

A Visitor's Top 10 Tips for Traveling to the U.S.

1. Check that you have all required travel documents for your visit. You will need a valid passport and may need a valid visa, depending on the length and reason for your stay. Please visit www.travel.state.gov for more information and a U.S. consulate office in your area.
2. Keep in mind that Visa Waiver Program participants are subject to different rules, and are typically admitted for a period not to exceed 90 days for tourist or business purposes. Please visit www.travel.state.gov for more information.
3. Declare everything you are bringing into the U.S., including food, alcohol and anything purchased in a duty-free store.
4. Pets may be subject to examination and special restrictions, such as rabies certification. Please be aware of the various rules for bringing animals as well as any animal products or by-products.
5. CBP officers can inspect you and your belongings without a warrant. This can include luggage, vehicle, and personal searches, and is meant to enforce our laws as well as protect all legitimate travelers.
6. Don't try to bring any food or agricultural products into the U.S. without first checking to see if they are permitted. Also, live birds and bird products may be restricted and/or quarantined.
7. You can bring currency and other monetary instruments into the U.S., but it must be declared if it totals \$10,000 USD or more. This includes any combination of foreign or U.S. currency, traveler's checks, bonds, etc. Failure to report amounts of \$10,000 or greater will result in forfeiture.
8. A personal supply of your prescription medications up to 90 days is generally permitted. It must be in the original container that has your personal dosage information on the label.
9. If you have a question, chances are someone else has asked it too! For a list of detailed questions and answers, including specific information on these tips, please visit www.cbp.gov, and click on the "Questions" link.
10. U.S. Customs and Border Protection is charged with securing our nation's borders both at and in between ports of entry. As a visitor, we want you to understand our role, as well as the international arrivals process. We hope this information is useful to you – welcome to the U.S!

Enjoy your trip!