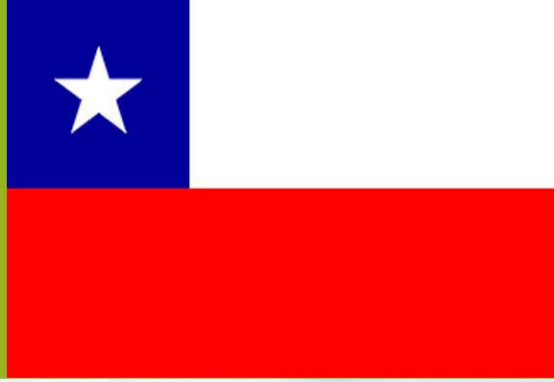


CHILE





Why Chile?

- Geographic diversity, four seasons
- First world infrastructure
- High standard of living for reasonable price
- Great for entrepreneurs



At A Glance

- Residency
 - Easy process, simple to do it yourself... now electronically.
 - Special treatment for entrepreneurs
 - No specified income requirement
- Healthcare system
 - Free system (FONASA) used by 73% of population
 - Paid system (ISAPRE) available for reasonable monthly cost
 - Age limits may apply between 55 and 65
- Ease of getting there
 - International flights from US fly into Santiago
 - About 9 hours from Texas/ Florida/ Atlanta

Country Pros

- First-world infrastructure
- Low levels of crime and corruption
- Geographically diverse—mountains, lakes, beaches
 - Four seasons
- High standard of living
- Strong economy
- Politically stable

Country Cons

- Southern Cone is more expensive than northern Latin America
- Little English spoken outside of cities
- Smaller (retired) expat community
- Long flight from United States
- Santiago can be smoggy (seasonal in the winter)

Santiago





Santiago Pros

- Bustling metropolitan city with theater, restaurants, culture, parks, and many things to do
- Large Expat Community
- Various neighborhoods with different vibes to choose from
- 1 hour from the mountains, 1 hour from the coast
- Great public transit

Santiago Cons

- Pollution – more in the winter due to inversion
- Mostly apartment building living vs. houses
- Prices are more expensive in Santiago than in rural areas
- Can have traffic, like any capital city



Viña del Mar





Viña del Mar Pros

- City amenities without feeling too city-like
- Many restaurants + things to do
- Cool summers and mild winters
- Large coastline to explore
- Close to Valparaíso and the Casablanca Wine Valley
- Expat community
- Very easy to get to and from Santiago



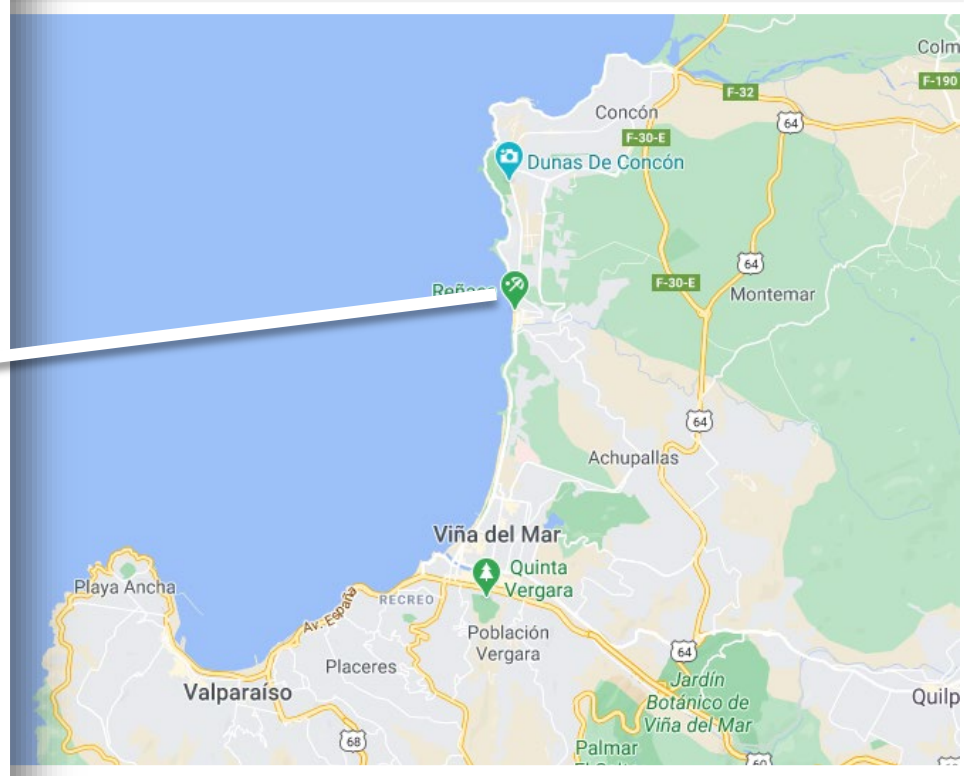
Viña del Mar Cons

- Gets very touristy in the summer
- Busy less pristine beaches, a bit “honky tonk”
- The summers are quite cool... only in the 70s-low 80s

