

# PREPARING FOR YOUR JOURNEY

## WILDLIFE SAFARI: AROUND THE WORLD BY PRIVATE JET

### REVIEW YOUR PASSPORT

Your passport needs to be valid beyond August 26, 2022. For this journey you need at least 12 completely blank visa pages available in your passport for entry and exit stamps.

### SECURE YOUR VISAS

Four visas are required for U.S. and Canadian passport holders for **India, Kenya and Rwanda and must be obtained prior to departure**. A&K provides a concierge service through our partner, Pinnacle TDS, to facilitate the procurement of these required visas. You may call them at 888 838 4867, or visit them online at [pinnacletds.com/AandK](https://pinnacletds.com/AandK) or email [AandK@pinnacletds.com](mailto:AandK@pinnacletds.com) for specific instructions.

U.S. passport holders who frequently travel internationally may be able to obtain a second passport, which is valid for four years. This would allow you to travel with one passport, while the second may be submitted to obtain any required visas for your next trip abroad. Pinnacle TDS can assist you with information on the steps required and process the application on your behalf.

Tourist visas for **Madagascar** will be obtained for you separately by A&K; you need not apply for them on your own. Visas are currently not required for U.S. or Canadian passport holders for any other destination on this journey.

If you are not a citizen of the United States or Canada, please consult the nearest diplomatic or consular office of the countries you will be visiting for information on necessary documentation you need to enter their country.

### UPDATE VACCINES & MEDICATIONS

Check with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ([cdc.gov/travel](https://cdc.gov/travel)) or the World Health Organization ([who.int/en](https://who.int/en)) for the latest on required and recommended vaccines for your destination.

A yellow fever vaccination is required for entry into some of the countries visited on this program. You must carry an International Certificate of Vaccination provided by your doctor. Without this, you may be denied entry. 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(ies) that you are visiting.

You'll want to visit your doctor or local travel clinic a couple of months before departure to allow time for any vaccinations to take effect or to fill any prescriptions.

### TRAVEL ADVICE & ADVISORIES

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 current information on travel advisories, entry restrictions and special considerations for travel in various countries. Information changes rapidly and we recommend routinely reviewing the specifics pertaining to your journey prior to your departure; our partner VisaCentral maintains an up-to-date list of all current travel restrictions, available at [visacentral.com/travel-restrictions](https://visacentral.com/travel-restrictions).

We also recommend that you register with your nearest embassy or consulate for the destinations included in your journey. U.S. citizens can register through STEP, the Smart Traveller Enrollment Program ([step.state.gov/step](https://step.state.gov/step)). Canadian citizens can enroll in Registration of Canadians Abroad at [travel.gc.ca/travelling/registration](https://travel.gc.ca/travelling/registration).

## MONEY MATTERS

We recommend travelling with some cash and at least two different major credit cards, such as Visa and Mastercard, so you have backup if your card is not accepted or lost. Contact your bank and credit card companies to let them know where and when you'll be travelling, as well as confirm any foreign transaction fees. When carrying cash, try to travel only with recently issued currency in smaller denominations; many merchants overseas won't accept wrinkled or torn bills. Only exchange currency at authorized outlets such as currency exchanges, ATMs or hotels and save receipts as they may be required for exit. Refer to **Essential Information** for additional currency details.

## KEEP CONNECTED

While most smartphones work overseas, you might need to turn on international roaming service before you travel. Contact your carrier for information on coverage and voice and data plan options while travelling abroad.

## GETTING ONLINE

Many hotels and public places have Wi-Fi and you'll usually be able to stay connected throughout your journey, although Internet access may be poor to nonexistent in remote destinations. Note that some countries block access to social media sites or otherwise impose restrictions on what content you can view or send online.

## CHARGING YOUR GADGETS

Be sure to bring a global travel adapter set with you to recharge your electronics at your hotel or in camp. You can purchase one through A&K's Travel Store at [usa.thetraveloutfitter.com](http://usa.thetraveloutfitter.com).

## PACKING FOR YOUR JOURNEY

The typical attire on A&K Private Jet journeys is relaxed and informal during the day and smart casual attire is appropriate for evenings. Choose comfortable, versatile clothing that can be layered to account for changes in the weather throughout the day. Consult the **Packing List and Baggage Restrictions** specifics provided. 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.

## STAY HEALTHY ON THE ROAD

Carry your prescriptions and over-the-counter medications in their original containers in your carry-on luggage. Pack a simple first-aid kit along with medicines for motion sickness and mild upset stomach. As a precaution, use only bottled water and avoid foods from street vendors.

Take care to observe safe health practices when travelling: Wash or sanitize your hands often; avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth; and cover your mouth when coughing or sneezing. If you begin to feel unwell at any point in your journey, please inform your guide.

Because of Rwanda's high elevations, you may experience altitude sickness. Please consult your healthcare provider for suggestions on prevention and treatment.

