

# ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

## GEORGIA & ARMENIA: JOURNEY TO THE CAUCASUS:

### 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 for each country visited.

Holders of U.S. passports are not required to obtain a tourist visa for entry into Georgia and Armenia for stays of up to 30 days.

Holders of Canadian passports are not required to obtain a tourist visa for entry into Georgia.

#### Armenia

**An electronic visa (eVisa) is required for Canadian passport holders for entry into Armenia and must be obtained prior to departure.** To apply for an eVisa, visit <https://evisa.mfa.am/>. You should do so at least 3 days before your planned arrival date.

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.

### COVID-19 COUNTRY ENTRY REQUIREMENTS & TRAVEL ADVISORIES

Georgia and Armenia currently have no COVID-19 vaccination or testing requirements for entry for U.S. and Canadian residents. 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 up-to-date information.

### LOCAL HEALTH & SAFETY PROTOCOLS

This journey includes active elements such as walking over steep, uneven terrain and visits to sites with limited accessibility for travellers with mobility issues. This journey also includes travel to high-altitude destinations and you may experience altitude sickness. (Gergeti Holy Trinity Church is located at an elevation of 7,120 feet (2,170 meters), under Mount Kazbegi.) Please consult your healthcare provider for suggestions on prevention and treatment.

### CASH & CREDIT CARDS

The countries visited on this journey are still by and large cash economies. Credit cards are not widely accepted except at large hotels and restaurants catering to international visitors.

When travelling in Central Asia, it is suggested that you use U.S. dollars in excellent condition and small denominations (\$20 or less) to pay for your purchases. Banknotes with a serial date prior to 1990 will not be accepted. Exchange only a small amount of currency for small, same-day purchases such as souvenirs (many souvenirs can be purchased with U.S. dollars). ATMs exist in larger cities.

### OF SPECIAL NOTE

Please pack your patience when travelling outside the major cities. Georgia and Armenia are developing nations that have experienced significant reforms in their economic and political institutions over the last two decades; however, these countries are still in the process of developing their tourist infrastructure.

Abercrombie & Kent is known for its practice of using the very best hotels all over the world, but hotels of that premier caliber are rarely found outside the major tourist destinations. Luckily, people who enjoy travelling “off the beaten path” know that its pleasures far outweigh the small inconveniences of more rustic accommodations. Be assured that A&K believes that the hotels featured on your itinerary are the very best accommodations available - clean, comfortable and with a friendly welcome for their guests.

Please note that due to circumstances beyond the control of Abercrombie & Kent, it may be necessary to rearrange or substitute the sightseeing program on your itinerary.

## 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.

### Clothing

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 dictate medium-weight clothing selections. Georgia and Armenia are conservative countries and women should avoid wearing shorts or revealing clothing. Smart casual attire is appropriate for evenings. Formal clothing is not necessary.

Cathedrals and other religious sites require conservative dress. Arms and shoulders should be covered. Ladies should bring a head scarf to wear at religious sites and some Orthodox churches require that women wear a skirt (wrap-around skirts are provided at most church entrances).

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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"/> Comfortable walking shoes with low or no heels     | <input type="checkbox"/> Lightweight raincoat and umbrella                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lightweight hiking boots                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Knit cap for cooler evenings in the highlands of Georgia |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sweater or lightweight fleece-lined jacket         |   |
| <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"/> Face masks and hand sanitizer   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sun block and lip balm   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Prescriptions and medications (in their original bottles and/or packaging) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Simple first-aid kit            |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extra eyeglasses/contact lenses | <input type="checkbox"/> Smartphone   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Charging cables for electronics | <input type="checkbox"/> Global travel adapter  |

## TIPPING GUIDELINES

As a convenience, all gratuities are included on your Limited Edition Small Group Journey: *Georgia and Armenia: Journey to the Caucasus*.

Any additional gratuities that you may choose to present to specific members of your tour staff are left to your personal discretion.

For extra nights or Tailor Made services added to your main journey, please follow the Tailor Made tipping guidelines below for these days only. Gratuities can be presented in either U.S. dollars or the equivalent amount of local currency.

	<b>Tailor Made Journeys</b>
Local Guides	\$20-\$25 per person, per day (full day)
Drivers	\$10-\$15 per person, per day (full day)
Airport Transfer Drivers	\$5 per person, per transfer
Trains	Included
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