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CHANGES IN 2014-2015 for ASC PERSONNEL

Windows XP

If you plan on bringing a PC to the Ice, the operating system must be Windows 7 or later. PCs with Windows XP will not pass screening and will not have access to the USAP network.

Baggage Allowance to the Ice

The baggage allowance on the Ice flight between Christchurch and McMurdo is reduced to 75 pounds (34 kg).

The LC-130 fleet will be the primary intercontinental aircraft for most of the 2014/2015 McMurdo/South Pole season. Because of the cargo limitations of the LC-130, all passengers are restricted to 75 pounds of personal baggage for all flights into or out of Christchurch. Additionally, all passengers are limited to 15 pounds of hand carry luggage that must fit into a standard airline sizing box. Passengers will be weighed wearing their ECW. ECW weight is part of passenger weight.

Commercial allowance remains two bags up to 50 pounds each, plus carry on.

Chilean Reciprocity Fee

The \$160 Chilean reciprocity fee for U.S. citizens has been repealed. U.S. citizens with a valid passport can enter Chile for up to 90 days on a tourist visa.

Non U.S. citizens might still have to pay a fee, depending on their nationality.

Cashless Palmer

The Palmer store does not accept cash. If you anticipate even small purchases (souvenirs, snacks, beverages), plan on bringing a credit or debit card. Visa and MasterCard accepted.

BCD Travel

BCD Travel has acquired Travelocity Business. E-tickets and itineraries will be emailed from BCD Travel next season and this may affect your spam filters.

Blackout Dates Dec 1 - Jan 5

Due to the high cost of travel during the holidays, blackout dates this season are December 1, 2014 through January 5, 2015. Blackout dates apply to delayed (at your request) northbound travel from Christchurch and Punta Arenas. Regularly-scheduled programmatic travel (i.e., first available flight home) is not affected by the blackout.