### Bringing Medications into Japan

Please note that Japan strictly regulates, and in some cases prohibits, the import of certain prescription and over-the-counter medications (even for personal use). We suggest that you consult the Japanese Embassy online at [www.us.emb-japan.go.jp/english/html/medication-info-japan.html](http://www.us.emb-japan.go.jp/english/html/medication-info-japan.html) for more information on bringing medications into Japan.

## KEEP VALUABLES SECURE

We strongly recommend leaving valuables such as jewelry at home as A&K cannot be responsible. Use safes where available to secure valuable items such as passports, or else

always carry them on your person. Replacing a lost or stolen passport is much easier if you have a copy on hand. Pack a photocopy of your passport's personal information page with your luggage, and keep a photo of it on your smartphone.

### SMART SHOPPING

If you are interested in shopping, your A&K guide may recommend local shops; however, A&K is not responsible for the quality or value of merchandise. Any purchases and shipping are at your sole discretion. Be sure to review your credit card receipts before signing, paying special attention to currency conversion. We recommend taking items with you in lieu of shipping them whenever possible. Consult the local customs authority ([cbp.gov](http://cbp.gov) in the U.S. and [travel.gc.ca](http://travel.gc.ca) in Canada) for information on what you can bring back and duty taxes. Keep receipts and items together.

### PHOTOGRAPHY ETIQUETTE

Be sure to ask permission before taking pictures of local people, including small children. Note that photography is not permitted in some locations; it is usually clearly marked. If in doubt, ask your Tour Manager to avoid having your camera confiscated.

### TIPS ON TIPPING

As a convenience, all gratuities are included. Any additional gratuities that you may choose to present to specific members of your tour staff are left to your personal discretion.

## ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

### WILDLIFE SAFARI: AROUND THE WORLD BY PRIVATE JET

WEATHER	Average High February	Average Low February	Average Days w/Rain
Seattle, Washington, USA	48°F / 9°C	37°F / 3°C	7
Tokyo, Japan	48°F / 9°C	30°F / -1°C	6
Cebu, the Philippines	87°F / 31°C	74°F / 23°C	6
Sandakan, Borneo, Malaysia	84°F / 29°C	76°F / 24°C	2
Jaipur, India	79°F / 26°C	52°F / 11°C	1
Ranthambore, India	75°F / 24°C	48°F / 9°C	1
Nosy Be, Madagascar	78°F / 25°C	64°F / 18°C	24
Volcanoes Nat. Park, Rwanda	76°F / 24°C	51°F / 10°C	13
Masai Mara, Kenya	81°F / 27°C	60°F / 15°C	4
Boston, Mass., USA	38°F / 3°C	22°F / -6°C	7

  

MONEY MATTERS	Local Currency	Credit Cards Accepted	Access to ATMs
Seattle, Washington USA	US Dollar	Yes	Yes
Tokyo, Japan	Yen	Yes	Yes
Cebu, the Philippines	Peso	Limited	Limited
Sandakan, Borneo, Malaysia	Ringgit	Limited	Limited
Jaipur, India	Rupee	Limited	Limited
Ranthambore, India	Rupee	Limited	Limited
Nosy Be, Madagascar	Ariary	Limited	Limited
Volcanoes Nat. Park, Rwanda	Rwanda Franc	At Lodges	No
Masai Mara, Kenya	Shilling	At Lodge	No
Boston, Mass., USA	US Dollar	Yes	Yes

  

TIME ZONES	Continental Europe	United Kingdom	New York & Ottawa
Seattle, Washington USA UTC -8 Hours 9:00 a.m. in Seattle =	6:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m.	12:00 p.m.
Tokyo, Japan UTC +9 Hours 9:00 a.m. in Tokyo =	1:00 a.m.	12:00 a.m.	7:00 p.m. the previous day
Cebu, the Philippines UTC +8 Hours 9:00 a.m. in Cebu =	2:00 a.m.	1:00 a.m.	8:00 p.m. the previous day

Sandakan, Borneo, Malaysia UTC +8 Hours 9:00 a.m. in Sandakan =	2:00 a.m.	1:00 a.m.	8:00 p.m. the previous day
Jaipur, India UTC +5.5 Hours 9:00 a.m. in Jaipur =	4:30 a.m.	3:30 a.m.	10:30 p.m. the previous day
Ranthambore, India UTC +5.5 Hours 9:00 a.m. in Ranthambore =	4:30 a.m.	3:30 a.m.	10:30 p.m. the previous day
Nosy Be, Madagascar UTC +3 Hours 9:00 a.m. in Nosy Be =	7:00 a.m.	6:00 a.m.	1:00 a.m.
Volcanoes Nat. Park, Rwanda UTC +2 Hours 9:00 a.m. in Volcanoes NP =	8:00 a.m.	7:00 a.m.	2:00 a.m.
Masai Mara, Kenya UTC +3 Hour 9:00 a.m. in Masai Mara =	7:00 a.m.	6:00 a.m.	1:00 a.m.
Boston, Mass., USA UTC -5 9:00 a.m. in Boston =	3:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.

