

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION NETHERLANDS & BELGIUM

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 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 Netherlands and Belgium for stays of up to 90 days.

Dutch law requires that everyone over the age of 14 carry some form of official identification at all times. A U.S. passport suffices for these purposes.

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.

COVID-19 COUNTRY ENTRY REQUIREMENTS & TRAVEL ADVISORIES

The Netherlands and Belgium 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 or the Government of Canada at travel.gc.ca/travelling/advisories for up-to-date information.

LOCAL HEALTH & SAFETY PROTOCOLS

While there are currently no generalized face mask requirements for public spaces in the Netherlands or Belgium, masking regulations may apply in select settings, such as health care facilities.

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

Major credit cards are widely accepted, and there is easy access to ATM outlets.

Banks and exchange facilities may refuse U.S. dollar denominations of \$50 and \$100 if they are not equipped with devices to identify counterfeit currency. 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.

PACKING LIST & BAGGAGE RESTRICTIONS

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.

BAGGAGE RESTRICTIONS: EUROSTAR RAIL SERVICE

Guests travelling aboard Eurostar rail service need to be able to carry their own luggage onto the train as porters are not allowed on the train platform. Eurostar allows for a maximum of two (2) bags no longer than 33 inches (85 centimeters) each and a small carry-on. You are required to handle and place your own bags in the luggage racks; please ensure your bags are not too heavy for you to carry.

PACKING LIST

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. Cotton and other light fabrics are comfortable choices for summertime. Pack a coat, hat, gloves, boots, warm socks and sleepwear, if you are visiting these countries between late October and early April. Smart casual attire is appropriate for evenings. Formal clothing is not necessary.

Cathedrals, churches, and other religious sites require conservative dress. Arms and shoulders should be covered.

- 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

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

	Tailor Made Journeys
Resident Tour Director or Group Extension Guide	Not applicable
Local Guides	\$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

Canal Barge Cruises

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