

# ESSENTIAL INFORMATION KENYA & TANZANIA

## 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.

### Kenya

**An Electronic Travel Authority (eTA) is required for U.S. and Canadian passport holders for entry into Kenya and must be obtained prior to departure.** To apply for an eTA, visit [www.etakenya.go.ke](http://www.etakenya.go.ke).

Note: Guests who currently have a valid Kenya e-visa issued for travel in 2024 (including children under 18 travelling with e-Visa holders) may use the e-visa to enter Kenya and do not have to apply for an eTA.

The current fee is US \$30 plus a \$2.50 service charge (subject to change without notice) and is valid for one journey/single entry and expires upon exiting Kenya. Guests travelling on a journey that enters Kenya multiple times (after visiting either Tanzania, Uganda or Rwanda) only need to secure the initial eTA. On arrival in Kenya, they will receive a Visitor's Pass that will allow them re-entry into Kenya after visiting other countries.

Kenya eTA applications should be submitted at least 3 days prior to travel to ensure adequate time for authorization. Travellers can submit their applications up to 3 months prior to travel. It is highly recommended that travellers apply as soon as possible after they have booked their Kenya travel arrangements. Children under the age of 18 must travel with an eTA, and the legal guardian, parent or accompanying adult is responsible for filling out their application.

You will need the following information prior to applying for Kenya eTA:

**Passport:** Valid for at least six (6) months after your arrival date in Kenya with at least one blank page.

**Photo:** A selfie or passport-type photo.

**Contact information:** Home address, email address and phone number.

**Details of arrival and departure:** Arrival flight number, date of departure of initial flight in case of connecting flights.

**Accommodation:** Hotel booking confirmations (travel itinerary).

**Payment:** Credit/debit card, Apple Pay, etc.

If you are asked to provide contact information for your local tour operator, please use:

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Once you submit the application, you will receive a confirmation email that your application and payment has been received. This email will contain the reference number assigned to your application. You will receive another email once your application has been approved. You can check the status of your application at any time by visiting: <https://www.etakenya.go.ke>. Use your reference number to check your application status.

If approved, save the eTA (sent as a PDF) on your mobile device and also print it out. Your electronic travel authorization needs to be shown at all departure and arrival points. For travelers

who have an Android phone there is the option to store your approved eTA in the “Kenya Travel Authorization” mobile app. You can download the app for free [Google Play Store](#). The app is currently not available in the Apple Store.

#### Tanzania

**A tourist visa is required for U.S. and Canadian passport holders for entry into Tanzania.**

There are currently two options available as outlined below. A&K recommends an electronic visa (eVisa).

**Electronic Visa (eVisa):** To apply for an eVisa, visit <https://visa.immigration.go.tz/>. U.S. citizens visiting Tanzania for tourism are required to apply for a multiple-entry visa, which is valid for one year. The cost is USD \$100 (subject to change without notice). Citizens of Canada may obtain a single-entry e-Visa (ordinary visa), valid for three months. The cost is \$USD 50 (subject to change). We recommend that you apply at least 60 days prior to your arrival date. Average time to receive an eVisa is approximately 10 days.

When applying for your eVisa make sure you have your passport details, a copy of your passport photo and return ticket, as you will need to upload these documents to complete the application process. Read and follow all instructions carefully to ensure a smooth arrival in Tanzania.

- Complete the “Travel Information” section of the on-line application as indicated below:
  - A. Type of Visa: Multiple entry (U.S. citizens); Single-entry/Ordinary (Canadian citizens)
  - B. Purpose of Visit: “Leisure and Holiday”
  - C. Port Type: Choose either “Airports” or “Roads”
  - D. Port of Entry and Port of Departure: These specific ports may be left blank
  - E. Date of Arrival: Enter your date of entry for Tanzania
  - F. Departure Date: Enter your departure date from Tanzania
  - G. Host Details: Select “Company/Organization”
  - H. Full names and Physical Address of the Host: Abercrombie & Kent Tanzania, Njiro Hil, P.O. Box 427. Arusha
  - I. Host Telephone Number: +255 272 508 348
  - J. Host Email: [info@abercrombiekent.co.tz](mailto:info@abercrombiekent.co.tz)
  - K. Where are you going to stay? Choose hotel from the dropdown menu and then enter the contact information of the first hotel on your itinerary.

If you experience technical problems with the eVisa website, try again a few hours later or the following day.

*A visa can also be obtained on arrival in Tanzania, however, the visa on arrival process requires applicants to stand in several different lines with wait times of two hours or longer.*

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

Kenya and Tanzania currently have no COVID-19 vaccination or testing requirements for entry for U.S. and Canadian residents. 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 and travel advisories. All requirements are subject to change.

#### Kenya

- Travellers displaying flu-like symptoms on arrival at any point of entry will be required to complete a passenger locator form: [https://ears.health.go.ke/airline\\_registration/](https://ears.health.go.ke/airline_registration/) and take a COVID-19 antigen test. Should the antigen test prove positive, travellers will also need to take a COVID-19 PCR test. Depending on the severity of symptoms, travellers who test positive will be required to isolate per the Ministry of Health guidance on isolation. All related costs are the responsibility of the traveller.

#### Tanzania

- Travellers may be subject to medical screening on arrival, including a temperature check, questionnaire, and visual assessment.

### YELLOW FEVER VACCINATION & MALARIA PREVENTION

A yellow fever vaccination is only required to enter **Kenya** and **Tanzania** (including Zanzibar Island) if you are arriving from, or have transited through, a yellow fever-endemic area in South America or Africa—including East African countries such as Kenya and Uganda. The CDC and WHO each provide a current list of all affected countries. As your itinerary includes visits to both Kenya and Tanzania, vaccination for yellow fever is necessary and 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.

