

## 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

A&K requires proof of full COVID-19 vaccination on all **Small Group Journeys**, including **Luxury Small Group, Marco Polo, Luxury Family, Wings Over the World, Connections** and **Limited Edition** journeys. For all **Tailor Made, Signature** and **Private Escape** journeys, guests must comply with all country entry requirements, which may include providing proof of COVID-19 vaccination.

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 United Kingdom currently has no COVID-19 vaccination or testing requirements for entry for U.S. and Canadian residents. Requirements are subject to change.

#### COVID-19 Testing Information

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.

#### Requirements for Returning Home or Onward Travel

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

Before boarding a flight to the United States, all travellers are required to show printed or electronic proof of a negative COVID-19 viral test (PCR or rapid antigen) result taken no more than one (1) day before travel, or documentation of recovery from COVID-19 in the last 90 days.

For up-to-date details and FAQs visit [Requirement for Proof of Negative COVID-19 Test or Documentation of Recovery from COVID-19 | CDC](#). Be sure to check state COVID-19 entry requirements, as they may vary.

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

There are currently no COVID-19 testing requirements for entry into Canada. Requirements are subject to change. For up-to-date information, visit [travel.gc.ca/travelling/advisories](https://travel.gc.ca/travelling/advisories).

Note guests continuing to other countries should check the specific COVID-19 entry requirements.

## STAY HEALTHY ON THE ROAD

Face masks are recommended in all indoor public spaces and 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
- Extra eyeglasses/contact lenses
- Charging cables for electronics
- Prescriptions and medications (in their original bottles and/or packaging)
- Smartphone
- 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.