Coastal Towns Around Viña

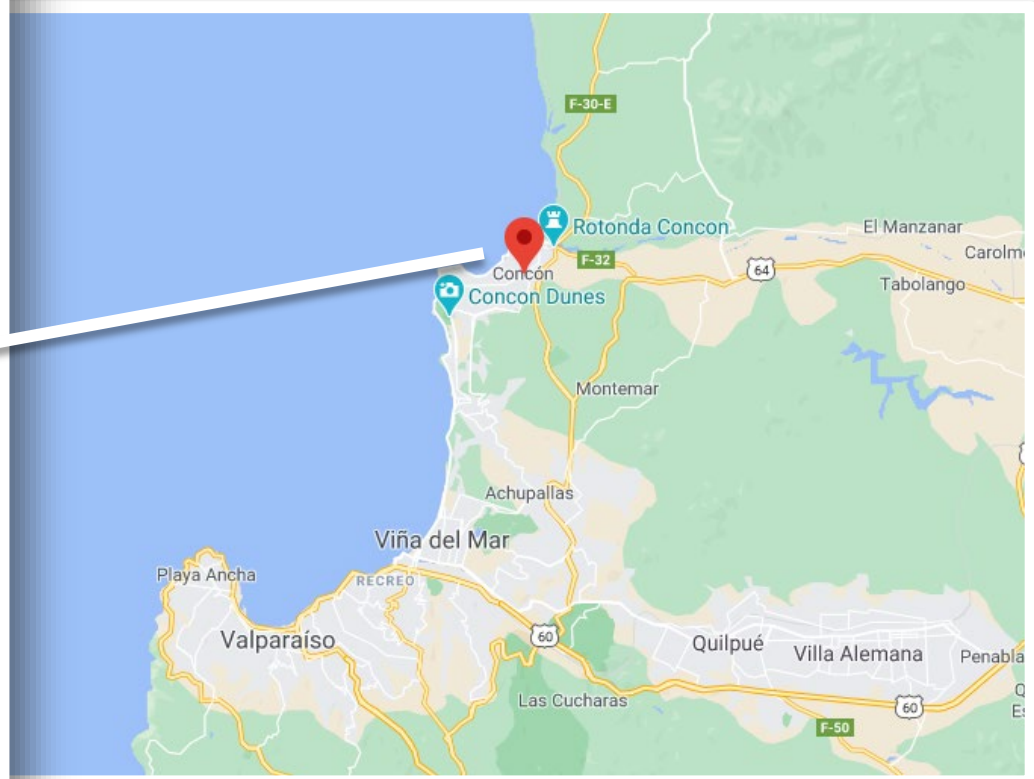


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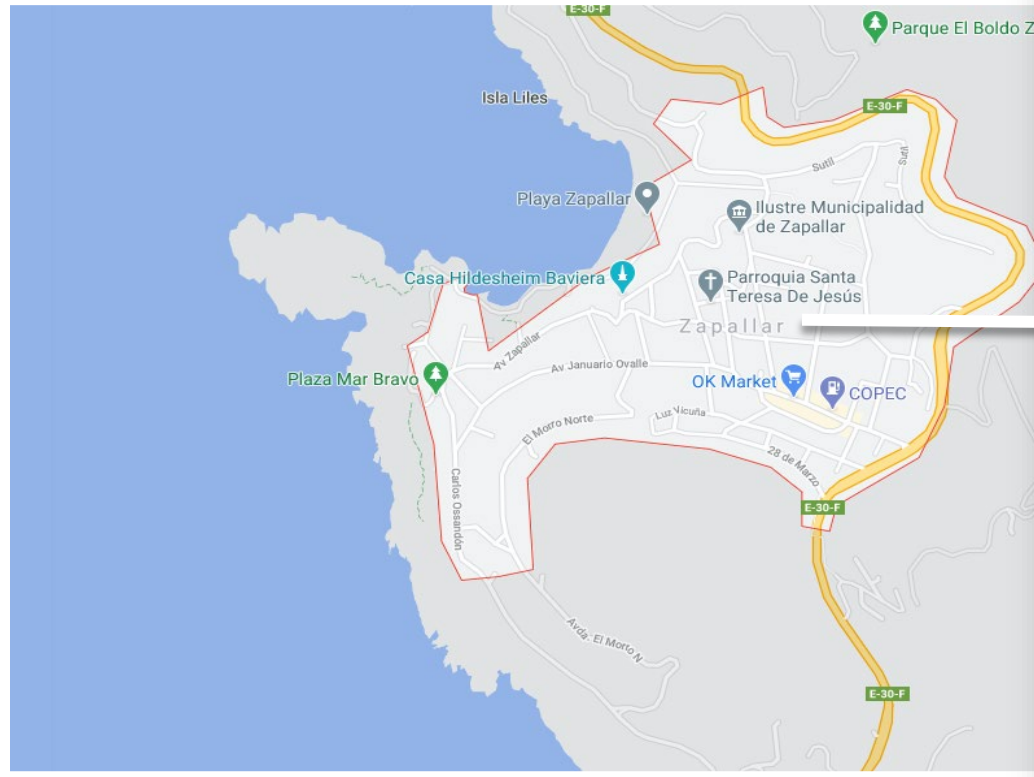


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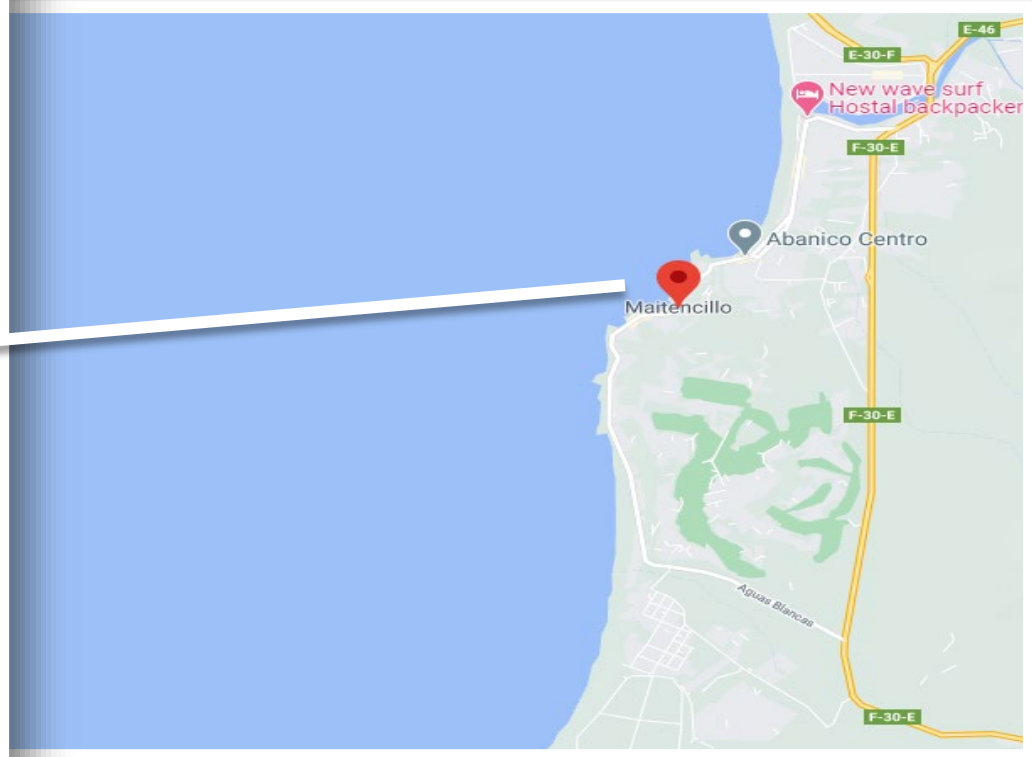


Algarrobo





Maitencillo





Coastal Towns Pros

Around Viña

- Small town feel, more spread out, more secluded
- Nicer beaches - more quiet and pristine than Viña
- Close to other coastal towns and cities for more things to do

