



American Softwoods: A Cornerstone of Chilean Wood Architecture



Innovating in Chile with US Woods since the 19th century....

- 19th century, the expansion of the saltpeter industry
- Ships that, before the advent of the Panama Canal, needed to cross the much-feared Cape Horn,
- These vessels carried fine Douglas fir woods, needed as ballast to prevent them from sinking in the shaky Southern waters of the Pacific Ocean.
- As a consequence, it was intensively used in the Northern Regions of Chile to build the offices and plants of the saltpeter producing companies, harbors and major houses. Even today, the city of Iquique has entire neighborhoods built with the so-called "Pino Oregon" (Douglas fir).

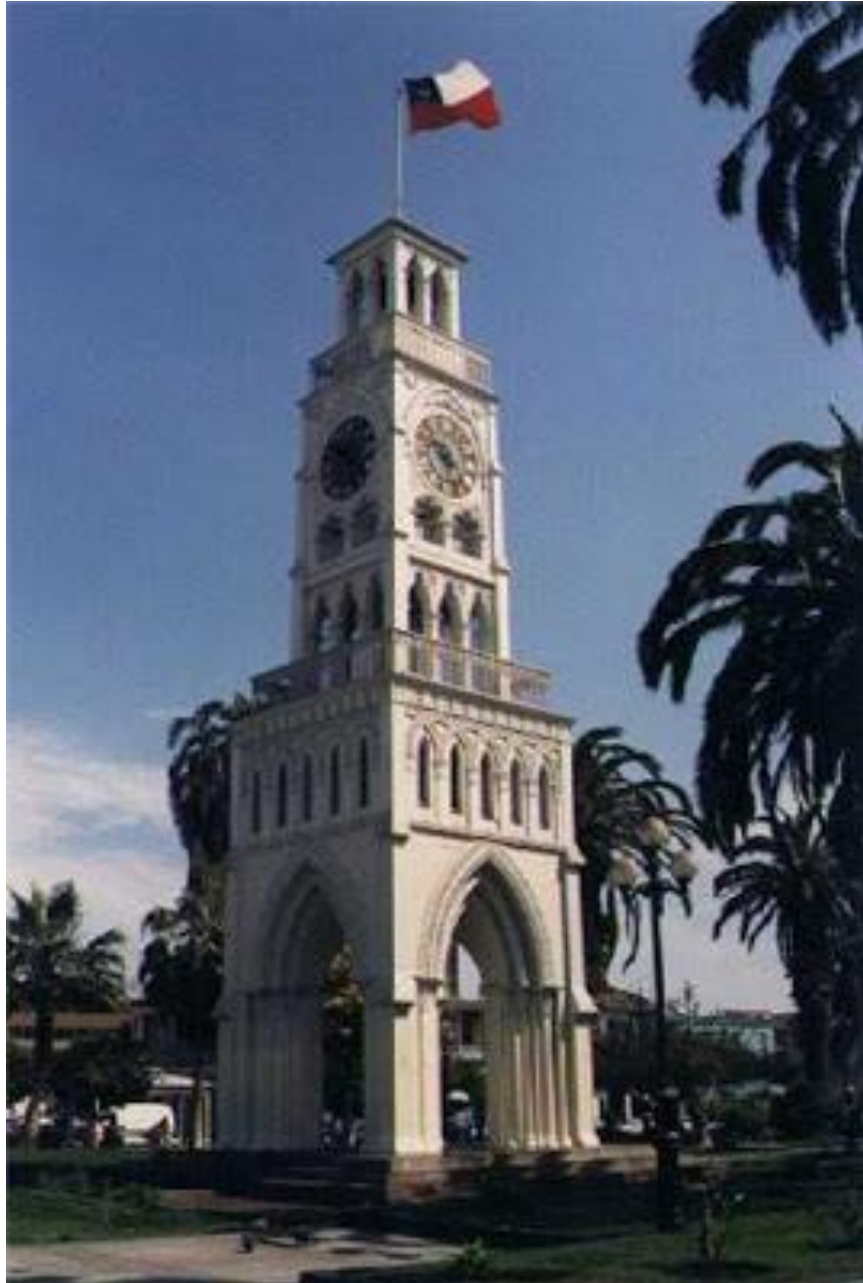


- The English and US communities living in North of Chile, introduced the Georgian style exported from California.
- The cultural heritage of American Douglas Fir in Chile is vast.
- The following images show the significant role of US Douglas Fir in Chile.
- Most of these buildings are considered and protected as National Monuments. Actually, most of these images were obtained from our Council of National Monuments (CMN) Website.
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Iquique, Chile, Downtown, American Douglas Fir Architecture



Prat Square, Iquique, Chile
US Douglas Fir Structure, 1878



Municipal Theater, Iquique, Chile
US Douglas Fir, 1890





Iglesia de San Francisco Javier, Taltal, Chile
American Douglas Fir, 1860





La Alhambra Theater , Taltal, Chile
American Douglas Fir, 1921



Museo Capdeville, Taltal, 1885
American Douglas Fir
More than 130 years !

Astoreca Palace, US Douglas Fir, XIX Century,
Platform Frame, Iquique, Chile



Copiapó Cathedral, Chile, American Douglas Fir, 1851





Former Customs Building,
Currently City Hall Museum
US Douglas Fir
Antofagasta, Chile, 1871



Teatro Pompeya,
Villa Alemana, Chile
US Douglas Fir, 1926





**Corporate Building "The Nitrate Agencies Limited" Iquique,
XIX Century, US Douglas Fir**



San Antonio de Padua Church and
Franciscan Convent, Iquique Chile
US Douglas Fir, XIX Century





Melbourne Clark Pier, US Douglas Fir,
Antofagasta, 1872





City Hall Building , Copiapó, Chile
US Douglas Fir, 1860



Baquedano Pedestrian
Street, Iquique, XIX Century
US Douglas Fir





Baquedano Pedestrian Street, Iquique,
XIX Century, US Douglas Fir



Anglican Church, Valparaiso
US Douglas Fir, 1858

Pichilemu Casino and Ross
Gardens, Chile, Douglas Fir, 1906



"Neandro Schilling School"
San Fernando, Chile
US Douglas Fir, 1901





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