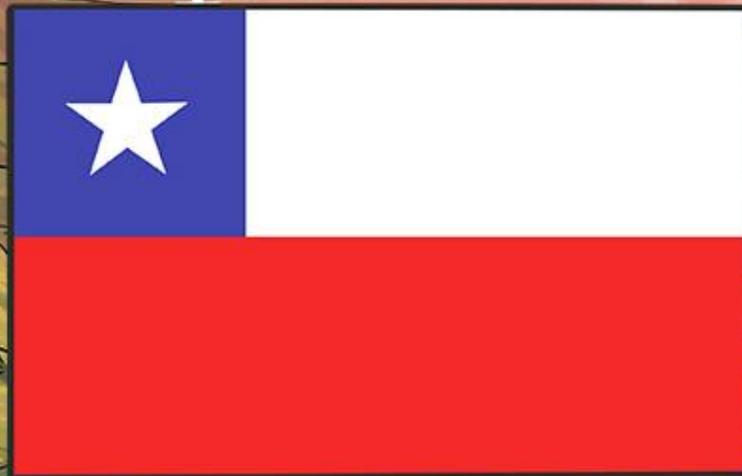


All About Chile

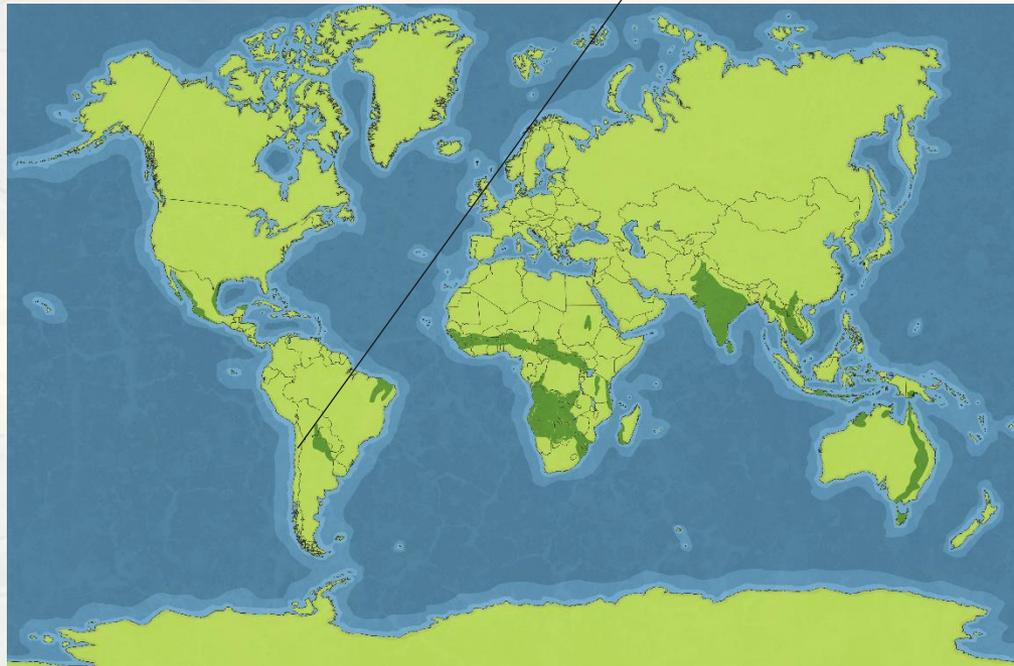


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Where in the World?

Which continent is Chile in?

Chile is in South America.



Where in South America?

Can you find Chile on a map of South America?

Chile



Key Facts about Chile

Chile borders Peru to the north, Bolivia to the north-east and Argentina to the east. The Pacific Ocean is to the west of Chile.

Official name: Republic of Chile

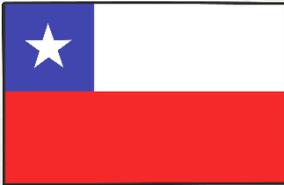
Official language: Spanish

Capital City: Santiago

Currency: Peso

Population: 17.5 million

Flag:



Something or someone from Chile is described as 'Chilean' (pronounced Chil-ee-an).