Coastal Towns Cons

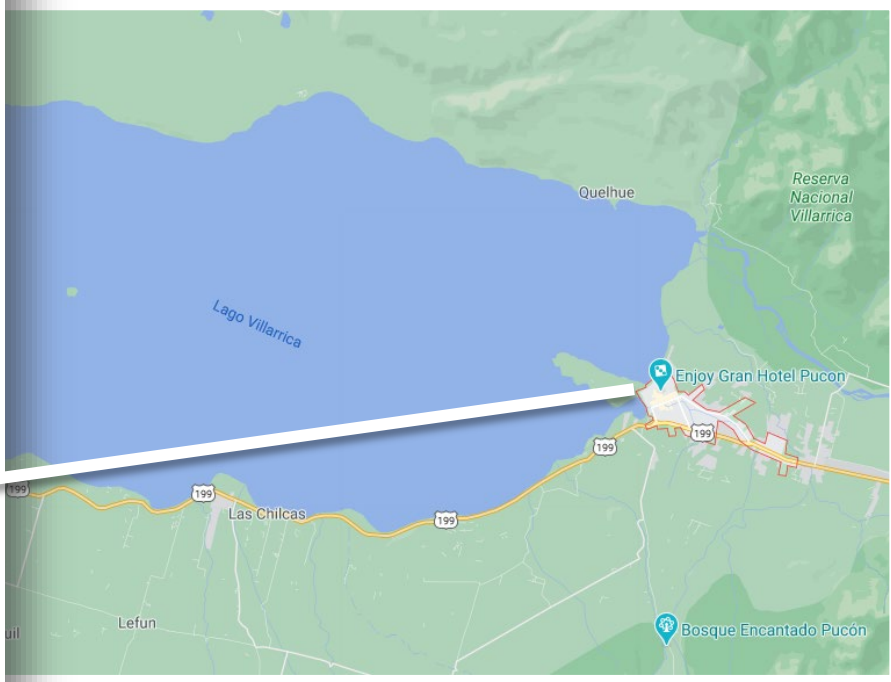
Around Viña

- Not many access roads, so there can be traffic, especially in the summer
- You will need a car

