

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION COLOMBIA

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.

Holders of U.S. and Canadian passports are not required to obtain a tourist visa for entry into Colombia for stays of up to 90 days.

Canadians must pay a reciprocity fee to customs officials (CAD\$95 cash or credit card) upon arrival.

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 following are the current COVID-19 screening requirements for entry into Colombia 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.

- All travellers (ages 18 and over) entering Colombia must present one of the following:
 - An original COVID-19 vaccination certificate or electronic copy in their smart phone indicating full vaccination completed no less than 14 days before arrival. The current approved vaccines are Pfizer (Comirnaty), Moderna (Spikevax), AstraZeneca (Vaxzevria) and Janssen/Johnson & Johnson (Ad26.COV2.S). To meet changing requirements, a booster shot is recommended.
 - Documented proof a negative COVID-19 test (PCR or rapid antigen) taken no earlier than 72 hours prior to travel for PCR, 48 hours for rapid antigen.
- All travellers are required to complete and submit an online "Immigration Registration Form." This form must be completed and submitted no earlier than 48 before boarding your flight and no later than 1 hour before. You can access the form at: apps.migracioncolombia.gov.co/pre-registro/public/preregistro.jsf
- Travellers are subject to medical screening on arrival in Colombia, including a temperature check, questionnaire and visual assessment.
- Select accommodations, restaurants, bars, museums, major tourist sites and entertainment venues may require guests to provide an original COVID-19 vaccination certificate showing the guest has received at least one dose of the following vaccines: Pfizer, Moderna, AstraZeneca and Johnson & Johnson.

LOCAL HEALTH & SAFETY PROTOCOLS

If your journey includes travel to Bogotá and other high-altitude Andean destinations in Colombia, you may experience altitude sickness. Please consult your healthcare provider for suggestions on prevention and treatment.

YELLOW FEVER VACCINATION

A yellow fever vaccination is only required to enter Colombia if you are arriving from Brazil, Angola, Democratic Republic of Congo, and Uganda. The CDC and WHO each provide a current list of all affected countries. Proof of yellow fever vaccination is also required for travelers to Yellow Fever endemic regions in Colombia including Amazonas, Santa Marta, La Guajira, Chocó (Pacific Coast) and Meta (Caño Cristales). Local airline officials will ask to see an International Certificate of Vaccination prior to your boarding domestic flights to these regions. Proof of Yellow Fever vaccination is not required locally if your itinerary only visits the cities of Medellín, Bogotá, Pereira and Cartagena. If vaccination for yellow fever is necessary, you must carry an International Certificate of Vaccination provided by your physician; you may be denied entry without it.

If your physician advises against receiving the vaccination because of your personal medical history, he or she can provide you with the necessary documentation for the country/countries you are visiting.

CASH & CREDIT CARDS

The U.S. dollar may sometimes be accepted however, expect the price of your purchase to go up. Be wary, as there is a large amount of counterfeit U.S. currency in circulation. Major credit cards such as Visa, MasterCard are widely accepted (American Express less so) in urban areas. ATM access is limited to the larger cities. When visiting rural areas (coffee regions) you should ensure that you have enough cash to last you until you arrive in a larger city. Banks/ATMs will allow cash withdrawals on Visa, MasterCard and Cirrus. Try to use ATMs located in banks during the daylight hours, if possible.

PACKING LIST & BAGGAGE RESTRICTIONS

On flights within Colombia in Economy Class, each traveller is limited to one (1) checked bag weighing 50 pounds (23 kilograms), with linear dimensions (height+width+depth) not to exceed 62 inches (158 centimeters). In Business Class, travelers are permitted to check one (1) or two (2) pieces not to exceed a combined weight of 70 pounds (32 kilograms) and 62 inches (158 centimeters) in total dimensions.

In addition you may bring one (1) personal item (such as a purse or laptop) and one (1) carry-on weighing up to 22 pounds (10 kilograms) with total linear dimensions (height+length+width) not exceeding 45 inches (115 centimeters).

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.

Clothing

Choose versatile, casual clothing that can be layered if the weather (or level of air-conditioning) requires. Temperatures will change as altitudes and time of day change, so it's best to bring shorts as well as long trousers. Smart casual attire is appropriate for evenings. Formal clothing is not necessary.

- 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
- Brimmed hat for sun protection
- Lightweight raincoat or jacket
- Personal garments

- Sweater or fleece jacket
- Sleepwear
- Swimwear/cover-up
- Socks

Other Recommended Items

- Face masks and hand sanitizer
- Simple first-aid kit
- Prescriptions and medications (in their original bottles and/or packaging)
- Extra eyeglasses/contact lenses
- Charging cables for electronics
- Sun block and lip balm
- Sunglasses
- Mosquito repellent
- Smartphone
- Global travel adapter

Optional Items

- Small LED flashlight
- Lightweight binoculars
- Foldable walking stick
- Small waterproof daypack

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:

	Tailor Made Journeys
Local Guides	\$15 per person, per day (full day)
Drivers	\$10 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