



TRAVEL INFORMATION

PATAGONIA SERVICE AND BACKPACKING

San Carlos de Bariloche Airport (BRC)

Ruta 237 S/N, 8400 San Carlos de Bariloche, Río Negro, Argentina

CONFIRM COURSE AND STUDENT STATUS

Confirm your course is a “go” and approval of the Medical Record booklet **prior to purchasing your airline ticket**. North Carolina Outward Bound is not responsible for refunding the cost of airline tickets if the course cancels.

ARRIVAL LOCATION

San Carlos de Bariloche Airport at 12:00 Noon on the day the course begins

- **Airline Arrival 12:00 Noon:** Book your inbound flight to arrive no later than **12:00 Noon** on the first day of the course. **Do not** book arrival after 12:00 Noon as we are unable to accommodate arrivals after this time. Itineraries booked with an arrival time later than 12:00 Noon will require re-booking which can be costly and avoidable.

This is our only pick-up location/time.

An Outward Bound Staff representative will meet you in the lobby near the coffee shop. Look for Outward Bound Staff wearing a shirt or hat with an Outward Bound logo and/or carrying an Outward Bound sign. This staff person will have a list of all course participants.

Our supervision officially begins when students depart the airport by NCOB vehicle or charter transportation.

IMPORTANT AIRPORT INFORMATION

There are two airports in Buenos Aires, Argentina used by the major airlines including LAN and Aerolíneas Argentina that will be part of your itinerary:

Ezeiza Ministro Pistarini International Airport (EZE) is the international airport.
Jorge Newbery Aeropark (AEP) is a domestic airport.

You will need to arrange ground transportation from EZE to AEP to board your flight to Bariloche. Traffic, construction, weather and the amount of time it takes to claim baggage, clear customs, cross the city to AEP, check in and go through security again should be factored into your itinerary. Make sure your itinerary allows for 5 hours layover between your arrival at EZE and your departure from AEP to account for all the things that can go “sideways” while traveling internationally.

We recommend arranging transportation from EZE to AEP when you book your itinerary. The following websites will help facilitate this:

Manuel Tienda Leon - <http://www.tiendaleon.com.ar>

Trans Argentina - <http://www.transargentina.com>

RECIPROCITY (ENTRY) FEE

All U.S., Canadian and Australian citizens **MUST** pay the Reciprocity Fee (entry fee) of \$160 via a credit card through an online system **BEFORE ARRIVING** in Argentina.

Payment must be made online using the Provincia Payment System. To pay the Reciprocity Fee follow the directions outlined below:

- Enter the website <https://virtual.provinciapagos.com.ar/ArgentineTaxes/> and register to start the process.
- Complete the form with the corresponding personal and credit card information.
- Print the payment receipt and store inside your passport

Note: If you need to renew your passport before course start, make sure your renewal process is complete BEFORE paying this Reciprocity Fee.

Upon arrival in Argentina, your printed receipt must be presented to Immigration Control. The receipt will be scanned by the Immigration officials, the information will be confirmed and your entry into the country registered.

CELL PHONES

Traveling to and from course with a cell phone and charger is encouraged. Once you arrive at the airport and meet our staff, we will ask you to call your family. Cell phones are not permitted once the course has officially begun. At that point, all cell phones will be turned off and stored in your personal luggage until course end.

BE PREPARED FOR COURSE TO BEGIN

Be dressed in items from the clothing list, make sure you have eaten lunch and made all necessary calls.

ESSENTIAL CARRY-ON ITEMS

We advise that you pack all essentials from the Clothing and Gear list in a carry-on bag in case your luggage is lost or delayed. These items include:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 mediumweight fleece or wool hat | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 pair of synthetic underwear |
| <input type="checkbox"/> headlamp | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 lightweight synthetic long underwear bottom |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prescription eye wear (if applicable) | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 pair of quick-drying nylon shorts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 lightweight synthetic long underwear top | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 pair of quick-dry nylon trekking pants |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 synthetic t-shirt | <input type="checkbox"/> Rain Jacket and Pants |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 sport/jog bra (if applicable) | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 pair of mediumweight socks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 mediumweight fleece jacket or pullover | <input type="checkbox"/> hiking boots |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 pair of warm fleece or wool gloves | <input type="checkbox"/> Prescription medication (if applicable) |

More detailed descriptions of these items are available in the Clothing and Gear list. These items will outfit you during the first 24-72 hours of course if your luggage is lost or delayed. **Include copies of your passport and reciprocity fee receipt and copies of your airline ticket itineraries.** Be careful with your carry-on bag while traveling to avoid your bag being lost or stolen. We suggest using a money belt or traveler's neck pouch for passports, cash, credit cards and airline tickets.

MEDICAL, TRAVEL, TRIP INSURANCE AND EVACUATION COSTS

North Carolina Outward Bound School highly recommends that you consider purchasing Trip Insurance. Please review the Financial Commitment booklet for more information.

In the event that you require a visit to a medical facility during your course, you are responsible for all costs incurred during that event. This includes paying for any outside assistance that may be used during the evacuation. Please be certain to bring your insurance card to course and submit a copy (front and back) of your card when you send in your required forms.

If your current insurance carrier does not cover you during international travel, you may wish to purchase temporary travel insurance in case of medical emergency. Please ensure that your travel insurance covers emergency helicopter evacuation.

Should you leave course early for any reason, you will be charged a \$250 evacuation fee by North Carolina Outward Bound School.

The following websites may be helpful if you are shopping for travel/short term health insurance:

Travel Guard: www.travelguard.com

American Alpine Club: www.americanalpineclub.org

Global Rescue: www.globalrescue.com

World Nomads: www.worldnomads.com

Our local travel agency, **All Ways Travel**, is very familiar with our travel requirements and has trip insurance options for you to review. They welcome your inquiries.

All Ways Travel

Gennifer Hogan: genniferhogan@gmail.com

1-800-522-3242 OR 1-828-874-3242

TRAVEL REMINDERS

Review current government regulations regarding carry-on items at www.tsa.gov. Many airlines charge for each checked bag. Check your airline's baggage policy and pay any fees for your inbound and outbound flights.

ACCOMODATIONS IN SAN CARLOS DE BARILOCHE, ARGENTINA

If your travel plans require an overnight stay before the course start, here are some suggestions for places to stay in Bariloche.

The Panamericano Hotel - (54-2944) 4255847

The Bariloche Hostel - www.hostelworld.com

Bolsa Del Deporte - www.labolsadeldeporte.com

Hotel Nevada - (54-2944) 522778

Tango Inn Hostel - www.hostelworld.com

Periko's Youth Hostel - (54-2944)522326
info@perikos.com

DEPARTURE LOCATION

San Carlos de Bariloche Airport on the day the course ends

- **Airline Departure 1:30 PM:** Book your departure no earlier than **1:30 PM** on the last day of the course. Itineraries booked earlier than **1:30 PM** will require re-booking which can be costly and avoidable

SUBMIT YOUR TRAVEL PLANS

At least two weeks prior to course start, email the following to your Student Services Representative or studentservices@ncobs.org or FAX: 1-828-298-8660. Any of these options will get the information to us:

- Submit your complete airline ticket itinerary. Arriving early? Include lodging information, your name, mobile phone number, course number and course dates.
- Submit a copy of your passport and Reciprocity Fee receipt