



Working Holiday Chile

Complete guide for foreigners wishing to live, vacation, and work in
Chile.

Universal Requirements

-  **Permitted Age:** Generally between 18 and 30 years of age at the time of application (up to 35 years for citizens of specific countries like Canada or New Zealand).
-  **Valid Passport:** A valid passport issued by the country of origin is required, with a minimum validity exceeding the intended stay in Chile.
-  **Dependents:** The program is individual. Entering the country with dependents or family members under this visa is not permitted.
-  **Purpose of Trip:** The primary objective must be to vacation and discover Chilean culture. Work is a secondary purpose to cover tourist expenses.

Financial Means and Extension

How are funds proven?

Through a bank certificate or statement in the applicant's name (not third parties). Solvency for initial maintenance in Chile must be proven, in addition to holding a return ticket or demonstrating additional funds to purchase one.

Can I extend my stay?

The Working Holiday Visa in Chile grants a temporary residence permit of exactly 12 months. As a general rule of this program, the visa cannot be extended under the same migratory category once the term expires.

Documents Required by SERMIG



Medical Certificate

Mandatory to guarantee the applicant is in good health and does not suffer from infectious or contagious diseases that prevent entry into the Republic of Chile.



Criminal Records

Certificate of criminal or police records issued by the competent authority in the country of origin. It must be duly apostilled or legalized.



Translations

If original documents are not issued in Spanish, or in some cases English, they must be officially translated for consular or migratory review.

Medical Insurance and Activities

- **Vital Health Insurance:** It is a non-negotiable requirement. The applicant must acquire medical insurance covering them for the entire 365 days of their stay in Chile.
- **Full Coverage:** The policy must guarantee medical expenses, hospitalization, and crucially, include a sanitary and funeral repatriation clause.
- **Study Activities:** The visa promotes exchange. Generally, young people are authorized to take short courses (e.g., Spanish or Chilean culture) for a maximum of 3 to 6 months.
- **Employment Contracts:** Upon arriving in Chile, the foreigner will be authorized to sign employment contracts, although with certain temporary restrictions depending on the specific agreement.



Specifications by Country of Origin

Learn how Chile's bilateral agreements adapt according to the applicant's nationality.

Main Source Countries for Chile

Country of Origin	Age Limit	Annual Quotas	Key Conditions
France	18 to 30 years	Approx. 400 quotas	High demand; usually sell out fast. Consular process.
Germany	18 to 30 years	Unlimited	No annual vacancy limit. Strong cultural exchange.
Canada	18 to 35 years	Approx. 750 quotas	Extended age benefit up to 35 years old.
Australia	18 to 30 years	Approx. 3,400 quotas	The highest volume agreement to and from Chile.

Dates and Planning



Pay Attention to the Calendar

Opening dates to apply for the Chilean Working Holiday visa depend on the applicant's country of residence. While agreements like Germany's are open all year, other countries have limited quotas that renew on specific dates (usually the beginning of the year or semesters). Foreigners must stay informed through the Chilean Consular Services portal to not miss their application window.

Application Methods



Digital Platform (SAC)

Chile has modernized its processes. Most applicants must submit their application, background, and scanned documents through the Citizens Consular Attention System (SAC) of the Chilean Ministry of Foreign Affairs.



Consular Interview

Depending on the jurisdiction, once the online review is approved, the Chilean Consulate in the country of origin will summon the foreigner for an in-person interview, to present physical documents and stamp the visa.

Official Checklist for Applicants

- ✓ **Original Passport:** With minimum required validity and blank pages.
- ✓ **Photographs:** Passport size, in color, white background, and recent.
- ✓ **Financial Backing:** Bank statements proving funds to live in Chile.
- ✓ **Health Certificate:** Proving excellent general clinical condition.
- ✓ **Criminal Records:** Apostilled, valid, and without serious convictions.
- ✓ **Insurance Policy:** Covering the full year in Chilean territory, including repatriation.

Our International Network

17
PARTNER COUNTRIES

Welcome to the end of the world

Chile maintains active Working Holiday Agreements with 17 nations from North America, Europe, Oceania, and Asia.

This exchange promotes cultural integration, allowing thousands of young foreigners to enjoy our varied geography, learn Spanish, contribute to tourism, and enrich Chilean society with their global vision.

Discover Chile!

From North to South

By obtaining your Working Holiday Visa, you open the doors to the longest country in the world. You can work seasonally while exploring unique contrasts: from the arid Atacama Desert in the north to the imposing glaciers of southern Patagonia.

Prepare your documents, meet the requirements, and jump into living the ultimate South American experience.



Favorite Attractions for Foreigners



Santiago (Metropolitan)

The vibrant capital. It concentrates the largest job offer in services and technology, surrounded by the imposing Andes Mountains.



Valparaíso (Central)

Jewel of the Pacific and World Heritage Site. Its colorful hills and bohemian vibe attract young people interested in art and tourism.



Torres del Paine (South)

The global trekking mecca. It offers hundreds of seasonal jobs in hospitality and expedition guiding during the austral summer.

Questions?

We look forward to welcoming you to Chile soon!

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