

# ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

## SINGAPORE & MALAYSIA: TAPESTRY OF CULTURES

### 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 **Singapore** and **Malaysia** for stays of up to 90 days.

#### Singapore

All travellers are required to complete and submit a SG Arrival Card (SGAC) before arriving in **Singapore**. You will need to provide your passport details, arrival and departure information, and your Singapore accommodation information when registering. **The digital card must be filled out no earlier than three days before your arrival in Singapore.** Visit SG e-service website at <https://www.ica.gov.sg/> or download the app from either the [Apple Store \(Apple\)](#) or [Google Play store \(Android\)](#). You are required to complete a health declaration as part of the SGAC submission. On arrival, you will need to present your Arrival Card to immigration officials at the immigration counter in the airport.

#### Malaysia

All travellers are required to complete and submit a Malaysia Digital Arrival Card (MDAC) before arriving in **Malaysia**. You will need to provide your passport details and arrival and departure information when registering. **The digital card must be filled out no earlier than three days before your arrival in Malaysia.** You can complete your MDAC at Malaysia Digital Arrival Card - MDAC ([imi.gov.my](http://imi.gov.my)). After you submit your application, you will receive a PIN to the email you provided in your application. You can use the PIN along with your passport number and nationality to access your MDAC file through the Check Registration section on the MDAC website.

Upon entering **Malaysia**, first-time visitors will proceed to an immigration desk to present their passport. Please note information provided in your MDAC is uploaded into the immigration system, so you do not need to carry a copy. Immigration officials will place an entry stamp, known as a social visit pass (visa), in your passport authorizing a stay of up to 90 days. Be sure immigration officials stamp your passport with the correct entry and exit dates. For subsequent visits (next trip onwards), U.S. citizens arriving at Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA) Terminals 1 or 2 are eligible to use the immigration autogates to enter and depart Malaysia and are not required to clear immigration at the manual counters.

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.

### COVID-19 COUNTRY ENTRY REQUIREMENTS & TRAVEL ADVISORIES

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

#### Malaysia

Although not required for entry, it is recommended that vaccinated guests carry their CDC vaccine card when travelling to Malaysia.

## YELLOW FEVER VACCINATION

A yellow fever vaccination is only required to enter **Singapore and Malaysia** if you are arriving from, or have transited through, a yellow fever-endemic area in South America or Africa. The CDC and WHO each provide a current list of all affected countries. If vaccination for yellow fever is necessary, 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.

## LOCAL HEALTH & SAFETY PROTOCOLS

### Bringing Medications into Singapore

Please note that Singapore strictly regulates, and in some cases prohibits, the import of certain prescription and over-the-counter medications (even for personal use). Some medications may require you to apply for approval at least two weeks prior to arrival. We suggest that you consult Singapore's Health Sciences Authority [HSA | Bringing personal medications into Singapore](#) for additional information on bringing in your medications when travelling to Singapore.

## CASH & CREDIT CARDS

**Singapore:** Cash transactions can generally be made in either U.S. dollars or local currency, though some smaller shops may require payment in Singapore dollars. U.S. dollars should be recently issued bills in smaller denominations. Major credit cards are widely accepted for goods and services. Access to ATM machines is widespread in cities and towns but may be limited in rural areas.

**Malaysia:** Cash transactions can generally be made in either U.S. dollars or local currency, though some locations may require payment in Malaysian ringgit. U.S. dollars should be recently issued bills in smaller denominations. Major credit cards are widely accepted in larger shops, hotels and restaurants. Access to ATM machines is widespread in cities and towns but limited in rural areas and smaller islands. Note that PINs in Malaysia are six digits long, and some ATMs may not dispense cash when using a four-digit PIN.

## PACKING LIST & BAGGAGE RESTRICTIONS

On flights within Singapore and Malaysia, each passenger is limited to 1 piece of checked luggage with a maximum weight of approximately 44 pounds (20 kilograms) in Economy Class and 2 pieces of checked luggage with a maximum weight of approximately 66 pounds (30 kilograms) per piece in Business Class. For carry-on baggage in both Economy and Business Class, each passenger is limited to 1 piece of luggage with a maximum weight of approximately 11 pounds (5 kilograms).

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 versatile, casual clothing that can be layered if the weather requires. Smart casual attire is appropriate for evenings. Formal clothing is not necessary.

Temples and other religious sites require modest dress to enter. Guests are advised to pack clothing that covers knees, shoulders, and upper arms for select visits. You may be required to remove shoes when entering sacred sites.

Casual slacks

Walking shorts

- Polo shirts, casual short-sleeve shirts or blouses
- Long sleeve shirts or blouses
- Sweater or lightweight jacket
- Long comfortable skirts for women
- Comfortable walking shoes with traction
- Lightweight raincoat or poncho
- Brimmed hat for sun protection
- Sleepwear
- Personal garments
- Socks
- Swimwear/cover-up
- Foldable umbrella

#### Other Recommended Items

- Face masks and hand sanitizer
- Sun block and insect repellent
- 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

#### Optional Items

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

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).

	<b>All Small Group Journeys and Pre/Post Tour Group Extensions</b>	<b>Tailor Made Journeys</b>
Resident Tour Director or Group Extension Guide	\$15 per person, per day	Not applicable
Local Guides	Included	\$20 per person, per day (full day)
Drivers	Included	\$10 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	Included	10-15% unless already added
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For extra nights or Tailor Made services added to a Small Group Journey, please follow the Tailor Made Journeys guidelines for these days only.