You will be travelling to areas 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

Both Kenya and Tanzania have cash-based economies. Cash transactions can be made in either U.S. dollars or the local currency in each country. U.S. dollars should be recently issued bills in smaller denominations. Major credit cards are accepted on a very limited basis, mainly in the largest shops, hotels and lodges. Access to ATM machines is available in large cities such as Nairobi, Arusha and Dar es Salaam, but limited in rural areas.

### OF SPECIAL NOTE

#### Plastic Bags in Kenya and Tanzania

The governments of Kenya and Tanzania have implemented a ban on plastic bags. The ban applies to “carrier and flat bags,” primarily targeting bags from shops and grocery stores, but also extending to Ziploc bags, duty-free bags and bubble wrap. If tourists have those types of bags visible while in the airport, they are likely to be confiscated. Bags designed for multiple use, such as zippered cosmetic bags, are not included in the ban.

#### Airport Departure Taxes in Zanzibar

Travellers are required to pay a departure tax of USD \$52 (price subject to change without notice) prior to boarding their departure flight out of Zanzibar. If this amount is not included in your air ticket, it must be paid directly by you onsite. As a precaution we suggest that you have this amount in U.S. dollars at the ready.

Please also note that domestic air flights departing Zanzibar are currently subject to a tax of USD \$5 (price subject to change without notice) per person. In some cases, you may also be required to pay this amount directly on site. Flights from Zanzibar to cities in mainland Tanzania such as Arusha and Dar es Salaam are considered domestic flights.

### PACKING LIST & BAGGAGE RESTRICTIONS

On flights within East Africa, each passenger is limited to a maximum baggage weight of 33 pounds (15 kilograms). This includes the weight of purses and camera equipment in addition to regular luggage. Luggage restrictions are adhered to very strictly and passengers should pack their bags accordingly. Soft-sided luggage or duffels are preferable to hard luggage for storage on safari vehicles and also on aircraft used throughout East Africa. Dimensions should not exceed 23 inches (58 centimeters) long x 13 inches (33 centimeters) high x 10 inches (25 centimeters) wide. As a convenience, A&K provides each safari guest with a complimentary, custom-designed A&K Duffel. This bag is specifically crafted to meet airline standards.

Flights aboard light aircraft within East Africa may not be direct. Multiple stops may be made to offload passengers at safari camp landing strips. A change of aircraft may be required.

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.

### Clothing

Choose comfortable and casual clothing in natural, "breathable" fabrics and versatile styles that can be layered, as temperatures may vary considerably in the course of the day. For game viewing, wear neutral colors (though not camouflage, which is illegal in most national parks and reserves). Black, navy or other dark colors tend to attract insects. Smart casual attire is appropriate for evenings. Formal clothing is not necessary.

### Zanzibar

Zanzibar is a predominately Muslim island and very conservative. If your journey includes a visit to Zanzibar, please note local people dress conservatively and appreciate visitors who do the same. Beachwear or other tight or revealing clothing is not appropriate street wear when visiting areas outside of hotel/resort pool or beach areas.

Mosques and other religious sites require conservative dress. Both sexes should cover their arms, legs and shoulders. Women must cover their heads with a scarf when entering a mosque.

- Casual slacks
- Walking shorts
- Polo shirts, casual short-sleeve shirts or blouses
- Long sleeve shirts or blouses
- Comfortable walking shoes with traction
- If you are travelling during Africa's winter months of mid-May through early September, bring warm clothing — heavy sweater, hat, gloves, lined jacket — to protect against chilly early morning and evening temperatures. A lined jacket is needed year-round when visiting the Ngorongoro Crater
- A pair of rubber beach sandals to use as slippers.
- Brimmed hat for sun protection
- Swimwear/cover-up
- Personal garments
- Sports bra for women for bumpy roads
- Sleepwear
- Socks

### Other Recommended Items

- Face masks and hand sanitizer
- Insect repellent with high % of DEET to protect against mosquitos and tsetse flies\*
- Sunglasses / Sun block

- Prescriptions and medications (in their original bottles and/or packaging)
- Extra eyeglasses/contact lenses
- Charging cables for electronics
- Simple first-aid kit
- Smartphone
- Global travel adapter

**Optional Items**

- Small LED flashlight
- Lightweight binoculars
- Inflatable pillow or stadium cushion can make bumpy roads more comfortable
- Foldable walking stick
- Small daypack or fanny pack
- Low-suds detergent for washing small items of personal laundry

\*Note: many properties provide insect repellent in rooms/tents. However you may wish to bring your own preferred brand.

Laundry Service is available at most hotels, lodges and camps. Because some laundries in Africa do not accept any underclothing, be prepared to wash your own smalls. Laundry techniques may not be suitable for delicate and/or synthetic fabrics. 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 Group Extensions</b>	<b>Tailor Made and Signature/Private Journeys</b>
Resident Tour Director or Group Extension Guide	\$15 per person, per day	Not applicable
Safari Driver-Guides	\$10 per person, per day	\$15 per person, per day
Local Safari or City Guides	Not applicable	\$20 per person, per day (full day)
Hot Air Balloon Pilots (if applicable)	\$10 per person	\$10 per person
Airport Transfer Drivers	Included	\$5 per person, per transfer
Hotel Porters	Included	\$2 per bag
Bush Lodges and Permanent Tented Camps	Included	\$10 per person, per day – Gratuities are accepted at each property and shared among the staff.
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.