

# Passport and Travel Information from [www.state.gov](http://www.state.gov) (including Dominican Republic and Canada)

Travel Info from the State Department (tons of info; bookmark-worthy)  
<http://travel.state.gov/>

Travel Registration with State Department for Emergency Notification  
<https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs/ui/> {must create account}

Tips for Traveling Abroad / How to Have a Safe Trip  
[http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/tips\\_1232.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/tips_1232.html)  
[http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/tips\\_1232.html#safe\\_trip](http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/tips_1232.html#safe_trip)

Passport Home Page at the State Department  
[http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport\\_1738.html](http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html)

Renewing Your Passport  
[http://travel.state.gov/passport/get/renew/renew\\_833.html](http://travel.state.gov/passport/get/renew/renew_833.html)

Frequently Asked Questions (111 of them!)  
[http://contact-us.state.gov/cgi-bin/state.cfg/php/enduser/std\\_alp.php](http://contact-us.state.gov/cgi-bin/state.cfg/php/enduser/std_alp.php)

**FAQ: How do I check the status of my passport?**

Answer:

The National Passport Information Center is the only office that can check the status of your passport. To contact them please call this toll free number:  
National Passport Information Center 1-877-487-2778.

Please visit the following website for more information  
[http://travel.state.gov/passport/get/status/status\\_2567.html](http://travel.state.gov/passport/get/status/status_2567.html)

**FAQ: Where can I find health information for a specific foreign country?**

Answer:

U.S. citizens planning to travel overseas can find health information on the country of their destination by contacting U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta, Georgia, through their hotline:

1-877-FYI-TRIP (1-877-394-8747) fax: 1-888-CDC-FAXX (1-888-232-3299)  
<http://www.cdc.gov/travel/>

## Country-Specific Entry/Exit Requirements

**NOTE: Some countries won't accept your passport if it expires in the next 6 months or so! Check what your specific destination country states about its "entry/exit requirements".**

For information for passport, visa and other travel documents required by your destination country, please visit  
[http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/brochures/brochures\\_1229.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/brochures/brochures_1229.html)  
(which really just sends you to the link in the next paragraph).

For information on entry requirements for a specific country, please go to the Entry/Exit Requirements section in the Consular Information Sheet for the country you are interested in at  
[http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis\\_pa\\_tw/cis/cis\\_1765.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1765.html).

## Travel to Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, or Caribbean

June 2007 update re: Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI) to strengthen boarder security.

U.S. citizens traveling to Canada, Mexico, Bermuda or [countries in the Caribbean region](#) (including Dominican Republic), see:

[http://travel.state.gov/travel/cbpmc/cbpmc\\_2223.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cbpmc/cbpmc_2223.html)

### National Hurricane Center

<http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>

### Background Note: Dominican Republic

<http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn/35639.htm>

### Dominican Republic Consular Information Sheet

*(lots of helpful info on entry/exit, crime, medical, etc.)*

[http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis\\_pa\\_tw/cis/cis\\_1103.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1103.html)

## ***What documents do I need to travel to Canada?***

Answer:

When entering Canada from the United States, U.S. citizens are encouraged to show a U.S. passport. A photo ID and proof of U.S. citizenship; such as a birth certificate, naturalization certificate, or expired U.S. passport are also accepted. Canada does not require U.S. citizens to obtain visas for visits up to 180 days. U.S. citizens with a criminal record (including a DWI charge) may be denied entry to Canada or, may be asked to leave Canada. U.S. citizens can apply for a waiver of exclusion and must allow several weeks for processing and pay the required fee. For further information on entry requirements, contact the Embassy of Canada at 202-682-1740 or, visit their website

<http://www.canadianembassy.org>

**Please Note: By January 1, 2008, all travelers to and from Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, the Caribbean and Panama will be required to have a passport or other secure, accepted document to enter or re-enter the U.S.** This requirement is being implemented in two phases:

On December 31, 2006, the requirement applies to all air and sea travel.

On December 31, 2007, the requirement applies to all land border crossings, in addition to air and sea travel.

All U.S. citizens, regardless of age, will need a passport or other secure, accepted document to enter or return to the U.S.

### Canada Consular Sheet with Entry/Exit Requirements

[http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis\\_pa\\_tw/cis/cis\\_1082.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1082.html)

## Traveler's Checklist for Hurricane Season from State Department

### Traveler's Checklist:

From [http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis\\_pa\\_tw/hurricane\\_season/hurricane\\_season\\_2915.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/hurricane_season/hurricane_season_2915.html)

1. Prior to leaving the United States, register your travel plans on the State Department's [travel registration website](#) or at the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate.
2. Check with your tour operator, airline, or charter flight company (as appropriate) regarding travel services back to the U.S. in the event of a hurricane, and the possibility of early return if a storm is forecasted for your region.
3. Obtain travel insurance prior to your trip to cover unexpected expenses in the event of an emergency.
4. Research the region you're visiting and be familiar with local medical facilities, public transportation, travel agents, and other emergency resources.
5. Pack a first-aid kit and water treatment purification tablets.
6. Keep extra bottled water and non-perishable food items on hand.
7. Keep an up-to-date list of local emergency phone numbers, as well as contact numbers for the nearest U.S. Embassy, Consulate, or Consular Agency.
8. Protect your vital travel documents from potential water damage by placing them in a waterproof container.
9. Pack a portable, hand-crank or battery-powered weather radio and flashlight with fresh batteries.
10. Obtain a cell phone that works internationally to stay in regular contact with family and friends in the U.S. and advise them of your whereabouts.
11. Leave a detailed itinerary and your local contact information with a friend or family member in the U.S.