

# ESSENTIAL INFORMATION AZERBAIJAN

## 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.

**An electronic visa (eVisa) is required for U.S. and Canadian passport holders for entry into Azerbaijan and must be obtained prior to departure.** To apply for an eVisa, visit <https://evisa.gov.az/en/>. The current fee for a single-entry visa is \$20 (subject to change without notice.) Read and follow all instructions carefully to ensure a smooth arrival in Azerbaijan. Please be aware that eVisas are valid for 90 days after issuance. Therefore do not apply for your eVisa too far in advance.

Make certain to check the validity of your visa when it is returned to you. Visas cannot be extended once in Azerbaijan. A valid visa is required to depart Azerbaijan or you will be denied permission to leave the country until you pay a substantial fine and secure an exit permit from the State Migration Service in Baku. It is not possible to pay the fine at the airport or any other border crossing.

Please note that U.S. citizens of Armenian ancestry (or with Armenian last names) have had their visa applications denied by the Government of Azerbaijan. Additionally, travelling to the region of Nagorno-Karabakh and the surrounding occupied areas via Armenia without the consent of Azerbaijani authorities could make you ineligible for future travel in Azerbaijan.

If you are asked to provide contact information for your local tour operator, please use:

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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](http://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.

### CASH & CREDIT CARDS

Azerbaijan has a primarily cash-based economy. Major credit cards are generally only accepted at some hotels and restaurants. Access to ATMs is fairly widespread, however please be cautioned that card skimming at ATMs is an ongoing concern.

### PLEASE PACK YOUR PATIENCE

Azerbaijan is a developing nation that has experienced significant reforms in their economic and political institutions over the last several decades; however, the country is still in the process of developing its tourist infrastructure.

Abercrombie & Kent is known for its practice of using the very best hotels all over the world, but hotels of that premier caliber are rarely found outside the major tourist destinations. Luckily, people who enjoy travelling “off the beaten path” know that its pleasures far outweigh the small inconveniences of more rustic accommodations. Be assured that A&K believes that the hotels featured on your itinerary are the very best accommodations available - clean, comfortable and with a friendly welcome for their guests.

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

Plan to dress modestly (in clothing that covers knees, shoulders and upper arms) when visiting religious sites.

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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"/> Comfortable walking shoes                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Lightweight raincoat           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sweater or lightweight jacket                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Brimmed hat for sun protection |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sleepwear (both light and warm)                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal garments              |

Socks

Swimwear/cover-up

#### Other Recommended Items

Sunglasses

Sun block

Simple first-aid kit

Prescriptions and medications (in their original bottles and/or packaging)

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. 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	\$25 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