

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION SEYCHELLES

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 page for entry and exit stamps.

Holders of U.S. and Canadian passports are not required to obtain a tourist visa for entry into Seychelles for stays of up to 30 days.

A tourist entry permit is issued free of charge upon arrival provided that the traveller in question has a return airline ticket, pre-paid hotel accommodations and sufficient funds for their entire stay.

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

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 Seychelles for U.S. and Canadian residents. Requirements are subject to change.

- All travellers must receive pre-approved Health Travel Authorization to enter Seychelles. To apply for your Health Travel Authorization visit seychelles.govtas.com. As part of the application, travellers must provide documented proof of a negative COVID-19 PCR test taken within 72 hours of their departure flight for Seychelles.
- All travellers must also provide printed, documented proof of a negative COVID-19 PCR test taken within 72 hours of their departure, upon check-in for their flight for Seychelles.
- Travellers are subject to medical screening on arrival in Seychelles, including a temperature check, questionnaire and visual assessment.
- Travellers are required to have travel and health insurance to cover potential COVID-19 related costs valid for their time in Seychelles.

Requirements for Returning Home or Onward Travel

A&K will arrange testing during your time in Seychelles. The current cost for local antigen testing is SCR 1,300 (approximately USD \$62) and the current cost for PCR testing is SCR 2,500.00 (approximately USD \$120.) All fees are subject to change and can be paid by credit card or cash in U.S. dollars. Additional fees for transportation to and from the testing facility will apply to groups of 3 or less. The current cost for round-trip transportation is USD \$168 per car.

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.

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 Seychelles 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.

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

Cash transactions should be made in U.S. dollars. Local currency is of limited use to tourists. U.S. dollars should be recently issued bills in smaller denominations. Major credit cards are accepted at hotels and lodges and larger shops and restaurants. Access to ATM machines is available in larger cities such as Mahe, but 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. 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 a few items of warm clothing to protect

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

Other Recommended Items

- Sunglasses / Sun block Insect repellent with high % of DEET to protect against mosquitos *
- 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
- Inflatable pillow or stadium cushion can make bumpy roads more comfortable Low-suds detergent for washing small items of personal laundry

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

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).

	Tailor Made Journeys
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