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Chile

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Chile is, as this map shows a very long country, located west of the Andes mountain chain, 4300 km long, from Peru in the north to Cape Horn in the south, yet only about 300 km wide.

in 1540 it became part of the spanish empire. the city santiago was founded in 1541, and soon was the capital.

chile became an independent country in 1818. in several wars with peru, bolivia and argentina it grew to the north (taking bolivia's access to the ocean) and the south (reaching cape horn). its largest harbours are valparaiso and san antonia.

the dominant language is spanish; regarding the religion, 3/4 are catholic. because of its far-off location, it did not become a slave region.

by the way, chile is also the 'owner' of rapa nui (ex eastern island), 4000 km to the west in the pacific ocean - see gallery "eastern island".

chile has 18 mio residents - a very small number, compared to argentina and brazil. yet of the "abc" powerhouse in south america, it is the wealthiest and most modern one.

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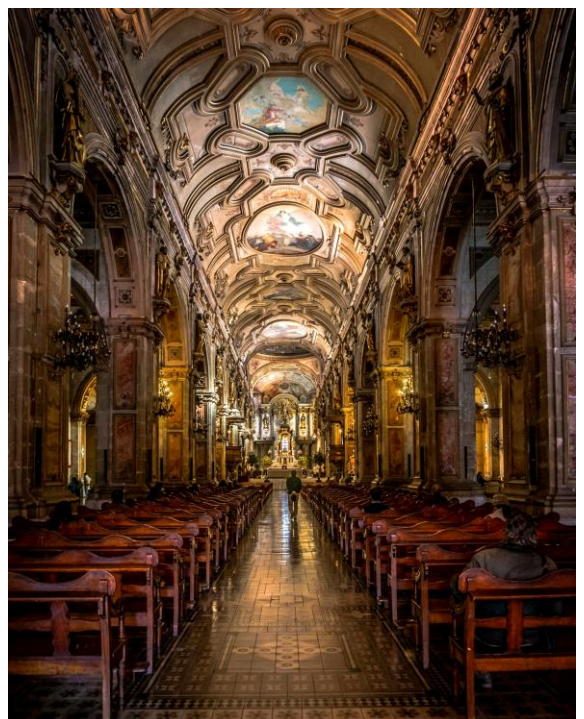
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SANTIAGO: CITY FEATURES



chile's capital santiago is by far its largest city and has 5.2 mio residents. because of this and its wealth, it is crowded with mighty architecture. a crucial building is the cathedral.





the "cerro santa lucia" (see map below) is the city's only hill, covered with pretentious constructions.



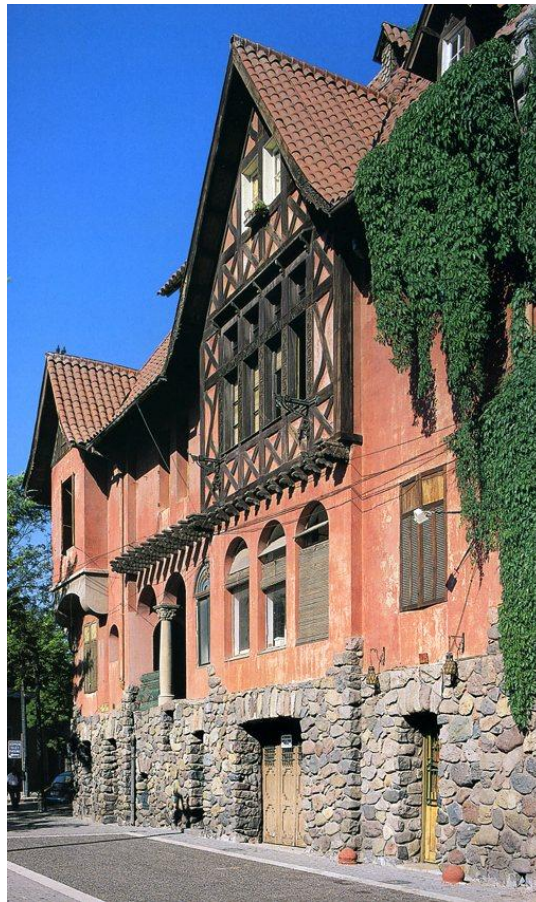
beside santiago's many governmental buildings, banks are impressive - even their entrances.







santiago has quite a few pieces of modern architecture, yet also pleasant areas of earlier times.





here are a brown, a yellow, a pink and a green residence, reminding of the city's history.



the many memorials are not my thing... at the cute newspaper kiosk i was lost, because i don't speak spanish ... so icecream and an espresso, both of top quality, were what i then enjoyed!

SANTIAGO: PEOPLE

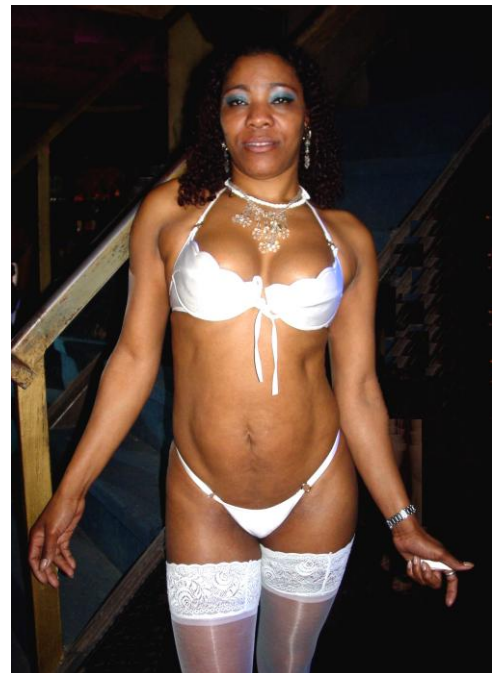
Yes I did see a lot of different people in Santiago - quite often formally dressed with suit and tie.



this one here, very white - no, it is not a statue, it's an artist lady!



my (slightly absurd) experience: after visiting the mighty cathedral, i went to a nearby bookstore, and this very friendly lady spoke english and helped me to buy a santiago volume. then i felt to need a coffee, went into a cafe a few meters away - and tried not be shocked when there the waitress came! but believe it or not, it was a café, and i got my café, a good one!



music is a big thing in chile, and it was easy to find a saloon with good life musians.



in santiago one will also see indigenous people, for example on the big market on the plaza de armas beside the cathedral.



finally - - it was in my hotels breakfast café where i saw this exceptionally beautiful lady - i couldn't believe my eyes when she served me coffee - yes, truly stunning, very proficient, and so friendly to me this strange foreigner too!

