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USA VISA WAIVER PROGRAM (VWP)

The **Visa Waiver Program** (VWP) permits visa free travel to the USA if you meet <u>all</u> of the following conditions. NOTE: From 9 Jan 2009 it is required that travellers intending to travel to the USA under the Visa Waiver Scheme, must register their intent via http://esta.cbp.dhs.gov no later than 72 hours before arrival

Conditions

You are a citizen of one of the following countries:

Japan	Norway	Sweden
Liechtenstein	Portugal	Switzerland
Luxembourg	San Marino*	United Kingdom ¹
Monaco	Singapore	
New Zealand	Slovenia	
Netherlands	Spain	
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- 1. Only applicable if passport states "British Citizen".
- You are a citizen of one of the above mentioned countries and hold a valid passport of that country. Please note that passports of countries marked with an * need to be valid least six months prior to the date of departure from the U.S.A.
- You must have a machine-readable bar coded passport. Machine readable passports have a bar code on the personal data page like:

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Passports issued <u>after 26/10/05</u> must also contain a digital photograph. Passports issued <u>after 26/10/06</u> must also contain a biometric chip to utilise the VWP. Biometric passports have hidden data about the applicant e.g. thumb print. (Biometric passports have a thick plastic page within the passport, within which the invisible biometric data is stored).

- You are travelling to the U.S.A. for business, pleasure or transit only.
- After entering the U.S.A, you may take a side trips to Canada, Mexico or the Caribbean within 90 days and re-enter the U.S.A (using any mode of transport).
- Your first point of entry to the U.S.A. can be any international air/sea port
 or the land border from Canada or Mexico. (Please note that there might
 be a fee, payable in U.S. dollars for land border crossings.) You will have
 to show financial proof of funds to finance your trip at the port of entry.

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Your intended stay in the visa waiver zone of USA, Canada, Mexico & the Caribbean must not exceed 90 days.

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- You must enter the U.S.A. via legal land border or aboard an air or sea carrier that is signatory to the Visa Waiver program. Most commercial airlines/cruise companies are signatory to this scheme. (We have a full list of participants).
- You hold a valid onward, non-transferable ticket on a carrier/ship that is signatory to the Visa Waiver program. Onward tickets may not end in Canada, Mexico or the Caribbean.

The following travellers will need a visa:

- People who have been previously denied a USA visa.
- People who intend to work in the U.S.A. (paid or unpaid). This includes work as an au pair and intern, working journalists, and government representatives on official business, among others.
- People who intend to stay in the U.S.A for more than 90 days including side trips to Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean.
- People who intend to attend school or university in the U.S.A.
- People who have been refused admission into, or have been deported from the U.S.A. within the past five years.
- People who have criminal convictions may not be eligible for the VWP and should discuss their circumstances with the U.S A Embassy on 0900 USVISA.
 - Those with a conviction for a driving offence involving death/injury to a third party must apply for a visa.
 - Those with a conviction for drink driving must apply for a visa.
- People who have been afflicted with a serious communicable disease, or who are drug abusers or addicts.
- People who have participated in the persecution of any person under the control of the Nazi Government of Germany.
- People who have ever been a member or representative of a terrorist organization.
- People who have ever overstayed a visa while in the U.S.A.

The Visa Waiver Program applies for the United States of America including Puerto Rico, Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Please do **not** apply for a visa, if your travel plans meet the Visa Waiver Program requirements. Simply fill in the Visa Waiver card 194-W provided to you on board the air or sea carrier taking you to the U.S.A.

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