

What's New in 2024-2025

PRE-DEPLOYMENT ZOOM MEETINGS

About a month before your deployment, you will be invited to join a zoom meeting with ASC leadership, medical and travel teams. This is a means to disseminate information and is a forum for questions. Participation is optional but highly recommended.

COVID

- To McMurdo and South Pole, expect to leave your AOD up to five days before your Ice date, though this is subject to change.
- To Palmer Station and the vessels, expect to leave your AOD up to seven days before boarding the ship, though this is subject to change.
- You will not be COVID screened at McMurdo or Punta Arenas unless you self-identify or are exhibiting symptoms
- Chilean entry requirements with regard to COVID are subject to change at any time, but we expect them to be relatively relaxed this season.
- Vaccines: Yes, you still need to be fully-vaccinated against COVID.
- Bring a record of your COVID vaccination(s) when you travel. It should be carried with your passport.
- COVID is still a risk. Please continue to practice safe COVID measures, especially as deployment approaches.

LATAM: 1 PIECE OF LUGGAGE

- LATAM has changed its international baggage allowance from two pieces of checked baggage to one. This is worldwide and applies to everyone, including USAP passengers.
- Expect to pay at check-in for the second bag. Both ways, southbound and northbound. Reimbursable.

NZ TRAVELLER DECLARATION

- The NZ Traveller Declaration, previously required for COVID but suspended, is back and revamped.
- Its new purpose is to collect customs, immigration and biosecurity information from travelers before arrival in NZ.
- ASC will send instructions on how to apply with the visa letter, emailed prior to deployment.

Please keep checking email (spam too) as your deployment approaches.

