

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION THAILAND

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.

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.

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 Thailand for U.S. residents. Requirements are subject to change.

All travellers must meet the following requirements:

- Present 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, Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) and Sinovac. Thailand will also accept a Medical Certificate of Recovery showing the traveller has recovered from COVID-19 no more than 3 months prior to travel. Travellers who had had COVID-19 within the 3 months of travel must have received 1 dose of an approved vaccine at least 14 days prior to travel.
- Provide documented proof of a negative COVID-19 PCR test (RT-PCR, Gene Expert, True NATT or WHO-accredited test) result taken within 72 hours prior to departure from the first point of departure. Only original printed test results will be accepted (Copies of test results are not valid).
- All travellers must have spent 21 consecutive days in approved destinations which are exempt from quarantine. A list of approved destinations may be found here: [Thailand Pass Registration System \(for air travel only\) \(consular.go.th\)](https://www.consular.go.th/ThailandPassRegistrationSystem)
- Present a certificate of travel insurance which covers medical, treatment and hospitalization costs for COVID-19 for the duration of travel. The minimum coverage amount is \$50,000 per person. While guests may supply their own policy, the certificate must mention coverage for COVID-19. The Thai government's recommended travel insurance policies may be found here: <https://covid19.tgia.org>

- Present a confirmed reservation for a one-night stay at a certified SHA+ (Safety and Health Administration) accommodation, which will be included in your Final Documents.
- Present a confirmed payment of a RT-PCR COVID-19 test to be taken on Day 1 on the way to or at the reserved SHA+ accommodation, as well as a rapid antigen testing kit to be taken on Day 6. Children under age 6 will receive a saliva test. Payment for the tests are made at the time of hotel reservation and cost between \$100 - \$200 per person for the PCR test, and \$3 - \$5 per person for the rapid antigen test. Costs will be included in your itinerary and noted on the confirmed hotel reservation.
- Additionally, all travellers need to apply for a Thailand Pass to receive a Thailand Pass QR Code. Please follow the instructions below:
 1. Register for the Thailand Pass at [Thailand Pass Registration System \(for air travel only\) \(consular.go.th\)](https://consular.go.th)
 2. Upload a copy of your passport; completed vaccine record (with QR code, if available; otherwise, the CDC card will suffice); a copy of the health insurance certificate mentioning COVID-19 along with a policy number; and a copy of the confirmation of first night's accommodation with a confirmation number of the reservation.
 3. A&K will provide a copy of the first night's hotel accommodation along with the confirmation number.
 4. Once all the information is submitted, you will receive a Thailand Pass QR Code required for travel. NOTE: The process of obtaining a Thailand Pass can take several days. We recommend registering at least two weeks prior to departure.

Proof of vaccination is not required for children under 12 years of age if traveling with vaccinated parents/guardians, but must fulfill all other requirements for entry including PCR testing.

Upon Arrival in Thailand:

After clearing Customs & Immigration, guests will be transferred directly by A&K staff to their SHA+ approved hotel. On arrival at the hotel, or en-route to the hotel, travellers will take their pre-paid RT-PCR COVID-19 test. Travellers will need to isolate in their hotel room until results are received, which may take up to 24 hours (though usually turned around much sooner). Once negative test results are received, travellers will need to download and install Thailand's 'MorChana' app on their mobile phone, available on [Google Play](#) or [Apple](#), and upload their test results. Travellers will also receive an ATK (rapid antigen) test kit, which will need to be self-administered on Day 6 of their journey. These results will need to be reported to the staff of the hotel and loaded into the 'MorChana' app.

Requirements for Returning Home or Onward Travel

The current cost for local testing is \$100 - \$200 (subject to change) and can be paid by cash in local currency or U.S. dollars.

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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 Thailand 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 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.

PACKING LIST & 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.

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.

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.

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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"/> Sweater or lightweight jacket | <input type="checkbox"/> Long comfortable skirts for women |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Comfortable walking shoes with traction | <input type="checkbox"/> Lightweight raincoat or poncho |

- Brimmed hat for sun protection
- Personal garments
- Swimwear/cover-up
- Sleepwear
- Socks
- Foldable umbrella for rain protection and sun shade

Other Recommended Items

- Sunglasses
- Simple first-aid kit
- Extra eyeglasses/contact lenses
- Charging cables for electronics
- Sun block / Insect repellent
- Prescriptions and medications (in their original bottles and/or packaging)
- Smartphone
- Global travel adapter

Optional Items

- Small LED flashlight
- Lightweight binoculars
- Foldable walking stick
- 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

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
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
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.