

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION FOR WINGS OVER ISRAEL, JORDAN & EGYPT

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.

Israel

Holders of U.S. and Canadian passports are not required to obtain a tourist visa for entry into Israel for stays of up to 90 days. You will be issued entry and exit cards for Israel upon arrival at Ben Gurion Airport (TLV) in Tel Aviv. It is recommended that you bring a large paperclip or binder clip to secure these cards to your passport during the course of your journey.

Jordan

An Electronic Visa (eVisa) is required for U.S. and Canadian passport holders for entry into Jordan.

Electronic Visa (eVisa): To apply for an eVisa, visit the Ministry of Interior website, selecting the Electronic Visa option: <https://eservices.moi.gov.jo>. EVisas are valid for entry to Jordan by air and all land border crossings including entering Jordan from Israel via the Allenby Bridge. The current fee for a single-entry visa is 40 Jordanian dinars (approximately USD \$56); subject to change without notice. If required a double-entry visa may be obtained for 60 Jordanian dinars (approximately USD \$85). Please be aware that eVisas are valid for 90 days after issuance. Therefore, do not apply for your eVisa too far in advance. You will need a valid email address and credit or debit card to apply. Read and follow all instructions carefully to ensure a smooth arrival in Jordan. There is also a 2 Jordanian dinar service fee for standard processing which may take one to two weeks. Once approved, you will receive an email with a QR code, which you will need to present to Jordanian immigration authorities.

Egypt

A tourist visa is required for U.S. and Canadian passport holders for entry into Egypt.

There are currently three options available as outlined below. A&K recommends an electronic visa (eVisa).

Electronic Visa (eVisa): To apply for an eVisa, visit visa2egypt.gov.eg/eVisa/Home. The current fee for a single-entry visa is USD \$25 (subject to change without notice) and requires a minimum of seven (7) days for processing. Read and follow all instructions carefully to ensure a smooth arrival in Egypt. If the visa application asks you to provide an email address for your host tour operator in Egypt, please use akegypt@abercrombiekent.com.eg. You may also be required to upload documents (e.g. passport photo or copy of your passport information page) to complete the eVisa process. Please be aware that eVisas are valid for 90 days after issuance. Therefore do not apply for your eVisa too far in advance. If you experience technical problems with the eVisa website, try again a few hours later or the following day.

Visa on Arrival: A tourist visa can be obtained on arrival at Cairo International Airport (CAI). The current fee for a single-entry visa is USD \$25 (subject to change without notice) and must be paid in cash in U.S. dollars. *Please be aware that long lines are common.*

Visa Stamp: A visa stamp in your passport can be obtained either by applying directly to an Egyptian consulate or through a visa processing service. While there are additional costs involved in using a visa service, this option is available for guests who prefer assistance in the visa process. Please note that Egyptian consulates will often not accept visa applications submitted more than 30 days prior to your arrival in Egypt, so do not apply for your visa too early.

If you are asked to provide contact information for your local tour operator, please use:

ABERCROMBIE & KENT EGYPT

2 Talaat Harb Street – 7th Floor

Cairo

Egypt

Telephone: 011 20 2 2394 7701

After Hours Emergency Telephone: 011 20 12 221 84376

Our partner VisaCentral offers easy, efficient 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.

COVID-19 COUNTRY ENTRY REQUIREMENTS & TRAVEL ADVISORIES

Egypt, Jordan and Israel 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 or the Government of Canada at travel.gc.ca/travelling/advisories for up-to-date information and travel advisories. All requirements are subject to change.

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Israel

- Travellers are required to have proof of travel insurance outlining medical coverage valid for their time in Israel. Airlines may check for proof of insurance before boarding.

YELLOW FEVER VACCINATION

A yellow fever vaccination is only required to enter Egypt and Jordan 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. Yellow Fever vaccination is not required vaccinations to enter **Israel**.

LOCAL HEALTH & SAFETY PROTOCOLS

A visit to the ancient site of Petra in Jordan is an active excursion involving long walks over uneven terrain, steep climbs and exposure to high temperatures. A robust level of fitness is necessary. A visit to Petra may be challenging for travellers with mobility issues.

CASH & CREDIT CARDS

In both **Jordan** and **Israel**: Cash transactions should be 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.

Egypt: Cash transactions can be made in either U.S. dollars or 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:

Early Wake-Up Calls

In order to maximize sightseeing opportunities and avoid the extreme heat of the mid-day hours, most Egypt journeys include several days with very early wake-up calls.

Photography

Please be aware that, due to security restrictions, drones and/or drone cameras are not permitted in Egypt.

