

# Destination Fact Sheet: Chile

Worldwide region:	South America
Capital City:	Santiago (GMT – 4hrs)
Environment:	Desert, mountains, glaciers
When to go:	Year round (depending upon areas)
Itineraries:	Explorer, Expedition
Highlights:	Atacama desert, the Andes, Torres del Paine National Park
Essentially:	An extraordinary country offering a huge variety of environments and activities that will appeal to the needs of everyone.

## About the country

Chile is a country of exhilarating extremes. It is hard to believe that such an astonishing variety of landscapes, climates and cultural treasures are packed into this slender strip of land. To the north lies the Atacama Desert, the driest on earth and home to amazing volcanic landscapes and steaming geysers. Conversely, in the south you will encounter snow-capped mountains, tumbling glaciers, wild rivers and ice-carved fjords.



Whether you travel to Patagonia or spend your time exploring the Atacama Desert, you are guaranteed to discover breathtaking environments and be left yearning to discover more of this outstanding continent.

## Explorer Programmes

The southern tip of Chile offers an abundance of options for trekking amongst granite spires and expansive glaciers in the Torres del Paine National Park where you can also incorporate sea kayaking on melt-water lakes and flowing rivers. Alternatively head north to discover the Atacama Desert and trek through its canyons and dry river beds to visit natural geysers and thermal springs, or for even more of a challenge, climb Licancabur volcano.

## Expedition Programmes

Spending an extended period of time in Chile will allow you the opportunity to experience the country's huge diversity of climates, terrain and activities. Trek through glaciers in the south, climb volcanoes in the north and visit the fertile central valley by water. Travelling into Bolivia, a combination of coloured lakes and infinite salt flats offer impressive and surreal scenery but further north still the Sun and the Moon islands of Lake Titicaca house some of the greatest cultural monuments of South America and are two of the most sacred places of the Inca state.

## In summary

Chile offers a huge diversity of options to develop a demanding and exciting trip. Groups should be experienced with outdoor adventures and will need to undergo a fitness programme to physically prepare for the itinerary.



**To discuss the variety of options for tailor making a trip to Chile for your group, please telephone us on 0845 634 4670 or visit our website at [www.schoolsworldwide.co.uk](http://www.schoolsworldwide.co.uk)**