



TUITION, FEES AND OTHER EXPENSES

PATAGONIA SERVICE AND BACKPACKING

COURSE TUITION AND FEES

Tuition: \$2,760

Includes a \$150 non-refundable processing fee. This covers all costs associated with the programming of the course: food, gear, permits and instruction.

This also covers in-course transportation by NCOB vehicles. However, tuition does not cover:

- The cost of your transportation to the course start in San Carlos de Bariloche, Argentina.
- The cost of your transportation home at course end from San Carlos de Bariloche, Argentina.

AIRLINE TICKET FOR TRAVEL TO/FROM SAN CARLOS DE BARILOCHE, ARGENTINA

Airline travel to Argentina can cost between \$1,000 and \$2,500. Prices fluctuate from year to year. Be prepared for the cost to be at the upper end of this scale!

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.

BAGGAGE FEES

Students are responsible for baggage fees. Check with the airlines for their specific policies.

EXTRA MONEY

You will need some spending money during the course. You may also need to pay the replacement costs of damaged or lost North Carolina Outward Bound gear. We suggest you bring at least \$200-\$300 mixed between cash and a debit card OR a credit card with a PIN number to cover these incidental expenses. **We suggest that you purchase a money belt or traveler's neck pouch to carry your passport, plane tickets and cash.**

CLOTHING AND GEAR COSTS

Please read the clothing and gear list carefully. Hiking boots and Gore-Tex garments can be expensive. Participants typically end up spending between \$1000-\$1500 to purchase the necessary clothing and equipment. Buying items at second-hand gear stores or online outfitters can help to ease this cost. You may find these links useful:

Patagonia: www.patagonia.com

The North Face: www.thenorthface.com

Lowe Alpine: www.lowealpine.com

Eastern Mountains Sports: www.ems.com

Recreational Equipment Incorporated: www.rei.com

Sierra Trading Post: www.sierratradingpost.com

Campmor: www.campmor.com

MEDICAL, TRAVEL, TRIP INSURANCE AND EVACUATION COSTS

Very important: Please refer to your Travel Document for more information.

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 currently \$135. 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.