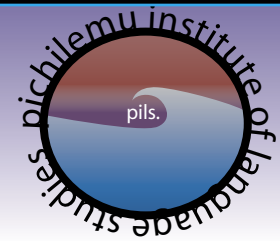


# PICHILEMU INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGE STUDIES

## Study Program 2011-2012

**OLAS**<sup>CHILE</sup>  
Outdoor and Language Adventure Studies



*Unique Spanish study, Cultural,  
and Outdoor Adventure  
Programs since 2005. Located on Chile's  
beautiful rural coast in Pichilemu!*

- University Accredited Spanish Courses
- Independent Study for all ages
- Fully supported student group programs
- ESL volunteer program
- Spanish study + outdoor adventure and activity programs





## Pichilemu

Located only 3 hours from the capital city of Santiago and Arturo Merino Benitez International Airport on the rural Pacific coast.

Easily accessible by hired transport or public bus, Pichilemu is a fast-growing small town known for its relaxed surf-inspired attitude. We like to say:

“Sleepy fishing village meets international surf mecca”

## Why Chile? Why Pichilemu?

The central Chilean coast allows students to experience a distinctly different culture steeped in tradition, while at the same time having access to modern amenities in a safe and healthy environment. It is a mix of past and present; of a slower culture but with reliable internet, health care, clean water and safe streets.

*We love Pichilemu* for its juxtaposition of culture. Picture this: a man rides his horse to the grocery store, a car parks next to him, and a surfer in a wet-suit walks past.

*Students love Pichilemu* for its accessibility: students can easily walk from school, to their host family houses, to the beach, to the store, to the pubs.

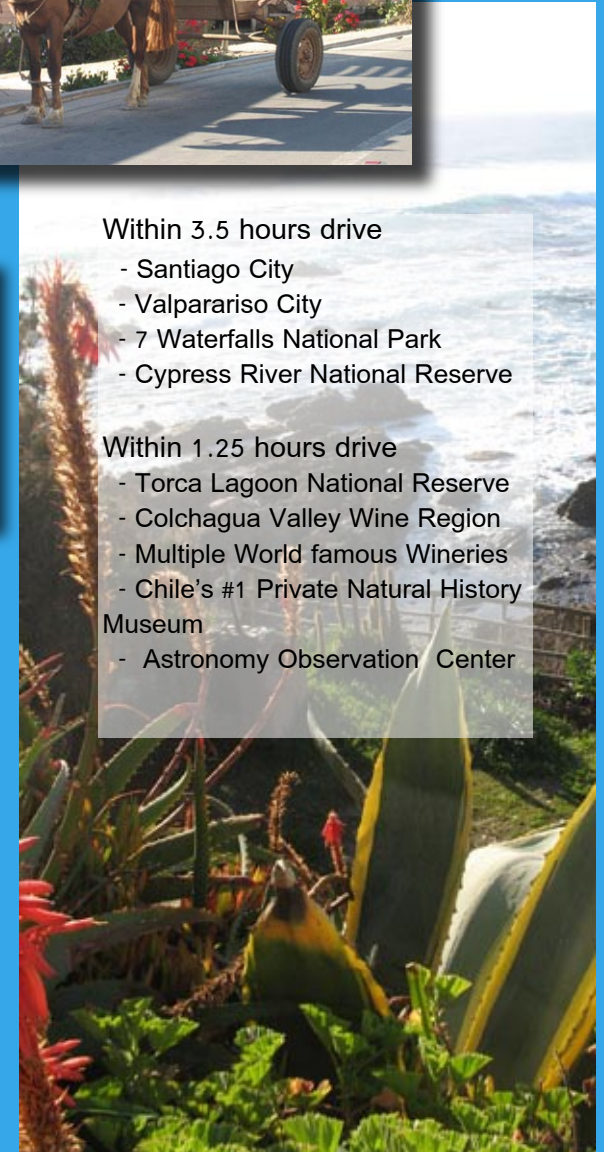
*Students love Pichilemu* for the friendly locals, for the fresh seafood, for the open market, and for the eclectic mix of international and Chilean tourists.

Within 3.5 hours drive

- Santiago City
- Valparariso City
- 7 Waterfalls National Park
- Cypress River National Reserve

Within 1.25 hours drive

- Torca Lagoon National Reserve
- Colchagua Valley Wine Region
- Multiple World famous Wineries
- Chile's #1 Private Natural History Museum
- Astronomy Observation Center



# STUDENT GROUP PROGRAMS

## Student Group Program Highlights

### - Excellent Homestay Families

We often place students with the families of our ESL students. These combinations inspire long term relationships and language immersion.



### - Direct Booking Lowers Costs

When high schools and colleges book direct with PILS we pass the savings on to the students and school groups.

