

# ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

## SOUTH KOREA & JAPAN: CULTURAL LEGACIES OF THE EAST

### 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.

#### South Korea

Holders of U.S. and Canadian passports are not required to obtain a tourist visa for entry into **South Korea** for stays of up to 90 days.

#### Japan

Holders of U.S. and Canadian passports are not required to obtain a tourist visa for entry into **Japan** for stays of up to 90 days.

The Japanese government recommends that, prior to your arrival in Japan, travellers complete a Customs form and Immigration Declaration form, which can be found on the Visit Japan webpage [digital.go.jp/en/services/visit\\_japan\\_web-en/](https://digital.go.jp/en/services/visit_japan_web-en/). You will need to create an account and provide your passport and travel information. Once you register, you will receive a unique QR code for each form to present to relevant authorities on arrival in Japan.

Our partner VisaCentral offers easy, efficient U.S. passport 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

South Korea and Japan currently have 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.

### MALARIA PREVENTION

You will be travelling to an area of malaria transmission. We strongly advise that you speak with your doctor or travel clinic regarding your itinerary, individual risk assessment and options for mosquito bite prevention and antimalarial drugs. We recommend filling any prescriptions before you depart.

### LOCAL HEALTH & SAFETY PROTOCOLS

#### 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](https://www.us.emb-japan.go.jp/english/html/medication-info-japan.html) for more information on bringing medications into Japan.

### CASH & CREDIT CARDS

**South Korea:** Cash transactions should be made in South Korean won. 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.

**Japan:** Cash transactions should be made in Japanese yen. 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. Many ATM machines do not accept credit or debit cards issued outside of Japan. Exceptions include ATMs found in 7-11 stores, post offices, international airports, some major department stores and Family Mart convenience stores.

## PACKING LIST & BAGGAGE RESTRICTIONS

On the international flight between Busan, South Korea and Osaka, each passenger must adhere to the following baggage restrictions based on class of service:

**Checked Baggage in Economy Class:** Each passenger is limited to one piece of checked baggage with a maximum weight of approximately 50 pounds (23 kilograms). Dimensions should not exceed 62 total inches (158 centimeters).

**Carry-On Baggage in Economy Class:** Each passenger is limited to one piece of carry-on baggage with a maximum weight of approximately 25 pounds (12 kilograms). Dimensions should not exceed 45 total inches (115 centimeters).

**Checked Baggage in Business Class:** Each passenger is limited to two pieces of checked baggage with a maximum, combined weight of approximately 70 pounds (32 kilograms). Dimensions of any single item should not exceed 62 total inches (158 centimeters).

**Carry-On Baggage in Business Class:** Each passenger is limited two pieces of carry-on baggage with a maximum, combined weight of approximately 40 pounds (18 kilograms). Dimensions of any single item should not exceed 45 total inches (115 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.

### Clothing

Choose versatile, casual clothing that can be layered if the weather requires. Smart casual attire is appropriate for evenings. Formal clothing is not necessary.

Temples and other religious sites require modest dress to enter. Guests are advised to pack clothing that covers knees, shoulders, and upper arms for select visits. You may be required to remove shoes when entering sacred sites.

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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"/> Sweater or lightweight jacket                                                                                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Long comfortable skirts for women                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Comfortable walking shoes with traction                                                                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Lightweight raincoat or poncho                      |
| <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 (some hotels enforce a minimum age restriction and/or daily fee to use the swimming pool, payable on-site) | <input type="checkbox"/> Foldable umbrella for rain protection and sun shade |

### Other Recommended Items

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Face masks and hand sanitizer | <input type="checkbox"/> Sun block and insect repellent |
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- Sunglasses
- Simple first-aid kit
- Extra eyeglasses/contact lenses
- Charging cables for electronics
- Prescriptions and medications (in their original bottles and/or packaging)
- Smartphone
- Global travel adapter

Optional Items

- Small LED flashlight
- Lightweight binoculars
- Foldable walking stick
- 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) depending on the type of journey.

	<b>All Small Group Journeys and Pre/Post Tour Group Extensions</b>	<b>Tailor Made Journeys</b>
Resident Tour Director or Group Extension Guide	\$15 per person, per day	Not applicable
Local Guides	Included	\$20 per person, per day (full day)
Drivers	Included	\$10 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.