

## ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

### MARCO POLO JOURNEYS WILD CANADA: BELUGAS & BEARS

#### PASSPORT AND VISA INFORMATION

A passport is required to travel by air between the United States and Canada. 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 U.S. passports are not required to obtain a tourist visa for entry into Canada for stays of up to 180 days.

Our partner VisaCentral offers easy, efficient passport and visa processing. Visit them online at [visacentral.com/abercrombiekent](http://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

There are no required vaccinations to enter Canada.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

During your tour you will be exposed to the elements. As A&K programs to Canada operate in the summer, exposure to the sun is the most common concern, but cold days are also possible at any time of year. Make certain to review the **Packing List** suggestions and check the weather before your trip.

The insect population in Canada varies from year to year. In years with small amounts of rain, the insect population is hardly noticeable, whereas it is much larger in years with heavier rainfall. The population also varies from month to month, with the early summer having far more insects than the mid and late summer months. To prepare and protect for potential heavy insect days, remember to pack insect repellent and wear loose fitting clothing with long sleeves, high socks and closed toed shoes.

#### CASH & CREDIT CARDS

Cash transactions must be made in Canadian currency. Major credit cards are widely accepted for goods and services. Access to ATM machines is widespread in Winnipeg but limited in Churchill.

# PACKING LIST

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### BAGGAGE RESTRICTIONS

On charter flights between Winnipeg and Churchill, luggage is limited to two pieces of checked baggage per person, with a maximum, combined total weight of no more than 70 lbs. Any single piece of checked baggage exceeding 50 pounds (22.5 kilograms) will be charged an excess luggage fee that must be paid at check in. Individual suitcases weighing more than 70 pounds (32 kilograms) will not be accepted for carriage. Carry-on baggage is limited to two pieces per person, with a maximum, combined total weight of no more than 20 pounds (9 kilograms). Dimensions of carry-on bags are not to exceed 10 inches (25 centimeters) x 16 inches (40 centimeters) x 12 inches (30 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 collect and manage your luggage for you.

### PACKING LIST

Choose versatile, casual clothing that can be layered if the weather requires. 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"/> Waterproof, well broken-in hiking boots  | <input type="checkbox"/> Comfortable walking shoes             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lightweight raincoat   | <input type="checkbox"/> Two-piece rain suit with hood         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fleece jacket or vest  | <input type="checkbox"/> Warm hat and gloves                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sweater or lightweight jacket  | <input type="checkbox"/> Brimmed hat for sun protection        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sleepwear (light and warm)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal garments (light and thermal) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Socks (socks that ride up to at least mid-calf are recommended to protect against insects) | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimwear/cover-up                     |

#### Other Recommended Items

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Sun block  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Insect repellent with DEET      | <input type="checkbox"/> After Bite   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Simple first-aid kit            | <input type="checkbox"/> Prescriptions and medications (in their original bottles and/or packaging) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extra eyeglasses/contact lenses | <input type="checkbox"/> Smartphone   |

Charging cables for electronics

Foldable umbrella

Optional Items

Small LED flashlight

Foldable walking stick

Lightweight binoculars

Small daypack or fanny pack

Note: Life jackets and other safety gear are provided onsite for all activities in Churchill as necessary.

Traveller's Valet: Complimentary laundry service for 8 articles of clothing per person will be provided at the midpoint of your journey. Dry cleaning is not included.

# TIPPING GUIDELINES

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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>All Small Group Journeys and Pre/Post Tour Group Extensions</b>	<b>Tailor Made and Signature Journeys</b>
Resident Tour Director or Group Extension Guide	\$15 per person, per day	Not applicable
Local Guides	Included	\$25 per person, per day (full day)
Drivers	Included	\$15 per person, per day (full day)
Airport Transfer Drivers	Included	\$5 per person, per transfer
Hotel Porters	Included	\$2 per bag
Housekeepers	Included	\$2 per person, per night
Included Meals	Included	Included
Restaurants or Room Service on Own	10-15% unless already added	10-15% unless already added

For extra nights or Tailor Made services added to a Small Group Journey, please follow the Tailor Made Journeys guidelines for these days only.