

# ESSENTIAL INFORMATION AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

## 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.

### Australia

**An Electronic Travel Authority visa (ETA) is required for U.S. and Canadian passport holders for entry into Australia and must be obtained prior to departure.** U.S. and Canadian citizens must apply for an ETA using the Australian ETA app on a mobile device. You can download the Australian ETA app for free from the [Apple Store \(Apple\)](#) or [Google Play store \(Android\)](#).

The current fee is AUD \$20 (subject to change without notice) and allows multiple entries for up to 12 months after the date of issuance. Read and follow all instructions carefully to ensure a smooth arrival in Australia. Once you download the app, be sure to have your passport with you when you start the e-Visa application process. More information is available here: [Step by step guide](#).

### New Zealand

**A New Zealand Electronic Travel Authority visa (NZeTA) is required for U.S. and Canadian passport holders for entry into New Zealand and must be obtained prior to departure.** To apply for an NZeTA visa, visit [www.immigration.govt.nz](http://www.immigration.govt.nz). The NZeTA visa allows multiple entries for up to 24 months after the date of issuance. The current fee is NZD \$23 (approximately USD \$13.50) if you apply online or NZD \$17 (approximately USD \$10) if you apply through their mobile app. In addition, you will be required to pay an International Visitor Conservation and Tourism Levy (IVL) fee of NZD \$35 (approximately USD \$24). This fee is paid at the same time as your NZeTA request. All fees are subject to change without notice. Read and follow all instructions carefully to ensure a smooth arrival in New Zealand.

If you are asked to provide contact information for your local tour operator, please use the following for both Australia and New Zealand:

### **ABERCROMBIE & KENT AUSTRALIA**

Level 3, 290 Coventry Street  
South Melbourne VIC 3205  
Australia  
Telephone: +61 3 9536 1800  
Emergency Telephone: +61 409 026 808

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

Australia and New Zealand currently have 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.

## YELLOW FEVER VACCINATION

A yellow fever vaccination is only required to enter **Australia** 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. There are no required vaccinations to enter **New Zealand**.

## ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

Large populations of insects – including biting flies – are found in the Australian Outback and other Australian regions year-round and can pose a nuisance to visitors. As a result, we suggest you pack insect repellent containing a high percentage of the active ingredient DEET. Other precautions include wearing long sleeves and trousers, fly nets that cover your face (provided) and avoiding the use of scented personal products that attract flying insects during sightseeing excursions in the Outback.

## OF SPECIAL NOTE: SCUBA DIVING IN AUSTRALIA

Certain medical conditions may exclude you from SCUBA diving at certain locations. If you plan to SCUBA dive during your journey, we recommend that you obtain the latest information regarding the requirements and regulations of the specific locations where you plan to dive. Also make certain to bring your valid diving certificate and logbook.

## CASH & CREDIT CARDS

In both **Australia** and **New Zealand**: Cash transactions must be made in the local currency of each country. 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 & BAGGAGE RESTRICTIONS

For checked baggage on flights within Australia and New Zealand, passengers are allowed one piece per person with a maximum weight of approximately 50 pounds (22.5 kilograms) in Economy Class. In Business Class, two pieces per person with a combined maximum weight of approximately 70 pounds (32 kilograms) is permitted. Total dimensions of each piece must not exceed 55 inches (140 centimeters). Dimensions for checked baggage are calculated by adding together the width, height and depth of the piece of luggage.

For carry-on baggage, passengers are allowed one piece per person with a maximum weight of approximately 15 pounds (7 kilograms). Dimensions of carry-on baggage are not to exceed 45 inches (114 centimeters).

*Guests on LSGJ Australia & New Zealand: The Lands Down Under: If you wish to travel with more than one piece of checked luggage, please contact A&K. There is an additional charge of \$540 per bag (subject to change without notice).*

*Additional/different weight restrictions may apply on some Tailor Made programs. Contact your A&K Travel Consultant to determine the specific weight restrictions for your tour.*

### Clothing

Choose versatile, casual clothing that can be layered if the weather (or level of air-conditioning) requires. Smart casual attire is appropriate for evenings. Formal clothing is not necessary.

Casual slacks

Walking shorts

- Polo shirts, casual short-sleeve shirts or blouses
- Comfortable walking shoes with traction
- Sweater or lightweight jacket
- Sleepwear
- Socks
- Foldable umbrella for rain protection and sun shade
- Long sleeve shirts or blouses
- Lightweight raincoat
- Brimmed hat for sun protection
- Personal garments
- Swimwear/cover-up
- If you are travelling during Australia's winter months of mid-May through early September bring warm hat, gloves and lined jacket for visiting Uluru and parts of southern Australia — to protect against chilly early morning and evening temperatures

Other Recommended Items

- Face masks and hand sanitizer
- 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

Those wanting to SCUBA dive must bring their valid diving certificates and logbooks.

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.

	<b>All Small Group Journeys and Pre/Post Tour Group Extensions</b>	<b>Tailor Made Journeys</b>
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)
Private Guide (driving own vehicle)	Not applicable	\$30 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.