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Port Information Arica, Chile



General information:

Arica is a commune and a port city with a population of 196,590. It is Chile's northernmost city, being located only 18 km (11 mi) south of the border with Peru. The city is the capital of both the Arica Province and the Arica and Parinacota Region. Arica is located at the bend of South America's western coast known as the Arica Bend or Arica Elbow. Arica has a mild, temperate climate with some of the lowest annual rainfall rates anywhere in the world, consequently there are rarely any clouds over Arica.

Address of port: Pier 5 – Port of Arica

Taxi information: Limited taxi's will be available outside the Port Gate. Taxi's only take Chilean Peso

Shuttle Service: The Port will provide a Port Shuttle from the Ship to the Gate, as walking is not allowed in the Port Area. The shuttle takes up to 5 minutes and will run continuously.

Language: Spanish is the main language in Chile.

Exchange Rate: USD 1 = 663 pesos. A Currency exchange office is located on Bolognesi street and 21 de Mayo.

Places of interest:

El Morro

El Morro is the massive cliff located in the middle of the city. It consists of compressed sand and rock that guards the southern tip of the city. A strategic military point in the battle for Arica, between the Bolivians, Peruvians and Chileans, El Morros 'cherry on top' is an enormous Chilean flag blowing in the constant ocean breeze.

Cathedral de San Marcos

Also known as Arica's Cathedral. This Gothic-style church was designed by celebrated Parisian engineer Alexandre Gustave Eiffel, before his success with the Eiffel Tower.

Arica Historical and Weapons Museum

The Arica Historical and Weapons Museum is located at the top of the hill of Arica. The museum was inaugurated on June 7, 1974, in remembrance of the War of the Pacific. Up top of the hill, there are discontinued cannons, a bust of Colonel Pedro Lagos and a monument to the Unknown Soldiers. **Opening Times: 10:00am – 8:00pm**

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Museo de Sitio Colón 10

See the 32 excavated Chinchorro mummies in situ at this tiny museum below El Morro. You can gape at the glass-protected bodies as they were found, in the sand below the floors, in different positions, complete with their funerary bundles, skins and feathers of marine fowl. **Opening Times: 10:00am – 6:00pm**

Surroundings of Arica

Mummy Museum in Azapa – 30 minute drive

Something the Chileans of Arica are very proud to educate you about are the Mummies of Chinchorro. A small town called San Miguel de Azapa, commonly referred to simply as Azapa, is the location of a petite but very powerful museum called the MUSEOA Arqueológico San Miguel de Azapa, which houses the remains of the oldest known mummified human remains, dating back 2000 years prior to the famous mummies of Egypt. **Opening Times: 10:00am – 6:00pm**
Entrance fee: 2000,- Chilean Peso – USD 3,-

Playa Chinchorro – 15 minute walk

A nice wide and long beach located near the city center of Arica. A long the beach there are some restaurants and bars located.

La Cuevas de Anzota – 15 minute drive

The Cuevas de Anzota are one of the most naturally beautiful attraction in Arica. There is a path between the cliffs and the rocky shoreline you can walk. Staircases will take you up to beautiful viewpoints and wildlife is likely to see in this area.

Shopping:

Mall Plaza Arica – 750m/0.5miles from the pier

Shopping mall in Arica

Opening Times: 10:00AM to 10:00PM

Vereda Boulevard Bolognesi – 900m/ 0.55mi from the pier

Outdoor Shopping mall in Arica

Opening Times: 10:00AM to 2:00AM

We wish you a wonderful day ashore in Arica, Chile.

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