

# ESSENTIAL INFORMATION GERMANY

## 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.

Holders of U.S. and Canadian passports are not required to obtain a tourist visa for entry into Germany.

Our partner VisaCentral offers easy, efficient U.S. passport and visa processing. Visit them online at [visacentral.com/abercrombiekent](https://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.

## COVID-19 COUNTRY ENTRY REQUIREMENTS & TRAVEL ADVISORIES

Germany currently has no COVID-19 vaccination or testing requirements for entry for U.S. and Canadian residents. Requirements are subject to change. Visit the U.S. Department of State at [travel.state.gov](https://travel.state.gov) or the Government of Canada at [travel.gc.ca/travelling/advisories](https://travel.gc.ca/travelling/advisories) for up-to-date information.

## CASH & CREDIT CARDS

Major credit cards are widely accepted here and ATM outlets are widespread. In smaller cities, shops and cafes may prefer cash payment for goods and services. Unattended self-service payment kiosks such as those in parking garages, train stations or gas stations only accept a Chip and PIN card or cash.

## 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. Pack a coat, hat, gloves, boots, warm socks and sleepwear, if you are visiting between late October and early April. Smart casual attire is appropriate for evenings. Formal clothing is not necessary.

Cathedrals, churches, and other religious sites require conservative dress. Arms and shoulders should be covered.

### Clothing

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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"/> Comfortable walking shoes with low or no heels     | <input type="checkbox"/> Lightweight raincoat and umbrella       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sweater or fleece jacket                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Brimmed hat or visor for sun protection |

- Sleepwear
- Socks
- Personal garments
- Swimwear/cover-up

Other Recommended Items

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

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 Extensions</b>	<b>Tailor Made Journeys</b>
Resident Tour Director or Group Extension Guide	\$20 per person, per day	Not applicable
Local Guides	Included	\$25 per person, per day (full day)
Drivers	Included	\$15 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.

Canal Barge Cruises

Gratuities to barge crewmembers are not included. Please refer to 'Life on Board' Vessel Information for recommended gratuity guidelines.