

# Chile: Public Health, Traditional Medicine, and Community Empowerment

Flight, Passport & Visa Information

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## GENERAL FLIGHT INFORMATION

This document is designed to assist you in making your travel arrangements. An essential part of your preparation for studying abroad includes obtaining the proper travel documentation for your international stay. Please read this document carefully to determine if you need to take immediate action in preparation for travel.

You are responsible for booking your own travel to and from the program location. In addition, it is your responsibility to read and understand the terms and conditions for your airline ticket(s), to reconfirm your flight reservations in advance of the day of travel, and to be aware of airline and TSA regulations for baggage size and contents. SIT is not responsible for additional charges you may incur as a result of airline schedule changes or other travel-related reasons.

You can choose to arrive on a flight to Arica (ARI) or to the airport in the neighboring Peruvian city of Tacna (TCQ), a border city located about 60 kilometers (38 miles) from Arica.

**Arica Arrival:** If you are unable to secure a flight that will get you to **Arica by 4pm** on the Arrival Date, you are advised to arrive in Arica the night before. Be aware that students are responsible for their own accommodations and expenses prior to the program start date.



**Tacna Arrival:** If arriving through Tacna students must arrive to **Tacna by 12 pm** on the Arrival Date for coordinated transportation to Arica. Students arriving through Tacna should not arrive a day early or after 1pm on the program start date.

**Once you have finalized your travel arrangements, please log into your application portal and enter your itinerary information and any notes about your arrival in the *Travel Information* section of your application.** This will ensure that SIT staff knows when to expect you. Please submit your travel itinerary no later than 30 days prior to your program's start date. Please confirm submitting your travel details in writing with your Admissions Counselor. Your space on the program is not guaranteed if you neglect to enter your travel details into the application portal.



As you book your flights, we encourage you to purchase tickets on airlines with flexible cancellation and postponement policies.

Students are advised to avoid booking flights with layovers in Brazil, Bolivia, Argentina, or Paraguay, as this could require you to obtain a transit visa in advance of your travels.

### AIRLINE INFORMATION

We have been advised that the following airlines usually provide service to the meeting location for this program: American Airlines, United Airlines, DELTA Airlines, and LATAM. Airlines that travel between Santiago and Arica include LATAM Chile, Sky Airlines and JetSMART

You can, of course, travel on any airline of your choice; however, please note that regardless of your transportation carrier, you are expected to be at your meeting location at the required time.

If you are planning to travel to other countries before or after the program or your transit route involves connections in other countries, check with the embassies of those countries before you leave the US regarding visas, documents, and/or immunizations required. Please contact your admissions counselor as soon as possible to discuss the feasibility of your plans.

SIT recommends that students purchase a round-trip itinerary into and out of the host country. When you first arrive and pass through immigration and customs, officials may request that you show proof that you have confirmed plans to depart their country at a designated time in the future. In addition, booking a round-trip ticket will likely be more affordable than purchasing

two separate one-way itineraries. Even if you later decide to change your return flight, the fees for making that change will oftentimes still amount to less than the overall price of two separate tickets. If you believe that you will want to travel independently after your SIT Study Abroad program has concluded, we recommend that you estimate the approximate amount of extra time you will need and then book your flights accordingly.

## PASSPORT INFORMATION

To participate in this program, you will need a signed **passport that is valid for at least six months after the end of the program.**

- If necessary, apply for a new passport or renewal immediately.
- **US Citizens:** consult US State Department information at [http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport\\_1738.html](http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html) for passport processing times and application procedures.
- **Non-US Citizens:** contact your embassy or consulate.

Students are responsible for their own passports. Please make a copy of the first two pages of your passport (one of which has your photo), and your visa (if applicable), and store in a separate location than your passport. Throughout the term, students should always keep a copy of their passport and visa on their person.

You may need to expedite your passport application in order to meet visa application deadlines. Please check with your admissions counselor at [studyabroad@sit.edu](mailto:studyabroad@sit.edu) or (888) 272-7881 to discuss whether you should expedite your application.

## VISA INFORMATION

A visa is an official endorsement from a foreign government permitting entry into and travel within a particular country or region for a specified period of time. A visa may be glued or stamped directly into an applicant's passport or be on a separate paper or insert.