### - 100% Supported programs

We take care of all aspects of your trip upon arrival to Chile. PILS organizes secured transport, accommodation for students and teachers/chaperons, additional courses and tours, trips from Pichilemu to other cities and parks in the central regions.

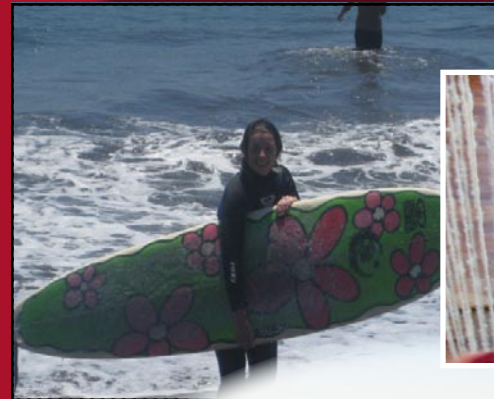
## Additional Courses and Tour options

Art classes: native weaving, mosaics, painting

Sports: Yoga, Surfing, Kite Boarding, Mt. Biking

Cultural: Talks with local professionals on current issues such as: fishing, development, and Chilean culture

Tours: Local historical sites, beaches, astronomy center, natural history museum, wineries and farms



# US College Credit Program

PILS offers transfer credit for 11 different college courses through our US partner, Brookhaven Community College.

## *How does this program work?*

For college groups and high school senior groups the process is simple: Register at Brookhaven and after your group's course at PILS (plus the 'living Spanish' experience in Pichilemu), you'll be speaking better than imagined!

For individuals traveling and studying on their own who wish to receive credit, you'll take a mix of small group and private classes following the course guidelines, tests, and evaluations in order to receive credit.

Not only do students studying for credit abroad return to the US with a higher level of Spanish than their counterparts at home, at PILS the full semester + room and board costs are equivalent to a Community College semester.

### Credit Transfers:

All courses are graded and all evaluations are reviewed by the Brookhaven Spanish language faculty.

### Financial Aid:

Financial aid can be used during the student's time abroad. Students must speak to their college advisors about the process.

## Courses Available (3 semester units each)

- 1311 Beginner Spanish 1
- 1312 Beginner Spanish 2
- 1300 Spanish Conversation 1
- 2306 Spanish Conversation 2
- 2311 Intermediate Spanish 1
- 2312 Intermediate Spanish 2
- 2316 Spanish Business
- 2321 Spanish Literature 1
- 2322 Spanish Literature 2
- 2323 Latin Amer. Literature
- 2324 Spanish Conversation through reading



# Independent Study Program and Activities



*Our new central location!*

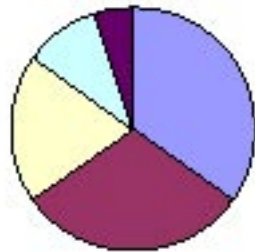
Who are our students?

Who can study at PILS?

What other activities can they do?

Our students are a combination of local Chileans learning English and an international mix of people studying Spanish. We've had students from over 16 different countries!

Any person over 6 years old can study Spanish with us. Our instructors are experienced in teaching children as well as adults, and families on their gap year find Pichilemu an ideal spot for kids.



**Families and individuals** alike will enjoy a variety of activities after school is out. Via PILS, the local cultural center, and the tourism infrastructure you'll find:

- yoga, art, and dance classes (kids and adults)
- horseback riding, beach combing, fishing, surfing, kayaking, kite boarding, mt. biking, bird watching
- Near by Wineries and farms
- Tours: local historic sites, Santa Cruz wine, hike, and/or bike tours, farm tours, trips to the cities or National Parks in the central regions.

## Interested in Volunteering?



PILS, with support from the local Ministry of Education places up to 4 ESL volunteers each semester with English teachers in the under-funded, over-crowded municipal schools.

Volunteers assist 20 hours a week and receive discounts on their Spanish classes.

Volunteering in Pichilemu is a great way to give something back, really perfect your Spanish and dive deep into Chilean culture.

Learn Spanish Experience Chile Go  
surfing  
Volunteer teaching ESL Meet  
new people  
Try kiteboarding Drink great  
wine  
Experience a new culture learn na  
tive art Hang at the beach make  
friends have fun



**About Us:**

PILS started in 2005 as the brainchild of an American couple who, upon struggling to find a quality language school outside city limits on their travels throughout Latin America, decided to start their own in one of their favorite South American and surfing destinations, Pichilemu.

As of 2011 PILS will also be represented by a new agency called **OLAS:**

**Outdoor Language and Adventure Studies.**

Under this new title, the owners intend to fill the role of a complete study, tour, and adventure guide for both the individuals and student groups in the central Chile.

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