

# ESSENTIAL INFORMATION SPAIN & PORTUGAL

## 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 three (3) blank visa pages for entry and exit stamps.

Holders of U.S. and Canadian passports are not required to obtain a tourist visa for entry into Spain and Portugal.

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.

Note: If your travel itinerary includes Gibraltar, which is part of the United Kingdom, you may need a visa if you are not a citizen of the United States or Canada. Please consult the nearest British diplomatic or consular office for information regarding entry requirements.

## COVID-19 COUNTRY ENTRY REQUIREMENTS & TRAVEL ADVISORIES

Spain and Portugal 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](https://travel.state.gov) or the Government of Canada at [travel.gc.ca/travelling/advisories](https://travel.gc.ca/travelling/advisories) for up-to-date information.

## CASH & CREDIT CARDS

Major credit cards (Visa and MasterCard) are widely accepted; Diner's Club and American Express much less so. ATM outlets are widely available. 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

On flights within Spain and Portugal, each passenger is limited to 1 piece of checked luggage with a maximum weight of approximately 50 pounds (23 kilograms). Any additional or overweight pieces will be charged on check-in. Individual suitcases weighing more than 70 pounds (32 kilos) will not be accepted for carriage. For carry-on baggage, each passenger is limited to 1 piece of luggage with a maximum weight of approximately 22 pounds (10 kilograms). Dimensions of your carry-on bag should not exceed 21 inches (53 centimeters) x 15 inches (38 centimeters) x 8 inches (20 centimeters).

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. 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.

Cathedrals, churches, and other religious sites require conservative dress. Arms and shoulders should be covered.

- Casual slacks
- Polo shirts, casual short-sleeve shirts or blouses
- Comfortable walking shoes with low or no heels
- Sweater or fleece jacket
- Sleepwear
- Socks
- Walking shorts
- Long sleeve shirts or blouses
- Lightweight raincoat and umbrella
- 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	\$20 per person, per day	Not applicable
Local 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
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.