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HELPING YOU TRAVEL TO THE USA

Should I use an

ESTA OR VISA?

to travel to the USA

(OR GET A NEW PASSPORT FIRST?)

- 1 Do you already have a visitor visa for the USA that is valid for the purpose of your trip?
- 2 Will your trip/s be for the purposes of tourism or business, lasting less than 90 days each?
- 3 Have you visited Iraq, Iran, Libya, North Korea, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, or Yemen on or since March 1 2011, or Cuba on or since Jan 12 2021?
- 4 Do you have a passport that will be valid when you want to travel to the USA?
- 5 Does your passport show a chip icon (some say it looks like a camera!) on the front cover?
- 6 Have you been arrested or convicted for a crime that seriously damaged property, or seriously harmed another person or government authority?
- 7 Have you ever violated any law related to possessing, using, or distributing illegal drugs?



*As long as NONE of the following statements apply...

- You have a **serious communicable disease** as per ESTA eligibility question #1, or are a drug abuser or addict
- You have ever engaged in **terrorism, espionage, sabotage or genocide** (or plan to)
- You have ever **fraudulently obtained** - or attempted to obtain - a visa or entry into the USA
- You are **seeking employment in the USA**, or have been employed there without permission in the past
- You have **previously been denied a U.S. visa** that you applied for with your current or previous passport, or been **refused admission** to the USA, or withdrawn your application for admission at a port of entry
- You have **stayed in the USA** longer than the admission period granted
- You have a **physical or mental disorder with a history of associated behaviour that may pose a threat** to property, your safety or the welfare of others
- You have **previously had a physical or mental disorder** as per the previous point which is likely to recur or lead to other behaviour potentially harmful to property, your safety or the welfare of others



...you're eligible to apply to travel under the Visa Waiver Program (aka "an ESTA") (If any of the statements DO apply, you'll need a visa)



esta.cbp.dhs.gov
(The U.S. Govt. ESTA website)

Use ONLY THIS SITE TO APPLY FOR AN ESTA

A FEW QUICK ESTA APPLICATION TIPS

- Take your time and **triple-check all information** you've entered.
- Ideally, **get someone else** to check what you've written.
- If there's a **middle name** on your passport, it must be on your ESTA!

Looking for more detailed guidance? Keep your eye out for our upcoming resource telling you everything you need to know!

EXPERT USA TRAVEL ADVICE 1

For Safe, Smooth & Happy Travels to the USA

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