

UNITED STATES VISA ADVISORY

The United States has updated its visa policy for increased security. As a result, it now takes longer to obtain a visa. Advance planning by travelers is essential to avoid frustration and disappointment.

- Review your visa status to find out if you need a U.S. visa or a visa renewal.
- Plan to submit your visa application well in advance of your intended departure date.
- Contact your nearest U.S. embassy or consulate for current time estimates and recommendations.
- Visit the embassy or consular section website to find important information on how to schedule an interview appointment and pay fees. An interview is required as a standard part of processing for most visa applicants.
- Plan on having finger scans as part of the visa application process. Two index-finger scans are normally collected by the consular officer at the visa interview window. However; in some countries, they may be collected prior to the actual visa interview.

Visa Waiver Program (VWP)

Citizens of the following countries can travel to the U.S. without a visa for tourism or business for 90 days or less under the Visa Waiver Program (VWP) if they meet other travel requirements. As of 26 June 2005, all VWP travelers must have a machine-readable passport to enter the United States without a visa.

Andorra	France	Lithuania	Singapore
Australia	Germany	Luxembourg	Slovakia
Austria	Hungary	Malta	Slovenia
Belgium	Iceland	Monaco	South Korea
Brunei	Ireland	the Netherlands	Spain
Czech Republic	Italy	New Zealand	Sweden
Denmark	Japan	Norway	Switzerland
Estonia	Latvia	Portugal	United Kingdom
Finland	Liechtenstein	San Marino	