

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

WINGS OVER ASIA'S ICONIC MONUMENTS

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 three (7) blank visa pages for entry and exit stamps.

China

A tourist visa is required for U.S. and Canadian passport holders for entry into China and must be obtained prior to departure. A visa stamp in your passport can be obtained either by applying directly to a Chinese consulate or through a visa processing service. While there are additional costs involved in using a visa service, this option is available for guests who prefer additional assistance in the visa process.

U.S. citizens who have a passport with a remaining validity of one (1) year or more will be issued a multi-entry China visa that will be valid for 10 years. *Note: If you renew your passport after being issued a 10-year China visa, the visa will still remain valid for the full ten years. If you visit China again during this time, you will need to carry both your current, valid passport and the old passport with the 10-year China visa stamp.*

Those with passports that have less than one (1) year remaining validity will be issued a visa that is valid for 6 months. If your passport has less than one (1) year validity remaining, you must provide a signed letter stating you are aware that the consulate will not grant a visa greater than 6 months validity.

You may be asked to provide the name of the inviting agency hosting your stay in China on your visa application. In this instance, specify **A&K Hong Kong: Agency #350484**

Additionally, do NOT mention any planned travel to Tibet, which may result in your visa application being denied.

If you have ever travelled to Turkey or Afghanistan, you may be asked to provide a personal statement letter that includes specific dates and details about all visits. Your statement letter must include details for every immigration stamp for these countries in your current passport.

Of Special Note for Canadian Passport Holders

The government of China requires all visa applicants in Canada to submit fingerprints. Applicants may submit fingerprints at Visa Application Centers located in Montreal, Toronto, Ottawa, Calgary, and Vancouver. These application centers are jurisdictional and you must submit your visa application to the specific center that covers the region of your home address. Additionally, Canadian citizens applying for a visa for China will need to provide proof of a round-trip or onward ticket and a comprehensive travel itinerary including hotel reservations. Financial proof such as a bank statement may also be required. For more information, please visit our partner VisaCentral's Canadian offices at visacentral.ca/abercrombiekent or the Government of Canada's Travel Advice and Advisories page at travel.gc.ca/travelling/advisories.

Cambodia

A tourist visa is required for U.S. and Canadian passport holders for entry into Cambodia. There are currently three options available as outlined below. A&K recommends a visa on arrival.

Visa on Arrival: Acquire a visa on arrival at the airport at immigration. The cost is USD \$30. You will be issued a 30-day visa valid for 90 days (meaning you must enter Cambodia within 90 days of the visa being issued, but can only stay for 30 days). Make sure you have your passport with validity of more than six months at the time of entry, a recent passport-size photo, as you will need this information to complete the application.

Electronic Visa (eVisa): Apply for a tourist visa (T-visa) access the Cambodian e-visa website here: [eVisa Kingdom of Cambodia \(Official Government Website\)](#). The cost is USD \$30 plus a \$6 processing fee, with a three-day processing time. You will be issued a 30-day visa valid for 90 days (meaning you must enter Cambodia within 90 days of the visa being issued, but can only stay for 30 days).

Prior to beginning your online application, make sure you have your passport with validity of more than six months at the time of entry, a recent passport-size photo in digital format (JPEG or PNG format), and a valid credit card (Visa/MasterCard) as you will need this information to complete the application.

Once you complete the on-line form and pay the required fee, you should obtain an approval letter via the e-mail you provided in your application within three days. Make sure you have your e-visa with you to present to immigration authorities on arrival.

Visa Stamp: A visa can be obtained either by applying directly to a Cambodian consulate or through a visa processing service. While there are additional costs involved in using a visa service, this option is available for guests who prefer assistance in the visa process.

All travelers are required to submit a Cambodia e-Arrival card within 7 days of their arrival. You can complete the card on the official website www.arrival.gov.kh or through the mobile application found on Apple's App Store and Google Play Store. The e-Arrival card is a separate document from your Cambodian visa and there is no additional fee. After you register, take a screenshot or download your QR code before closing or exiting the e-Arrival Card website. There are a limited number of tablets available at customs on arrival for guests who are unable to submit an e-Arrival card in advance; however to avoid long lines it's recommended you register prior to arrival.

Indonesia

A tourist visa is required for U.S. and Canadian passport holders for entry into Indonesia. There are currently three options available as outlined below. A&K recommends a visa on arrival. All entrance procedures and fees are subject to change without notice.

Visa on Arrival: A 30-day tourist visa can be obtained on arrival at the airport and can be paid in U.S. dollars or local currency in cash or by major credit card (American Express is not accepted for payment). The current fee for a single-entry visa is USD \$35 (subject to change without notice).

