

Chile Fall 2026 Travel Instructions

Booking travel:

Your round-trip itinerary is due by June 1st, 2026

Enter your flight information, including all layovers, into your Student Portal.

SFS operates on a cohort-based model and exceptions for late arrivals or early departures will not be granted.

Tickets booked incorrectly are your responsibility to rectify and can be difficult and expensive to change!

Round Trip Travel to Program: Arrival Airport: PUQ - Presidente Carlos Ibáñez del Campo International* Airport or PNT - Aeródromo Teniente Julio Gallardo Airport Arrival Date: September 1st, 2026 Arrival Time: Before 4 PM Your layover in Santiago must be more than 3 hours. Departure Airport: PUQ - Presidente Carlos Ibáñez del Campo International Airport or PNT - Aeródromo Teniente Julio Gallardo Airport Departure Date: December 11th, 2026 Departure Time: Anytime	Mid-semester break: Dates: Oct 3rd – Oct 8th *Dates subject to change Students are responsible for their own food and accommodations during non-program time. See the field guide for estimated costs.
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Important booking notes:

- **Purchasing:** SFS recommends purchasing flights directly with the airline rather than 3rd party websites to expedite customer service in case of travel delays/cancellations.
- **Connecting flights:** SFS requires at least 3 hours for your layover in Santiago and recommends 2 hours for all other layovers. Terminal changes, customs and immigration, and travel delays should be considered when booking.
- **Travel to the center:** On arrival day, SFS staff will meet students at PUQ and PNT airports and arrange transportation to the center. Travel time is approximately 3 hours from PUQ and 15 minutes from PNT.
- **Traveling pre- or post- program:** If you choose to arrive before the program start date and time or leave after the program end date and time, planning and costs associated with additional transportation, accommodation, visas, health testing, etc. are the responsibility of the student. You will still be expected to meet at the airport on the arrival date and time and you will be dropped off at the airport on the departure date and time.
- **Luggage:** SFS has no luggage limitations. Check with your airline for their luggage allowances.
- **Make the most of your travels:** Join a frequent flyer program and consider purchasing carbon offsets.

Travel Insurance:

SFS is not responsible for reimbursing travel expenses for programs canceled or rescheduled due to acts of war/civil unrest, strikes, weather, quarantine/epidemics/sickness, government regulations, or failure of equipment, power, or communications.

Therefore, SFS highly recommends purchasing travel insurance and refundable flights to protect your ticket investment. Be sure to ask specifically about coverage as it pertains to COVID-19.

Airport Letter:

The SFS admissions team will send an “Airport Letter” 1-3 weeks prior to departure. This letter will include where and when to meet SFS Staff at the airport and what to do should you or your baggage get delayed.

Health & Travel Entry Requirements:

Health and travel-related entry requirements may change prior to departure. SFS will communicate updates as they become available; however, students are responsible for confirming and complying with all destination and transit requirements before traveling.

Passport Requirements:

A valid, signed passport is required for students to enter Chile. Your passport should be valid for at least six months after the end of the program.

Visa Requirements:

US Citizens:

- **Chilean Tourist Visa:**
 - Your tourist visa will be granted on arrival and last for 90 days.
 - Students are solely responsible for obtaining the correct visa for the appropriate duration.
 - Cost: Free *Cost subject to change.
 - During your program, the group will travel to Argentina in order to renew your visa for the remainder of your stay. Travel arrangements will be made and paid for by SFS staff.

Non-US Citizens: Students who are not U.S. citizens are responsible for investigating and obtaining a visa that will cover them for the entire program prior to arrival. If this applies to you, please contact your country's consulate for instructions.