

USAP Baggage Allowance

SOUTHBOUND

If your luggage is within the USAP baggage allowance (two bags up to 50 lbs/23 kgs each), you should not have to pay baggage fees on United Airlines or Air New Zealand. Be prepared to pay baggage fees on other airlines. If you travel within these allowances and are still charged baggage fees, ASC will reimburse *with receipts*. Submit your receipts to your employer or institution with your expense report for reimbursement.

Review airline baggage policies before departure for prohibited items and baggage dimensions/weight, especially if traveling on more than one airline.

LATAM has changed its international baggage allowance from two pieces of checked baggage to one, so *do* expect to pay for (and expense) the second bag to/from Chile. Both ways, southbound and northbound.

Charges for oversized bags, that is, any bag larger than 62 inches (158 cm) overall (length + width + height), are not reimbursable.

On board the vessels, there are no weight restrictions but space is limited.

NORTHBOUND

If you elect first available air (FAA) when redeploying, normal USAP baggage allowances apply.

For personal travel, the USAP baggage allowance applies only from Christchurch or Punta Arenas/Santiago on United and Air New Zealand. Even so, be prepared to pay baggage fees. Baggage fees incurred during personal travel on other airlines and other routes are the responsibility of the participant and are not reimbursable. ASC baggage rules still apply, that is, two bags up to 50 lbs/23 kgs each, no oversized bags.

MCMURDO/SOUTH POLE

SUMMER PARTICIPANTS

COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS AOD TO CHRISTCHURCH

- 2 BAGS* 50 lbs (23 kgs) each + carry on**

ICE FLIGHT TO MCMURDO

- Ice flight allowances are strictly enforced; excess baggage must be pre-approved.
 - **Grantees** - Please coordinate any excess baggage (weight and/or pieces) with your ASC Science Implementer.
- 85 lbs (38.5 kgs)+ carry on** (save room for 10 lbs of ECW gear)
 - Carry on is limited to 15 pounds that must fit into a standard airline sizing box.

WINTER PARTICIPANTS

COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS AOD TO CHRISTCHURCH

- 2 BAGS* 50 lbs (23 kgs) each + carry on**

ICE FLIGHT TO MCMURDO

- 85 lbs (38.5 kgs) (South Pole winterovers = 100lbs) + carry on** (save room for 10 lbs of ECW gear)
 - Carry on is limited to 15 pounds that must fit into a standard airline sizing box.



PALMER/VESSELS

ALL PARTICIPANTS

COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS AOD TO PUNTA ARENAS

2 BAGS* 50 lbs (23 kgs) each + carry on**

ON BOARD SHIP

No weight restrictions but space is limited

NOTES

**any bag larger than 62 inches (158 cm) overall (length + width + height) is considered oversized and is subject to extra (non-reimbursable) baggage fees*

***must fit into a standard airline sizing box*

