

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION OMAN & UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

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.

Oman

Holders of U.S. and Canadian passports are not required to obtain a tourist visa for entry into Oman for stays of up to 14 days. On arrival, U.S. and Canadian passport holders must provide proof of a confirmed hotel reservation, proof of travel insurance including medical coverage for the length of stay, and a valid return airline ticket.

United Arab Emirates

A no-fee visitor visa is required for U.S. and Canadian passport holders for entry into the United Arab Emirates. Tourist visas, which are valid for stays of up to 30 days, are currently being offered free of charge on arrival at all points of entry (subject to change without notice). Guests need not obtain a visa prior to departure.

Our partner VisaCentral offers easy, efficient U.S. passport and visa processing. Visit them online at 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.

YELLOW FEVER VACCINATION

A yellow fever vaccination is only required to enter **Oman** and the **United Arab Emirates** if you are arriving from, or have transited through, a yellow fever-endemic area in South America or Africa. The CDC and WHO each provide a current list of all affected countries. If vaccination for yellow fever is necessary, you must carry an International Certificate of Vaccination provided by your physician; you may be denied entry without it. 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/countries you are visiting.

LOCAL HEALTH & SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Bringing Medications into the United Arab Emirates

Please note that the United Arab Emirates strictly controls the import (even for personal use) of some prescription and over-the-counter medications which are commonly used in the United States. We suggest that you consult the UAE Ministry of Health & Prevention online at [Issue of Permit to Import Medicines for Personal Use | Services | Ministry of Health and Prevention - UAE \(moh.gov.ae\)](https://www.moh.gov.ae/Issue-of-Permit-to-Import-Medicines-for-Personal-Use-Services-Ministry-of-Health-and-Prevention) for further information.

CASH & CREDIT CARDS

In both Oman and the United Arab Emirates: Cash transactions should be made in local currency. 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.

OF SPECIAL NOTE: ALCOHOL IN OMAN & UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Alcoholic beverages are widely available for non-Muslim adults in most high-end restaurants and hotel bars. However, the possession and/or consumption of alcohol in public outside of these establishments is prohibited and punishable by law.

PACKING LIST & BAGGAGE RESTRICTIONS

On flights between Muscat and Abu Dhabi, 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 (22.5 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 17 pounds (8 kilograms).

Checked Baggage in Business Class: Each passenger is limited to one piece of checked baggage with a maximum weight of approximately 70 pounds (32 kilograms). Dimensions should not exceed 62 total inches (158 centimeters).

Carry-on Baggage in Business Class: Each passenger is limited to two pieces of carry-on baggage with a maximum combined weight of approximately 17 pounds (8 kilograms).

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.

Temples, mosques and other religious sites 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.

- Casual slacks
- Walking shorts
- Polo shirts, casual short-sleeve shirts or blouses
- Long sleeve shirts or blouses
- Long comfortable skirts for women
- Scarf large enough to cover neck and shoulders for women
- Sweater or lightweight jacket
- Comfortable walking shoes with traction
- Brimmed hat for sun protection
- Foldable umbrella to use as sun shade
- Sleepwear
- Personal garments
- Socks
- Swimwear/cover-up

Other Recommended Items

- Face masks and hand sanitizer
- Sun block / Insect repellent
- Sunglasses
- Prescriptions and medications (in their original bottles and/or packaging)
- Simple first-aid kit
- Smartphone
- Extra eyeglasses/contact lenses
- Global travel adapter
- Charging cables for electronics

Optional Items

- Small LED flashlight
- 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.

	All Small Group Journeys and Pre/Post Tour Group Extensions	Tailor Made Journeys
Resident Tour Director or Group Extension Guide	\$15 per person, per day	Not applicable
Local Guide (driving own vehicle)	Not applicable	\$40 per person, per day (full day)
Local Guide (with separate driver)	Not applicable	\$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.