

# 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](https://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

Brazilian law requires any minor who is a Brazilian citizen (even dual nationals who are both U.S. and Brazilian citizens) to have permission from each parent to travel within Brazil or exit the country. When the minor travels with only one parent or without either parent, he or she must have **two original written authorization letters from each absent parent** and carry a copy\* of the child's birth certificate or have an annotation in his/her Brazilian passport authorizing travel alone or with only one parent. **While Brazilian law related to travel authorization does not explicitly apply to non-citizens of Brazil, Federal Police have, at times, delayed the travel of non-Brazilian minors who lack appropriate authorization from both parents.** For this reason, we recommend that families of non-Brazilian minors travelling to/through Brazil without one or both parents compose two original written authorizations for each child travelling prior to departing the U.S., and ensure that the minor, or the minor's traveling companion, carries the original or notarized copy\* of the minor's birth certificate.

\*Travel authorization documents for minors frequently need to be issued, authenticated, or legalized directly from the Brazilian Embassy or Consulate. Authorizations and birth certificate must be translated into Portuguese by a certified translator and apostilled at the Brazilian Embassy or Consulate, not a U.S. notary public. 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

The following are the current COVID-19 screening requirements for entry into Chile, Argentina and Brazil for U.S. and Canadian residents. 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 up-to-date information.

### Chile

- All travellers over the age of 6 must present an original COVID-19 vaccination certificate indicating full vaccination completed no less than 14 days before arrival. The current approved vaccines are Pfizer (Comirnaty), Moderna (Spikevax), AstraZeneca (Vaxzevria)

and Janssen/Johnson & Johnson (Ad26.CO2.S). To meet changing requirements, a booster shot is recommended.

- All travellers are required to verify their vaccination status and obtain 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 travelers must complete an online health affidavit no earlier than 48 hours prior to their departure for Chile. Legal guardians must also complete a form on behalf of their children. Log into your MeVacuno account and choose “C19-Entrance to Country” from the menu to access the health affidavit. You will need to provide contact information, and your health and travel history. Once completed, you will receive an email receipt of the affidavit which you must print out to present to airline staff prior to boarding your flight to Chile.
- All travellers will receive a daily health survey from the Ministry of Health for 10 days after arrival. The completion of this daily survey is mandatory.
- All travellers arriving into Chile are subject to random COVID-19 testing as follows:

#### **Travellers Arriving by Air**

If selected, travellers will be given a COVID-19 PCR test at the airport receive instructions on how their results will be sent to them. Travellers are required to proceed immediately to their hotel and isolate while awaiting the results (approximately 6-24 hours). Once a negative result is received, guests may resume normal activities. There is no cost for this test.

#### **Travellers Arriving by Land Border**

If selected, travellers will be given a COVID-19 rapid antigen test at the border Travellers are required to remain in a designated area while awaiting the results (approximately 15-30 minutes). Once a negative result is received, guests may resume normal activities. There is no cost for this test.

Any traveller who tests positive to random testing upon arrival in Chile, and may be suspected of carrying the Omicron variant, will be required to complete quarantine at a “residencia sanitaria” or other location determined by the Chilean health authorities. Most of the time, it is the same hotels that have been booked for them in Santiago.

### Argentina

- All travellers (ages 18 and over) entering Argentina must fulfill both the following conditions:
  - Complete an online affidavit within 48 hours prior to your departure to Argentina. To access this form visit [AFFIDAVIT DNM \(migraciones.gob.ar\)](https://migraciones.gob.ar/AFFIDAVIT_DNM). Note: You may be required to upload your proof of travel insurance.
  - Present proof of travel insurance that includes coverage for emergency medical treatment, evacuation and repatriation.

**Note:** It is recommended that guests carry their original COVID-19 vaccination certificate as proof of vaccination may be required to enter certain establishments.

### Brazil

- All travellers (ages 12 and over) entering Brazil must present an original COVID-19 vaccination certificate indicating full vaccination completed no less than 14 days before arrival. The current approved vaccines are Pfizer (Comirnaty), Moderna (Spikevax), AstraZeneca (Vaxzevria) and Janssen/Johnson & Johnson (Ad26.CO2.S). To meet changing requirements, a booster shot is recommended. *Note: proof of vaccination will be*

*waived for travellers who can provide a letter from their physician noting that vaccination is contraindicated due to an underlying medical condition.*

Children under the age of 12 can enter without vaccination, provided they are travelling with a fully vaccinated adult guardian.

- **Of Special Note: Iguazu Falls**

Guests crossing the border from Argentina to Brazil (or reverse) to visit Iguazu Falls will need meet all COVID-19 entry and departure requirements for each country.

## LOCAL HEALTH & SAFETY PROTOCOLS

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 six feet (two 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 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.

## YELLOW FEVER VACCINATION

There are no yellow fever vaccination requirements 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.

## 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.

### 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. 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®.

- 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 Tevas®
- Sweater or fleece jacket
- Personal garments
- Sleepwear
- Swimwear/cover-up

#### Other Recommended Items

- Sunglasses
- Sun block and lip balm
- Simple first-aid kit
- 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:

	<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.