

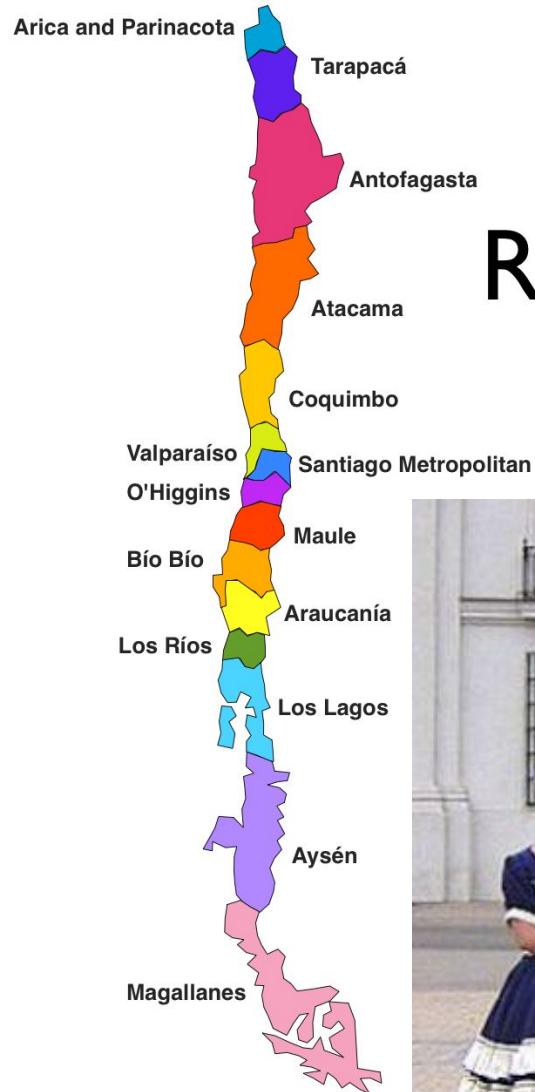
Chile



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Regions of Chile

Chilean Spanish accented distinctively, with final syllables and “s” sounds dropped, and soft pronunciation of some consonants.



Dining Etiquette

- Women sit before men.
- The hostess invites people to eat.
- Keep your hands visible when eating. Keep your wrists resting on the edge of the table.
- Always use utensils to eat.
- Avoid speaking with eating utensils in your hands.
- It is considered polite to finish everything on your plate.
- The host makes the first toast.



Gift Giving Etiquette

- If invited to a Chilean's home, take sweets/chocolates or wine for the hostess.
- Do not give yellow roses as they indicate contempt.
- Do not give purple or black flowers as they symbolize death.
- Do not give scissors or knives as they indicate you want to sever the relationship.



Business Meetings

- Pay attention to hand movements - gestures change in meaning across cultures.
- It is common to interrupt someone while they are speaking.
- Schedules are not very structured and issues can be tackled all at the same time.
- It is important to be patient as time is not of the essence in Chile – meetings will last as long as they need to last.
- Never openly criticize anyone.



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