

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION COLOMBIA

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 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.

VACCINATIONS

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.

STAY HEALTHY ON THE ROAD

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.

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

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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.

PACKING LIST

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.

Clothing

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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"/> Brimmed hat for sun protection |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lightweight raincoat or jacket | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal garments |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sweater or fleece jacket | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimwear/cover-up |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sleepwear | <input type="checkbox"/> Socks |

Other Recommended Items

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses | <input type="checkbox"/> Sun block and lip balm |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Simple first-aid kit | <input type="checkbox"/> Prescriptions and medications (in their original bottles and/or packaging) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mosquito repellent | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extra eyeglasses/contact lenses | <input type="checkbox"/> Smartphone |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Charging cables for electronics | <input type="checkbox"/> Global travel adapter |

Optional Items

- Small LED flashlight
- Foldable walking stick
- Lightweight binoculars
- 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 COLOMBIA

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