68% of Chileans identify as Christian (54% of these are Roman Catholic), 7% follow a different faith and the remaining 25% identify as having no religion.

Chile is 2,700 miles from north to south and 112 miles wide at its widest point.

Chile's Climate

Chile is 2,700 miles from north to south. In comparison, the UK is 600 miles from north to south. This length means that Chile has a wide variety of weather.

As Chile is in the southern hemisphere, summer is from late November to February and winter is from May to August.

The north of the country has desert-like conditions and it can go for years without rain. The Atacama Desert is the driest place on earth.

The centre of the country has generally mild weather.

The south of Chile has severe winters with icy conditions and freezing winds.



Santiago

The capital city of Chile is Santiago. It is sometimes known as Santiago de Chile. The city's nickname is the City of the Island Hills.

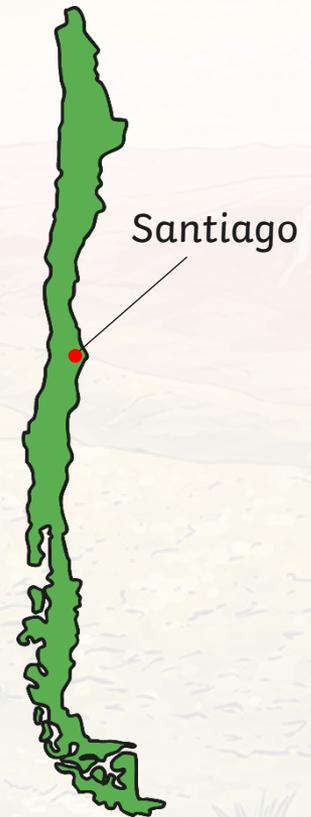
Chilean members of parliament meet in Santiago. However, the Senate (a bit like the British House of Lords) does not meet in the capital city, but in Valparaiso, 87 miles away.

The population of Santiago is 7 million, which makes it one of the largest cities in South America.

The Chilean national football team play their home matches at the Estadio Nacional Julio Martinez Pradanos in Santiago.

Did You Know?

Chile was once a colony of Spain (which meant it was controlled by Spain). It fought a war for independence against the Spanish from 1810 – 1826.



What Is Chile Well-Known For?

Click on a photo to find out more about Chile.



Football is very popular in Chile. The national team are known as 'La Roja' (The Reds).

The world's largest swimming pool is at the San Alfonso del Mar in Chile. It is 1,013m long.



Easter Island in the Pacific Ocean, famous for its moai, is Chilean Territory.

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Penguins live in several areas of southern Chile.

Chile is the ninth largest producer of wine in the world.

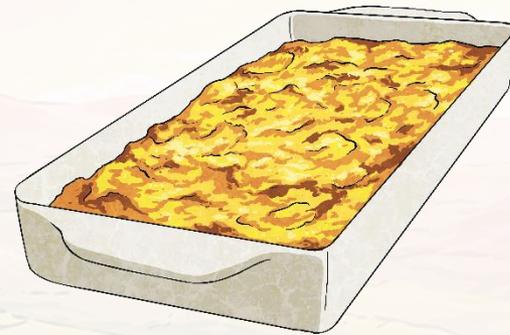


The Andes are a mountain range that run along the eastern border of Chile. They are the largest mountain range outside of Asia. The Ojos del Salado is a volcano in the Andes in between Chile and Argentina. At 6,893 metres, it is the highest volcano in the world.

Chilean Food

Traditional Chilean Dishes

- Empanadas – pastries filled with meat and cheese.
- Pastel de Choclo – sweetcorn casserole with a meat stuffing.
- Cazuela - stew with meat, sweetcorn, rice and potatoes.



Did You Know?

In Chile, 18th and 19th September are known as Fiestas Patrias. The festival marks Chile's independence from Spain. On these days, it is the law that the Chilean flag is hung from every public building. If this isn't done, a fine of up to 40,000 pesos can be given.

