PASSPORTS AND VISAS

Foreign visitors must have a valid passport.

When entering Chile, the visitor receives a valid tourist for 90 days.

Those from countries that do not maintain diplomatic relations with Chile will need a valid passport and must also obtain registration of their passport or consular been granted by the Chilean authority abroad or International Police to verify your arrivals.

Countries that need Chilean visa: New Zealand, Haiti, India, Lebanon, Egypt and Russia.

Tourists from Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay and Paraguay may submit the following documents: valid passport unstamped, National Identity Card or Book civic engaged.

It is suggested to carry a photocopy of the original documents is not necessary to bring the originals.

Some countries must pay a reciprocity fee, but the reciprocity fees are canceled at the airport before going through PDI (Police), upon arrival to Chile. Foreign visitors do not need additional documents; they just need to pay the fee. PDI provides a voucher that will serve to pass immigration.

Applications for visas can be performed on the following sites:

https://tramites.minrel.gov.cl (in Spanish)
https://sac.minrel.gov.cl/ciudadanos/ (in English)

The person should enter the site, record all the information required (with attachments) and send therequired form to the appropriate consulate.

TRANSPORTATION

Local organizers are arranging a bus shuttle service from the Santiago airport. Full details will be posted on this page as soon as they are available.

HOST CITY

Viña del Mar is located in the Valparaiso Region about 120 kilometers from the capital Santiago. It’s known as the “Garden City” for its natural beauty, surrounded by green areas and large floral gardens. One of its main attractions is the coastline of the Pacific Ocean, enjoyed through its 13 beaches. Its numerous palaces that belonged to ancient times recognized families of the city have become important and elegant museums. The city is also characterized by its intense cultural, artistic and entertainment.

CONFERENCE HOTELS

Our conference host has arranged room blocks at a number of area hotels, with special low rates during the conference (see Planning Your Stay). Booking details, the number of rooms available, reservation cutoff dates, hotel information, and maps are available online at www.iaia.org > IAIA14. Please book early to ensure that your first choice is available.

CLIMATE

Viña del Mar has a Mediterranean climate with dry warm summers and mild winters. April is a pretty warm month. The week of the conference, average temperatures are 10C/50F (low) and 20C/68F (high), and the probability of rain is low.

LANGUAGE

In all the territory, Chile’s official language is Spanish. Little English is spoken in the region, including in Viña del Mar and Santiago.

ELECTRICITY

The electrical supply in Chile is 200 volts at 50 Hz. Two-pin ungrounded plugs or two round pins and a round grounding pin in a line are standard.

SMOKING

It is illegal to smoke in enclosed public places.

TAXES

The tax in Chile is 19 % and is included in the price.

HOLIDAY ADVISORY

Holy Week (Sunday, 13 April-Saturday, 19 April 2014) is a major travel holiday for Chileans. Be sure to book your transportation and hotel early.

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