

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

ARGENTINA

PASSPORT AND VISA INFORMATION

Your passport needs to be valid for **at least six (6) months** after your journey ends, and should have a minimum of one (1) blank visa page for entry and exit stamps.

Holders of U.S. and Canadian passports are not required to obtain a tourist visa for entry into Argentina for stays of up to 90 days.

Our partner VisaCentral offers easy, efficient U.S. passport and visa processing. Visit them online at visacentral.com/abercrombiekent or call 844 823 1224 and reference A&K's account number 73001. Service fees apply.

Citizens of other countries should contact the appropriate consular office for entry requirements pertaining to their journey.

LOCAL HEALTH & SAFETY PROTOCOLS

If your journey includes travel in the High Andes regions of Argentina, you may experience altitude sickness. Please consult your healthcare provider for suggestions on prevention and treatment.

CASH & CREDIT CARDS

The U.S. dollar is accepted by many tourist-oriented businesses and shops. Major credit cards such as Visa or Mastercard are accepted at larger establishments although local merchants may refuse to accept them. ATM access (with payout in pesos) is available in urban areas. If using an ATM, do so during business hours at a location inside a bank, supermarket, or large commercial building.

All guests staying at hotels in Bariloche are required to pay an Eco-Tax (*ecotasa*) assessed by the municipal government to finance the city's infrastructure. The amount of the fee varies from UDS\$2 to USD\$4 (30 to 60 ARP) per night, for each guest 14 years old and over and applies to the first three nights of your hotel stay. The per night charge is based on the category of hotel and the fee will be collected upon checkout. Please review your hotel invoice as the tax may be added to your incidental charges allowing you to pay by credit card or you may be asked to pay the fee in cash (pesos) upon check-out. (Fees and payment procedures are subject to change.)

OF SPECIAL NOTE

In addition to the general safety advice on keeping valuables secure, visitors to Buenos Aires should be alert and mindful of their surroundings and take extra caution in crowds. Beginning with your arrival at the airport, avoid having items of value visible and safeguard personal items at all times. Don't wear expensive jewellery or watches and only carry with you what you need for the day.

PACKING LIST & BAGGAGE RESTRICTIONS

For checked baggage on flights in Economy Class within Argentina, each traveller is limited to one (1) piece per person with a maximum weight of 33 pounds (15 kilograms). For carry-on baggage, each traveller is allowed one (1) personal item (such as a purse or laptop) and one (1) piece weighing up to 17 pounds (8 kilograms).

Please use the provided A&K luggage tags, even if your bags already have ID tags. This makes it easier for A&K staff to find and manage your luggage for you.

Clothing

Choose versatile, casual clothing that can be layered if the weather (or level of air-conditioning) requires. Temperatures will change as altitudes and time of day change. Smart casual attire is appropriate for evenings. In Buenos Aires, residents are very fashion conscious and it is customary to dress for dinner. Formal clothing is not necessary.

If visiting mountainous regions or exploring Patagonia, pack a lightweight parka or windproof jacket (preferably water resistant) and windproof slacks, made of fabric such as Gor-Tex®. Functional, warm, quick-dry fabrics are recommended for Patagonia and Bariloche. In Patagonia and Bariloche winds can be fierce; pack earmuffs (or a good hat), a scarf and gloves.

- Casual slacks
- Walking shorts
- Polo shirts, casual short-sleeve shirts or blouses
- Long sleeve shirts or blouses
- Comfortable walking shoes with low or no heels
- Lightweight raincoat or windproof jacket
- Waterproof, lightweight, well-broken in hiking boots for trekking activities (in Patagonia or Bariloche, if applicable)
- Brimmed hat for sun protection
- Socks
- Sweater or fleece jacket
- Personal garments
- Sleepwear
- Swimwear/cover-up

Other Recommended Items

- Face masks and hand sanitizer
- Sun block and lip balm
- Simple first-aid kit
- Sunglasses
- Prescriptions and medications (in their original bottles and/or packaging)
- Mosquito repellent
- Extra eyeglasses/contact lenses
- Smartphone
- Charging cables for electronics
- Global travel adapter

Optional Items

- Small LED flashlight
- Foldable walking stick
- Lightweight binoculars
- Small waterproof daypack

Laundry service is available at most hotels and dry cleaning is available in larger cities. Check costs and return times before using these services.

TIPPING GUIDELINES

While decisions regarding tipping rest entirely with you, we suggest the following gratuities (noted in U.S. dollars):

	Tailor Made Journeys
Local Guides	\$15 per person, per day (full day)

Drivers	\$10 per person, per day (full day)
Airport Transfer Drivers	\$5 per person, per transfer
Hotel Porters	\$2 per bag
Cruise vessels	\$10-\$15 per person, per day – Gratuities accepted on board the boat and shared among the staff.
Lodges in Patagonia	\$10 per person, per day – Gratuities accepted at each property and shared among the staff.
Housekeepers	\$2 per person, per night
Included Meals	Included
Restaurants or Room Service on Own	10-15% unless already added