

# ESSENTIAL INFORMATION UNITED KINGDOM: ENGLAND, SCOTLAND, WALES & NORTHERN IRELAND

## 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 one (1) blank visa page for entry and exit stamps.

**Holders of U.S. and Canadian passports are not required to obtain a tourist visa for entry into the United Kingdom.**

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.

## REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO COVID-19

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 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 Kingdom for U.S. and Canadian residents.

- All travellers arriving from the **United States** entering the United Kingdom must present the following:
  1. An original COVID-19 vaccination certificate indicating full vaccination completed at least 14 days prior to arrival. The current approved vaccines are Pfizer, Moderna, AstraZeneca and Janssen (Johnson & Johnson). Children ages 17 years and under are exempt from this requirement.
  2. Printed, documented proof of a negative COVID-19 PCR or Rapid Antigen test taken within 3 days of your departure for the United Kingdom. Children ages 10 years and under are exempt from this requirement.
  3. Prebook and pay for a COVID-19 PCR test to be taken on or before day two after arrival. Children ages 4 years and younger are exempt. You may find a test provider and book your test through this site: <https://www.gov.uk/find-travel-test-provider>. A positive test result will require 10 days mandatory isolation.
  4. Must not have been present in or travelled through a red list country in the previous 10 days. The red list (reviewed every three weeks) can be found at this site: [Red, amber, green lists: check the rules for travel to England from abroad - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/red-amber-green-lists-check-the-rules-for-travel-to-england-from-abroad).
- All travellers arriving from **Canada** entering United Kingdom must present the following:
  1. Printed, documented proof of a negative COVID-19 PCR or Rapid Antigen test taken within 72 hours of your departure for United Kingdom. Children ages 10 years and under are exempt from this requirement.

2. Prebook and pay for a COVID-19 PCR test to be taken on or before day two after arrival. Children ages 4 years and younger are exempt. You may find a test provider and book your test through this site: <https://www.gov.uk/find-travel-test-provider>. A positive test result will require 10 days mandatory isolation.
  3. Must not have been present in or travelled through a non-green list country in the previous 10 days. The current list can be found at this site: [Red, amber, green lists: check the rules for travel to England from abroad - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#).
- All travellers must also complete the Travel Locator form 48 hours prior to arrival in England. <https://www.gov.uk/provide-journey-contact-details-before-travel-uk>.

#### Requirements for Returning Home or Onward Travel

A&K will arrange COVID-19 PCR or Rapid Antigen testing during your time in the United Kingdom. The current cost for local testing ranges from USD \$27-\$560 (subject to change) and may be paid by credit card. Results are typically provided within 24-36 hours (less for rapid tests).

#### **Guests returning to the United States**

All travellers, including U.S. passport holders, must provide printed or electronic proof of a negative COVID-19 viral test taken within three (3) days of boarding their flight to the United States or written documentation verifying they have recovered from COVID-19 within 90 days preceding travel. Additional details can be found at [U.S. COVID-19 Entry Requirements | CDC](#). State COVID-19 entry requirements may vary and can be found at [COVID-19 Travel Planner | CDC](#).

#### **Guests returning to Canada**

All travellers, including Canadian passport holders, must provide printed or electronic proof of a negative COVID-19 molecular test taken within 72 hours of boarding their flight to Canada. Additional information can be found at [travel.gc.ca/travelling/advisories](http://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.

#### STAY HEALTHY ON THE ROAD

In accordance with local regulations, it is recommended that face masks be worn in all indoor public spaces. In London, wearing a face mask is mandatory on all public transportation. 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

Hotels, shops, restaurants and many other venues accept all major credit cards and ATM access is widespread. 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.

#### OF SPECIAL NOTE

If you are planning to golf during your journey, it is recommended that you request your tee time at the time you book your trip. As an optional activity, golfing fees are not included in the cost of your program and must be paid directly to the course. Some Scottish courses require golfers to present an official handicap card and/or letter of introduction from their home club. When you request your tee time, ask about the requirements at the specific course you intend to play.

#### 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 find 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. Cotton and other light fabrics are comfortable choices for summertime. Spring and autumn temperatures dictate medium-weight clothing selections. Smart casual attire is generally appropriate for evenings; however, when dining at country house hotels or for specially-arranged dinners at private homes, the general standard for gentlemen is a “jacket and tie”, with an equivalent standard of eveningwear for ladies. 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) 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.