

# ESSENTIAL INFORMATION NETHERLANDS, BELGIUM, GERMANY & LUXEMBOURG

## 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 seven (7) 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 the Netherlands, Belgium, Germany or Luxembourg for stays of up to 90 days.

Dutch law requires that everyone over the age of 14 carry some form of official identification at all times. A U.S. passport suffices for these purposes.

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.

## CASH & CREDIT CARDS

Major credit cards are widely accepted in these countries, and there is easy access to ATM's. Banks and exchange facilities may refuse U.S. dollar denominations of \$50 and \$100 if they are not equipped with devices to identify counterfeit currency. 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. Pack a coat, hat, gloves, boots, warm socks and sleepwear, if you are visiting these countries 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.

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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 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sleepwear  | <input type="checkbox"/> 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

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.