Sarah Moredock’s Top Dos & Don’ts
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Do
2. Food. Must try: pisco sours, empanadas de pino, pastel de cholco, humitas, cazuela, jugo natural, mil ojas con coco.
3. Enjoy the Pacific Ocean and beautiful sunsets!
4. Climb las dunas in Reñaca (huge sand dunes just north of Viña).
5. Eat an empanada de marisco in Concon.
6. Go to all 3 of Pablo Neruda’s homes: La Chascona in Santiago; La Isla Negra in La Isla Negra; La Sebastiana in Valparaíso.
7. Go Salsa dancing at Ache Havana in Valparaíso (and get a mojito)!
8. Try local restaurants: EL DESAYUNADOR!!! (my favorite: get the cake) and Café con letras (get an once completa) in Valparaíso (Cerro Concepción y Alegre) and América (get el menú) and Entre la masa in Viña del Mar (6 norte entre 3 y 4 poniente).

Do Not
1. Be offended if you get whistled at a lot.
2. Be offended if people look at you long and hard – it’s just what they do, and you are different.
3. Walk in groups of other Americans while speaking loudly, in English, at night time. You will make yourself a target for pickpockets.
4. Pay full price for anything. Always haggle!
5. Be scared when you don’t understand Chilean Spanish. You will learn the Chilenismos in time.
6. Be afraid to ask questions. But never fully trust the answer…..just keep asking.
7. Feel weird if people stand very close to you because you don’t have personal space down there.
8. Eat too many empanadas!