

# ESSENTIAL INFORMATION CHILE, ARGENTINA & BRAZIL

## PASSPORT AND VISA INFORMATION

Your passport needs to be valid for at least six (6) months after your journey 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 or Argentina for stays of up to 90 days.**

**Brazilian authorities have announced that beginning June 17, 2019, U.S. and Canadian citizens will no longer need a visa to enter Brazil for stays of up to 90 days. A tourist visa is still required for U.S. and Canadian passport holders travelling to Brazil before June 17, 2019 and must be obtained prior to departure.** There are currently two options available as outlined below. A&K recommends an electronic visa (eVisa).

**Electronic Visa (eVisa):** To apply for an eVisa, visit [vfsglobal.com/brazil-evisa](https://vfsglobal.com/brazil-evisa). The current tourist visa fee is \$40 plus an additional \$4.24 service fee (fees are subject to change) and requires a minimum of five (5) days for processing. At this time, the eVisa application is available to U.S. and Canadian passport holders. Read and follow all instructions carefully to ensure a smooth arrival in Brazil. You may be required to upload documents (e.g., passport photo or copy of your passport information page) to complete the eVisa process.

**Visa Stamp:** A visa stamp in your passport can be obtained either by applying directly to a Brazilian consulate or through a visa processing service. While there are additional costs involved in using a visa service, this option is available for guests who prefer assistance in the visa process.

Our partner VisaCentral offers easy, efficient U.S. passport and visa processing. Visit them online at [visacentral.com/abercrombiekent](https://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.

## VACCINATIONS

There are no vaccinations required to enter Chile or Argentina.

A yellow fever vaccination is only required to enter Brazil **if** you are arriving from Angola or the Democratic Republic of Congo. The CDC and WHO each provide a current list of all affected countries. If vaccination for yellow fever is necessary, you must carry an International Certificate of Vaccination provided by your physician; you may be denied entry without it.

If your physician advises against receiving the vaccination because of your personal medical history, he or she can provide you with the necessary documentation for the country/countries you are visiting.

**Note:** Due to a current outbreak of yellow fever in multiple states of Brazil, the CDC and WHO have temporarily expanded yellow fever vaccination recommendations for international travellers. In addition to areas in Brazil where yellow fever vaccination has been recommended since before the recent outbreaks, the vaccine is now also recommended for people who are traveling to or living in all of Espirito Santo State; all of São Paulo State, the city of São Paulo and all coastal islands; all of Rio de Janeiro State, including the city of Rio de Janeiro and all coastal islands and a number of cities in Bahia State, including Salvador. In addition to taking precautions to prevent

mosquito bites by using insect repellent and wearing long-sleeved shirts and pants when outdoors, travellers may consider getting the yellow fever vaccination. Talk to your health care provider well in advance of travel to these areas.

### STAY HEALTHY ON THE ROAD

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.

# PACKING LIST & BAGGAGE RESTRICTIONS CHILE, ARGENTINA & BRAZIL

## 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.

## PACKING LIST

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 Tevas®.

### Clothing

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Casual slacks   | <input type="checkbox"/> Walking shorts                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Polo shirts, casual short-sleeve shirts or blouses  | <input type="checkbox"/> Long sleeve shirts or blouses            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Comfortable walking shoes with low or no heels  | <input type="checkbox"/> Lightweight raincoat or windproof jacket |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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 | <input type="checkbox"/> Brimmed hat for sun protection           |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Socks                                    |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> River sandals such as Tevas®             |

Sweater or fleece jacket

Sleepwear

Personal garments

Swimwear/cover-up

#### Other Recommended Items

Sunglasses

Simple first-aid kit

Mosquito repellent

Extra eyeglasses/contact lenses

Charging cables for electronics

Sun block and lip balm

Prescriptions and medications (in their original bottles and/or packaging)

Smartphone

Global travel adapter

#### Optional Items

Small LED flashlight

Lightweight binoculars

Foldable walking stick

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 CHILE, ARGENTINA & BRAZIL

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

	<b>All Small Group Journeys and Pre/Post Tour Group Extensions</b>	<b>Tailor Made Journeys</b>
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.