

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION CHILE, ARGENTINA & BRAZIL

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 three (3) blank visa pages for entry and exit stamps.

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

Documentation for Guests Travelling to Easter Island

In order to visit Easter Island, all guests must carry a passport and a mandatory **Rapa Nui Entry Form** (IRN). As a courtesy, A&K Chile will provide you with a completed form (one per guest) prior to your checking in for your flight to Easter Island. Please keep this form with your passport as you need to present it at the airline ticket counter before being permitted to board your flight to Easter Island.

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.

Minors Travelling To/Through Brazil Without One or Both Parents

We recommend that families of minors travelling to Brazil without one or both parents carry documentation that proves their relationship to the child (e.g., birth certificate) and that they have permission to travel with the child (e.g., consent letter). Please contact the nearest Brazilian embassy or consulate for more information.

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

COVID-19 COUNTRY ENTRY REQUIREMENTS & TRAVEL ADVISORIES

Chile, Argentina and Brazil currently have no COVID-19 vaccination or testing requirements for entry for U.S. and Canadian residents. Visit the U.S. Department of State at travel.state.gov or the Government of Canada at travel.gc.ca/travelling/advisories for up-to-date information.

LOCAL HEALTH & SAFETY PROTOCOLS

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

CASH & CREDIT CARDS

Although the U.S. dollar is accepted as payment at some tourist shops in Chile, most restaurants and taxi drivers require payment in pesos. Major credit cards are widely accepted in urban areas although some merchants may add a surcharge. ATM access is common and the easiest way to obtain cash is by using the ATM's, which operate under the "Redbank" sign.

On Easter Island, some merchants accept major credit cards, but, as it can take months for proprietors to recover the money, it is the least welcome form of payment (and some will even offer a cash discount over credit card purchases). Often, vendors require a very high minimum charge or charge an additional service fee for using a credit card and many smaller vendors do not accept credit cards at all. When buying souvenirs it is best to use cash. There are two ATMs in the Chilean banks in Hanga Roa where you can withdraw Chilean pesos (access may be limited). It is best to exchange a moderate amount of local currency on the mainland prior to your arrival on the island.

In Argentina, 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, Argentina 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.)

Major credit cards are widely accepted in urban areas. ATM machines are easily accessible. When using credit cards or ATMs in Brazil, exercise caution when using these payment methods and carefully monitor your banking online for non-authorized charges during the course of your visit.

OF SPECIAL NOTE

In addition to the general safety advice on keeping valuables secure, visitors 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.

Travellers to Brazil's Amazon & Pantanal Regions

If travelling to the Amazonian rainforest regions or Pantanal wetlands, please note that temperatures and humidity can be extreme. Take precautions against mosquitos by wearing long-sleeved shirts, long pants and hats and use an insect repellent to help prevent bites. (Higher percentages of active ingredient provide you with longer protection.)

If you are taking a cruise on the Amazon River, most of the activities require transferring from the ship to small boats. Brazil's wetlands are one of the world's most diverse and best preserved wilderness ecosystems. However, the vast majority of the diversity is in the form of insects, small mammals and birds. Larger species are shy and unpredictable. When you do encounter wildlife, you will not have a clear ample field of view as in Antarctica or on the plains of Africa. A good pair of binoculars (along with a sense of curiosity) will enhance your experience in these ecosystems.

PACKING LIST & BAGGAGE RESTRICTIONS

On flights within Chile, Argentina and Brazil in Economy Class, each traveller is limited to one (1) checked bag weighing 50 pounds (23 kilograms), with linear dimensions (height+width+depth) not to exceed 62 inches (158 centimeters). In addition you may bring one (1) personal item (such as a purse or laptop) and one (1) carry-on weighing up to 17 pounds (8 kilograms), maximum dimensions not to exceed 21 inches (55 centimeters) x 13 inches (35 centimeters) x 9 inches (25 centimeters) (height, depth and width), including the pockets, wheels and handle.

For checked baggage on flights within Argentina (Aerolineas Argentina) in Economy Class, 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).

It is recommended that you pack according to the most restrictive baggage allowance for your flights. Any additional or overweight pieces will be charged on check-in and excess baggage fees are the traveller's responsibility.

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.

If visiting rainforest regions in the Amazon or the Pantanal wetland regions: expedition-type ventilated long-sleeved shirts and pants (including some pants with zip-off legs that convert long-pants into shorts). Light and neutral colors are best; black, navy or other dark colors tend to attract insects. Optional: river sandals such as Texas®.

- 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, Bariloche, Chilean Lake District, Amazon, Pantanal and desert regions if applicable; blister patches
- Brimmed hat for sun protection
- Socks
- River sandals such as Texas®
- 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 (100 UV protection suggested)
- 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) depending on the type of journey:

	All Small Group Journeys and Pre/Post Tour Group Extensions	Tailor Made Journeys
Resident Tour Director or Group Extension Guide	\$15 per person, per day	Not applicable
Local Guides	Included	\$15 per person, per day (full day)
Drivers	Included	\$10 per person, per day (full day)
Airport Transfer Drivers	Included	\$5 per person, per transfer
Hotel Porters	Included	\$2 per bag
Cruise vessels	Included	\$10-\$15 per person, per day – Gratuities accepted on board the boat and shared among the staff.
Lodges in Patagonia	Included	\$10 per person, per day – Gratuities accepted at each property and shared among the staff.
Housekeepers	Included	\$2 per person, per night
Included Meals	Included	Included
Restaurants or Room Service on Own	10-15% unless already added	10-15% unless already added

For extra nights or Tailor Made services added to a Small Group Journey, please follow the Tailor Made Journeys guidelines for these days only.