

# ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

## ETHIOPIA

### 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 one (1) blank visa page for entry and exit stamps.

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

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

**Electronic Visa (eVisa):** To apply for an eVisa, visit [www.evisa.gov.et](http://www.evisa.gov.et). The current fee for a single-entry visa, which is valid for 30 days, is USD \$52 (subject to change without notice). The validity of an eVisa starts from your date of arrival in Ethiopia, not from the date of issuance. Read and follow all instructions carefully to ensure a smooth arrival in Ethiopia. *Please be aware that eVisas are only valid for entry at Bole International Airport (ADD) in Addis Ababa.*

**Visa on Arrival:** Tourist visas can be obtained on arrival at Bole International Airport (ADD) in Addis Ababa. The current fee for a single-entry visa is USD \$50 (subject to change without notice.) The fee must be paid in cash and one (1) passport-size photo is required. *The U.S. Department of State advises against using this option due to unreliable visa on arrival procedures and reports of significant wait times.*

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.

### VACCINATIONS

A yellow fever vaccination is only required to enter Ethiopia 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. 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.

### STAY HEALTHY ON THE ROAD

Because of Ethiopia's high elevations, you may experience altitude sickness. Please consult your healthcare provider for suggestions on prevention and treatment.

### CASH & CREDIT CARDS

Ethiopia has a cash-based economy. Cash transactions can be made in either U.S. dollars or local currency. 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 Addis Ababa but limited in rural areas.

# PACKING LIST & BAGGAGE RESTRICTIONS ETHIOPIA

## BAGGAGE RESTRICTIONS

On flights within Ethiopia, each passenger is limited to 1 piece of checked luggage with a maximum weight of approximately 44 pounds (20 kilograms). Total dimensions of checked bags must not exceed 62 inches (158 centimeters.) Dimensions for checked baggage are calculated by adding together the width, height and depth of the piece of luggage. For carry-on baggage, each passenger is limited to 1 piece of luggage with a maximum weight of approximately 15 pounds (7 kilograms). Dimensions of your carry-on bag should not exceed 9 inches (23 centimeters) x 15 inches (40 centimeters) x 21 inches (55 centimeters). In addition, each passenger may carry on a personal item with a maximum weight of 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.

## PACKING LIST

Choose versatile, casual clothing that can be layered if the weather (or level of air-conditioning) requires. Smart casual attire is appropriate for evenings. Formal clothing is not necessary.

Beachwear or other tight or revealing clothing is not appropriate street wear in Ethiopia. Local people dress conservatively and appreciate visitors who do the same.

Churches, temples, mosques and other religious sites require conservative dress. Both sexes should cover their arms, legs and shoulders (women should pack a scarf for this purpose.) Wear or carry a pair of socks when sightseeing, since shoes must be removed when visiting certain religious sites.

### 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"/> Long comfortable skirts for women                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Scarf large enough to cover neck and shoulders for women |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sweater or lightweight jacket                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Comfortable walking shoes with traction                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brimmed hat for sun protection                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Sleepwear                                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal garments                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports bra for women for bumpy roads                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Socks                                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimwear/cover-up                                        |

### Other Recommended Items

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses / Sun block          | <input type="checkbox"/> Insect repellent with high % of DEET to protect against mosquitos and tsetse flies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Simple first-aid kit            | <input type="checkbox"/> Prescriptions and medications (in their original bottles and/or packaging)         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extra eyeglasses/contact lenses | <input type="checkbox"/> Smartphone                                                                         |

Charging cables for electronics

Global travel adapter

#### Optional Items

Small LED flashlight

Foldable walking stick

Lightweight binoculars

Small daypack or fanny pack

Inflatable pillow or stadium cushion can make bumpy roads more comfortable

Low-suds detergent for washing small items of personal laundry

Laundry Service is available at most properties. 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 ETHIOPIA

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 Journeys</b>
Resident Tour Director or Group Extension Guide	\$15 per person, per day	Not applicable
Local Guide	Not applicable	\$20 per person, per day (full day)
Driver-Guides for City Sightseeing	Not applicable	\$15 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	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.