

# ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

## AFRICA: ACROSS A CONTINENT BY PRIVATE JET

### FEBRUARY 4 - 26, 2025

#### REVIEW YOUR PASSPORT

Your passport needs to be valid beyond August 26, 2025. For this journey you need at least 11 completely blank visa pages available in your passport for entry and exit stamps. At least two facing blank visa pages are required for entering South Africa.

U.S. passport holders who frequently travel internationally may be able to obtain a second passport, which is valid for up to 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.

Please be sure to travel with the passport you provide to A&K, as it will be used to secure arrangements on your behalf. If you plan to travel with more than one passport for any reason, please notify A&K.

#### SECURE YOUR VISAS

U.S. and Canadian passport holders must obtain electronic visas (eVisas) for **Rwanda** and **Benin** and an Electronic Travel Authority (eTA) for entry into **Kenya** prior to departure.

A&K will assist in obtaining visas on arrival in **Zimbabwe** for guests and the visa fee has been included in your journey price.

A&K provides a concierge service through our partner, Pinnacle TDS, to facilitate the procurement of these required visas. Pinnacle TDS can also assist you with information on the steps required for obtaining a second passport and process the application on your behalf. You may call them at 888 838 4867, visit them online at [Pinnacle TDS](#) or email [AandK@pinnacletds.com](mailto:AandK@pinnacletds.com) for specific instructions.

**Visa applications must be received by Pinnacle no fewer than 60 days prior to your departure from your shipping address or by December 6, 2024, whichever is sooner.** Documents received after the deadline will be subject to a per-person expediting fee.

Visas are currently not required for U.S. or Canadian passport holders for United Kingdom, Tunisia, Botswana, South Africa and Morocco.

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.

#### REGISTER YOUR JOURNEY

We 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](http://step.state.gov/step)). Canadian citizens can enroll in Registration of Canadians Abroad at [travel.gc.ca/travelling/registration](http://travel.gc.ca/travelling/registration).

#### COVID-19 COUNTRY ENTRY REQUIREMENTS & TRAVEL ADVISORIES

There are no COVID-19 vaccination or testing requirements for the countries visited on this journey for U.S. and Canadian residents. Visit the U.S. Department of State at [travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov) or the Government of Canada at [travel.gc.ca/travelling/advisories](http://travel.gc.ca/travelling/advisories) for up-to-date information. All requirements are subject to change.

## UPDATE VACCINES & MEDICATIONS

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

A yellow fever vaccination is required for this journey. You must carry an International Certificate of Vaccination provided by your doctor. Without this, you may be denied entry to some countries. 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.

Several countries included on the itinerary are listed on the CDC and WHO websites as risk areas for malaria transmission. We strongly recommend that you speak with your doctor or travel clinic regarding the itinerary, your individual risk assessment and options for mosquito bite prevention and antimalarial drugs. Please fill any prescriptions before you depart, as you will not be able to obtain these medications while travelling.

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.

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.

## LOCAL HEALTH & SAFETY PROTOCOLS

### Physical Fitness

This journey includes some early mornings and drives on bumpy roads to reach remote areas where wildlife live. Primate trekking in Rwanda requires some long walks over uneven terrain and steep climbs. A reasonable physical fitness level is necessary.

### Elevation in Rwanda

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

## 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 will 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.

## TIME ZONES

Many websites and smartphone apps allow you to check time zones for specific destinations. We recommend [timeanddate.com/worldclock](https://timeanddate.com/worldclock). Upon arrival, the time on most smartphones will automatically adjust to the local time.

<b>9:00 a.m. in Destination</b>	<b>Universal Time (UTC)</b>	<b>Continental Europe</b>	<b>United Kingdom</b>	<b>New York &amp; Ottawa</b>
London, England	UTC	10:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	4:00 a.m.

Tunis, Tunisia	+1	9:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	3:00 a.m.
Nairobi, Kenya	+3	7:00 a.m.	6:00 a.m.	1:00 a.m.
Kigali, Rwanda	+2	8:00 a.m.	7:00 a.m.	2:00 a.m.
Kasane, Botswana	+2	8:00 a.m.	7:00 a.m.	2:00 a.m.
Cape Town, South Africa	+2	8:00 a.m.	7:00 a.m.	2:00 a.m.
Cotonou, Benin	+1	9:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	3:00 a.m.
Er Rachidia/Marrakech, Morocco	+1	9:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	3:00 a.m.

## MONEY MATTERS

We recommend travelling with some cash, and at least two different major credit cards from different payment networks, 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.

Cash amounts over US \$1600 must be declared upon entry to Tunisia. 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.

	<b>Local Currency</b>	<b>Credit Cards Accepted</b>	<b>Access to ATMs</b>
London, England	British Pound	Yes	Yes
Tunis , Tunisia	Tunisian Dinar	Yes	Yes
Nairobi, Kenya	Kenyan Shilling	At Lodge	No
Kigali, Rwanda	Rwanda Franc	At Lodges	No
Kasane, Botswana	Botswana Pula	Limited	Limited
Cape Town, South Africa	South African Rand	Yes	Yes
Cotonou, Benin	CFA Franc	Limited	No
Er Rachidia/Marrakech, Morocco	Moroccan Dirham	Yes	Yes

## 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.

## WEATHER

We recommend [weather.com](http://weather.com) to check the forecast for your journey.

