

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION PAPUA NEW GUINEA

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.

Travellers transiting through Australia en route to Papua New Guinea

An Electronic Travel Authority visa (ETA) is required for U.S. and Canadian passport holders for entry into Australia and must be obtained prior to departure. Travellers arriving in Australia and transiting onto Papua New Guinea who must clear immigration to collect baggage to board their onward flight, leave the transit lounge for any reason or have a connection that exceeds 8 hours must obtain a visa for Australia. U.S. and Canadian citizens must apply for an ETA using the Australian ETA app on a mobile device. You can download the Australian ETA app for free from the [Apple Store \(Apple\)](#) or [Google Play store \(Android\)](#).

The current fee is AUD \$20 (subject to change without notice) and allows multiple entries for up to 12 months after the date of issuance. Read and follow all instructions carefully to ensure a smooth arrival in Australia. Once you download the app, be sure to have your passport with you when you start the e-Visa application process. More information is available here: [Step by step guide](#).

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

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Papua New Guinea

A tourist visa is required for U.S. and Canadian passport holders for entry into Papua New Guinea and must be obtained prior to departure. There are currently two options available as outlined below. A&K recommends an electronic visa (eVisa).

Electronic Visa (eVisa): To apply for an eVisa, visit <https://evisa.ica.gov.pg/evisa/account/apply> and when the page comes up and click on "Visitor" to apply. The single -entry eVisa (also referred to as an entry permit) is valid for 6 months (180 days) from the issue date and allows you to stay in Papua New Guinea for a 30-day period. We recommend that you apply for your eVisa no more than 2-3 months prior to arrival. The current fee is USD \$50 (subject to change without notice) payable by credit card. You will need a valid email address to apply. Read and follow all instructions carefully to avoid any possible complications on arrival in Papua New Guinea.

Although Papua New Guinea currently has no COVID-19 related entry requirements, as part of the on-line application process, you will be requested to upload proof of COVID-19 vaccination and complete a COVID Health form.

The following documents need to be provided/uploaded before your eVisa request can be approved:

- Corona Virus Supplementary Health Form
- Evidence of Funds (A&K Support Letter)
- Cover Letter (A&K Support Letter)
- Original COVID-19 vaccination certificate
- Copy of Passport Bio Page

Please contact Abercrombie & Kent prior to submitting your Papua New Guinea eVisa application to obtain a copy of the required Health Form and Evidence of Funds/Cover Letter. The required Evidence of Funds/Cover Letter are provided by TransNiugini Tours, A&K's representative in Papua New Guinea. One document covers both the Evidence of Funds and the Cover Letter, but must be uploaded for each category.

Visa Stamp: A visa stamp in your passport can be obtained by applying through a visa processing service. (Evidence of Funds/Cover Letter and COVID-19 vaccination card are not required when applying for a visa stamp.) While there are additional costs involved in using a visa service, this option is available for guests who prefer assistance in the visa process.

Our partner VisaCentral offers easy, efficient U.S. 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

Papua New Guinea currently has 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.

YELLOW FEVER VACCINATION & MALARIA PREVENTION

A yellow fever vaccination is only required to enter Papua New Guinea (and/or Australia) and 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.

You will be travelling to an area of malaria transmission. We strongly advise that you speak with your doctor or travel clinic regarding your itinerary, individual risk assessment and options for mosquito bite prevention and antimalarial drugs. We recommend filling any prescriptions before you depart.

CASH & CREDIT CARDS

The country has a cash-based economy. Cash transactions must be made in local currency (Kina). Smaller denominations are preferred as many village merchants cannot make change for larger bills. Major credit cards are generally accepted at larger hotels, restaurants and shops that cater to tourists. ATMs are limited in larger cities and towns, but unavailable in rural areas.

PACKING LIST & BAGGAGE RESTRICTIONS

On internal air flights within Papua New Guinea, each passenger is limited to 1 piece of checked baggage with a maximum weight of approximately 35 pounds (16 kilograms), plus a small carry-on bag or camera bag.

On flights between some lodges or the 'Sepik Spirit' cruise vessel, each passenger is limited to 1 piece of checked baggage with a maximum weight of approximately 22 pounds (10 kilograms), plus a small carry-on bag or camera bag with a maximum weight allowance of 11 pounds (5 kilograms).

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 styles that can be layered. This will maximize the versatility of your travel wardrobe and best prepare you for both warmer (Coastal) temperatures and cooler (Highland) temperatures. Dark-colored clothing may attract mosquitoes and other unwanted insects, so clothing that is light in color is suggested. Formal clothing is not necessary.

