

Due to strict safety regulations on the flight from Puerto Montt to Chaitén, the weight limit of your total luggage (check-in and carry-on) is 60 lbs (27 kilo). Any overweight will not be allowed on the plane. If you might travel with more weight we offer a free and safe storage place in Puerto Montt. Please prepare for this. **Please don't use hard-shell suitcases, but soft travel bags only.**

At the airports of Santiago and Puerto Montt, Chilean Pesos can be withdrawn from ATMs (Redbanc). Most accepted cards are Cirrus, Visa and MasterCard. US Dollars and Euros are accepted at certain places only and generally at poor rates. In the lodge, however, US Dollars and Euros are readily accepted, though credit cards are not.

We offer free laundry service, allowing you to limit the number of clothes you bring. Back-up fishing gear in case of breakage or loss of equipment (rods, waders, shoes, etc.) is available, so no need to bring spares. In the lodge we have a small shop with items like flies, lines, reels, rods, leaders, etc, for sale. All the rooms are equipped with hairdryers, towels, bathrobes, flip flops, shampoo, body gel, cotton pats, tissues, electric plug converters, etc.

### **What to bring:**

#### General items:

- 4 sets of clothes change (3 sets packed) – don't forget lodge's free laundry service
- 1 pair of daily shoes. Sturdy boots for light hiking/horse riding are supplied by the lodge
- Breathable rain coat and rain pants (for use on white water where we don't allow waders, or during hiking/horse riding)
- Fleece sweater
- Bathing suit (for use in sauna and hot tub)
- Polarized sunglasses, hat or cap/jockey, high factor sunscreen SPF40+ and lip balm
- Head light / flashlight (for stay in overnight camp)
- Digital camera with battery charger, spare battery and memory card
- Personal hygienic items (toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, lotions, etc.) and medicines
- Travel alarm clock or watch with alarm
- Cash US\$ or Euros for purchases at the lodge and tips (suggested is 10-15% of your total travel sum)
- If you want to bring a mobile phone, make sure that your provider recognizes the Entel mobile network

#### Fishing items:

- 4-piece fly rods in solid tubes. One #6 weight with reel and floating line and one fast #6 weight, #7 or #8 weight with reel and sink-tip (200/250 grain) and floating line
- 9 ft leaders (3 of each - 0X, 2X and 3X) and fluorocarbon tippet material (1X, 2X, 3X, 4X, 5X)
- Lightweight stockingfoot waders with wading belt and boots (**NO STUDS, PLEASE**), thermal underwear for use in waders, fast-drying wading pants, neoprene socks (to use in wading boots when wet-wading), rainpants (for use in white water and the camps)
- Dry bag (for use on float trips) and waterproof camera case/bag
- Fly floatant, clippers, hemostats, strike indicators and weight for nymphing
- Wading staff, sun gloves

Flies:

- Dry flies: Gypsy King (size 4); Fat Albert, tan and black (size 6, 8, 10); Ninja Cicada (size 8, 10); Chubby Chernobyl (size 6); Parachute Chernobyl Ant, red and black (size 6, 8); Parachute Madame X (PMX), yellow, orange, olive (size 6, 8, 10); Turk's Tarantula (size 8, 10); Humpy, red, yellow (size 12, 14, 16); Parachute Ant (size 16, 18); Black foam beetle (size 16, 18); Parachute Adams (size 14, 16)
- Streamers: Home Invader, tan white; Sparkle Minnow (size 2); King Smolt (size 2), Sculpzilla, tan, white (size 4); Silvey's Sculpin, olive, tan, black (size 4); Chilean Rubber Bugger (size 4); Autumn Splendor (size 4); Beldar's Rubberleg, black/red, olive/brown (size 4), Black Cone head Zuddler, (size 8,10);
- Nymphs: Pheasant Tail bead head (size 14, 16); Pat's rubberlegs (size 8, 10, 12) Prince Nymph (size 12, 14, 16); Copper John, green, black, red (size 14, 16, 18); Mercer's Poxback Golden Stone (size 10, 12); Bitch Creek, orange (size 8, 10)

**General travel- and background information**

- For holders of an E.U., U.K. or U.S.A. passport, at this moment, no visa is needed for a stay of up to 3 months in Chile. A passport with a validity of at least 6 months from the final date of departure from Chile together with a return ticket is sufficient. First time U.S.A. visitors to Chile pay a reciprocity tax when entering the country.
- Chile's language is Spanish. Outside the capital of Santiago English is hardly spoken. The lodge management, however, speaks Dutch, German, Spanish and English.
- In season, time differences are: Central Europe -4, UK -3, USA EC +2, USA WC +5 hours.
- Chileans are extremely friendly and helpful people. Outside the big cities crime is almost non-existent. However, like anywhere, using common sense will avoid a lot of problems.
- A stay in Chile means different people with different customs, a different culture and food. This is one of the attractions of Chile, but at the same time an aspect to be considered in your expectations
- During your stay in The Patagonian BaseCamp Lodge all meals will be provided at high standards. Should you have special wishes or preferences (e.g. allergies or vegetarian diet) and report these before arrival, we will do our utmost to accommodate them.