

# ESSENTIAL INFORMATION TURKEY

## 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.

Holders of U.S. and Canadian passports are not required to obtain a tourist visa for entry into Turkey for stays of up to 90 days.

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

## CASH & CREDIT CARDS

Major credit cards are widely accepted. ATMs are plentiful and dispense Turkish lira at the current rate of exchange. Unattended self-service payment kiosks such as those in parking garages, train stations or gas stations only accept a Chip and PIN card or cash.

## PACKING LIST & BAGGAGE RESTRICTIONS

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.

On flights within Turkey, each passenger is limited to 1 piece of checked luggage with a maximum weight of approximately 44 pounds (20 kilograms) in Economy Class and 66 pounds (30 kilograms) in Business Class. Baggage exceeding 70 pounds (32 kilograms) will not be accepted on Turkish Airlines flights. For carry-on baggage in both Economy and Business Class, each passenger is limited to 1 piece of luggage with a maximum weight of approximately 17.5 pounds (8 kilograms). Dimensions of your carry-on bag should not exceed 21 inches (53 centimeters) x 15 inches (40 centimeters) x 9 inches (23 centimeters).

### Clothing

Choose versatile, casual clothing that can be layered if the weather (or level of air-conditioning) requires. Cotton and other light fabrics are comfortable choices for summertime. Spring and autumn temperatures dictate medium-weight clothing selections. Smart casual attire is appropriate for evenings. Formal clothing is not necessary.

Mosques, cathedrals, churches, and other religious sites require conservative dress. Arms and shoulders should be covered. Barebacked, low-necked dresses or tops or short skirts are not considered appropriate attire. When entering a mosque, women must cover their heads with a scarf; shoes must be removed so wear or carry a pair of socks.

- 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 and umbrella

- Sweater or fleece jacket
- Sleepwear
- Socks
- Brimmed hat or visor for sun protection
- Personal garments
- Swimwear/cover-up

Other Recommended Items

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

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 Extensions</b>	<b>Tailor Made Journeys</b>
Resident Tour Director or Group Extension Guide	\$25 per person, per day	Not applicable
National Guides	Included	\$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
Long Distance Transfer Drivers	Not Applicable	\$25 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
Hot Air Balloon Pilots (if applicable)	\$10 per person	\$10 per person

For extra nights or Tailor Made services added to a Small Group Journey, please follow the Tailor Made Journeys guidelines for these days only.