

## Business Hours

In general, office hours are from 8:30 or 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 or 6:00 p.m. from Monday to Friday. Banks are open Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Government offices are open Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and generally from 8:30 or 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday. Retail stores are open from 10:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Saturday retail hours are 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

## Public Holidays

The following is a list of official public holidays in Chile:

**New Year's Day** - January 1

**Good Friday** - variable

**Labour Day** - May 1

**Navy Day** - May 21

**Assumption** - August 15

**Chile National Day** - September 11

**Independence Day** - September 18

**Army Day** - September 19

**Columbus Day** - October 12

**All Saints Day** - November 1

**Immaculate Conception** - December 8

**Christmas Day** - December 25

January and February, the height of the Chilean summer, are the favourite vacation months and are not a good time for a business visit. Appointments may also be difficult to obtain during the weeks of Christmas, New Year's, Easter and of Independence Day.

## Measures

The metric system is used in Chile.

## Electricity

The electricity supply for domestic use is 220 V, single phase, 50 cycles AC. For industrial purposes, the supply is 380 V, three phases, four wire, 50 cycles AC. Domestic plug fittings are generally the two-pin type.