Modest clothing is suggested for touring in Papua New Guinea. Women should be especially careful to dress modestly and avoid clothing that may be considered provocative, including revealing swimsuits, sundresses, or similar apparel.

Short shorts are not commonly worn. You will find that slacks and Bermuda-length shorts are most adaptable to both Coastal and Highland temperatures and provide greater protection from insects and the sun.

- Casual slacks
- Bermuda length walking shorts
- Polo shirts, casual short-sleeve shirts or blouses
- Long sleeve shirts or blouses
- Comfortable walking shoes with traction
- Lightweight raincoat
- Sweater or lightweight jacket
- Brimmed hat for sun protection
- Warm hat
- Warm gloves
- Sleepwear
- Personal garments (women may want to pack a supportive sports bra for bumpy roads)
- Socks
- Swimwear/cover-up
- Foldable umbrella for rain protection and sun shade

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
- An inflatable pillow or stadium cushion can help make bumpy roads more comfortable.
- Soap, shampoo and conditioner. Hotel amenities are often minimal.
- Smartphone
- Extra eyeglasses/contact lenses
- Global travel adapter
- Charging cables for electronics

Optional Items

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

Laundry service is available at most hotels and dry cleaning is available in larger cities. Check costs and return times before using these services. There is no laundry service on board the 'Sepik Spirit' cruise vessel.

TIPPING GUIDELINES

While decisions regarding tipping rest entirely with you, we suggest the following gratuities (noted in U.S. dollars).

	Tailor Made Journeys
Local Guides	\$20 per person, per day (full day)
Drivers	\$10 per person, per day (full day)
Airport Transfer Drivers	\$5 per person, per transfer
Hotel Porters	\$2 per bag
Group tip boxes at Lodges or Cruise Vessels (if applicable)	\$10-\$15 per person, per day – Gratuities are accepted on site and shared among the staff.
Housekeepers	\$2 per person, per night
Included Meals	Included
Restaurants or Room Service on Own	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.

OF SPECIAL NOTE: TRAVEL IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA:

General Information

A journey to Papua New Guinea offers visitors a chance to immerse themselves in vibrant tribal cultures that have remained unchanged for centuries, while cruising rivers and exploring some of the most remote corners of the globe.

However, contrasts between the expectations of the international traveller and the realities of the destination can pose an interesting and illuminating challenge. When visiting Papua New Guinea, it is essential to pack your patience and good humor as well as your passport.

With this in mind, we would like to bring some key aspects of travel in Papua New Guinea to your attention. We hope that, by setting the proper expectations, the rewards of your cultural experience will outweigh any inconveniences imposed by the country's underdeveloped tourism infrastructure.

Cultural Interaction

One of Papua New Guinea's greatest attractions is the wide variety of Indigenous cultures to be found. We ask that, during visits to local villages, guests be sensitive to local customs and traditions.

Road Travel

Vehicles used for touring are 18-20 seat coaches. The vehicles are comfortable; however, road conditions are rough and may not be paved. There are frequent potholes. An inflatable pillow or stadium cushion can help make bumpy roads more comfortable. Women may also want to equip themselves with a supportive sports bra. There are no bathrooms on the vehicles. Comfort breaks

will be made during long drives; however, facilities are likely to be quite basic by western standards.

Foot Travel

Sightseeing in Papua New Guinea can be physically challenging. The ground will be uneven in many locations with steep steps, making walking difficult in some areas, particularly for those guests with limited mobility. In general, there are no handrails to provide assistance. In the Sepik Region, be prepared to navigate muddy embankments when boarding/d disembarking rivercraft.

Accommodations

Hotel and lodge facilities in the more remote areas outside of Port Moresby are rustic and may operate on generator power. A&K chooses the best available properties in these regions, but accommodations are more comparable to a 2 or 3 star property by western standards. Most properties have no climate control such as heating or air conditioning, though some properties will provide guests with electric blankets. Not all accommodations have hair dryers. Hotel amenities such as soap and shampoo are minimal and as a result, we suggest you pack your own.

FOOD

Meals in Papua New Guinea tend to feature meats, fish, vegetables, and tropical fruits served Australian style. At remote properties, special meal requests are not available as the meals are set menus. If vegetarian meals are required, this should be advised to the property manager at the time of check-in.

COMMUNICATION

In some locations there may be no cell phone, WI-FI or internet service available. When available, connections can be very slow and/or intermittent.