

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

CRUISING THE MEKONG: SIAM, SAIGON & ANGKOR WAT

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 six (6) blank visa pages for entry and exit stamps.

CAMBODIA

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

There are currently two options available as outlined below. A&K recommends a visa on arrival.

Visa on Arrival: A tourist visa can be obtained on arrival at all points of entry. The current fee for a single-entry visa is USD \$30 (subject to change without notice) and must be paid in cash in U.S. dollars or local currency. *Note: The website of the Cambodian immigration authority lists the requirement for one passport-sized photo to obtain a visa on arrival. While this requirement may only be sporadically enforced, carrying a photo is a prudent precaution.*

Visa Stamp: A visa stamp in your passport can be obtained either by applying directly to a Cambodian 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.

THAILAND

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

VIETNAM

A tourist visa is required for U.S. and Canadian passport holders for entry into Vietnam and must be obtained prior to departure. A visa stamp in your passport can be obtained either by applying directly to a Vietnamese 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.

Note: the government also offers an electronic, e-Visa program. However, at this time, e-Visas are not valid for the water crossing into Vietnam that takes place on this journey.

When filling out your visa application form, please refer to the personalized, dated itinerary provided to you by A&K to make certain that the dates you list on your visa application match your entry/exit dates for Vietnam.

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.

VACCINATIONS

A yellow fever vaccination is only required to enter the nations of Southeast Asia 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

Cambodia: Cash transactions can generally 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 limited basis, mainly in the larger shops, hotels and restaurants. Access to ATM machines is widespread in cities and towns such as Siem Reap and Phnom Penh but limited in rural areas.

Thailand: Cash transactions can often be made in either U.S. dollars or local currency, though Thai Baht are generally preferred. U.S. dollars should be recently issued bills in smaller denominations. Major credit cards are widely accepted in larger shops, hotels and restaurants. Access to ATM machines is widespread in cities and towns such as Bangkok and Chiang Mai but limited in rural areas.

Vietnam: Cash transactions can generally 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 limited basis, mainly in the larger shops, hotels and restaurants. Access to ATM machines is widespread in cities and towns such as Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City but limited in rural areas.

PACKING LIST & BAGGAGE RESTRICTIONS

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BAGGAGE RESTRICTIONS

On flights within Southeast Asia, each passenger is limited to approximately 44 pounds (20 kilograms) of checked baggage in Economy Class and approximately 66 pounds (30 kilograms) in Business Class. For carry-on baggage in both Economy and Business Class, passengers are allowed one piece of luggage with a maximum weight of approximately 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 requires. Smart casual attire is appropriate for evenings. Formal clothing is not necessary.

Temples and other religious sites require modest dress to enter. Guests are advised to pack clothing that covers knees, shoulders, and upper arms for select visits. You may be required to remove shoes when entering sacred sites.

Clothing

- Casual slacks
- Walking shorts
- Polo shirts, casual short-sleeve shirts or blouses
- Long sleeve shirts or blouses
- Sweater or lightweight jacket
- Long comfortable skirts for women
- Comfortable walking shoes with traction
- Lightweight raincoat or poncho
- Brimmed hat for sun protection
- Sleepwear
- Personal garments
- Socks
- Swimwear/cover-up
- Foldable umbrella for rain protection and sun shade

Other Recommended Items

- Sunglasses
- Sun block / Insect repellent
- 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 and dry cleaning is available in larger cities. Check costs and return times before using these services.

TIPPING GUIDELINES

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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 and Signature Journeys
Resident Tour Director or Group Extension Guide	\$15 per person, per day	Not applicable
Local Guides	Included	\$20 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
Cruise Vessel Staff (if applicable)	Included	\$15 per person, per day – Gratuities are accepted on board 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.

LIFE ON BOARD: 'MEKONG PRINCESS'

GENERAL INFORMATION

Experience the treasures of the Mekong River from aboard the intimate, 12-suite 'Mekong Princess,' stopping to explore unique ports and destinations virtually unknown to travellers. Adorned with French colonial furnishings, she also brings a gracious staff and the comfort of a spa offering a complimentary, hour-long spa treatment. The dozen tranquil, well-appointed suites on 'Mekong Princess' offer spa bath amenities, with nightly turndown service, as well as either a private veranda or Juliet balcony, both with panoramic views.

While plying the waters, pause to watch life unfold from the Observation Deck, recounting activities in the Lounge and staying connected in the Library. Keep in shape in the fully equipped fitness center.

Hairdryers are available in cabins. Laundry service is available onboard.

CURRENCY

Visa and MasterCard are accepted onboard as payment for incidentals. On board accounts can also be paid in cash in U.S. Dollars or local currency.

LANGUAGE & COMMUNICATIONS

English is the official language onboard the 'Mekong Princess'. The vessel offers complimentary Wi-Fi service in the common areas, however reception can be poor in some locations. It is recommended that mobile-phone usage be confined to the privacy of your own cabin.

FOOD AND DRINK

After ample, buffet-style breakfasts and lunches on board, sit down to casually elegant, multicourse meals in the candlelit Indochine Dining Room amid expansive, floor-to-ceiling windows.

ELECTRICITY

Electrical service onboard the vessel is 220-230 volts / 50 hertz.