

## ESSENTIAL INFORMATION GERMANY, SWITZERLAND AND ITALY

### PASSPORT AND VISA INFORMATION

Your passport needs to be valid for at least six (6) months after your journey and should have a minimum of three (3) blank visa pages for entry and exit stamps.

**Holders of U.S. and Canadian passports are not required to obtain a tourist visa for entry into Germany, Switzerland or Italy for stays of up to 90 days.**

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.

### VACCINATIONS

There are no vaccinations required to enter Germany, Switzerland or Italy.

### CASH & CREDIT CARDS

Major credit cards are widely accepted, and there is easy access to ATM outlets. In smaller cities, shops and cafes may prefer cash payment for goods and services. Unattended self-service payment kiosks such as those in parking garages, train stations or gas stations only accept a Chip and PIN card or cash. Carrying moderate amounts of euros is advisable as smaller establishments in Italy may only accept cash.

# PACKING LIST

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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 find and manage your luggage for you.

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Choose versatile, casual clothing that can be layered if the weather (or level of air-conditioning) requires. Cotton and other light fabrics are comfortable choices for summertime. Spring and autumn temperatures dictate medium-weight clothing selections. Pack a coat, hat, gloves, boots, warm socks and sleepwear, if you are visiting Germany, Switzerland or Northern Italy between late October and early April. Smart casual attire is appropriate for evenings. Formal clothing is not necessary.

Cathedrals, churches, destinations within Vatican City and other religious sites require conservative dress. Arms, legs and shoulders should be covered – no shorts. This applies to both men and women. For women, barebacked, low-necked dresses or tops or short skirts, are not considered appropriate attire.

#### Clothing

- Casual slacks
- Walking shorts
- Polo shirts, casual short-sleeve shirts or blouses
- Long sleeve shirts or blouses
- Comfortable walking shoes with low or no heels
- Lightweight raincoat and umbrella
- Sweater or fleece jacket
- Brimmed hat or visor for sun protection
- Sleepwear
- Personal garments
- Socks
- Swimwear/cover-up

#### Other Recommended Items

- Sunglasses
- Sun block and lip balm
- 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

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 GERMANY, SWITZERLAND AND ITALY

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 Extensions</b>	<b>Tailor Made Journeys</b>
Resident Tour Director or Group Extension Guide	\$20 per person, per day	Not applicable
Local Guides	Included	\$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.

### Canal Barge Cruises

Gratuities to barge crewmembers are not included. Please refer to 'Life on Board' Vessel Information for recommended gratuity guidelines.