Southern Lake District

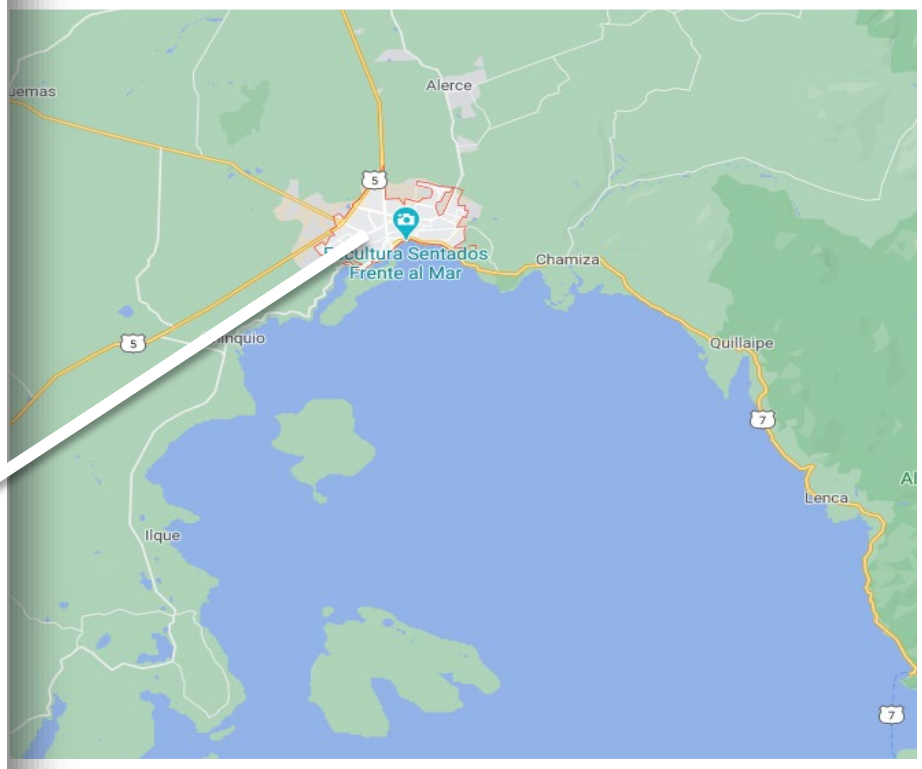


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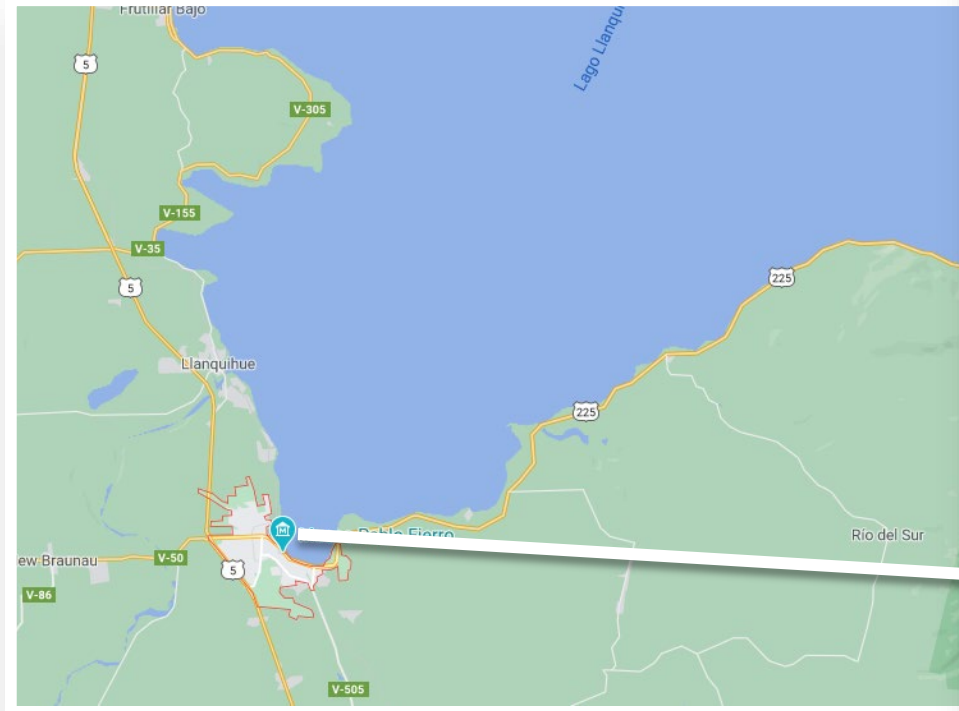


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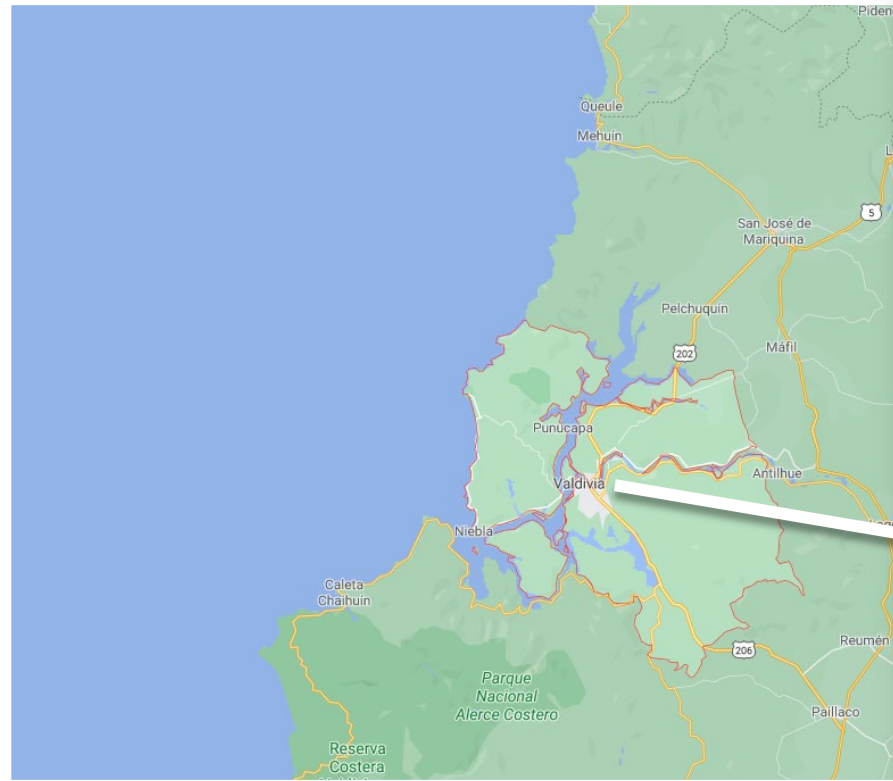


