

# ESSENTIAL INFORMATION OMAN & UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

## 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.

### OMAN

**A tourist visa is required for U.S. and Canadian passport holders for entry into Oman.**

There are currently two options available as outlined below. A&K recommends a visa on arrival.

**Visa on Arrival:** A tourist visa can be obtained on arrival at Muscat International Airport (MCT). The current fee for a single-entry, 10 day visa is 5 Omani Real (approximately USD \$14). The fee for a 30 day single-entry visa is 20 Omani Real (approximately USD \$52). All fees subject to change without notice. The fee must be paid in cash in either U.S. dollars or local currency. If payment is made in U.S. dollars, change will be given back in local currency.

**Electronic Visa (eVisa):** To apply for an eVisa visit <https://evisa.rop.gov.om/>. The current fee for a single-entry, 10 day visa is 5 Omani Real (approximately USD \$14). The fee for a 30 day single-entry visa is 20 Omani Real (approximately USD \$52). All fees subject to change without notice. Read and follow all instructions carefully to ensure a smooth arrival in Oman. Please be aware that reported technical problems with the eVisa website are common.

### UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

**A tourist visa is required for U.S. and Canadian passport holders for entry into the United Arab Emirates.** Tourist visas are currently being offered free of charge on arrival at all points of entry (subject to change without notice).

*Note: Individuals who were born in Israel or hold Israeli passports are generally not permitted to enter the United Arab Emirates.*

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.

### VACCINATIONS AND MEDICATIONS

A yellow fever vaccination is only required to enter **Oman** 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 the **United Arab Emirates**.

#### Bringing Medications into the United Arab Emirates

Please note that the **United Arab Emirates** strictly controls the import (even for personal use) of some prescription and over-the-counter medications which are commonly used in the United States. We suggest that you consult the UAE Ministry of Health & Prevention online at <http://www.mohap.gov.ae/en/services/Pages/361.aspx> for further information.

## CASH & CREDIT CARDS

In both **Oman** and the **United Arab Emirates**: Cash transactions should 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.

## OF SPECIAL NOTE: ALCOHOL IN OMAN & UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Alcoholic beverages are widely available for non-Muslim adults in most high-end restaurants and hotel bars. However, the possession and/or consumption of alcohol in public outside of these establishments is prohibited and punishable by law.

# PACKING LIST & BAGGAGE RESTRICTIONS OMAN & UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

## BAGGAGE RESTRICTIONS

On flights between Muscat and Abu Dhabi, each passenger must adhere to the following baggage restrictions based on class of service:

**Checked Baggage in Economy Class:** Each passenger is limited to one piece of checked baggage with a maximum weight of approximately 50 pounds (22.5 kilograms). Dimensions should not exceed 62 total inches (158 centimeters).

**Carry-on Baggage in Economy Class:** Each passenger is limited to one piece of carry-on baggage with a maximum weight of approximately 17 pounds (8 kilograms).

**Checked Baggage in Business Class:** Each passenger is limited to one piece of checked baggage with a maximum weight of approximately 70 pounds (32 kilograms). Dimensions should not exceed 62 total inches (158 centimeters).

**Carry-on Baggage in Business Class:** Each passenger is limited to two pieces of carry-on baggage with a maximum combined weight of approximately 17 pounds (8 kilograms).

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.

Temples, mosques and other religious sites require conservative dress. Both sexes should cover their arms, legs and shoulders (women should pack a scarf for this purpose.) Wear or carry a pair of socks when sightseeing, since shoes must be removed when visiting certain religious sites.

### 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"/> Long comfortable skirts for women                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Scarf large enough to cover neck and shoulders for women |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sweater or lightweight jacket                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Comfortable walking shoes with traction                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brimmed hat for sun protection                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Foldable umbrella to use as sun shade                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sleepwear  | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal garments  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Socks  | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimwear/cover-up  |

### 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

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 OMAN & UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

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 Guide (driving own vehicle)	Not applicable	\$40 per person, per day (full day)
Local Guide (with separate driver)	Not applicable	\$25 per person, per day (full day)
Drivers	Included	\$15 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.