

# ESSENTIAL INFORMATION 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 one (1) blank visa page for entry and exit stamps.

**An 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 \$12 (approximately USD \$8) if you apply online or NZD \$9 (approximately USD \$6) 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:

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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.

## REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO COVID-19

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 comprehensive and up-to-date country entry requirements as well as information for onward travel. A&K will facilitate in-country testing required for returning home or onward travel at the end of your A&K journey. Costs are paid locally and vary depending on the type and location of testing. All details specific to your journey will be included in with your **Final Documents**.

### Requirements for Returning Home or Onward Travel

#### **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](https://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.

### CASH & CREDIT CARDS

Cash transactions must be made in New Zealand 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

For checked baggage on flights within New Zealand, passengers are allowed one piece per person with a maximum weight of approximately 50 pounds (22.5 kilograms.) Total dimensions of each piece must not exceed 62 inches (158 centimeters). Dimensions for checked baggage are calculated by adding together the width, height and depth of the piece of luggage.

For carry-on baggage, each passenger is limited to one piece of luggage with a maximum weight of approximately 15 pounds (7 kilograms). Total dimensions of the carry-on bag are not to exceed 46.5 inches (118 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.

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

\*Note: if your journey is inclusive of a stay at Kauri Cliffs Lodge, Cape Kidnappers, Matakauri Lodge or Huka Lodge in New Zealand, please be aware that these properties require gentlemen to wear a jacket and women corresponding attire during canapés and dinner. However, in addition to the specific properties noted, if your tour is inclusive of stays at luxury lodges in New Zealand, it is a good rule of thumb for men and women to pack at least one such “dressy” outfit.

### 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"/> Warm hat   | <input type="checkbox"/> Warm gloves                    |

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

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.

	<b>Tailor Made Journeys</b>
Local Guides	\$20 per person, per day (full day)
Drivers	\$10 per person, per day (full day)
Private Guide (driving own vehicle)	\$30 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

For extra nights or Tailor Made services added to a Small Group Journey, please follow the Tailor Made Journeys guidelines for these days only.