gratitude
• Communicate your needs
Honor Code

• Our expectations of students
• U.S. parents’ expectations of students
• Students’ expectations of themselves and each other