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# CHILE

Chile is a long and narrow country located on the western coast of South America. Chile is bordered by Argentina to the east, Bolivia to the northeast, and Peru to the north. The landscape is diverse, ranging from the Andes mountains in the east to the Pacific



Ocean in the west, and from the desert region in the north to its glaciers and fjords in the south. There are also active volcanoes, hot springs, and lakes in the central region.

The northern region of Chile is hot and dry, while the central region has a milder climate, and the southern region is cool and rainy.

The population of Chile is about 19 million people, with the majority living in the central region. Spanish is the official language, but

indigenous languages are also spoken by some of the population.

Santiago is the capital and largest city of Chile. Other important cities include Valparaíso, Concepción, and Antofagasta. The currency of Chile is the Chilean peso.

Chilean cuisine is known for its use of fresh ingredients and diverse flavors. Chilean music is also diverse, with influences from indigenous, Spanish, and African cultures.

Chile is famous for its natural beauty and adventure tourism, including the Atacama Desert, the Lake District, and the Torres del Paine National Park. The country also has a rich history and cultural heritage, including Easter Island and Chiloé Island, which are both UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

Chile is home to the Mapuche people, who were one of the few indigenous groups in the Americas to successfully resist Spanish colonization. Chile was also one of the first countries in the world to establish a democratic government after declaring independence from Spain in 1810.

## Place names

Andes mountains  
Antofagasta  
Argentina  
Atacama Desert  
Bolivia  
Chile

Chiloé Island  
Concepción  
Easter Island  
Lake District  
Pacific Ocean  
Peru

Santiago  
South America  
Spain  
Torres del Paine  
National Park  
Valparaíso

## Questions

1. Which countries border Chile?
2. What is the climate like in Chile?
3. Name some of the diverse landscapes in Chile.
4. What is the official language of Chile?
5. What is the capital city of Chile?
6. What is the currency used in Chile?
7. What are some famous tourist attractions in Chile?

## Exercises

Read the definitions of words and phrases. Then complete each sentence with one of the bold words or phrases.

- a. **Chilean peso**: the currency used in Chile
- b. **mild climate**: a type of climate that is not too hot or too cold
- c. **UNESCO World Heritage Site**: a place that is recognized by the United Nations as having special cultural or natural value
- d. **establish**: to start or create something that is meant to last for a long time
- e. **adventure tourism**: a type of tourism that involves activities that are exciting, challenging or risky
- f. **Mapuche people**: an indigenous group of people who live in Chile and Argentina
- g. **resist**: to fight against or oppose something or someone
- h. **democratic government**: a system of government where the people have the power to elect their leaders and make decisions
- i. **natural beauty**: the quality of being attractive or pleasing to look at because of nature
- j. **colonization**: the process of taking control of an area or a country by another country

1. Many people enjoy \_\_\_\_\_ because it gives them a sense of thrill and achievement.
2. The protesters \_\_\_\_\_ the police with stones and bottles.
3. Some countries have a \_\_\_\_\_, while others have a dictatorship or a monarchy.
4. Easter Island is the most famous \_\_\_\_\_ in Chile.
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ have a rich culture and history that dates back to before the Spanish arrival.
6. The country has a \_\_\_\_\_ that is suitable for growing various crops and plants.
7. The park is known for its \_\_\_\_\_, with scenic views of mountains, lakes, and forests.
8. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Chile by a European power had a lasting impact on its history and culture.
9. The company was \_\_\_\_\_ in 1999 and has been growing ever since.
10. He forgot to exchange his dollars for \_\_\_\_\_ at the airport and then he had to do it at the hotel.

Choose the correct words in parentheses to complete each sentence.

1. The capital city of Chile is [San Diego / Santiago / San Francisco].
2. Other major cities in Chile include [Valparaíso and Concepción / Rio de Janeiro and Antofagasta].
3. Chile is located on the [eastern / western] coast of South America.
4. Chile is bordered by the [Atlantic Ocean / Pacific Ocean].
5. Chile shares borders with Argentina to the [east / west], Bolivia to the [northwest / northeast], and Peru to the [north / south].
6. Chile's landscape ranges from the [Alps / Andes] mountains in the east to the Pacific Ocean in the west, and from the [ice landscape / desert region] in the north to its glaciers and fjords in the south.
7. Santiago is the [largest / second largest] city in Chile.
8. Tourist attractions in Chile include the [Easter / Christmas] Island and Chiloé Island.

### Discussion

1. The landscape in Chile ranges from the Andes mountains in the east to the Pacific Ocean in the west, and from the desert region in the north to its glaciers and fjords in the south. There are also active volcanoes, hot springs, and lakes in the central region. Which of these landscapes would you like to visit the most, and why? How does the landscape in Chile compare to the landscape in your own country?

2. Chilean music is diverse, with influences from indigenous, Spanish, and African cultures. What type of music is popular in your country? How does it compare to the music of Chile? Which cultures have influenced the music in your country?
  
3. Chile is famous for its natural beauty and adventure tourism, including the Atacama Desert, the Lake District, and the Torres del Paine National Park. The country also has a rich history and cultural heritage, including Easter Island and Chiloé Island. Which of these attractions would you like to visit if you had the chance? Are there any similar tourist attractions in your country?