# PACKING LIST & BAGGAGE RESTRICTIONS

## WILDLIFE SAFARI: AROUND THE WORLD BY PRIVATE JET

### PACKING LIST

This journey includes travel to regions that have a wide range of climates. As a result, we recommend you pack clothes that would be suitable in summer, autumn and winter.

When primate tracking, wear long pants and shirts made of sturdy fabric to protect against scratches from stinging nettles and thorny vegetation. Also bring a good pair of comfortable walking/hiking boots with textured soles, and ideally a good pair of protective leather or study gloves should also be worn. Gaiters are also highly recommended. Avoid wearing perfume or cologne. Those with longer hair may wish to wear it in a ponytail or tuck it under a hat to avoid being tangled with thorny vegetation or flying insects.

#### Clothing

- 3-4 pairs of casual slacks
- 5-6 casual short-sleeve shirts or tops
- 2-3 Evening outfits for special occasions (smart casual)
- 1-2 Pairs of comfortable walking shoes with low or no heels
- Light raincoat
- Sleepwear (both warm and lightweight)
- Hats (1 for sun protection, 1 warm hat)
- 2-3 pairs of walking shorts/capri pants
- 2-3 long sleeve shirts or tops
- Warm, lined jacket or parka
- Warm gloves
- Sweater or lightweight jacket
- Personal garments
- Swimwear and cover-up

#### Miscellaneous Items

- Passport with relevant visas
- Prescription medications and copy of prescriptions
- Aspirin/pain relievers
- Antacids/laxatives/anti-diarrhea medicine/motion sickness tablets /Alka Seltzer
- Simple first-aid kit (including antihistamines or cortisone cream to treat insect stings)
- If you wear glasses or contact lenses, consider bringing an extra pair; contact lens solution
- Moisturizing cream and lip balm
- Sun screen, at least SPF 50
- Photography equipment: batteries (lithium batteries recommended for longer life), memory cards, charging cables. A waterproof case and lens brush are also recommended.
- Hand sanitizer
- Insect repellent with high % of DEET to protect against mosquitos, bees, wasps and tsetse flies
- Personal toiletries; hair dryers are provided at all accommodations
- Low-suds detergent for washing small or personal items
- Lightweight foldable umbrella
- Personal electronics and chargers; global travel adapter

Please note that while properties will provide basic toiletries and in some cases insect repellent, you may wish to bring your own if you have specific preferences.

Traveller's Valet, A&K's complimentary laundry service for 10 articles of clothing per person, will be provided twice during your journey. Dry cleaning is not included.

#### BAGGAGE RESTRICTIONS

<b>On board the A&amp;K Private Jet</b>	<p>Two pieces of checked baggage with a maximum combined weight of 80 pounds (36 kilograms). Total dimensions of any single piece of checked baggage are not to exceed 62 inches (157 centimeters). Dimensions are calculated by adding together the length, height and width of the piece of baggage.</p> <p>One piece of carry-on baggage with a maximum weight of 22 pounds (10 kilograms). Dimensions of the carry-on bag are not to exceed 22 inches x 16 inches x 8 inches (55 centimeters x 40 centimeters x 20 centimeters).</p>
<b>Flights aboard light aircraft in Kenya</b>	<p>One piece of checked baggage with a maximum weight of 33 pounds (15 kilograms). A specially designed A&amp;K duffel will be sent to you in a future mailing and we ask that you please use it for these flights. The remainder of your luggage will be stored. When not in use, we suggest you fold your A&amp;K duffel and pack it in your checked baggage aboard the private jet.</p>
<b>Land Transfers in Rwanda</b>	<p>Transfers in Rwanda are by safari vehicles and luggage is restricted to one soft-sided piece of luggage with a maximum weight of 33 pounds (15 kilograms). The A&amp;K duffel should be used for these transfers. The remainder of your luggage will be stored.</p>

Normal airport security requirements apply to your Private Jet Journey. For carry-on luggage, please make certain to carry travel-size toiletries that fit comfortably in one, quart-size, shaving kit or make-up bag. Larger bottles must be packed in your checked luggage.

#### OF SPECIAL NOTE: PLASTIC BAGS IN RWANDA AND KENYA

The governments of Rwanda and Kenya have implemented a ban on plastic bags. The ban applies to "carrier and flat bags," primarily targeting bags from shops and grocery stores, but also extending to Ziploc bags, duty-free bags and bubble wrap. If tourists have those types of bags visible while in the airport, they are likely to be confiscated. Bags designed for multiple use, such as zippered cosmetic bags, are not included in the ban.