Electronic Visa (eVOA): To apply for an eVOA, visit [The Official eVisa website for Indonesia \(imigrasi.go.id\)](http://The.Official.eVisa.website.for.Indonesia.imigrasi.go.id). The current fee for a single-entry visa is USD \$35 (subject to change without notice). You can apply for an eVOA 14 days prior to travelling but not less than 48 hours prior to arrival. Read and follow all instructions carefully to ensure a smooth arrival in Indonesia. If you experience technical problems with the eVOA website, try again a few hours later or contact the e-VOA Support Desk livechat at www.imigrasi.go.id/en/ or send an email to visa@imigrasi.go.id.

You will need the following documents to apply for an eVOA:

- a. Full biodata page of passport with at least 6 months validity from the date of your arrival to Indonesia (format JPG/JPEG/PNG with max. size of 200 kb);
- b. Passport-size photograph (format JPG/JPEG/PNG with max. size of 200 kb)
- c. Valid email address
- d. A valid Mastercard or Visa
- e. Residence information in Bali / Indonesia (hotel address)

Visa in Advance: A visa stamp in your passport can be obtained either by applying directly to an Indonesian consulate or through a visa processing service. While there are additional costs involved in using a visa service, this option is available for guests who prefer assistance in the visa process.

All guests arriving into Indonesia must complete an online Customs Declaration form prior to arrival: ([Official Website Direktorat Jenderal Bea dan Cukai \(beacukai.go.id\)](http://beacukai.go.id)). Forms can be completed up to three days prior to arrival. You will receive a QR code which you can save on your phone or print out and carry with you to present to customs officials prior to leaving the baggage claim area of the airport. You will need to provide your passport information, flight details, answer questions about the items you will be carrying in your luggage, and register your electronic devices such as smartphones, tablets and laptops.

Additionally, if your itinerary includes Tailor Made services post-tour in Bali, note that all international visitors to Bali are required to pay a one-time tourism levy of 150,000 IDR (approximately \$10 USD) whether they arrive by air or sea. Guests can pre-pay by card, bank transfer or with virtual accounts via the official website: <https://lovebali.baliprov.go.id/>. Alternatively, the levy may be paid on arrival by credit card.

Our partner VisaCentral offers easy, efficient U.S. passport and visa processing. Visit them online at 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

A yellow fever vaccination is only required to enter **China, Cambodia, and Indonesia** 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.

Within **Indonesia**, you will 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

In **China**, cash transactions should be made in Chinese renminbi. In **Cambodia and Indonesia**, 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. . In **China and Indonesia**, major credit cards are widely accepted for goods and services; credit card use is limited to larger shops and hotels in **Cambodia**. Access to ATM machines is widespread in cities and towns but may be limited in rural areas.

OF SPECIAL NOTE: INTERNET RESTRICTIONS IN CHINA

Please be aware that, due to government regulations, certain internet websites are not accessible in **China**. Currently blocked sites include, but are not limited to, Google, Gmail and Facebook.

PACKING LIST & BAGGAGE RESTRICTIONS

On charter air flights within Asia, each passenger is limited to approximately 44 pounds of checked baggage. For carry-on baggage, passengers are allowed one personal item.

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.

Special Restrictions on Lighters, Matches, Power Banks, Cellphone or Computer Batteries:

On Internal Air flights within China, lighters and matches are not allowed to be brought onto airplanes, either in checked or carry-on baggage. Power banks, cell phone and computer batteries are not allowed to be brought onto airplanes in checked baggage, they can only be brought onto the plane in carry-on baggage, however, power banks larger than 10400 mAh are not allowed to be taken on domestic flights in either checked or carry-on bags. Specifications of the power bank must be clearly labeled on it. Airport security officers have the right to confiscate any items that violate these restrictions.

Clothing

Choose versatile, casual clothing that can be layered if the weather (or level of air-conditioning) 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.

- Casual slacks
- Walking shorts
- Polo shirts, casual short-sleeve shirts or blouses
- Long sleeve shirts or blouses
- Sweater or lightweight jacket
- Long comfortable skirts for women
- Comfortable walking shoes with traction
- Lightweight raincoat or poncho
- Brimmed hat for sun protection
- Sleepwear
- Personal garments
- Socks
- Swimwear/cover-up/bathing cap (many hotel swimming pools in China require bathing caps for both men and women)
- Foldable umbrella for rain protection and sun shade

Other Recommended Items

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

Optional Items

- Small LED flashlight
- Foldable walking stick
- Lightweight binoculars
- 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.

	All Small Group Journeys and Pre/Post Tour Group Extensions	Tailor Made and Signature/Private Journeys
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
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.