

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

BALKAN EXPLORER: GOLDEN EAGLE DANUBE EXPRESS

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 ten (10) blank visa pages for entry and exit stamps.

Holders of U.S. and Canadian passports are not required to obtain a tourist visa for entry into Italy, Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Romania, Bulgaria, Greece, Turkey or North Macedonia.

In Hungary, Slovenia and North Macedonia, local law requires that you carry photo identification, such as your passport, at all times.

If you are a U.S. citizen born in the Republic of North Macedonia, please note that Greek Immigration Officers at all ports of entry (land, air, and sea) will not place entry stamps in passports listing the traveler's place of birth as Macedonia or the Republic of Macedonia. These travelers are required to complete a short form on which the entry stamp will be placed and which the traveler must keep with their passport for the duration of their stay in Greece and present on departure.

It is recommended that children travelling to Bosnia and Herzegovina with one parent, (particularly if the parent has a different last name from the child's), carry a notarized letter from the other parent giving permission to travel.

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.

LOCAL HEALTH & SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Bulgaria

Visitors are required to maintain medical insurance that is valid for the cost of emergency care and evacuation for the duration of their stay in Bulgaria. You may be required to show proof of medical insurance upon arrival. Medical care in Bulgaria varies in quality from services provided in the United States and Western Europe. Medical facilities outside of larger cities are limited and the quality of equipment may put elderly travelers and those with existing health problems at risk.

CASH & CREDIT CARDS

With the exception of Romania, Bulgaria, North Macedonia and Bosnia and Herzegovina, which are still largely cash economies, major credit cards are widely accepted (the most popular are Visa and MasterCard, with American Express accepted at high-end shops) and ATM outlets are widespread. You may find it difficult to exchange US\$100 bills in banks and currency exchanges in smaller towns.

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 (or level of air-conditioning) requires. Cotton and other light fabrics are comfortable choices for summertime. Spring and autumn temperatures dictate medium-weight clothing selections. Formal clothing is not necessary. Cathedrals, mosques, churches, and other religious sites require conservative dress. Arms, legs and shoulders should be covered – no shorts. This applies to both men and women. For women, barebacked, low-necked dresses or tops or short skirts, are not considered appropriate attire. When visiting mosques, wear or carry a pair of socks, since shoes must be removed before entering. Women must cover their heads with a scarf.

- Casual slacks
- Walking shorts
- Polo shirts, casual short-sleeve shirts or blouses
- Long sleeve shirts or blouses
- Comfortable walking shoes with low or no heels and non-slip soles
- Lightweight raincoat and umbrella
- Sweater or fleece jacket
- Brimmed hat or visor for sun protection
- Sleepwear
- 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
- Extra eyeglasses/contact lenses
- Smartphone
- Charging cables for electronics
- Global travel adapter

TIPPING GUIDELINES

While decisions regarding tipping rest entirely with you, we suggest the following gratuities (noted in U.S. dollars):

	Tailor Made Journeys
Resident Tour Director or Group Extension Guide	Not applicable
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
Housekeepers	\$2 per person, per night
Included Meals	Included
Restaurants or Room Service on own	10-15% unless already added

