# 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 ends, and should have a minimum of three (3) blank visa pages for entry and exit stamps.

Beginning April 10, 2025, an Electronic Tourist Visa (eVisa) will be required for U.S. and Canadian passport holders for entry into Brazil. To apply for an eVisa, visit <a href="mailto:brazil.vfsevisa.com/">brazil.vfsevisa.com/</a>. The announced fee is to be USD \$80.90 (subject to change without notice). During the application process you may be required to upload electronic copies the following:

- Scanned photocopy of your passport (photos not accepted).
- Passport-style photograph (2" x 2" with a white background).
- PDF of one of the following: Confirmation of international flight reservations showing entrance into and exit from Brazil, copy of your day-by-day itinerary or the information page of your passport.
- Bank statement showing an available balance of at least US \$2,000.00 for the last 30 days, to cover travel expenses.

All copies should be clear, legible and file sizes should not and not exceed 1MB. Note: In the application you will see the anagram "OTP," this means one time password.

If asked to provide a local contact on your eVisa application, you may list A&K Brazil:

Abercrombie & Kent Brazil Rua. Visconde de Pirajá, 414/Room 901 Ipanema, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil Telephone: +55 21 3648-3608

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.

#### 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.

#### LOCAL HEALTH & SAFETY PROTOCOLS

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

On charter air flights, each passenger is limited to 1 piece of checked luggage with a maximum weight of approximately 37 pounds (16.7 kilograms). For carry-on baggage, each passenger is limited to 1 piece of luggage with a maximum weight of approximately 10 pounds (4.5 kilograms). Total weight of both pieces must not exceed 47 pounds (21.3 kilograms). All checked and carry-on luggage must be soft-sided.

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. When 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. Winds can be fierce; pack earmuffs (or a good hat), a scarf and gloves.

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□ 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	□ Pair of waterproof gloves (medium thickness)
□ Warm, windproof jacket	□ Ear muffs or warm hat (beanie), scarf or buff

□ Pair of lightweight, waterproof mountain/trekking boots with sturdy soles/ankle support (well broken-in)	<ul> <li>Socks (moisture wicking and breathable) and at least two pairs of mid-weight warm socks</li> </ul>
Other Recommended Items	
□ Face masks and hand sanitizer	□ Sun block and lip balm
□ Simple first-aid kit	□ Sunglasses
□ 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 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

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.