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## Things You Should Know Before You Go to South America!

**APF Travel Inc. welcomes you to join our tours to South America, in order to make your trip more enjoyable and more comfortable, you are kindly reminded of the following things that you should know before you go:**

- A. Please check with your doctor if your health conditions are fit to make this trip, and your medical prescription and supply are enough for the whole trip period. Please also seek your doctor's opinion if any vaccination is required for destinations visited; example: vaccination against yellow fever is recommended when visiting Amazon River area.
- B. Strongly recommend to consider the purchase of travel insurance; including health, trip cancellation etc. Insurance premium will be depending upon your age and length of the journey. The following insurance agency is recommended: (You can contact your own insurance agency.)

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- C. Besides regular clothing, you are reminded to bring along with you: a hat, raincoat or umbrella, at least one pair of non-slippery shoes (or jogging shoes), jacket, winter clothing and accessories (during winter travel), and swimming suits. Always avoid drinking water or beverage of unknown source, drink only bottle water wherever possible (drink tap water only if marked as "potable"). Don't consume any road side food or food of unknown source.
- D. Please be careful of your safety during traveling: there are many street children and/or homeless people in South America, don't give them money or gift, otherwise you are giving them the chance to pick your pocket or steal your property. There happened robbery cases in Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo, therefore, suggest that you should not travel alone to the streets or remote areas, it is advised to travel with a group to keep safe.
- E. Always pay attention to your luggage and personal property: don't bring too much cash with you during the trip. Use traveler's check or credit card for any personal expenses (ATM card is now available and common in many places of the world with a small service fee by the ATM bank – please check with your own ATM card issuing bank for more information of the use of your ATM card prior to your departure). Don't bring any jewelry and expensive clothing with you during the trip. Valuables, travel documents, camera and cash should be kept safely in your own possession, don't leave any of them in the coach if not in attendance. Keep your travel documents and valuables in the hotel's safe box after check-in hotel (contact each hotel front desk personnel for instruction). But remember to take them out before your checking-out of the hotel. Make sure your luggage within your eyesight and be with you all the time during transfer at airport, train station, on & off the coach. If any missing of luggage, please immediately report to your guide, hotel personnel, or airline clerk for assistance.
- F. Please always be "on time". When your tour guide or the tour supervisor advises you the time and place for a certain event or meeting service, please do not be late, otherwise it will be difficult for others waiting for you and delay the whole itinerary.
- G. Any request of change of itinerary must be submitted for approval to the local tour operator before any modification can be taken. Voluntary change of itinerary by oneself including but not limited to change of flight, meal plan, and accommodation without prior approval of the tour operator will be considered as a break of the trip, and as a result no refund of tour fare will be made partially or as whole, and/or any subsequent service will be ceased to provide.
- H. Please note the scope of meal services: during meal, Chinese restaurant will prove tea or water free of charge. But for



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buffet served in the Brazilian local restaurant, no beverage and dessert will be provided. Any beverages and/or additional food cost not included in the regular meal fare will be on your own account. As common practices, hotel will not provide free telephone call, laundry, food and beverages inside the room, cabled TV with fee, internet service (subject to each individual hotel's condition).

- I.** As a friendly reminder, please leave a copy of your travel document with your family and keep another copy with yourself all the time during the trip, in case of loss during the trip.
- G.** Suggest tips to driver and guide: total US\$5.00 per day.
- K.** Please keep your tour guide contact phone and hotel's business card with you, when you are out on your own or unable to find your direction.
- L.** Above information are for your reference only, if necessary, please contact the related authorities or look up in the internet for more details.

## **1 . Visa Requirement:**



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Country	Passport issued by the country						Remarks
	USA	China	Hong Kong	Taiwan	Canada	Japan	
Brazil	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	<b>1. Any other passport, please check with your local consulate or internet</b> <b>2. APF can help to process the Brazil visa with the consulate: our service fee will be \$35 plus visa fee of \$110</b> <b>3. Chilean Government imposes a landed fee of US\$100 on every U.S passport holder upon arrival.</b> <b>4. Other passport must apply in person at the consulate.</b> <b>5. All fees and visa requirement are subject to change without notice.</b>
Argentina	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	
Peru	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	
Chile	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	

**2. Weather:**

Month	Dec. to Mid Feb.	Mid Feb. to May	Jun. to Aug.	Sep. to Nov.	Remarks (Temperature: Farenheit)
Season	Summer	Fall	Winter	Spring	
Brazil	90 F	82 F	75 F	78 F	Light clothing at all time for convenience. Jacket or overcoat will be required during four season. When travel to mountain or waterfall area, warm clothing should be available. In winter time, warm and thick clothing and accessories should be needed.
Argentina	78 F	64 F	54 F	60 F	
Peru	72 F	68 F	60 F	64 F	
Chile	60 F	54 F	46 F	59 F	

**3. Others:**

Country	*Airport Tax (aprx.)	Major Credit Card	Traveler's check & US\$
Brazil	\$20	Accepted	Accepted
Argentina – Buenos Aires	\$18	Accepted	Accepted
Argentina – Ushuaia/ El Calafate	\$6/each	Accepted	Accepted
Peru	\$36	Accepted	Accepted
**Chile	\$20	Accepted	Accepted

\* Airport tax is for local domestic airport and is for reference only. International Airport tax is not included.

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**4. \*\*\*Long Distant Phone & Local Currency**

Country	Country code	Language	Local Currency	US\$1 equal to (aprx.)
Brazil	55	Portuguese	Brazil Real	1.69(BRL)
Argentina	54	Spanish	Argentina Peso	3.18(ARS)
Peru	51	Spanish	Peru New Sole	2.69(PEN)
Chile	56	Spanish	Chile Peso	441.00(CLP)

\*\*\*To make a long distant phone call from USA: dial 011 + Country Code + local city code, then the number.

\*\*\*To make a long distant phone call from South America back to USA: dial 001+ area code + number