

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 May 7, 2025, U.S. citizens must present a REAL ID compliant driver's license, or other accepted form of identification (including a valid passport), to board domestic flights within the United States.

COVID-19 COUNTRY ENTRY REQUIREMENTS & TRAVEL ADVISORIES

The United States currently has no COVID-19 vaccination or testing requirements for entry for Canadian residents. Visit the Government of Canada at travel.gc.ca/travelling/advisories for up-to-date information.

CASH & CREDIT CARDS

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

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 collect and manage your luggage for you.

Clothing

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.

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

Other Recommended Items

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Face masks and hand sanitizer | <input type="checkbox"/> Sun block and lip balm |
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- ☐ 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 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

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

	Tailor Made Journeys
Local Guides	\$50 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