

Chile's Premier Spanish School



Santiago Chile

The capital of Chile, Santiago is nestled in a valley at the foot of the picturesque Andes Mountains. The bustling metropolis is an interesting blend of contrasts: colonial architecture and modern skyscrapers, lively street scenes and quiet parks, elegant shopping and local street markets. In Santiago, you will find the charm and culture of Latin America with all the amenities of the first world. The city is clean, safe and efficient, and its six million residents are very friendly and hospitable to foreigners.

Santiago is ideally located in the center of the country. This makes it a nearly perfect base from which to visit northern and southern Chile, as well as to see the sights of the central region. In less than an hour and a half in either direction, you can be strolling on the coast of the Pacific Ocean or skiing in the snowcapped Andes. With plenty of recreational options, striking natural beauty, and the conveniences of a modern capital city, Santiago makes a great location to study Spanish abroad.

School



Established in 1990, our school in Santiago is located in the neighborhood of Providencia, which is a combination of modern, high-rise buildings and quiet, tree-lined residential streets. It is just a few blocks from the main avenue 11 de Septiembre, where you will find many sidewalk cafes, plenty of shopping opportunities, as well as the metro stop "Los Leones."

Just a five-minute walk from the school is one of the city's most popular night spots, Suecia, where there are some 50 restaurants and nightclubs located within a five-square-block area. Inside the school you will find clean, modern facilities. The three-story building has 17 classrooms with TVs and DVD players, central heat and air-conditioning, a lovely terrace, and computers with free Internet. All teachers are native Spanish speakers, have university degrees, and have been extensively trained in the school's effective methodology.

Special Courses

- Spanish & Culture
- Spanish & Skiing
- Spanish & Wine
- Spanish for Lawyers
- Spanish & TEFL
- Spanish & Volunteer



Housing

Host families: private bedroom • two meals per day • 20-45 minutes transportation time to the school • laundry included.

Hotels & apart-hotels: Assistance provided with finding a hotel or apart-hotel. Location and amenities vary.



Activities

Spanish culture lectures • Social outings to bars and restaurants • Visits to local points of interest.



Excursions

Mercado Central (Central Market) • Parque Forestal and Museo de Bellas Artes (the most famous park and art museum in the city) • Viña Concha y Toro and Viña Cousiño-Macul (wineries) • Cerro San Cristobal (gondola ride and great views) • La Moneda and Cousino Palace (the palace where General Pinochet seized power) • Pueblito de Artesanos Los Dominicos (craft market) • Pre-Colombian Art Museum • National History Museum • La Chascona (poet Pablo Neruda's home).



Three Good Reasons to Study in Santiago

1. With a mild climate (even in winter), you can take advantage of the diverse array of recreational options surrounding the city, including world-class skiing, hiking in nature preserves, and, of course, the beach!

2. Santiago is the capital city and home to one-third of the country's population, giving it a rich culture and bustling atmosphere.
3. Centrally located, Santiago makes the perfect base from which to visit both northern and southern Chile, as well as to see the sights of the central region.

Highlights

Location

Located in the tree-lined area of Providencia, just a few blocks from the main avenue 11 de Septiembre, which has many cafés and shops.

Facilities

Established in 1990 • 17 classrooms with TVs and DVD players • central heat and air-conditioning • terrace • computers with Internet for student use.

Group Class Size

Maximum of 6 students.

Student Body

67% of students are from the USA, 12% from Switzerland, 7% from England, 4% from Germany, 10% are from other countries such as Canada, Australia, Brazil, & Japan. 45% of students are ages 20-30, 26% are 30-40, 11% are from 40-50, 9% are 50-60, 6% are 60+, and 3% are under 20.

Student Comments

"I think that BridgeChile's method of teaching is the most effective way to truly master a foreign language. The staff was very professional and more than accommodating. It was very helpful to have multiple teachers every day who brought with them an immense variety of experience and ability. I am grateful to have had this great learning experience in Santiago!"
Wendy Varner, USA

"Overall I found my experience at BridgeChile to be very positive. I found all the staff, including professors, helpful and friendly. Each professor seemed very caring and concerned about my progress. I loved Chile and the people here I had the pleasure to come to know."
Robyn Janyk, Canada

"The teachers at BridgeChile are fun and very effective. The teaching methods they use have increased my confidence in speaking and using Spanish. I highly recommend this course."
Cara Goldstone, New Zealand

Santiago Weather

Santiago is quite temperate though it sees distinct seasons. Spring (Sept.-Nov.) has temperatures ranging from 59°F-79°F (15°C-26°C) and is normally dry. Summer (Dec.-Feb.) is quite warm and dry. Temperatures often reach above 86°F (30°C) during the heat of the day, but evenings are usually comfortably cool. Fall (March-May) is very pleasant. Temperatures can vary from 54°F-79°F (12°C-26°C) and it rains occasionally. Winters (June-Aug.) are not very cold in Santiago. It seldom drops below freezing and temperatures during the day usually range between 41°F-59°F (5°C-15°C). This is also the rainiest time of year.

