

# ESSENTIAL INFORMATION CHILE

## 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 two (2) 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 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](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.

## REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO COVID-19

Visit the U.S. Department of State at [travel.state.gov](https://travel.state.gov) or the Government of Canada at [travel.gc.ca/travelling/advisories](https://travel.gc.ca/travelling/advisories) for comprehensive and up-to-date country entry requirements as well as information for onward travel.

### Entry Requirements

The following are the current COVID-19 screening requirements for entry into Chile for U.S. and Canadian residents. Requirements are subject to change.

- All travellers must present an original COVID-19 vaccination certificate indicating full vaccination completed at least 14 days prior to arrival. The current approved vaccines are Pfizer, Moderna, AstraZeneca and Janssen (Johnson & Johnson).
- All travellers are required to apply for a Chilean Mobility Pass. To begin this process, visit [mevacuno.gob.cl/](https://mevacuno.gob.cl/) and click on the "create new account" link. You cannot create your account any earlier than 45 days prior to your departure for Chile, however it may take between 2-4 weeks to receive your Chilean Mobility Pass, so plan accordingly.
- All travellers are required to apply online for a C19 Health Passport. To begin this process, visit [www.c19.cl/](https://www.c19.cl/). You cannot submit your application any earlier than 48 hours prior to your departure for Chile. Once submitted, travellers will receive a receipt by email which they must present upon arrival.
- All travellers must provide printed, documented proof of a negative COVID-19 PCR test taken within 72 hours prior to boarding their flight to Chile.
- All travellers must present proof of travel insurance that includes coverage for emergency medical treatment, evacuation and repatriation. The insurance policy must provide a minimum coverage amount of USD \$30,000.

- All travellers must take a (no cost) COVID-19 PCR test on arrival in Chile. Travellers will receive instructions on how their results will be emailed to them. Upon leaving the airport travellers are required to proceed immediately to their hotel room and isolate while awaiting the results (approximately 12-24 hours). Once a negative result is received, guests may resume normal activities. Additionally, travellers to Patagonia are required to present a negative COVID-19 PCR test within 72 hours of arrival to the region or a Rapid Antigen test within 48 hours of arrival. A&K can arrange local testing if required on your journey and all costs are payable directly by credit card.

#### Requirements for Returning Home or Onward Travel

A&K will arrange COVID-19 PCR or Rapid Antigen testing during your time in Chile. The current cost for local Rapid Antigen testing is USD\$22 (subject to change) and can be paid by credit card or cash in U.S. dollars. The cost for local PCR testing varies by location and required results turnaround time. Your local A&K representative will provide specifics.

#### **Guests returning to the United States**

All travellers, including U.S. passport holders, must provide printed or electronic proof of a negative COVID-19 viral test taken within three (3) days of boarding their flight to the United States or written documentation verifying they have recovered from COVID-19 within 90 days preceding travel. Additional details can be found at [U.S. COVID-19 Entry Requirements | CDC](#). State COVID-19 entry requirements may vary and can be found at [COVID-19 Travel Planner | CDC](#).

#### **Guests returning to Canada**

All travellers, including Canadian passport holders, must provide printed or electronic proof of a negative COVID-19 molecular test taken within 72 hours of boarding their flight to Canada. Additional information can be found at [travel.gc.ca/travelling/advisories](https://travel.gc.ca/travelling/advisories).

Note all guests with flights connecting through and/or continuing to other countries should check the specific COVID-19 entry requirements.

#### STAY HEALTHY ON THE ROAD

In accordance with local regulations, face masks must be worn during any indoor or outdoor public activities, and all persons are required to practice physical distancing of at least 6 feet (2 meters). We encourage you to bring your own masks; a supply will be on hand where needed. Note all protocols are subject to change in accordance with relevant guidelines, local regulations and conditions.

If your journey includes travel to the Atacama Desert or the High Andes regions 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, 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.

## PACKING LIST & BAGGAGE RESTRICTIONS

On flights within Chile 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.

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.

### Safe Travel Essentials

Be sure to bring personal protective equipment (PPE), including face masks, travel-sized hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol, facial tissues and disinfecting wipes or spray.

### 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. Formal clothing is not necessary.

If visiting mountainous regions, 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. In Patagonia winds can be fierce; pack earmuffs (or a good hat), a scarf and gloves.

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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, Chilean Lake District, and desert regions if applicable; blister patches | <input type="checkbox"/> Brimmed hat for sun protection           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sweater or fleece jacket  | <input type="checkbox"/> Socks                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sleepwear   | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal garments                        |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimwear/cover-up                        |

### Other Recommended Items

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Sun block and lip balm   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Simple first-aid kit            | <input type="checkbox"/> Prescriptions and medications (in their original bottles and/or packaging) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mosquito repellent              |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extra eyeglasses/contact lenses | <input type="checkbox"/> Smartphone   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Charging cables for electronics | <input type="checkbox"/> 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:

	<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.