

# ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

## MEXICO

### 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 Mexico for stays of up to 180 days.

Although a passport card may be accepted at the point of entry in Mexico when crossing land borders or entering by sea, for international air travel, a valid passport book is required to enter Mexico.

Under Mexican law, children under age 18 who are traveling unaccompanied or with only one parent must have written, notarized permission to travel from the non-traveling parent(s). Travellers should contact the Mexican Embassy or closest Mexican Consulate for current information.

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.

### COVID-19 COUNTRY ENTRY REQUIREMENTS & TRAVEL ADVISORIES

Mexico currently has 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](https://travel.state.gov) or the Government of Canada at [travel.gc.ca/travelling/advisories](https://travel.gc.ca/travelling/advisories) for up-to-date information.

Travellers are subject to health screenings on arrival in Mexico, including temperature checks. Those exhibiting symptoms may be subject to additional health screenings and/or quarantine. All related costs are the responsibility of the traveller.

### CASH & CREDIT CARDS

U.S. dollars are usually accepted as payment at hotels, restaurants, and shops in major resort areas (although the exchange rate may not be as favorable and change will be given in pesos). Major credit cards are generally accepted in larger shops, hotels and restaurants; however, in more remote areas there may be difficulties in using credit cards, so do not solely rely on them for financial transactions. It is advisable to regularly check your credit/debit card account status to prevent theft and fraudulent use of your card. ATM access is widespread; however, due to safety concerns, make use of ATMs during the day and preferably inside large commercial establishments. Be aware that there is a charge in Mexico to use ATMs and check with your bank to see if there are charges incurred for usage abroad as well.

### 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.

#### Clothing

Choose versatile, casual clothing that can be layered if the weather (or level of air-conditioning) requires. Light cotton slacks with long sleeved shirts will offer protection from the sun and protection from mosquitos.

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
- Lightweight raincoat or poncho
- Waterproof, lightweight, well-broken in hiking boots for trekking activities (if applicable)
- Brimmed hat for sun protection
- River sandals such as Tevas®
- Swimwear/cover-up
- Sweater or lightweight fleece jacket
- Sleepwear
- Socks

#### Other Recommended Items

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

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>Tailor Made Journeys</b>
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