Food & Drink in Israel

Most restaurants in Israel (including those located within hotels) observe kosher dietary laws which forbid the mixing of meat and dairy products in the same meal/restaurant. Some of these restaurants are also closed on Friday evenings and all day Saturday in observance of Shabbat. As a result, these factors will limit available menu and dining choices during your time in Israel.

PACKING LIST & BAGGAGE RESTRICTIONS

On charter air flights during this journey, each passenger is limited to approximately 70 pounds (32 kilograms) of checked baggage. For carry-on baggage, passengers are allowed one piece of baggage with a maximum weight of approximately 10 pounds (4.5 kilograms.) Dimensions of your carry-on bag must not exceed 7 inches (18 centimeters) x 15 inches (38 centimeters) x 21 inches (53 centimeters). Carry-on bags for your group will be stowed with the checked luggage and will not be accessible during flights.

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 and aboard your Nile Cruise vessel. 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.

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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"/> Long comfortable skirts for women | <input type="checkbox"/> Scarf large enough to cover neck and shoulders for women |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sweater or lightweight jacket | <input type="checkbox"/> Comfortable walking shoes with traction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brimmed hat for sun protection | <input type="checkbox"/> Foldable umbrella to use as sun shade |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sleepwear | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal garments |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Socks | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimwear/cover-up |

Other Recommended Items

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Face masks and hand sanitizer | <input type="checkbox"/> Sun block / Insect repellent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses | <input type="checkbox"/> Prescriptions and medications (in their original bottles and/or packaging) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Simple first-aid kit | |

- Extra eyeglasses/contact lenses
- Smartphone
- Charging cables for electronics
- Global travel adapter

Optional Items

- Small LED flashlight
- Foldable walking stick
- Small daypack or fanny pack

Note: We recommend that guests do not bring binoculars when travelling to Jordan and Egypt. There have been reports of binoculars being confiscated upon arrival resulting in delays at the airport or border crossings.

Laundry service is available at most hotels and aboard your Nile Cruise vessel. 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 (Egyptologist) or Group Extension Guide	Per person, per day: Jordan and Egypt: \$15 Israel: \$20	Not applicable
Local Guide (Egyptologist)	Not applicable	Per person, per day (full day): Jordan and Egypt: \$25 Israel: \$40
Drivers	Included	Per person, per day (full day) Jordan and Egypt: \$15 Israel: \$25
Airport Transfer Drivers	Included	Per person, per transfer Jordan and Egypt: \$5 Israel: \$10
Hotel Porters	Included	\$2 per bag
Nile Cruise Vessel (if applicable)	Included	\$10-\$15 per person, per day – Gratuities are accepted on board and shared among the staff.
Housekeepers	Included	\$2 per person, per night
Included Meals	Included	Included
Restaurants or Room Service on Own	12-15% unless already added	12-15% 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.

Please Note: In both **Egypt** and **Jordan** it is extremely common to encounter restroom attendants in airports, bazaars, and other sites frequented by tourists. While not compulsory, it is customary to tip these individuals an amount in local currency equal to approximately .25 to .50 cents.

LIFE ON BOARD: 'SANCTUARY ZEIN NILE CHATEAU'

General Information

Drawing from Egypt's history, culture and geography, the luxurious, individually designed cabins and suites with modern bathrooms give way to an Arabian-themed Sun Deck with a heated dipping pool, spacious dining area, lounge and game room. A panoramic Upper Deck affords an ideal perch from which to watch life along the Nile flow by.

The smallest of Sanctuary Retreats' boats, 'Sanctuary Zein Nile Chateau' is the first of its kind on the Nile. With only four cabins and two suites, it is the epitome of style. This bespoke *dahabeah* can sail off the beaten path, unlike other vessels.

Throughout your cruise, enjoy incomparable onboard service, top-notch amenities and lively entertainment.

Hairdryers are available in cabins. Laundry service is available on board.

Currency

Visa and MasterCard are accepted on board as payment for incidentals. On board accounts can also be paid in cash in U.S. Dollars or local currency.

Language & Communications

English is the official language on board 'Sanctuary Zein Nile Chateau'. The vessel offers complimentary Wi-Fi service in the games room (connectivity may be sporadic in some locations). It is recommended that mobile-phone usage be confined to the privacy of your own cabin.

Food and Drink

Meals on board 'Sanctuary Zein Nile Chateau' are a feast for the senses. On an A&K journey, you enjoy friendly, personalized service in a spacious, well-appointed dining room. A dedicated team of internationally trained chefs prepare meals from fresh ingredients (many purchased that day at riverside towns you visit). Every meal is a three-course affair that blends local and continental cuisine. Local wine and beer is included during lunches and dinners.

Electricity

Electrical service on board the vessel is 220 volts / 50 hertz.