# ESSENTIAL INFORMATION WINGS OVER ARGENTINA, CHILE & 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 Argentina, Chile or Brazil for stays of up to 90 days.

Our partner VisaCentral offers easy, efficient U.S. passport and visa processing. Visit them online at <u>visacentral.com/abercrombiekent</u> 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.

# **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO COVID-19**

Visit <u>travel.state.gov/COVID-19 Information</u> for country-specific COVID-19 information, including up-to-date entry requirements for Argentina, Chile and Brazil or any onwards travel. Entry requirements for Chile, Argentina and Brazil will be sent to you with your Final Documents, as they are subject to change.

# **VACCINATIONS**

There are no required vaccinations to enter Argentina, Chile or Brazil for this journey.

#### STAY HEALTHY ON THE ROAD

This journey involves active elements which include walking on uneven terrain and visiting sites with limited accessibility for those with mobility challenges.

The Andes extend into the Patagonian regions of Chile; however, guests following the Wings Over Argentina, Chile & Brazil itinerary need not be concerned about altitude sickness in the Southern Andes.

#### CASH & CREDIT CARDS

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.

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.

In Brazil, 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.

# PACKING LIST & BAGGAGE RESTRICTIONS WINGS OVER ARGENTINA, CHILE & BRAZIL

### **BAGGAGE RESTRICTIONS**

Due to charter aircraft restrictions on luggage capacity, each passenger is limited to one (1) checked bag per passenger weighing no more than 37 pounds (16.7 kilograms) and one (1) carry-on item weighing a maximum 10 pounds (4.5 kilograms), with a total weight of both pieces not to exceed 47 pounds (21.3 kilograms) per person. Soft-sided luggage is recommended.

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**

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.

When exploring Patagonia, come well prepared so that the weather does not affect your daily activities. Remember the weather is unpredictable; temperatures fluctuate throughout the day and the winds are strong. Functional, warm, quick-dry fabrics are recommended for Patagonia. The key is to "layer" for cold weather (i.e. on glaciers and in the mountains), or take off "layers" if the day gets warmer or your body temperature rises when hiking.

□ 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	□ Brimmed hat for sun protection	
□ Lightweight raincoat/sweater or fleece jacket	□ Swimwear/cover-up	
□ Sleepwear	□ Personal garments	
□ Socks		
Clothing for Patagonia		
□ Windproof/waterproof pant	□ Sunscreen (high SPF of 50 or higher)	
□ Warm, windproof jacket	□ Pair of waterproof gloves (medium thickness)	
□ Pair of lightweight, waterproof mountain/trekking boots with sturdy soles/ankle support (well broken-in)	□ Ear muffs or warm hat (beanie), scarf or buff	
□ Socks (moisture wicking and breathable) and at least two pairs of mid-weight warm socks	□ Lip balm	

Other Recommended Items	
□ Sunglasses	□ Prescriptions and medications (in their original bottles and/or packaging)
□ Simple first-aid kit	
□ Mosquito repellent	□ Smartphone
□ Extra eyeglasses/contact lenses	□ Global travel adapter
Charging cables for electronics	
Optional Items	
□ Small LED flashlight	□ Foldable walking stick
□ Lightweight binoculars	□ Small waterproof daypack

Laundry service is available at your hotels. Complimentary Traveller's Valet laundry service for 8 articles of clothing per person will be provided at the midpoint of your journey. Dry cleaning is not included.

# TIPPING GUIDELINES WINGS OVER ARGENTINA, CHILE & 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:

	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
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.