

Chile

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Population

More than 85 percent of Chile's 13 million people live in the central part of Chile south of the Atacama Desert.



Bordering Countries

Chile is a long narrow country on the west coast of South America. From north to south Chile stretches for 2,650 miles. From east to west Chile is 236 miles across at its widest point. Three other nations share borders with Chile - Bolivia and Argentina in the east and Peru in the north.



Climate and Landforms

Chile has several climates. Near Porto Mont on the central valley it is cool rainy and covered with many trees. But in the far north the valley is a hot dry desert. In the southern part of Chile the weather is almost always stormy with heavy rainfalls or snowfalls and maybe sunny days.

Chile has three main landforms: low mountains, central valley and high mountains. The low mountains rise along Chile's Pacific coast. The high mountains are in the east near Bolivia and Argentina. The central valley is in the central part of Chile. In Chile, there are glaciers, waterfalls, and mountains.



People

The people in Chile cook corn and make it into cornmeal and eat it on the cob. They also eat many vegetables. The people usually speak Spanish. The work industries are farming, steel, cement, chemicals, and paper products. They mine oil, coal, iron, copper, mercury, gold, silver and chrome. Chile's religion is Roman Catholic.

History



In the 1400s the Inca people conquered Chile. In 1540 Pedro de Val Divia and other Spanish settlers came to live in Chile.



Animals

Some animals that live in Chile are mountain lions, Andean condors, and guanacos. Guanacos are large animals that look like llamas. Their body is covered with wool. They are four feet tall.



Guanaco

Interesting Facts

The Andes Mountains are 20,000 feet high.

In 1960 and 1985 powerful earthquakes struck Chile.

Empanadas are a favorite Chilean food.

They are pastries filled with meat or cheese.



Festivals

Some of the festivals in Chile are Independence Day, Armed Forces Day, Navy Day, Dia de la Raza, Corpus Christi and Pedro Pablo.

Art



Some of the Chilean artists are Nicanor parra, Manuel Rojas, Benjamin Subercaseaux, Vicente Perez Rosales, and Pedro Prado. There are several art museums in Chile. These are the Museo Chileno de Arte Precolombino, the Museum of Contemporary Art in Santiago, and the Museum of Folk Art. The Museo Chileno de Arte Precolombino has art by famous artist Sergio Larrain Garcia-Moreno.

Chile's flag

