

ANNIVERSARY TRIP



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Alice mentions in her letter that her trip was booked through the International Anniversary Travelers Association. She then promises to write two letters per country. This hints at the fact that the IATA country code, which is two letters for each country code, should be extracted from each country.

Each country code is also the same as the chemical code for an element. For example, the country code for Colombia is Co, which is also the chemical code for the element cobalt. Alice also mentions the words "period" and "row" later on in the letter. This hints at the fact that the row/period number for the element is vital to solving the puzzle. Indeed, for each element, the period/row number should be indexed into the element name to get the letters to form the final answer.

The IATA country code, element, and letter extracted from indexing the period into the element name for each country can be seen in the table below:

Country	IATA Code	Element	Period	Element Name Indexed by Period
Colombia	Co	Cobalt	4	A
Malta	Mt	Meitnerium	7	R
Singapore	Sg	Seaborgium	7	G
Sweden	Se	Selenium	4	E
Seychelles	Sc	Scandium	4	N
Panama	Pa	Protactinium	7	T
China	Cn	Copernicium	7	I
Portugal	Pt	Platinum	6	N
Colombia	Co	Cobalt	4	A

As can be seen, Alice and Bob's dream destination is **ARGENTINA**.