

# ESSENTIAL INFORMATION MADAGASCAR

## 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 three (3) blank visa pages for entry and exit stamps.

**A tourist visa is required for U.S. and Canadian passport holders for entry into Madagascar.** There are currently two options available as outlined below. A&K recommends a visa on arrival.

**Visa on Arrival:** The current fee for a single-entry visa is 80,000 Malagasy Ariary (approximately USD \$30.). There is an additional Tourist Tax of approximately USD \$10, for a total per person entry fee of approximately USD \$40. Fees must be paid in cash in either U.S. dollars or local currency. If payment is made in U.S. dollars, change will be given back in local currency. All fees are subject to change without notice.

**Visa Stamp:** A visa stamp in your passport can be obtained either by applying directly to a Madagascar consulate or through a visa processing service. While there are additional costs involved in using a visa service, this option is available for guests who prefer assistance in the visa process. If you obtain a visa stamp you will still be required to pay the USD \$10 tourist tax on arrival.

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.

## REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO COVID-19

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 comprehensive and up-to-date country entry requirements as well as information for onward travel. A&K will facilitate in-country testing required for returning home or onward travel at the end of your A&K journey. Costs are paid locally and vary depending on the type and location of testing. All details specific to your journey will be included in with your **Final Documents**.

### Requirements for Returning Home or Onward Travel

#### **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](#). 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](https://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 Madagascar 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.

## CASH & CREDIT CARDS

Cash transactions can be made in either U.S. dollars or local currency. Major credit cards are accepted for goods and services at hotels and larger shops. Access to ATM machines is widespread in cities and towns but may be limited in rural areas.

## 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 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. In most areas, long, loose Bermuda-style shorts are becoming increasingly acceptable for both sexes, but women may feel more comfortable in a skirt or long trousers. Smart casual attire is appropriate for evenings. Formal clothing is not necessary.

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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 skirt for women                               | <input type="checkbox"/> If you are travelling during Africa's winter months of mid-May through early September, bring a few items of warm clothing to protect against chilly early morning and evening temperatures |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Comfortable walking shoes with traction            |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A pair of rubber beach sandals to use as slippers. |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brimmed hat for sun protection                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimwear/cover-up   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal garments                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports bra for women for bumpy roads  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sleepwear  | <input type="checkbox"/> Socks   |

### 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 |
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- 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

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

While decisions regarding tipping rest entirely with you, we suggest the following gratuities (noted in U.S. dollars).

	<b>Tailor Made Journeys</b>
Local Guides	\$20 per person, per day (full day)
Drivers	\$15 per person, per day (full day)
Airport Transfer Drivers	\$5 per person, per transfer
Hotel Porters	\$2 per bag
Housekeepers	\$2 per person, per night
Included Meals	Included
Restaurants or Room Service on Own	10-15% unless already added