	<b>Average High February</b>	<b>Average Low February</b>	<b>Average Days w/Rain</b>
London, England	45°F / 7°C	37°F / 3°C	16
Tunis, Tunisia	62°F / 16°C	47°F / 8°C	8

Nairobi, Kenya	82°F / 28°C	55°F / 13°C	4
Kigali, Rwanda	81°F / 27°C	63°F / 17°C	11
Kasane, Botswana	86°F / 30°C	68°F / 20°C	12
Cape Town, South Africa	76°F / 24°C	63°F / 17°C	1
Cotonou, Benin	89°F / 31 °C	79°F / 27°C	3
Er Rachidia/Marrakech, Morocco	69°F / 20.5°C	47°F / 8.3°C	4

## PACKING LIST

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.

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Mosques and other religious sites in Tunisia and Morocco require conservative dress. Both sexes should cover their arms, legs and shoulders (women should pack a scarf for this purpose.) Wear or carry a pair of socks when sightseeing, since shoes must be removed when visiting certain religious sites.

For game viewing, wear neutral colors (though not camouflage, which is illegal in most national parks and reserves). Black, navy or other dark colors tend to attract insects.

While 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 a good pair of protective leather or sturdy gloves. Gaiters are also highly recommended, and will be provided by your lodge.

Be sure to bring a global travel adapter set with you to recharge your electronics. You can purchase a global travel adapter and many items on our packing list through A&K's Travel Store at [usa.thetraveloutfitter.com](http://usa.thetraveloutfitter.com).

### Clothing

- 3-4 pairs of casual slacks
- 5-6 casual short-sleeve shirts or tops; include one white shirt (men and women) to wear at the vodoun ceremony in Benin
- Welcome dinner attire (smart casual; no jackets required)
- 1-2 pairs of comfortable walking shoes with low or no heels; lightweight hiking boots and gaiters
- 1 pair of flip-flops
- Sleepwear (both warm and lightweight)
- Personal garments (sports bra for women for bumpy roads)
- 2-3 pairs of walking shorts/capri pants
- 2-3 long sleeve shirts or tops
- Sweater or lightweight jacket
- Swimwear and cover-up
- Brimmed hat for sun protection (provided by A&K)
- Light raincoat (rain poncho provided by A&K)
- Gloves: leather or sturdy pair for gorilla trekking
- Socks

Miscellaneous Items

- Passport with relevant visas; original yellow fever vaccination card
- Prescription medications and copy of prescriptions
- Antimalarial and any other preventative medication recommended by your physician or travel clinic
- 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
- Face masks and 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 except at A&K Private Desert Tented Camp in Morocco
- Low-suds detergent for washing small or personal items
- Personal electronics and chargers; global travel adapter
- Bandana or light scarf to keep the sun off your neck
- Sun screen, at least SPF 50
- Binoculars (optional)
- Photography equipment: batteries (lithium batteries recommended for longer life), memory cards, charging cables. A waterproof case and lens brush are also recommended.

*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 during your stay in Kenya and Botswana. Dry cleaning is not included.*

**BAGGAGE RESTRICTIONS**

<p><b>On board the A&amp;K private jet</b></p>	<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>
<p><b>Flights aboard light aircraft in Kenya and Botswana, and for your overnight in the Sahara in Morocco</b></p>	<p>Each guest will be limited to one piece of soft-sided baggage with a maximum weight of 33 pounds (15 kilograms), along with one small carry-on bag. This includes the weight of purses and camera equipment in addition to regular luggage. Luggage restrictions are adhered to very strictly and passengers should pack accordingly. 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>

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.

### PRIVATE JET FLIGHTS

<b>Date</b>	<b>Routing</b>	<b>Duration</b>
February 4	London - Tunis	3 hours
February 8	Tunis – Nairobi	7 hours 25 min
February 12	Nairobi – Kigali	1 hour 20 min
February 15	Kigali – Victoria Falls	2 hours 45 min
February 18	Victoria Falls – Cape Town	2 hours 45 min
February 21	Cape Town – Cotonou	6 hours 30 min
February 23	Cotonou – Er Rachidia	5 hours
February 24	Er Rachidia – Marrakech	1 hour min
February 26	Marrakech – London	3 hours 35 min

### LOCAL CHARTER FLIGHTS

<b>Date</b>	<b>Routing</b>	<b>Duration</b>
February 9	Nairobi – Masai Mara	1 hour
February 12	Masai Mara - Nairobi	1 hour
February 15	Victoria Falls – Kasane	30 minutes

### OF SPECIAL NOTE: PLASTIC BAGS

All countries visited on this journey 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 duty-free bags and bubble wrap. If a visitor has these types of bags visible while in the airport, they are likely to be confiscated, and a fine may be levied. Bags designed for repeated use, such as zippered cosmetic bags, are not included in the ban.

### 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

Drones are strictly prohibited in Tunisia and Morocco, and telephoto camera lenses are not permitted in Tunisia. You may safely store any lenses onboard the jet until the next destination. 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.