TRAVEL INFORMATION PATAGONIA - TEN THOUSAND ISLANDS - APPALACHIAN MOUNTAINS LEADERSHIP SEMESTER (SPRING)



Arrival/Departure Location

San Carlos de Bariloche International Airport (BRC) Ave Mitre 2451, 8400 San Carlos de Bariloche, Argentina

- PLEASE REVIEW CURRENT GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS REGARDING CARRY-ON ITEMS AT WWW.TSA.GOV
- DO NOT MAKE TRAVEL PLANS UNTIL YOU HAVE RECEIVED NOTICE THAT YOUR MEDICAL RECORD BOOKLET HAS BEEN APPROVED AND YOUR COURSE HAS BEEN CONFIRMED A "GO."
- MANY AIRLINES CHARGE FOR EACH CHECKED BAG. CHECK YOUR AIRLINE'S BAGGAGE POLICY AND PAY ANY FEES
 FOR YOUR INBOUND AND OUTBOUND FLIGHT.
- CAREFULLY NOTE THE START/END DATES AND TIMES OF YOUR COURSE.

Course Start

San Carlos de Bariloche International Airport (BRC): 12:00 Noon on the day your course begins. An Outward Bound Staff representative will meet you in the lobby near the coffee shop. This is our only pick-up location/time. 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.

To ensure that you arrive on time, you need to either arrive the night before course start or book an overnight flight and stay at the airport until course start.

IMPORTANT TRAVEL NOTE

Aerolineas Argentinas has flights from the USA to Ezeiza Ministro Pistarini International Airport (EZE) direct to San Carlos de Bariloche International Airport (BRC) that we recommend you try to purchase.

If you are traveling on a flight that requires you to transfer from the **Ezeiza Ministro Pistarini International Airport** (**EZE**) to the domestic airport **Jorge Newbery AeroPark** (**AEP**), in order to get to BRC, make sure you allow enough time in Buenos Aires to claim your baggage, clear customs and switch between the two airports. The normal travel time between the two airports is 45 minutes. However, traffic, construction, weather and the amount of time it takes to claim baggage and clear customs should be factored into your plans. In the past, we have received reports that it can take up to three hours to claim baggage, clear customs and travel from Ezeiza Ministro Pistarini International Airport to Jorge Newbery AeroPark.

We recommend arranging transport from EZE to AEP before you arrive. The following websites will help facilitate this:

Manuel Tienda Leon - http://www.tiendaleon.com.ar Trans Argentina - http://www.transargentina.com

Important - Carry-on Essential Items for Course

We advise that you pack all essentials in a carry-on bag in case your luggage is lost or delayed, per airline/FAA restrictions. Include medications, copy of your passport and reciprocity fee receipt, copies of your airline tickets, toiletries. Also include your Gore-Tex jacket and wear/carry your hiking boots. Be careful with your carry-on bag while traveling. We have had reports of students having their belongings stolen. We suggest a money belt or traveler's neck pouch for passports, cash, credit cards and airline tickets.

Travel Delays

If you are unable to arrive on time, we advise that you arrive a day early. It may not be possible to have you join your crew and take the course if you arrive late. If you are delayed en route to your course, call us immediately at one of the following numbers:

From the United States

NCOB Cell Phone: 011 54 9 294 4798452

From within Argentina

From Buenos Aires - NCOB Cell Phone: 0294 15 4798452

From Bariloche - NCOBS Cell Phone: 15 4798452

Via Skype

NCOB Cell Phone: 294 4798452

During business hours (Monday-Friday, 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM):

Student Services Department: 800-878-5258

After business hours or on weekends:

Student Services Emergency Cell Phone: 828-215-3986

Arrive Ready to Begin

- Be dressed to begin your course wearing items from your clothing list.
- Please eat before meeting our staff at the airport.
- Remember to make sure you have the correct start and end dates and times.
- Make all last minute phone calls before the pick-up. You will not have access to a phone (including your cell phone) once the course begins.

PHASE II - FLORIDA - INTRA-PHASE TRAVEL

You are responsible for purchasing a return ticket from San Carlos de Bariloche, Argentina (BRC) to Miami International Airport (MIA), Miami, Florida to begin Phase II of the course. This ticket must be purchased prior to your course start.

North Carolina Outward Bound requires you to be booked on the following flights departing on February 21, 2014:

San Carlos de Bariloche to Buenos Aires

AEROLINEAS ARGENTINAS flight #1695 departing Bariloche (BRC) at 7:10 p.m. and arriving at Buenos Aires (EZE) at 9:15 p.m.

Buenos Aires to Miami

AEROLINEAS ARGENTINAS flight #1302 departing Buenos Aires (EZE) at 11:15 p.m. and arriving in Miami, FL, U.S. at 6:25 a.m. on February 22, 2014 this is an overnight flight).

PHASE III - NORTH CAROLINA - INTRA-PHASE TRAVEL

North Carolina Outward Bound will transport you from Florida to North Carolina.

COURSE END

North Carolina Outward Bound will transport you to the **Charlotte Douglas International Airport (CLT)** on **April 4, 2014** by 12:45 PM. Make your flight reservations <u>no earlier than</u> 2:00 PM as you will need time to check-in, clear security and say farewell to your crewmates.

Travel Agency

There are many resources, including the internet, available to help you. However, if you need assistance with your travel arrangements, you can contact our local travel agent, **All Ways Travel**.

Gennifer Hogan (genniferhogan@gmail.com) Amy Powell (amydale8@gmail.com) 1-800-522-3242 1-828-874-3242

Travel Assistance

Numerous American and Latin American airlines fly into Patagonia, most of them via Miami. Fares vary widely. Here are some options to compare:

- Lan Chile www.lan.com/en_us/index.html/800-735-5526
- Aerolineas Argentinas-www.aerolineas.com.ar/800-333-0276
- COPA www.copaair.com/sites/gs/en/pages/homepage.aspx/800-359-2672
- Cheap Tickets www.cheaptickets.com/888-922-8849
- STA Travel www.statravel.com/888-358 1371

Medical / Travel Insurance and Evacuation Costs

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 with you 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**. The following web sites may be helpful if you are shopping for travel/short term health insurance:

International SOS - http://www.internationalsos.com
Total Travel Insurance - http://www.totaltravelinsurance.com
Travel Insured International - http://www.travelinsured.com
Insure My Trip.com - http://www.insuremytrip.com
World Wide Medical.com - http://www.worldwidemedical.com

Hotels and Accommodations

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

In Case of Course Cancellation

Please call to confirm your course is a "go" and approval of your Medical Record booklet <u>before</u> purchasing your airline ticket. North Carolina Outward Bound is not responsible for refunding the cost of any airline ticket.

Travel Itinerary

Confirm your travel plans by: FAX: 828-298-8660 **OR** E-MAIL: <u>studentservices@ncobs.org</u> **two weeks** prior to course start. Include:

Personal Information

- Name
- Course Number
- Course Start date/time
- Course End date/time

Arrival Information

- Flight#/Airline OR
- Method of Transportation
- Phone number while traveling or contact number
- Arriving early? Where are you staying?.

Departure Information

- Flight#/Airline OR
- Method of Transportation