



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

TRAVELLING TO

USA AND CANADA

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UK NATIONALS

USA

- If travelling to the USA, you won't need a VISA but you will need an **in-date ESTA** (Electronic System for Travel Authorisation – travel to USA only).
- In addition to ensuring that all passport requirements are met, persons visiting the USA **must apply online for ESTA prior to travel:**

esta.cbp.dhs.gov & www.usembassy.org.uk

- All passengers eligible for travel to the USA under the Visa Waiver Programme must receive online approval a minimum of 72-hours prior to departure.
- Boarding/entry on arrival in the US may be denied if you have not received approval. The website itself is clear and concise and takes you step-by-step through the process of registering your details to travel to the USA.
- Application takes just a few moments; please ensure that you have your passport in hand when logging in. If you get a new passport after receiving approval (lost/stolen/expired) you **MUST** re-apply as the document details will have changed. You will not be able to travel without your approval matching exactly the details shown in your passport. All passengers to the USA must have an ESTA approval code a minimum of 72-hours prior to departure to board the plane.
- An approval does not guarantee entry at Customs & Immigration. It is up to all groups to ensure that each passenger has completed the form and received the necessary approval before travel. To apply, general costs are \$20 USD and the ESTA approval is valid for a 3-year period.
- Please ensure that ESTAS are **completed at least 4 weeks before travel as there have recently been delays with approvals.**
- The passport validity required is for the duration of your stay, there is no requirements for additional time in your passport, unless you are travelling via a country which requires you to have additional validity in your passport. As per Government guidelines for travel, we recommend 6 months validity of passport.

UK NATIONALS

CANADA

- If you are British, you won't need a VISA but you will need an in-date **eTA** (Electronic Travel Authorization – travel to Canada only).
- In addition to ensuring that all passport requirements are met, persons visiting Canada must apply online for eTA prior to travel:

www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/visit-canada/eta/facts.html

Only apply for an eTA on this official Government of Canada website.

- Boarding/entry on arrival in Canada may be denied if you have not received approval. The website itself is clear and concise and takes you step-by-step through the process of registering your details in order to travel to Canada. Application takes just a few moments; please ensure that you have your passport in hand when logging in. If you get a new passport after receiving approval (lost/stolen/expired) you **MUST** re-apply as the document details will have changed.
- Applying for an eTA is a simple online process that takes just a few minutes to complete. Most applicants get their eTA approval (via an email) within minutes. However, some requests **can take several days** to process if you're asked to submit supporting documents. It is best to get an eTA **before** you book your flight to Canada.
- An eTA costs CAD \$7. You can only apply and pay for **one person at a time**.
- To complete the form, you will need your passport, a credit card, and an email address. You must also answer a few questions.
- If you enter the wrong passport number on the eTA form, you will have problems flying to Canada so please ensure you enter the correct passport number. **Avoid hassles at the airport: Once your eTA is approved**, check that the passport number included in your **eTA approval email** matches the number in your passport. If they don't match, you need to **apply for a new eTA**.
- The passport validity required is for the duration of your stay, there is no requirements for additional time in your passport, unless you are travelling via a country which requires you to have additional validity in your passport. As per Government guidelines for travel, we recommend 6 months validity of passport.

NON-UK NATIONALS

USA OR CANADA

- **Parents/guardians must contact the relevant Embassy of the country you are travelling to) to check if a VISA for travel is required.**

There are some European nationals which won't require a VISA but we recommend that the parent/guardian seek this confirmation from the relevant Embassy/ Consulate.

- Visions in Education can provide a Visa support letter regarding the student to confirm the booking on the School trip. Please request this from your Tour Coordinator with the name of the student.
- You may be eligible for Visa Waiver. The **Visa Waiver Programme** offers entry into the US without the need for a visa to travellers from selected countries. The current list of countries covered can be found on the website: esta.cbp.dhs.gov
- The party leader must carry a letter from the School confirming the enrolment of the student at the School and that you are travelling on a school trip. This letter must be on headed paper from School, dated and signed by Senior Management of the School.
- The party leader must carry the consent letter from parents, giving permission for the student to attend the trip. This letter must be signed and date by one of the parents/guardians.
- **Please ensure parents/guardians request visas/any entry requirements as early as possible and check what the requirements are for passport validity.**

For many countries, the passport validity to travel to North America is of 6 months.