

# ESSENTIAL INFORMATION JORDAN & ISRAEL

## 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.

### 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). EVisas are valid for 3 months. 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.

Travellers departing Jordan and making land crossings from **Jordan** into **Israel** are required to pay a departure tax of 10 Jordanian Dinars (approximately USD \$15).

### 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.

Entry and exit cards will also be issued to travellers entering Israel via the following land border crossings from Jordan:

- Allenby Bridge in central Israel, near Jerusalem
- Arava crossing (Wadi al-'Arabah) in the south near Eilat
- Jordan River crossing via the Sheikh Hussein Bridge near the Sea of Galilee

Please be aware that the Allenby Bridge border crossing between Jordan and Israel is a secured terminal. A&K personnel are not allowed to enter this area. You will be required to pass through some portions of the immigration process on your own before being met by a VIP service member who escorts you outside to meet the A&K representative. During this entire process, your A&K representative is in telephone contact with the VIP service to monitor your progress.

Customs officials may ask to see copies of your travel documents, such as your air schedule and tour itinerary.

Our partner VisaCentral offers easy, efficient passport and visa 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.

## YELLOW FEVER VACCINATION

A yellow fever vaccination is only required to enter **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.

## OF SPECIAL NOTE: FOOD & DRINK

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

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

Note: We recommend that guests do not bring binoculars when travelling to Jordan. 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 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 and Signature/Private Journeys</b>
Resident Tour Director or Group Extension Guide	Per person, per day: Jordan: \$15 Israel: \$20	Not applicable
Local Guide (driving own vehicle)	Not applicable	\$40 per person, per day (full day)
Local Guide (with separate driver)	Not applicable	Per person, per day (full day): Jordan: \$25 Israel: \$40
Drivers	Included	Per person, per day (full day) Jordan: \$15 Israel: \$25
Airport Transfer Drivers	Included	Per person, per transfer Jordan: \$5 Israel: \$10
Hotel Porters	Included	\$2 per bag
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 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.