You are responsible for complying with all visa procedures and deadlines. Keep in mind that procedures and fees are subject to change at the discretion of the embassy or consulate with jurisdiction over your application. Students should double-check visa procedures. Issuance of visas is at the sole discretion of the applicable consulate or embassy; SIT assumes no responsibility for the issuance or denial of any visa.

### **Students with US passports:**

For this program, students with US passports do **not** need to acquire a visa prior to their arrival in Chile. Upon arrival students receive a tourist visa stamp valid for 90 days. SIT will assist

students in applying for an extension to obtain additional 30-90 days in country. The associated fees will be about \$100.

**Students with non-US passports:**

Students without a US passport may be subject to additional or different requirements for obtaining a visa or meeting other conditions of entry into the country or countries listed above. Many countries require individuals to apply for visas in person at the relevant embassy or consulate located in their country of citizenship. We strongly recommend that you contact the embassy of each country the program will be traveling to very early in the process to confirm visa and/or entry requirements applicable to your country of citizenship and determine next steps while allowing plenty of time to apply. It is your responsibility to confirm and complete the visa application process particular to your situation, and to keep your admissions counselor informed.

**ARRIVAL INFORMATION**

You are expected to meet your group at the following date, time, and location:



**Program Arrival Date:** Tuesday, August 26, 2025

**Arrival Airport:** Aeropuerto Internacional Chacalluta- Arica, Chile (ARI) or Aeropuerto Internacional Carlos Ciriani -Tacna, Perú (TCQ).

**Group Will Be Met By:** Program staff in the arrivals area of the airports

**Group Meeting Time for Arica Arrivals:** Flight arrivals any time before **4:00pm** (Chilean Time)

**Notes:** If you are having trouble finding a connecting flight from Santiago to Arica, you may find more success by first purchasing a round trip ticket to Santiago, and then a separate ticket from Santiago to Arica directly with Sky Airline, LATAM or Jet Smart Airlines.

If you cannot arrive to Arica by 4pm, you should arrive one day early and book a night in our recommended hostel:

Hotel Samaña, <https://hotelsamana.cl> Address: Maipú 271, Arica, Phone: +56 58 225 5453 You can take a taxi from the Arica airport to the hotel. Please note that students are responsible for their own accommodations and expenses prior to the program start date. SIT program staff will not be able to meet with you until the morning of the program start date.

**Group Meeting Time for Tacna Arrivals:** Flight arrivals by 12:00PM (Peruvian Time).

**Notes:** DO NOT exit the airport during your layover Lima through national controls. You will need to go through immigration and then transfer to your national flight.

**If you are unable to find suitable travel arrangements which will allow you to arrive at the specified date and time, please contact your admissions counselor as soon as possible—BEFORE you make any reservations.**

Arrival prior to the start of the program IS NOT possible. No SIT Study Abroad staff will be able to assist you with any matter should you arrive before the program's commencement date due

to personal travel or for any other reason. Please note that medical insurance, provided to you through SIT Study Abroad for the duration of your program, is in effect 14-days prior to your program start date and 14-days post your program end date, only outside of the United States.

A vaccination card or immunization record may be required for you to enter the program country. Please reference the [Safety, Security, and Health](#) pre-departure document for information on how to check for vaccination requirements.

## DEPARTURE INFORMATION

You are expected to plan your departure for the following date, time, and location:

<b>Program Departure Date:</b>	Monday, December 8, 2025
<b>Departure Airport:</b>	Aeropuerto Internacional Chacalluta- Arica, Chile (ARI)
<b>Earliest Departure Time:</b>	Anytime

It IS possible to remain in-country after the program ends. Please note that the program is no longer responsible for you after the end of the scheduled program.

## ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

For questions about your passport, flight, visa, and arrival information, please contact your admissions counselor, available Monday through Friday, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm (US East Coast time) to help you. 888-272-7881 menu option 2.

For questions concerning insurance coverage and vaccination, please contact our Student Health, Safety, and Well-being department by writing to [studentwellbeing@sit.edu](mailto:studentwellbeing@sit.edu)