

# ESSENTIAL INFORMATION AUSTRALIA

## 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 Australia and must be obtained prior to departure.** To apply for an ETA visa, visit [www.eta.immi.gov.au/ETAS3/etas](http://www.eta.immi.gov.au/ETAS3/etas). 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.

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.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO COVID-19

Visit [travel.state.gov/COVID-19 Information](http://travel.state.gov/COVID-19/Information) for country-specific COVID-19 information, including up-to-date entry requirements for Australia or any onwards travel. Entry requirements for Australia will be sent to you with your Final Documents, as they are subject to change.

## VACCINATIONS

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.

## ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

Large populations of insects – including biting flies – are found in the Australian Outback and other 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

Cash transactions must be made in Australian 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 & BAGGAGE RESTRICTIONS AUSTRALIA

## BAGGAGE RESTRICTIONS

For checked baggage on flights within Australia, 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).

*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.*

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 (or level of air-conditioning) requires. Smart casual attire is appropriate for evenings. Formal clothing is not necessary.

### Clothing

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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"/> Comfortable walking shoes with traction             | <input type="checkbox"/> Lightweight raincoat  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sweater or lightweight jacket                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Brimmed hat for sun protection  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sleepwear   | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal garments   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Socks   | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimwear/cover-up   |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Foldable umbrella for rain protection and sun shade | <input type="checkbox"/> 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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses           | <input type="checkbox"/> Sun block / Insect repellent   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Simple first-aid kit | <input type="checkbox"/> 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

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 AUSTRALIA

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 and Signature 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.