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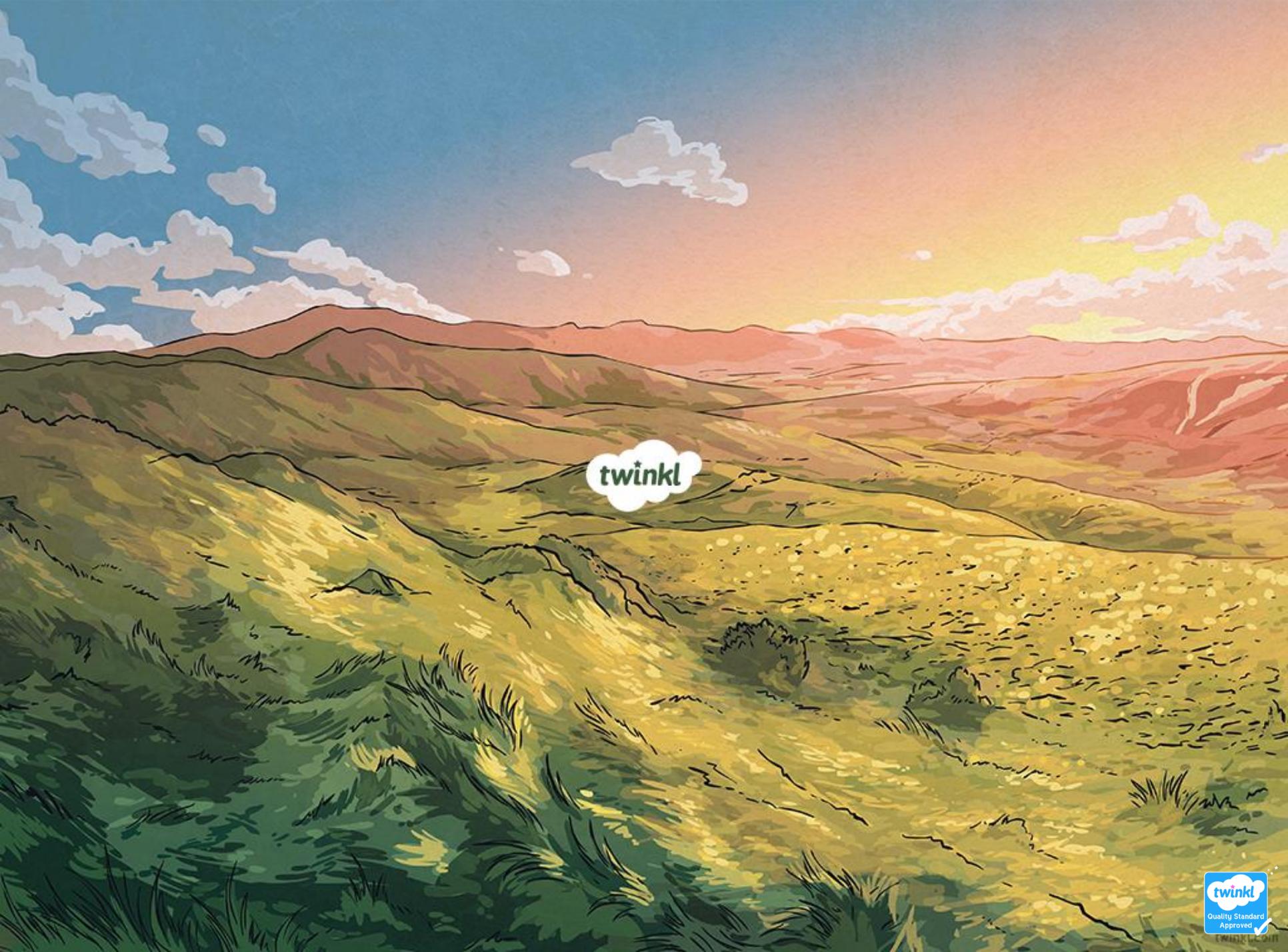
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What is the name of the famous island which is Chilean territory?

Easter Island



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