

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION WONDERS OF JAPAN

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 pages for entry and exit stamps.

Holders of U.S. and Canadian passports are not required to obtain a tourist visa for entry into **Japan** for stays of up to 90 days and **South Korea** 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.

VACCINATIONS AND MEDICATIONS

There are no required vaccinations to enter either **Japan** or **North Korea**.

Bringing Medications into Japan

Please note that Japan strictly regulates, and in some cases prohibits, the import of certain prescription and over-the-counter medications (even for personal use). We suggest that you consult the Japanese Embassy online at www.us.emb-japan.go.jp/english/html/medication-info-japan.html for more information on bringing medications into Japan.

CASH & CREDIT CARDS

In both Japan & North Korea: Cash transactions off board must be made in local currency. Major credit cards are widely accepted for goods and services. Access to ATM machines is widespread in cities and towns but may be limited in rural areas.

PACKING LIST WONDERS OF JAPAN

Choose versatile, casual clothing that can be layered if the weather (or level of air-conditioning) requires. Smart casual attire is appropriate for evenings.

Conservative dress is suggested when visiting temples and other religious sites. You may be asked to remove your shoes and/or socks when entering certain religious buildings.

Daytime/Evening attire aboard 'Le Soléal': Casual comfortable clothing is appropriate on board. A jacket and tie and for men and one or two casual evening outfits for women are suggested for the Captain's Welcome Cocktail Party and the Farewell Party on board ship. This clothing 'upgrade' is ultimately at your discretion. Formal wear is not a requirement.

Clothing

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

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

TIPPING GUIDELINES WONDERS OF JAPAN

As a convenience, all staff gratuities are included. Any additional gratuities that you may wish to bestow upon any specific member/s of your tour staff are left to your personal discretion.

For extra nights or Tailor Made services added to your Wonders of Japan journey, we suggest the following gratuities (noted in U.S. dollars).

	Tailor Made Journeys
Local Guides	\$20 per person, per day (full day)
Drivers	\$10 per person, per day (full day)
Airport Transfer Drivers	\$5 per person, per transfer
Hotel Porters	\$2 per bag
Cruise Vessel or Rail Staff (if applicable)	\$15 per person, per day – Gratuities are accepted on board and shared among the staff.
Housekeepers	\$2 per person, per night
Included Meals	10-15% unless already added
Restaurants or Room Service on Own	10-15% unless already added

LIFE ON BOARD: 'LE SOLÉAL'

GENERAL INFORMATION

Designed in 2013 'Le Soléal' embodies luxury, intimacy and wellbeing. The elegance of the vessel's exterior and interior lines and her intimate size make this the ideal vessel for navigating Japan. 'Le Soléal' can accommodate up to 264 guests, however, Abercrombie & Kent limits the guest capacity to just 199 to further enhance the intimate experience.

All staterooms and suites have private balconies and a bathroom with shower. (Depending on category and stateroom number, some staterooms will have a tub and shower.) Each stateroom has a hairdryer, individual climate control, closed circuit flat-screen TV (for watching pre-programmed movies, on-board services and channels with voyage information such as positioning, temperature, etc.) with iPod player, coffee facility, direct-dial telephones, ample wardrobe and small electronic safe, and a vanity/writing desk. Amenities including bathrobes, slippers and toiletries are provided in each stateroom. Most staterooms feature two twins or 1 king bed (convertible upon request). Some staterooms feature 1 queen size bed. Prestige and Premier suites have separate sitting area and sofa. The Owner's Suite features 2 rooms/2 baths including a bedroom and an additional second room with sofa/seating area and private dining area. Butler service is provided in all suites on A&K charters.

You will be enchanted by the contemporary decor inspired by the luxury yachting world, with fluid lines and a modern color scheme combining natural wood with shades of grey and white. A refined ambiance is enhanced by the quality of the workmanship and materials: white Corian counters in the lobby contrast with the warmth of leather to recall a boat's hull, while the central sculpture of enameled pieces takes its inspiration from traditional nautical themes.

Facilities include a swimming pool, inviting spa, Turkish bath-style steam room, full range of fitness equipment and open-air Sun Deck.

The main lounge offers nightly entertainment and the theater-style lecture room featuring the most up-to-date audio/visual equipment for daily lectures, briefings, recaps and movies. There is also a panoramic lounge with small library.

A daily program features the following day's events, excursions and hours of meal service and is delivered to your stateroom each evening. Additionally, Atmospheric conditions permitting, news is received daily from various news services and printed copies are available for guests at reception.

'Le Soléal' is equipped with three elevators accessing passenger decks 3-6. The main passenger stairwell is equipped with a handicap accessible/ wheelchair lift between deck 6 and 7.

A&K's cruise staff are available to assist with any needs. Please call or visit the Reception desk or Shore Excursion desk at any time for assistance.

CURRENCY

'Le Soléal' uses the euro as its official currency. Guests can pay for incidentals with U.S. dollars as well and exchange rates will be provided by the Purser when making payment. For purchases on board guests should present their Boarding Swipe card to the cashier who in turn will swipe the card and process a charge docket for signature. The charges will automatically be transferred to your onboard account.

Any personal expenses incurred onboard (including premium champagnes, premium wines and premium spirits, boutique, laundry, communications charges, medical services and medications) will be charged to your shipboard account and presented for payment at the end of each expedition.

Cash, travellers' checks (in euros) and credit cards are accepted as payment of onboard accounts. VISA and MasterCard are the recommended brands although American Express is accepted as well. Personal checks cannot be cashed on board and funds for cashing travellers' checks are limited.

All onboard transactions made by bank or credit card are processed via the Ponant home office in Marseille, France. Call your bank or credit card company and let them know about your travel plans and advise them that on board charges are processed through France to avoid having your overseas purchases viewed as suspicious. Please note when receiving your credit card statement, credit card charges from the vessel will show on your statements as charged to 'Le Soléal'.

LANGUAGE & COMMUNICATIONS

English is the official language onboard 'Le Soléal' when chartered by A&K. The vessel offers free Wi-Fi service during your cruise. Internet can be accessed via Wi-Fi throughout the vessel and 'Le Soléal' has 3 desk-top computer stations for passenger use in the library section of the Panoramic Lounge located on deck 6. It is recommended that mobile-phone usage (when available) be confined to the privacy of your own cabin.

Please Note: Satellite phone reception and transmission as well as the speed and accessibility of wireless internet are affected by the ship's location, weather and atmospheric conditions. Internet speed is also affected by the number of users on board relative to the ship's available bandwidth. While the ship's wireless access is suitable for simple e-mail and communication, do not rely on it for heavy duty applications such as social media sites, downloading files or streaming movies.

FOOD AND DRINK

International cuisine is served in the stylish, spacious dining room in a single, unassigned seating. Alternative dining is alfresco in the casual indoor-outdoor Grill Restaurant.

Please ensure that Abercrombie & Kent is made aware of any dietary requirements you may have in advance of travel. While we will do our best to comply with special dietary requests, menu choices that adhere to strict requirements may be limited and quite basic.

DRESS CODE

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ELECTRICITY

Electrical service onboard the vessel is 220 volts / 50 hertz. All staterooms have a 110/220 volt, 2-prong outlet in the bathroom. There is also one 110/220 volt, 3-prong outlet located by the television set in the bedroom area and a standard 220 volt outlet located near the bed. A limited amount of adapters are available on board; however, supplies are not guaranteed. We recommend that you pack an electrical converter/plug adapter set.