

Quarantine of 14 days in Chile for travellers coming from Spain or Italy - 10 Mar 2020

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Chile calls for informed and responsible tourism to prevent the spread of coronavirus

The Ministry of Health unveiled the control measure to control the spread of the disease, which establishes that every person who enters Chile from Italy and Spain must go directly to a quarantine period of 14 days in order to avoid a possible contagion of COVID-19.

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In the framework of the declaration of Public Health Emergency of International Importance, declared by the World Health Organization (WHO), as a result of the sudden increase in coronavirus cases worldwide, the Chilean Tourism authorities made a call to practice a responsible and informed tourism, always following the prevention measures established by the Ministry of Health of Chile. Along these lines, the authorities of the Ministry of Health reported that, to date, some confirmed cases of COVID-19 coronavirus have already been registered in the country. All patients remain in good general health conditions and under epidemiological surveillance in their respective homes. The national authorities stressed that Chile has an adequate health institutional framework and that the work is currently focused on controlling the spread of the disease.

Along these same lines, the Tourism and Health authorities maintain a coordinated work with the aim of duly informing the tourist unions, tour operators and travellers regarding the prevention measures that are being adopted to limit the risk of transmission of the COVID-19 outbreak.

In this context, Tourism Authorities highlighted the information released by the Chilean Minister of Health, MR. Jaime Mañalich, who indicated that as a measure to control the spread of the disease, anyone who enters Chile from Italy and Spain must pass directly to a quarantine period of 14 days to prevent any possible COVID-19 infection to third parties.

The Minister of Health explained that travellers who enter the country arriving from Spain and Italy must "comply with a surveillance period at home, of 14 days, and they will be given, according to the circulars of the Ministry of Labour, the medical licenses in case they need them to justify their absence of normal working routine at offices".

It is important to highlight that, given the rapid evolution of this epidemic worldwide, all the prevention and control measures adopted by the health authority are regularly evaluated and updated.

For this reason, the call, both to the national tourism industry and to travellers entering Chile, is to inquire through official channels, available on the website of the Ministry of Health (www.minsal.cl).

Meanwhile, for telephone inquiries in Chile, the line "Health Answers" service has been enabled, which can be contacted by calling 6003607777.

Recommendations to tourists

The Under secretariat of TOURISM and SERNATUR indicated that it is essential to follow the recommendations that the Ministry of Health has specified in line with that recommended by the World Health Organization:

- Hand hygiene: frequent washing with soap and water or alcohol solutions.
- When coughing or sneezing, cover the mouth and nose with a tissue or forearm. Dispose of the handkerchief in a closed garbage can.
- Avoid touching your face: eyes, nose and mouth.
- Keep a distance of one meter with people who have respiratory symptoms (fever, cough, sneezing).
- Keep surfaces clean and disinfected.
- The use of masks is recommended only for symptomatic people and not for healthy people.

Operative tourist destinations

Chile maintains its tactical actions to continue motivating trips and captivating tourists who are planning their vacations to nearby destinations or getaways for long weekends, highlighting the alternatives offered by the country and remembering that the most demanded tourist attractions are open and operational.

The tourist offer in Chile is varied from north to south, passing through natural, cultural, gastronomic, sports and urban attractions. Among its comparative advantages with other destinations in the region, Chile offers a wide range of experiences to tourists who, according to their tastes and preferences, can enjoy astrotourism, wine tourism with a significant number of vineyards open to tourism, adventure tourism and from nature.

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