

# ESSENTIAL INFORMATION VIETNAM

## PASSPORT AND VISA INFORMATION

Your passport needs to be valid for **at least six (6) months** after your journey ends, and should have a minimum of two (2) blank visa pages for entry and exit stamps.

**An Electronic Visa (eVisa) is required for U.S. and Canadian passport holders for entry into Vietnam.**

To apply for an eVisa, visit [evisa.xuatnhapcanh.gov.vn/](http://evisa.xuatnhapcanh.gov.vn/). The current fee for a single-entry visa, which is valid for 30 days, is USD \$25 (subject to change without notice). The validity of an eVisa starts from your date of arrival in Vietnam, not from the date of issuance. An eVisa is usually processed within three working days after your application is received. Read and follow all instructions carefully to ensure a smooth arrival in Vietnam and print out your eVisa to present to immigration authorities upon entry.

When filling out your visa application form please provide your full name as it appears in your passport, the correct port of entry, and the correct entry/exit dates. You can refer to your personalized, dated itinerary provided to you by A&K to make certain that the dates you list on your visa application match your entry/exit dates for Vietnam. Applicants may be required to provide additional documentation, including financial statements.

*Note: If your itinerary shows you entering Vietnam on a Mekong cruise, please indicate on your application form that you will enter the country via the Song Tien Landport.*

If you are asked to provide contact information for your local tour operator, please use:

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Our partner VisaCentral offers easy, efficient U.S. passport and visa processing. Visit them online at [visacentral.com/abercrombiekent](http://visacentral.com/abercrombiekent) or call 844 823 1224 and reference A&K's account number 73001. Service fees apply.

Citizens of other countries should contact the appropriate consular office for entry requirements pertaining to their journey.

## YELLOW FEVER VACCINATION & MALARIA PREVENTION

A yellow fever vaccination is only required to enter Vietnam if you are arriving from, or have transited through, a yellow fever-endemic area in South America or Africa. The CDC and WHO each provide a current list of all affected countries. If vaccination for yellow fever is necessary, you must carry an International Certificate of Vaccination provided by your physician; you may be denied entry without it. If your physician advises against receiving the vaccination because of your personal medical history, he or she can provide you with the necessary documentation for the country/countries you are visiting.

You may be travelling to an area of malaria transmission. We strongly advise that you speak with your doctor or travel clinic regarding your itinerary, individual risk assessment and options for mosquito bite prevention and antimalarial drugs. We recommend filling any prescriptions before you depart.

## CASH & CREDIT CARDS

Cash transactions can generally be made in either U.S. dollars or local currency. U.S. dollars should be recently issued bills in smaller denominations. Major credit cards are accepted on a limited basis, mainly in the larger shops, hotels and restaurants. Access to ATM machines is widespread in cities and towns such as Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City but limited in rural areas.

## PACKING LIST & BAGGAGE RESTRICTIONS

On flights within Vietnam, each passenger is limited to approximately 50 pounds (22 kilograms) of checked baggage in Economy Class and approximately 70 pounds (32 kilograms) in Business Class. For carry-on baggage in both Economy and Business Class, passengers are allowed one piece of luggage with a maximum weight of approximately 11 pounds (5 kilograms).

Please use the provided A&K luggage tags, even if your bags already have ID tags. This makes it easier for A&K staff to collect and manage your luggage for you.

### Clothing

Choose versatile, casual clothing that can be layered if the weather requires. Smart casual attire is appropriate for evenings. Formal clothing is not necessary.

Temples and other religious sites require modest dress to enter. Guests are advised to pack clothing that covers knees, shoulders, and upper arms for select visits. You may be required to remove shoes when entering sacred sites.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Casual slacks                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Walking shorts                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Polo shirts, casual short-sleeve shirts or blouses | <input type="checkbox"/> Long sleeve shirts or blouses                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sweater or lightweight jacket                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Long comfortable skirts for women                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Comfortable walking shoes with traction            | <input type="checkbox"/> Lightweight raincoat or poncho                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brimmed hat for sun protection                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Sleepwear   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal garments                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Socks   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Swimwear/cover-up                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Foldable umbrella for rain protection and sun shade |

### Other Recommended Items

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Face masks and hand sanitizer   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sun block and insect repellent   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Prescriptions and medications (in their original bottles and/or packaging) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Simple first-aid kit            |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extra eyeglasses/contact lenses | <input type="checkbox"/> Smartphone   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Charging cables for electronics | <input type="checkbox"/> Global travel adapter  |

### Optional Items

- Small LED flashlight
- Lightweight binoculars
- Foldable walking stick
- Small daypack or fanny pack

Laundry service is available at most hotels and dry cleaning is available in larger cities. Check costs and return times before using these services.

#### TIPPING GUIDELINES

While decisions regarding tipping rest entirely with you, we suggest the following gratuities (noted in U.S. dollars) depending on the type of journey.

	<b>All Small Group Journeys and Pre/Post Tour Group Extensions</b>	<b>Tailor Made Journeys</b>
Resident Tour Director or Group Extension Guide	\$15 per person, per day	Not applicable
Local Guides	Included	\$20 per person, per day (full day)
Drivers	Included	\$10 per person, per day (full day)
Airport Transfer Drivers	Included	\$5 per person, per transfer
Hotel Porters	Included	\$2 per bag
Cruise Vessel Staff (if applicable)	Included	\$15 per person, per day – Gratuities are accepted on board and shared among the staff.
Housekeepers	Included	\$2 per person, per night
Included Meals	Included	Included
Restaurants or Room Service on Own	10-15% unless already added	10-15% unless already added

For extra nights or Tailor Made services added to a Small Group Journey, please follow the Tailor Made Journeys guidelines for these days only.