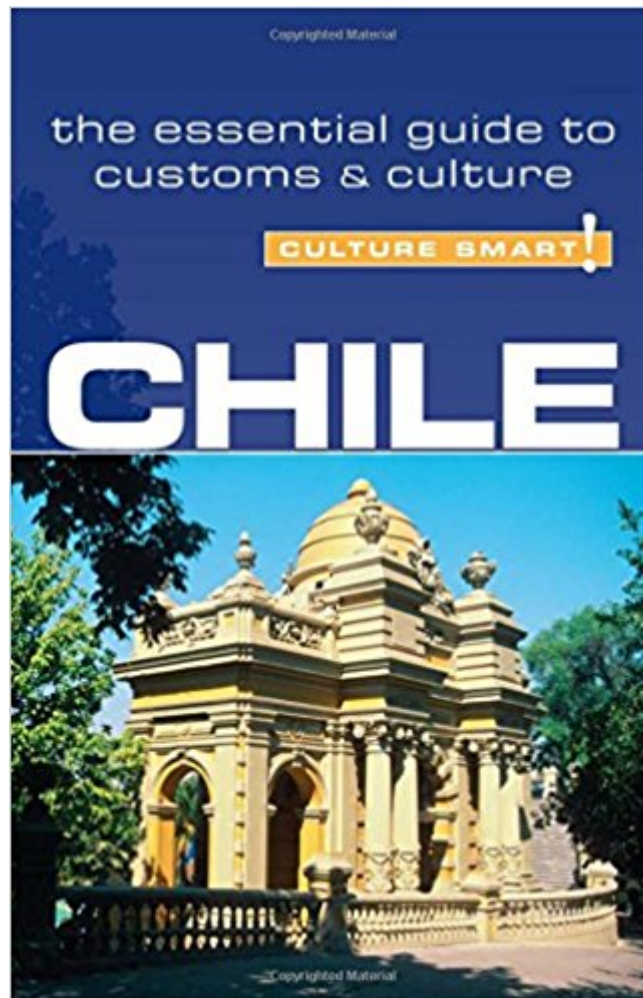




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Culture Smart! provides essential information on attitudes, beliefs and behavior in different countries, ensuring that you arrive at your destination aware of basic manners, common courtesies, and sensitive issues. These concise guides tell you what to expect, how to behave, and how to establish a rapport with your hosts. This inside knowledge will enable you to steer clear of embarrassing gaffes and mistakes, feel confident in unfamiliar situations, and develop trust, friendships, and successful business relationships. Culture Smart! offers illuminating insights into the culture and society of a particular country. It will help you to turn your visit-whether on business or for pleasure-into a memorable and enriching experience. Contents include * customs, values, and traditions * historical, religious, and political background * life at home * leisure, social, and cultural life * eating and drinking * do's, don'ts, and taboos * business practices * communication, spoken and unspoken

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Customer Reviews

"Culture Smart! has come to the rescue of hapless travellers." - Sunday Times Travel "The perfect introduction to the weird, wonderful and downright odd quirks and customs of various countries." - Global Travel

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If you're traveling on business or holiday, this actually isn't a bad idea. The southern portion of South America is much, much different (culturally) from Mexico or Venezuela or Brazil. Lovely people, just learn a bit before you go. A few more pages dedicated to a brief English-Spanish dictionary would have been extremely helpful.

Well I liked this book and recommend it. I read it on the plane on my first trip to Chile. I found this book both interesting and helpful. It is short and covers topics - including what many might consider sensitive ones such as the traditional importance of class to Chilean relationships and the traditional role of "connections" in economic and social life. Since I was on a social and not business trip, I especially liked the descriptions of social and family relationships. I believe I gained understandings and insights that I would have missed as a new visitor. I was traveling with a Chilean family which was great; we got comfortable and trusting together so I could ask them about some of the things I read in the book and based on their responses, the book is on track and they elaborated on interesting things.

Some of the information probably won't be of much use to the short-term visitor but all of the information will be useful to a long-term visitor.

Concise and informative. This book is a good primer for those of us who are traveling to Chile for the first time

This is a generally good, if small and flawed, superficial introduction book on Chile. It contains a number of errors, however, which reflect poor research practices, wishful thinking, and probably some political correctness. In other words, it's unreliable and not to be quoted seriously. For example, there is a statement on page 32 that after the election of Allende in 1970, that "President Nixon halted all US investment and aid to Chile." This statement is patently false. Even Kissinger's famous memos in 1970 called for "reduction" rather than elimination of US assistance and investments. US investment did decline sharply but was not halted by presidential order, and

selective US aid types continued and were even expanded. US AID assistance continued, at a reduced level, every year that Allende was in office. Ironically, even US military aid continued during the Allende administration. Similarly, other statements concerning the post-1973 military administration are nothing more than attempts at (leftist) political correctness, with no historical validity, such as the page 49 allegation that "nightlife came to a halt" during this period (the eventual toque de queda for Santiago was only between the hours of 2 and 5 am before it was abandoned altogether). I had no trouble getting around at night there during the late 1970s. Many of the other historical observations are carelessly ambiguous, such as the page 57 note that Chile and Argentina were on the "brink of war" in 1978 due to a border dispute in the Patagonia region. Actually, Argentina was preparing to invade Chile and take possession of Chilean islands in the Beagle Channel, which is south of Tierra del Fuego. Some statements are careless and silly, such as the statement that "Chileans are trustworthy" (absolute rubbish) or the page 14 observation that southern Patagonia is only accessible by air and overland via Argentina, forgetting -- oops --- the large number of tourists who reach the region by ship every year. On the subject of trustworthiness, it would be well for the author to acknowledge that Chile has the second-highest rate of theft-robbery in all of the Western Hemisphere, second only to Argentina. With a publication date of 2007, many of the practices noted in this book are now fading into the past, or no longer observed by more modern organisations. So the book is both outdated and unreliable. Despite the errors and ambiguities, this little book does a generally good (and occasionally quite accurate) job of introducing some aspects of Chile on a very superficial level.

Excellent book

I'm really happy that I purchased this book. I am going to Chile and wanted a book that dove into culture aspects where a traditional travel book doesn't. I also liked that it had a short history section too. Just enough to highlight their history but not enough to put me to sleep.

I have not yet visited Chile, but wanted to understand the culture before I go. This book covers basically every aspect of Chilean life I could possibly think of with a good writing style that keeps you interested. The author successfully avoids boring the reader with unnecessary info and adds some great tid-bits into the reading, i.e. (tip the parking attendant well). I would recommend this book to anyone who plans to visit Chile or is simply has an interest in the country. The only thing I would like to see is a little more depth to where foreigners are most accepted or not as well as some

thought on hubs for incoming expats.

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