

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION 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 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 the United Arab Emirates. Tourist visas, which are valid for stays of up to 30 days, are currently being offered free of charge on arrival at all points of entry (subject to change without notice). Guests need not obtain a visa prior to departure.

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 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

A&K requires proof of full COVID-19 vaccination for travel on Small Group Journeys (Luxury Small Group, Marco Polo, Family, Wings Over the World, Connections and Limited Edition journeys) for departures beginning January 1, 2022. For Tailor Made and Signature journeys, guests must comply with all country entry requirements. Visit the U.S. Department of State at travel.state.gov or the Government of Canada at 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 the United Arab Emirates for U.S. and Canadian residents. Requirements are subject to change.

Dubai

- All travellers must provide printed, documented proof of a negative COVID-19 PCR test taken within 72 hours of the departure of your final flight leg to Dubai. SMS and digital certificates are not accepted.
- Testing on arrival will be instituted for travelers overnighing in Dubai who are arriving from select countries. Travellers arriving without a negative COVID-19 PCR test certificate will also be tested at the airport. Travellers tested on arrival are required to quarantine at their hotel (approximately 12 hours) until the test results are confirmed. Should the test prove positive, the traveller must remain quarantined in a hotel room and retested until a negative test result is achieved. All related costs are the responsibility of the traveller.
- All travellers are required to download the COVID-19 DXB app on their smart phone.
 - For Android please visit play.google.com/store/apps/gov.dha.covid19
 - For iPhones please visit apps.apple.com/ae/app/covid19-dxb-smart-app
- All travellers are required to complete and submit a printed copy of the Dubai "Health Declaration Form" before check-in to for their flight to Dubai. To access this form, please visit

[documents/dubai-health-declaration-form](#)

- Additionally, all travellers are required to complete a printed copy of the Dubai “Quarantine Undertaking Form,” and provide it to the Dubai Health Authority on arrival. To access this form, please visit [dubai-arrivals-quarantine-procedure-declaration-form](#).

Abu Dhabi

- All travellers must provide printed, documented proof a negative COVID-19 PCR test result taken within 48 hours of the departure of your final flight leg to Abu Dhabi, printed and presented upon check-in. SMS and digital certificates are not accepted.
- All travelers, at least 48 hours prior to travel, need to register on the ICA Smart Travel Service website and complete the 'Register Arrivals Form': [ICA Smart Services](#). All travellers need to upload proof of their vaccine record and PCR test to obtain a QR code needed for entry to Abu Dhabi. *Please note: although the form indicates the vaccination record attachment is optional, we strongly advise all travellers proactively complete this step to avoid potential issues locally.*
- Travellers will be subject to an additional PCR test on arrival in Abu Dhabi and ongoing on-the-ground PCR testing in Abu Dhabi depending on their length of stay.
 - Upon entering the emirate, all travellers regardless of origin will proceed to the Abu Dhabi health check desk for an additional PCR test to be administered on arrival. This applies to all guests, including infants and children. The test is done at no cost, and there is no need to quarantine while waiting for the results. Tests are turned around within 1 to 2 hours.
 - Travellers arriving from ‘Green List’ countries including the United States and Canada, will need to take a second PCR test on Day 6 should their stay extend beyond that period. The current list may be accessed here: [list of “Green countries”](#).
 - All travellers arriving from countries not on the Green List, including Mexico, must be fully vaccinated by an approved vaccine and must have received both doses of the same vaccine at least 14 days prior to travel (Sinopharm, Sputnik, Astra-Zeneca, Moderna, Pfizer, and/or the single-shot Johnson & Johnson) and must present a vaccination card that contains a QR code.
 - Travellers arriving from countries not on the “Green List,” will need to take further PCR tests on Day 4 for those staying 6 days or more, and on Day 8, for those staying 8 days or longer. The day of arrival in Abu Dhabi is counted as Day 1. Details will be shared upon arrival.
 - In Abu Dhabi, if a traveler tests positive locally, they will be contacted by health officials via the Al Hosn App and required to quarantine. If a traveller is required to quarantine, they will be provided with an electronic wristband, to wear throughout the 10-day quarantine period. Only health officials are authorized to install and remove it upon receiving a negative result after 10 days. Travellers are required to pay any related quarantine costs.
- All travellers must download the Al Hosn app on their smart phone locally. After receiving the negative results of the PCR test conducted on arrival in Abu Dhabi, all travelers will register using the UID number received on arrival to receive a ‘green status.’ This green status on the app will be required for entry into most establishments, sites, restaurants, etc. This UID number can be found on the visa passport stamp applied to your passport on arrival.
 - For Android please visit [ALHOSN UAE - Apps on Google Play](#)
 - For iPhones please visit [apps.apple.com/ae/app/alhosn-uae/id1505380329](#)

- Travellers entering Abu Dhabi will be screened at the point of entry using an EDE COVID-19 scanner prior to entry into the emirate, regardless of vaccination/PCR status and the status on the Al Hosn App.
- Travellers entering Abu Dhabi by road via other emirates will be required to show an activated Green Pass on the Al Hosn app, and will be screened at the border using an EDE COVID-19 scanner. Please note that congestion is anticipated at border crossings given screening procedures.
 - To activate the green pass on the app, the individual must be vaccinated and have conducted a PCR test with a negative test result within 7 days prior to entry.
 - Unvaccinated tourists entering Abu Dhabi will be required to show a PCR test taken within 96 hours prior to entry and may be subject to quarantine restrictions if their country of origin is not on the 'Green List'.
- Various public establishments and major attractions in Abu Dhabi may require tourists to show a PCR test result taken within 72-96 hours prior to entry. Additionally, other public venues including restaurants may also require presenting the Green Pass on the Al Hosn App in order to enter the establishment.

Requirements for Returning Home or Onward Travel

A&K will arrange COVID-19 PCR testing during your time in United Arab Emirates. The current cost for local testing ranges from USD \$80 - \$90 (subject to change) and can be paid by credit card or cash in local currency. *Note: COVID-19 PCR testing in the United Arab Emirates is available through most hotels. The day after your arrival, A&K's local representative can visit your hotel to assist locally in scheduling your PCR testing needs. The local representative confirms your appointment and collects payment along with a copy of your passport. For shorter stays, please coordinate prior to departure to confirm testing appointment with A&K if needed.*

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.

Note all guests with flights connecting through and/or continuing to other countries should check the specific COVID-19 entry requirements.

VACCINATIONS & MEDICATIONS

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

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 [Issue of Permit to Import Medicines for Personal Use | Services | Ministry of Health and Prevention - UAE \(mohap.gov.ae\)](#) for further information.

STAY HEALTHY ON THE ROAD

In accordance with local regulations, face masks and disposable gloves must be worn in vehicles. Face masks are also required at indoor spaces, and any outdoor spaces where physical distancing is not possible. 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 THE 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

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. At Al Muntaha, the dress code in the dining room is smart elegant. Gentleman should wear a collared shirt, full-length trousers and closed shoes.

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.

- Casual slacks
- Walking shorts
- Polo shirts, casual short-sleeve shirts or blouses
- Long sleeve shirts or blouses
- Long comfortable skirts for women
- Scarf large enough to cover neck and shoulders for women
- Sweater or lightweight jacket
- Comfortable walking shoes with traction
- Brimmed hat for sun protection
- Foldable umbrella to use as sun shade

Sleepwear

Personal garments

Socks

Swimwear/cover-up

Other Recommended Items

Sunglasses

Sun block / Insect repellent

Simple first-aid kit

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

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

	Tailor Made Journeys
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	10-15% unless already added
Restaurants or Room Service on Own	10-15% unless already added