



TRAVEL INFORMATION

BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAINS TO FLORIDA AND PATAGONIA LEADERSHIP SEMESTER COURSE

Do not finalize travel plans until you have confirmed that your Medical Record booklet has been processed, cleared and your course has been declared a “go.” The North Carolina Outward Bound School is not responsible for refunding the cost of airline tickets if the course cancels.

COURSE START/ARRIVAL

- **Time and Date: 2:00 PM** on September 15, 2015
- **Location:** Asheville/Hendersonville Regional Airport (AVL/KAVL)
 - 61 Terminal Drive – Fletcher, NC 28732-9442 – www.flyavl.com
 - An Outward Bound Staff representative will meet you in the main seating area in front of the security checkpoint.
- **Airline Arrival 2:00 PM:** Book your inbound flight to arrive no later than **2:00 PM** on the first day of the course. **Do not** book arrival after 2:00 PM as we are unable to accommodate arrivals after this time. Itineraries booked with an arrival later than 2:00 PM will require re-booking which can be costly and avoidable
- **Vehicle Arrival 2:00 PM:** If you are arriving by car, arrive no later than **2:00 PM** on the first day of the course. Enter the airport through door “0” (zero) which will lead you directly to the main seating area. Numbers are noted above the doors and door “0” is located towards the middle of the building.

TRAVEL DELAYS

If you are unable to arrive to the course start on time, we advise that you arrive a day early. We work diligently to accommodate unforeseen travel delays as they occur. However, in certain cases of extreme delays, it may not be possible for you to join the course late. If you are delayed en route to your course, call us immediately at 800-878-5258.

BE PREPARED FOR COURSE TO BEGIN

Before the pick-up time, be dressed in items from the clothing list, make sure you have eaten lunch and complete any last minute phone calls. There will be no access to cell phones once the course begins.

HOTELS NEAR THE ASHEVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT

If your travel plans require an overnight stay before the course start, there are hotels near the airport. Prior to booking, confirm availability of shuttle service to/from the airport (if applicable).

- **Clarion Inn Airport**
http://www.clarionhotel.com/hotel-fletcher-north_carolina-NC674
- **Econo Lodge Airport**
http://www.econolodge.com/hotel-fletcher-north_carolina-NC194
- **Fairfield Inn Asheville Airport**
<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/avlnc-fairfield-inn-asheville-airport/>
- **Comfort Inn Asheville Airport**
http://www.comfortinn.com/hotel-fletcher-north_carolina-NC054

INTERPHASE TRAVEL DETAILS

- **October 16, 2015 - Asheville, NC to Scottsmeer, FL:** North Carolina Outward Bound will provide transportation from Asheville, NC to Scottsmeer, FL for Phase II.
- **November 2, 2015 - Orlando, FL to San Carlos de Bariloche, Argentina:** You are responsible for purchasing a ticket from Orlando, Florida to San Carlos de Bariloche, Argentina (BRC) to begin Phase III of the course. This ticket must be purchased prior to your course start.

North Carolina Outward Bound requires you book on the following flights departing November 2, 2015:

- **Orlando, FL to Atlanta, GA**
Delta Airlines flight #1850 departing Orlando, FL (MCO) at 4:30 PM and arriving in Atlanta, GA (ATL) at 6:13 PM.
- **Atlanta, GA to Buenos Aires, Argentina**
Delta Airlines flight #101 departing Atlanta, GA (ATL) at 9:01 PM and arriving in Buenos Aires, Argentina (EZE) at 9:10 AM on November 3, 2015. This is an overnight flight.
- **Buenos Aires, Argentina to San Carlos de Bariloche, Argentina**
Argentina Airlines flight #1684 departing Buenos Aires (AEP) at 2:45 PM and arriving in San Carlos de Bariloche (BRC) at 5:05 PM.

North Carolina Outward Bound will arrange transportation between the **Ezeiza Ministro Pistarini International Airport (EZE)** and **Jorge Newbery Airfield (AEP)** domestic airport for the flight to San Carlos de Bariloche.

RECIPROCITY (ENTRY) FEE

All U.S., Canadian and Australian citizens **MUST** pay the Reciprocity Fee (entry fee) of \$160 (subject to change) 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.

PASSPORTS

A passport is required for entry into Argentina. Passport applications may take two to three months to process so apply well in advance of your departure date. The passport application fee is \$135 (subject to change).

Passport numbers must be submitted to Outward Bound no later than two weeks before the start of the course to ensure that we can complete permits necessary for traveling in Patagonia. Make four clear photocopies of your passport. Mail, fax or scan a copy to our office with your required forms. We encourage you to bring one copy of your passport and reciprocity fee receipt to the course and leave one with your emergency contact at home.

COURSE END/DEPARTURE

- **Time and Date:** 2:00 PM on November 25, 2015.
- **Location:** San Carlos de Bariloche International Airport (BRC)
Ruta 237 S/N, 8400 San Carlos de Bariloche, Río Negro, Argentina
- **Airline Departure:** Do not book departure before 2:00 PM. Students will arrive at the airport by 12:00 noon in order to give adequate time to check-in, clear security and say farewell to their crewmates. We are unable to accommodate earlier departures.

IMPORTANT COURSE END DEPARTURE INFORMATION

There are two airports in Buenos Aires, Argentina used by the major airlines including LAN and Aerolineas 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 **AEP** to **EZE** to board your flight to Buenos Aires. Traffic, construction, weather and the amount of time it takes to claim baggage, clear customs, cross the city to **EZE** check in and go through security **again** should be factored into your itinerary. Make sure that your itinerary allows for 5 hours layover between your arrival at **AEP** and your departure from **EZE** accounting for challenges while traveling internationally.

We recommend arranging transportation from **AEP** to **EZE** 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>

CELL PHONES

Traveling to and from your course with a cell phone and a charger is encouraged. Once you arrive at the airport and meet our staff, you will be reminded to call your family to let them know you have arrived to Outward Bound successfully. Cell phones are not permitted once you are on course, however you will have access to your cell phone during travel days.

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.

TRIP/EVACUATION/MEDICAL INSURANCE - HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Trip and Evacuation Insurance

We highly recommend you purchase Trip Insurance to cover your investment (e.g., course tuition, airfare and/or emergency evacuation*). You may use a vendor of your choice or our Travel Agent Gennifer Hogan of All Ways Travel. Gennifer is knowledgeable about our programs, has access to multiple trip insurance options and is dedicated to helping you find coverage that's best for you.

All Ways Travel

Gennifer Hogan genniferhogan@gmail.com
1-800-522-3242 OR 1-828-874-3242

Medical Insurance

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 an evacuation. Please be certain to bring your insurance card on course with you and submit a copy (front and back) of the card when you send in your required forms.

If you choose to purchase insurance from a vendor other than All Ways Travel, the following websites may be helpful:

Travel Guard: www.travelguard.com
Global Rescue: www.globalrescue.com

American Alpine Club: www.americanalpineclub.org
World Nomads: www.worldnomads.com

*Please ensure that your travel insurance covers emergency helicopter evacuation.

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.

SUBMIT YOUR TRAVEL PLANS

Email your Student Services Representative or studentservices@ncobs.org or FAX: 1-828-298-8660 two weeks prior to course start.

- If traveling by plane, submit your complete airline ticket itineraries. Arriving early? Include lodging information, your name, course number and course dates.
- If traveling by vehicle, submit confirmation of vehicle drop-off time/date.
- Submit a copy of the required itinerary for travel to Argentina along with the itinerary for your return home from Argentina.
- Submit a copy of your passport and Reciprocity Fee receipt .