

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION KENYA

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.

An Electronic Tourist Visa (eVisa) is required for U.S. and Canadian passport holders for entry into Kenya. To apply for an eVisa, visit evisa.go.ke/evisa.html. The current fee for a single-entry* visa is USD \$51 (subject to change without notice). A tourist visa is only valid for 90 days from the date of issuance, so do not apply for your Kenya visa more than 90 days prior to departure. If the visa application asks you to provide an email address for your host tour operator in Kenya, please use info@abercrombiekent.co.ke. Read and follow all instructions carefully to ensure a smooth arrival in Kenya. You may be required to upload documents (e.g. passport photo or copy of your passport information page) to complete the eVisa process. If you experience technical problems with the eVisa website, try again a few hours later or the following day.

*A single-entry eVisa for Kenya allows you to enter, exit and re-enter the country after visiting either Tanzania or Uganda, without having to purchase a multiple-entry visa.

Note: Kenya is currently waiving visa requirements for children age 15 or younger. Children in this age group need only present a valid passport upon arrival.

Our partner VisaCentral offers easy, efficient U.S. passport and visa processing. Visit them online at 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.

REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO COVID-19

A&K requires proof of full COVID-19 vaccination for travel on Small Group Journeys (Luxury Small Group, Marco Polo, Family, Wings Over the World, Connections and Limited Edition journeys) for departures beginning January 1, 2022. For Tailor Made and Signature journeys, guests must comply with all country entry requirements.

Visit the U.S. Department of State at travel.state.gov or the Government of Canada at travel.gc.ca/travelling/advisories for comprehensive and up-to-date country entry requirements as well as information for onward travel.

Entry Requirements

The following are the current COVID-19 screening requirements for entry into Kenya for U.S. and Canadian residents. Requirements are subject to change.

- All travellers entering Kenya must present **both** of the following:
 - An original COVID-19 vaccination certificate indicating full vaccination completed at least 14 days prior to arrival. The current approved vaccines are Pfizer, Moderna, AstraZeneca and Janssen (Johnson & Johnson).
 - Printed, documented proof of a negative COVID-19 PCR test taken within 96 hours of boarding their flight to Kenya.

- Travellers are subject to medical screening on arrival in Kenya, including a temperature check, questionnaire and visual assessment.
- All travellers are required to complete and submit an online “Travelers Health Surveillance Form” 24 hours prior to boarding their flight to Kenya. Once submitted, travellers will receive a QR code which they must present to Port Health Officials upon arrival. To access this form, please visit ears.health.go.ke/airline_registration. Please print out a copy of your QR code and keep it with you. Note: Cell phone users should use Chrome or Firefox when accessing the above link.
- While proof of vaccination is not a requirement to enter Kenya, travellers must present proof of vaccination for admission into hotels, bars and restaurants, national parks and game reserves effective December 21, 2021. Approved vaccines include AstraZeneca, Pfizer, Moderna or Janssen (Johnson & Johnson). Please carry your original COVID-19 CDC vaccination card with you on your journey.

Requirements for Returning Home or Onward Travel

A&K will arrange COVID-19 testing during your time in Kenya. The current cost for local testing ranges from USD \$60-\$200 (subject to change) and may be paid by credit card or cash in U.S. dollars. An additional cost of USD \$150 per person for transportation to/from testing in safari game reserves may apply and is to be paid locally in cash in U.S. dollars. Results are typically provided within 6-48 hours.

All travellers departing Kenya are required to download a TT code with their COVID-19 test result to present to airport authorities and airline personnel upon departure. Visit panabios.org to create a TrustedTravel Account. Once you are logged in you can upload your COVID-19 test result and generate the required TT code. For additional information and instructions for the Trusted Traveller program visit Kenya Ministry of Health at africacdc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Travel_Guide_Simplified_Kenya_MOH_combined_version-1.pdf.

Guests returning to the United States

Before boarding a flight to the United States, all travellers are required to show printed or electronic proof of a negative COVID-19 viral test (PCR or rapid antigen) result taken no more than one (1) day before travel, or documentation of recovery from COVID-19 in the last 90 days.

For up-to-date details and FAQs visit [Requirement for Proof of Negative COVID-19 Test or Documentation of Recovery from COVID-19 | CDC](https://www.cdc.gov/travel/qa/returning-to-us/covid-19.html). Be sure to check state COVID-19 entry requirements, as they may vary.

Guests returning to Canada

All travellers, including Canadian passport holders, must provide printed or electronic proof of a negative COVID-19 PCR test taken within 72 hours of boarding their flight to Canada. Additional information can be found at travel.gc.ca/travelling/advisories.

Note all guests with flights connecting through and/or continuing to other countries should check the specific COVID-19 entry requirements.

VACCINATIONS

A yellow fever vaccination is only required to enter Kenya 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 Tanzania 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

In accordance with local regulations, face masks must be worn during any indoor or outdoor public activities, and all persons are required to practice physical distancing of at least 6 feet (2 meters). We encourage you to bring your own masks; a supply will be on hand where needed. Note all protocols are subject to change in accordance with relevant guidelines, local regulations and conditions.

CASH & CREDIT CARDS

Kenya 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 Nairobi but limited in rural areas.

OF SPECIAL NOTE: PLASTIC BAGS IN KENYA

The government of Kenya has 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.

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.

Safe Travel Essentials

Be sure to bring personal protective equipment (PPE), including face masks, travel-sized hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol, facial tissues and disinfecting wipes or spray.

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.

- 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,

- A pair of rubber beach sandals to use as slippers.
- Brimmed hat for sun protection
- Personal garments
- Sleepwear
- gloves, lined jacket — to protect against chilly early morning and evening temperatures
- Swimwear/cover-up
- Sports bra for women for bumpy roads
- Socks

Other Recommended Items

- Sunglasses / Sun block
- Prescriptions and medications (in their original bottles and/or packaging)
- Extra eyeglasses/contact lenses
- Charging cables for electronics
- Insect repellent with high % of DEET to protect against mosquitos and tsetse flies*
- 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.

	All Small Group Journeys and Pre/Post Tour Group Extensions	Tailor Made Journeys
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.