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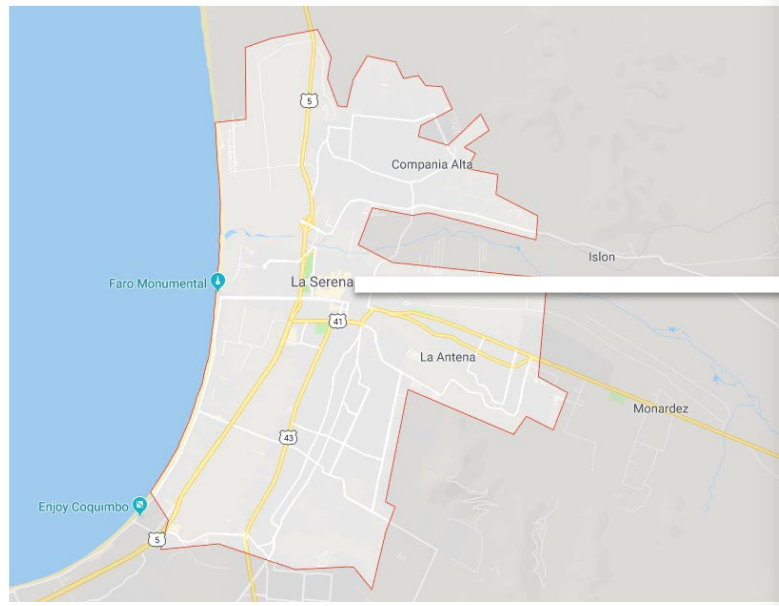
Southern Lake District Pros

- Small town feel
- Lots of outdoor activities, nature, hot springs, skiing
- Cooler summers
- Stunning landscapes and Beautiful surroundings
- Fresh air and less/no smog

Southern Lake District Cons

- Fewer big city amenities
- Touristy in the summer
- Colder winters with more rain
- Need to fly through Santiago

La Serena





La Serena Pros

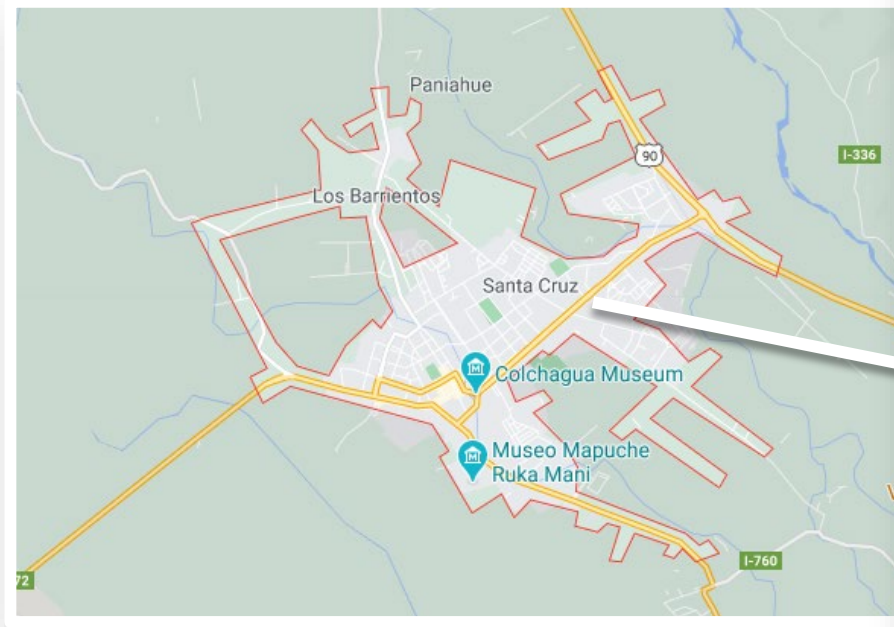
- Good weather all year round
- Small colonial city on the coast
- Wide beaches
- Close to Elqui Valley – Home of pisco
- Beautiful night star filled skies



La Serena Cons

- Not much to do besides the beach
- Need to fly through Santiago

Santa Cruz





Santa Cruz Pros

- The Campo life – great if you want more land, a house, have a small farm/ garden
- Less expensive than Santiago
- One of the best wine valleys of Chile
- Fresh air
- 2.5 hours driving from Santiago
- 1 hour from Pichilemu world famous surf beach

Santa Cruz Cons

- Does not have the big city cultural amenities
- You will need a car to live there

Noteworthy

- Prices can change with exchange rate
- Hard to open bank account without residency

Grading Chile

English spoken: C

Health care: B+

Climate: B

Infrastructure: A

Getting There: B

Safety: B

Culture: B

Recreation: A

Taxes: B

Schools: B

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