

# ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

## SRI LANKA: SECRETS OF THE SPICE ISLAND

### 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 Travel Authority visa (ETA) is required for U.S. and Canadian passport holders for entry into Sri Lanka and must be obtained prior to departure.** To apply for an ETA visa, visit [www.eta.gov.lk/slvisa](http://www.eta.gov.lk/slvisa). The current fee is USD \$50 for a double-entry visa, that is valid for 30 days (subject to change without notice.) Read and follow all instructions carefully to ensure a smooth arrival in Sri Lanka.

Our partner VisaCentral offers easy, efficient U.S. passport and visa processing. Visit them online at [visacentral.com/abercrombiekent](http://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.

### COVID-19 COUNTRY ENTRY REQUIREMENTS & TRAVEL ADVISORIES

Sri Lanka currently has no COVID-19 vaccination or testing requirements for entry for U.S. and Canadian residents. Visit the U.S. Department of State at [travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov) or the Government of Canada at [travel.gc.ca/travelling/advisories](http://travel.gc.ca/travelling/advisories) for up-to-date information and travel advisories. All requirements are subject to change.

### VACCINATIONS

A yellow fever vaccination is only required to enter Sri Lanka **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.

### LOCAL HEALTH & SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Wearing masks is not required; physical distancing of at least 6 feet (2 meters) is recommended. Note all protocols are subject to change in accordance with relevant guidelines, local regulations and conditions.

### CASH & CREDIT CARDS

Cash transactions can generally be made in either U.S. dollars or local currency, though some smaller shops may require payment in Sri Lankan rupees. U.S. dollars should be recently issued bills in smaller denominations. Major credit cards are widely accepted for goods and services. Access to ATM machines is widespread in cities and towns such as Colombo and Kandy but may be 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 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.

- 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

### 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

As a convenience, all staff gratuities are included on your Limited Edition Small Group Journey: *Sri Lanka: Secrets of the Spice Island*.

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 main journey, we suggest the following gratuities (noted in U.S. dollars).

	<b>Tailor Made Journeys</b>
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
Housekeepers	\$2 per person, per night
Included Meals	Included
Restaurants or Room Service on Own	10-15% unless already added