

# ESSENTIAL INFORMATION BRAZIL

## 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 one (1) blank visa page for entry and exit stamps.

**Beginning April 10, 2025, an Electronic Tourist Visa (eVisa) will be required for U.S. and Canadian passport holders for entry into Brazil.** To apply for an eVisa, visit [brazil.vfsevisa.com/](http://brazil.vfsevisa.com/). The announced fee is to be USD \$80.90 (subject to change without notice). During the application process you may be required to upload electronic copies the following:

- Scanned photocopy of your passport (photos not accepted).
- Passport-style photograph (2" x 2" with a white background).
- PDF of one of the following: Confirmation of international flight reservations showing entrance into and exit from Brazil, copy of your day-by-day itinerary or the information page of your passport.
- Bank statement showing an available balance of at least US \$2,000.00 for the last 30 days, to cover travel expenses.

All copies should be clear, legible and file sizes should not and not exceed 1MB. Note: In the application you will see the anagram "OTP," this means one time password.

If asked to provide a local contact on your eVisa application, you may list A&K Brazil:

Abercrombie & Kent Brazil  
Rua. Visconde de Pirajá, 414/Room 901  
Ipanema, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil  
Telephone: +55 21 3648-3608

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

## Visiting Argentina side of Iguazu Falls

If your journey includes a visit to the Argentina side of Iguazu Falls, please be aware that holders of U.S. and Canadian passports are not required to obtain a tourist visa for entry into Argentina for stays of up to 90 days.

## Minors Travelling To/Through Brazil Without One or Both Parents

We recommend that families of minors travelling to Brazil without one or both parents carry documentation that proves their relationship to the child (e.g., birth certificate) and that they have permission to travel with the child (e.g., consent letter). Please contact the nearest Brazilian embassy or consulate for more information.

Citizens of other countries should contact the appropriate consular office for entry requirements pertaining to their journey.

## LOCAL HEALTH & SAFETY PROTOCOLS

### Travelling to the Amazon & Pantanal

If travelling to the Amazonian rainforest regions or Pantanal wetlands, please note that temperatures and humidity can be extreme. Take precautions against mosquitos by wearing long-sleeved shirts, long pants and hats and use an insect repellent to help prevent bites. (Higher percentages of active ingredient provide you with longer protection.)

If you are taking a cruise on the Amazon River, most of the activities require transferring from the ship to small boats. Brazil's wetlands are one of the world's most diverse and best preserved wilderness ecosystems. However, the vast majority of the diversity is in the form of insects, small mammals and birds. Larger species are shy and unpredictable. When you do encounter wildlife, you will not have a clear ample field of view as in Antarctica or on the plains of Africa. A good pair of binoculars (along with a sense of curiosity) will enhance your experience in these ecosystems.

## CASH & CREDIT CARDS

Major credit cards are widely accepted in urban areas. ATM machines are easily accessible. When using credit cards or ATMs in Brazil, exercise caution when using these payment methods and carefully monitor your banking online for non-authorized charges during the course of your visit.

## PACKING LIST & BAGGAGE RESTRICTIONS

For checked baggage on flights within Brazil, each traveller is limited to one (1) piece per person with a maximum weight of 50 pounds (23 kilograms) with linear dimensions (height+width+depth) not to exceed 62 inches (157 centimeters). For carry-on baggage, each traveller is allowed one (1) personal item (such as a purse or laptop) and one (1) piece weighing up to 17 pounds (8 kilograms). Any additional or overweight pieces will be charged on check-in and excess baggage fees are the traveller's responsibility.

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 find 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.

If visiting rainforest regions in the Amazon or the Pantanal wetland regions: expedition-type ventilated long-sleeved shirts and pants (including some pants with zip-off legs that convert long-pants into shorts). Light and neutral colors are best; black, navy or other dark colors tend to attract insects. Optional: river sandals such as Texas®.

- Casual slacks
- Walking shorts
- Polo shirts, casual short-sleeve shirts or blouses
- Long sleeve shirts or blouses
- Comfortable walking shoes with low or no heels
- Lightweight raincoat or poncho
- Waterproof, lightweight, well-broken in hiking boots for trekking activities in Amazon or the Pantanal (if applicable)
- Brimmed hat for sun protection
- Bandana or light scarf to keep the sun off your neck
- Sweater or light fleece jacket
- Personal garments
- Sleepwear
- Swimwear/cover-up
- Socks

### Other Recommended Items

- Face masks and hand sanitizer
- Sun block and lip balm

- Simple first-aid kit
- Prescriptions and medications (in their original bottles and/or packaging)
- Extra eyeglasses/contact lenses
- Charging cables for electronics
- Sunglasses
- Mosquito repellent
- Smartphone
- Global travel adapter

Optional Items

- Small LED flashlight
- Lightweight binoculars
- River sandals such as Tevas®
- Foldable walking stick
- Small waterproof daypack

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	\$15 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
Cruise vessels	Included	\$10-\$15 per person, per day – Gratuities accepted on board the boat and shared among the staff.
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.