

# ESSENTIAL INFORMATION OMAN

## 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.

### **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.

Our partner VisaCentral offers easy, efficient U.S. passport and visa processing. Visit them online at [visacentral.com/abercrombiekent](https://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](https://travel.state.gov) or the Government of Canada at [travel.gc.ca/travelling/advisories](https://travel.gc.ca/travelling/advisories) for comprehensive and up-to-date country entry requirements as well as information for onward travel.

### Entry Requirements

The following are the current COVID-19 screening requirements for entry into Oman for U.S. and Canadian residents. Requirements are subject to change.

- All travellers (ages 18 and over) entering Oman must be fully vaccinated by an approved COVID-19 vaccination (Pfizer, Moderna, AstraZeneca, or Johnson & Johnson) and must present a vaccination card that contains a QR code. Travellers need to have received their final dose no earlier than 14 days prior to their arrival into Oman. (Though not publicized, our local partner has confirmed with Oman's Ministry of Tourism as well as the Oman Immigration Department that it is possible for Americans and Canadians to travel with a PCR test and vaccination certificate that do not contain QR codes.)
- All travellers must provide documented proof of a negative COVID-19 PCR test. Those who do not present a PCR test will be required to perform a test upon arrival and will be quarantined with a tracking bracelet until their test returns a negative result.
  - For international flights with total flying time of eight hours or more, including flight from the U.S., transit time and flight to Oman, the test must be taken within 96 hours prior to guests' scheduled time of arrival into Oman.

- For international flights with total flying time less than eight hours duration, including transit time and flight to Oman, the test must be taken within 72 hours prior to guests' scheduled time of arrival into Oman.
- Unvaccinated children (ages 17 years and younger) who are residents of the U.S. or Canada are exempt from the vaccination and PCR test requirement.
- Travellers are required to upload both the vaccination certificate and negative COVID-19 PCR result to <https://covid19.emushrif.om/> which will generate a receipt with QR code. There is a fee of OMR 2.5 to be paid for registration. Travellers can register via the link provided or download the E-Mushrif app to generate their QR code. All travellers need to carry this receipt with QR code along with them while travelling through Oman, as well as their vaccination certificate and negative PCR test result.
- Travellers are required to have proof of travel insurance outlining medical coverage valid for their time in Oman. This is mandatory for all arriving passengers, except for Omani citizens. Airlines will check for proof of insurance before boarding and Muscat airport authorities may check insurance if required.

#### Requirements for Returning Home or Onward Travel

A&K will arrange COVID-19 PCR testing during your time in Oman. The current cost for local testing ranges substantially depending on where the testing is conducted and is payable locally by credit card or cash in U.S. dollars. Additional costs may apply for transportation of medical staff to administer testing, depending on location. Your local guide can provide specifics based on your needs.

#### 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.

## VACCINATIONS

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.

## STAY HEALTHY ON THE ROAD

In accordance with local regulations, face masks must be worn at any indoor and outdoor public spaces. Physical distancing of at least six feet (two meters) must also be maintained at all times.

We encourage you to bring your own masks; a supply will be on hand where needed. Note all protocols are subject to change in accordance with relevant guidelines, local regulations and conditions.

## CASH & CREDIT CARDS

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

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

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.

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.

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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) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extra eyeglasses/contact lenses | <input type="checkbox"/> 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**

While decisions regarding tipping rest entirely with you, we suggest the following gratuities (noted in U.S. dollars).

	<b>Tailor Made Journeys</b>
Local Guide (driving own vehicle)	\$40 per person, per day (full day)
Local Guide (with separate driver)	\$25 per person, per day (full day)
Drivers	\$15 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