

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION CALIFORNIA

PASSPORT AND VISA INFORMATION FOR NON-U.S. CITIZENS

A passport is required to travel by air between Canada and the United States. Your passport needs to be valid for **at least six (6) months** after your journey ends, and should have a minimum of one (1) blank visa page for entry and exit stamps.

Holders of Canadian passports are not required to obtain a tourist visa for entry into the United States for stays of up to 180 days.

Citizens of other countries should contact the appropriate consular office for entry requirements pertaining to their journey.

REAL-ID REGULATIONS FOR U.S. CITIZENS

Effective October 1, 2021, U.S. citizens must present a REAL ID-compliant driver's license, or another acceptable form of identification (such as a valid passport), to fly within the United States.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO COVID-19

Visit [COVID-19 Travel Planner | CDC](#) for state-specific COVID-19 information, including up-to-date entry requirements for California or any onwards travel. Entry requirements for California will be sent to you with your Final Documents, as they are subject to change.

VACCINATIONS

There are no required vaccinations to enter the United States.

CASH & CREDIT CARDS

Cash transactions must be made in U.S. currency. Major credit cards are widely accepted for goods and services. Access to ATM machines is widespread in cities and towns but may be limited in rural areas.

PACKING LIST

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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 collect and manage your luggage for you.

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Choose versatile, casual clothing that can be layered if the weather (or level of air-conditioning) requires. Smart casual attire is appropriate for evenings. Formal clothing is not necessary.

Clothing

- Casual slacks
- Walking shorts
- Polo shirts, casual short-sleeve shirts or blouses
- Long sleeve shirts or blouses
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Lightweight raincoat
- Sweater or lightweight jacket
- Brimmed hat for sun protection
- Sleepwear
- Personal garments
- Socks
- Swimwear/cover-up/aqua socks

Other Recommended Items

- Sunglasses
- Sun block
- Simple first-aid kit
- Prescriptions and medications (in their original bottles and/or packaging)
- Extra eyeglasses/contact lenses
- Smartphone
- Charging cables for electronics
- Foldable umbrella for rain protection and sun shade

Optional Items

- Small LED flashlight
- Foldable walking stick
- Lightweight binoculars
- Small daypack or fanny pack

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 CALIFORNIA

While decisions regarding tipping rest entirely with you, we suggest the following gratuities (noted in U.S. dollars).

	Tailor Made Journeys
Local Guides	\$25 per person, per day (full day)
Drivers	\$15 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