

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION AZERBAIJAN

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 one (1) blank visa page for entry and exit stamps.

An electronic visa (eVisa) is required for U.S. and Canadian passport holders for entry into Azerbaijan and must be obtained prior to departure. To apply for an eVisa, visit <https://evisa.gov.az/en/>. The current fee for a single-entry visa is \$20, plus a \$5 service charge (subject to change without notice.) Read and follow all instructions carefully to ensure a smooth arrival in Azerbaijan. Please be aware that eVisas are valid for 90 days after issuance. Therefore do not apply for your eVisa too far in advance.

Make certain to check the validity of your visa when it is returned to you. Visas cannot be extended once in Azerbaijan. A valid visa is required to depart Azerbaijan or you will be denied permission to leave the country until you pay a substantial fine and secure an exit permit from the State Migration Service in Baku. It is not possible to pay the fine at the airport or any other border crossing.

Please note that U.S. citizens of Armenian ancestry (or with Armenian last names) have had their visa applications denied by the Government of Azerbaijan. Additionally, travelling to the region of Nagorno-Karabakh and the surrounding occupied areas via Armenia without the consent of Azerbaijani authorities could make you ineligible for future travel in Azerbaijan.

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.

CASH & CREDIT CARDS

Azerbaijan has a primarily cash-based economy. Major credit cards are generally only accepted at some hotels and restaurants. Access to ATMs is fairly widespread, however please be cautioned that card skimming at ATMs is an ongoing concern.

PLEASE PACK YOUR PATIENCE

Azerbaijan is a developing nation that has experienced significant reforms in their economic and political institutions over the last several decades; however, the country is still in the process of developing its tourist infrastructure.

Abercrombie & Kent is known for its practice of using the very best hotels all over the world, but hotels of that premier caliber are rarely found outside the major tourist destinations. Luckily, people who enjoy travelling "off the beaten path" know that its pleasures far outweigh the small inconveniences of more rustic accommodations. Be assured that A&K believes that the hotels featured on your itinerary are the very best accommodations available - clean, comfortable and with a friendly welcome for their guests.

PACKING LIST

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 find 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.

Plan to dress modestly (in clothing that covers knees, shoulders and upper arms) when visiting religious sites.

- Casual slacks
- Walking shorts
- Polo shirts, casual short-sleeve shirts or blouses
- Long sleeve shirts or blouses
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Lightweight raincoat
- Sweater or lightweight jacket
- Brimmed hat for sun protection
- Sleepwear (both light and warm)
- Personal garments
- Socks
- Swimwear/cover-up

Other Recommended Items

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

Optional Items

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

Laundry service is available at most hotels. 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).

	Tailor Made Journeys
Local Guides	\$25 per person, per day (full day)
Drivers	\$15 per person, per day (full day)
Airport Transfer Drivers	\$5 per person, per transfer
Hotel Porters	\$2 per bag
Housekeepers	\$2 per person, per night

Included Meals	Included
Restaurants or Room Service on Own	10-15% unless already added