

# ESSENTIAL INFORMATION FOR WINGS OVER ISRAEL, JORDAN & EGYPT

## 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.

### ISRAEL

Holders of U.S. passports are not required to obtain a tourist visa for entry into Israel for stays of up to 90 days. You will be issued entry and exit cards for Israel upon arrival at Ben Gurion Airport (TLV) in Tel Aviv. It is recommended that you bring a large paperclip or binder clip to secure these cards to your passport during the course of your journey.

### JORDAN

**A tourist visa is required for U.S. and Canadian passport holders for entry into Jordan.** A&K will assist with obtaining visas upon arrival in Aqaba free of charge.

In order to ensure that A&K can properly secure your visa on arrival, please forward a clear, photo quality, copy of your passport to A&K no later than 60 days prior to your departure.

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### EGYPT

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

There are currently three options available as outlined below. A&K recommends an electronic visa (eVisa).

**Electronic Visa (eVisa):** To apply for an eVisa, visit [visa2egypt.gov.eg/eVisa/Home](http://visa2egypt.gov.eg/eVisa/Home). The current fee for a single-entry visa is USD \$25 (subject to change without notice) and requires a minimum of seven (7) days for processing. Read and follow all instructions carefully to ensure a smooth arrival in Egypt. You may be required to upload documents (e.g. passport photo or copy of your passport information page) to complete the eVisa process.

**Visa on Arrival:** A tourist visa can be obtained on arrival. The current fee for a single-entry visa is USD \$25 (subject to change without notice) and must be paid in cash in U.S. dollars. *Please be aware that long lines are common.*

**Electronic Visa (eVisa):** To apply for an eVisa, visit [visa2egypt.gov.eg/eVisa/Home](http://visa2egypt.gov.eg/eVisa/Home). The current fee for a single-entry visa is USD \$25 (subject to change without notice) and requires a minimum of seven (7) days for processing. Read and follow all instructions carefully to ensure a smooth arrival in Egypt. You may be required to upload documents (e.g. passport photo or copy of your passport information page) to complete the eVisa process. Please be aware that eVisas are valid for 90 days after issuance. Therefore do not apply for your eVisa too far in advance. If you experience technical problems with the eVisa website, try again a few hours later or the following day.

Our partner VisaCentral offers easy, efficient 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

A yellow fever vaccination is only required to enter **Egypt** and **Jordan** 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 Israel.

## CASH & CREDIT CARDS

Cash transactions can be made in either U.S. dollars or local currency in all three countries. 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:

### Early Wake-Up Calls

In order to maximize sightseeing opportunities and avoid the extreme heat of the mid-day hours, this journey includes several days with very early wake-up calls.

### Food & Drink in Israel

Most restaurants in Israel (including those located within hotels) observe kosher dietary laws which forbid the mixing of meat and dairy products in the same meal/restaurant. Some of these restaurants are also closed on Friday evenings and all day Saturday in observance of Shabbat. As a result, these factors will limit available menu and dining choices during your time in Israel.

# PACKING LIST & BAGGAGE RESTRICTIONS FOR WINGS OVER ISRAEL, JORDAN & EGYPT

## BAGGAGE RESTRICTIONS

On charter air flights during this journey, each passenger is limited to approximately 70 pounds (32 kilograms) of checked baggage. For carry-on baggage, passengers are allowed one piece of baggage with a maximum weight of approximately 10 pounds (4.5 kilograms.) Dimensions of your carry-on bag must not exceed 7 inches (18 centimeters) x 15 inches (38 centimeters) x 21 inches (53 centimeters). Carry-on bags for your group will be stowed with the checked luggage and will not be accessible during flights.

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 and aboard your Nile Cruise vessel. 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

- 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

Note: We recommend that guests do not bring binoculars when travelling to **Jordan**. There have been reports of binoculars being confiscated upon arrival resulting in delays at the airport or border crossings.

Laundry service is available at most hotels and aboard your Nile Cruise vessel. Dry cleaning is available in larger cities. Check costs and return times before using these services.

## TIPPING GUIDELINES FOR WINGS OVER ISRAEL, JORDAN & EGYPT

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 (Egyptologist) or Group Extension Guide	\$15 per person, per day	Not applicable
Local Guide (Egyptologist)	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
Nile Cruise Vessel (if applicable)	Included	\$10-\$15 per person, per day – Gratuities are accepted on board and shared among the staff.
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.

Please Note: In **Egypt** it is extremely common to encounter restroom attendants in airports, bazaars, and other sites frequented by tourists. While not compulsory, it is customary to tip these individuals an amount in Egyptian Pounds equal to approximately .25 to .50 cents.

## LIFE ON BOARD: 'SANCTUARY ZEIN NILE CHATEAU'

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Drawing from Egypt's history, culture and geography, the luxurious, individually designed cabins and suites with modern bathrooms give way to an Arabian-themed Sun Deck with a heated swimming pool, spacious dining area, lounge and game room. A panoramic Upper Deck affords an ideal perch from which to watch the Nile scroll by.

The smallest of Sanctuary Retreats' boats, 'Sanctuary Zein Nile Chateau' is the first of its kind on the Nile. With only four cabins and two suites, it is the epitome of style. This bespoke *dahabeah* (luxury boat) can sail off the beaten path, unlike other vessels. Throughout your cruise, enjoy incomparable onboard service, top-notch amenities and lively entertainment.

Hairdryers are available in cabins. Laundry service is available onboard.

### CURRENCY

Visa and MasterCard are accepted onboard as payment for incidentals. On board accounts can also be paid in cash in U.S. Dollars or local currency.

### LANGUAGE & COMMUNICATIONS

English is the official language onboard 'Sanctuary Zein Nile Chateau'. The vessel offers complimentary Wi-Fi service in the games room (connectivity may be sporadic in some locations). It is recommended that mobile-phone usage be confined to the privacy of your own cabin.

### FOOD AND DRINK

Meals on board 'Sanctuary Zein Nile Chateau' are a feast for the senses. On an A&K journey, you enjoy friendly, personalized service in a spacious, well-appointed dining room. A dedicated team of internationally trained chefs prepare meals from fresh ingredients (many purchased that day at riverside towns you visit). Every meal is a three-course affair that blends local and continental cuisine. Local wine and beer is included during lunches and dinners.

### ELECTRICITY

Electrical service onboard the vessel is 220 volts / 50 hertz.