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Travel Regulation Changes you Must know for 2025

Get ready for....ACRONYMS! Here are the must know travel changes for 2025.

TSA: Starting May 7, 2025 you need to have a Real ID (or one of the other forms of identification list below) to pass an airport security check point.

If you don't have a Real ID driver's license (you'll know because it has a star in the upper right hand corner) then you can use one of the following forms of identification to pass security:

- U.S. passport
- U.S. passport card
- DHS trusted traveler cards (Global Entry, NEXUS, SENTRI, FAST)
- U.S. Department of Defense ID
- Permanent resident card
- Photo ID issued by Tribal Nation
- Foreign government-issued passport
- Canadian provincial driver's license
- Transportation worker identification credential
- A Green Card
- U.S. Merchant Mariner Credential
- Veteran Health Identification Card (VHIC)

Here are some other bits to the new rules that you may find interesting.

Expired ID:
If your ID is expired, TSA currently accepts expired IDs up to a year after expiration, for the above listed forms of identification.

Children:
TSA does not require children under 18 to provide identification when traveling within the United States. Contact the airline for questions regarding specific ID requirements for travelers under 18.

If you don't have ID:
If you arrive at the airport without acceptable identification (whether lost, stolen, or otherwise), you may still be allowed to fly. The TSA officer may ask you to complete an identity verification process which includes collecting information such as your name and current address to confirm your identity. If your identity is confirmed, you will be allowed to enter the screening checkpoint, where you may be subject to additional screening.

Names With Suffixes:
TSA accepts variations on suffixes on boarding passes and ID. Suffixes are not required on boarding passes. If there is a suffix on the boarding pass, and there is not one on the ID or vice versa, that is considered an acceptable variation.

Traveling to the UK?
Starting January 8, 2025 anyone not a citizen of the United Kingdom or the Republic of Ireland, traveling to the UK for short visits, tourism, or business, **including those just passing through UK airports**, will need an Electronic Travel Authorization (ETA).

This requirement applies to all parts of the UK, including Northern Ireland and British Overseas Territories. The ETA is similar to the U.S. ESTA system and acts as a pre-clearance for travel. This change is part of the UK's move towards a digital border

system.
To get a UK ETA, search for UK ETA in the Apple or Google app store. Using the app, fill out the application - every traveler regardless of age must apply. Go to this website for specific instructions on how to use the app.

It could take up to three working days to process **or longer.**

Costs £10 ($12.75).

Is required for travelers of all ages.

Is valid for two years or the remaining period of validity on a passport, whichever is shorter; and it does not require travel details.

Cautious Caveat: when I was researching this part of the article I googled it. The top website hit was not GOV.UK, it was one called UKETA.com. This is a scam website where they supposedly file the application for you for the princely sum of £78 ($100)! Be careful you use the correct channels! If in doubt follow links from the US State Department.

Traveling to Europe's Shengen Zone Countries?
(aka all of Europe)

The European Travel Information and Authorization System is the EU's attempt to make a fully digital border. Say good bye to stamps in your passport.

The EU has delayed starting the system many times and currently it is still "starting soon." There are two systems at work here: ETIAS and EES.

When applying for an ETIAS travel authorization, travelers will need to provide their personal information, including address, passport details, current occupation, and information about past travel to conflict zones or criminal convictions. No biometric data, such as fingerprints, is collected with ETIAS. Once implemented the fee will be €7, but free if you are under 18 or over 70.

The EES, on the other hand, will collect travelers' facial image and fingerprints. It will also collect travel document data as well as the date and place where the traveler entered and exited the territory of European countries using the system.

ETIAS and the EES will not be launched at the same time. The EES will become operational first and ETIAS will follow a few months after.

The exact dates will be announced by the EU later this year, maybe.

But for now, if you are traveling to the EU, carry on as normal - you know, with your Passport and Drivers License, Global Entry Card, Real ID, Covid Vaccination card, your marriage certificate, a copy of your birth certificate, 3 months of bank statements, a power bill, your mortgage, your car title, your will, names of 3 generations of your family, your pet's names (both current and past), the number of trees in your yard.....plus a few other things.

Travel Socials & Classes

For 2025 we are offering 4 fall trips in Burgundy. Rick and Carla are guiding two weeks and Sara and I are guiding two weeks.

- September 3 to 10, ~2 spots available
- September 13 to 20 ~2 spots available
- September 24 to October 1 ~Full
- October 4 to 11 ~4 spots available

To help inform you, our community, and to fill up the boats with happy travelers, we are hosting a series of events and classes.

- **February 13 from 6-8pm, France Info Session**
~Rick & Carla - Hosting
3690 Birch Road, Hermantown, email: rctravelfr@gmail.com to RSVP
- **February 27 from 6-8pm,** Planning a Trip to France
~David & Sara with Duluth Community Education. $10
- **March 6 from 6-8pm,** Planning a Barging Trip
~David & Sara with Duluth Community Education. $10
- **March 13th from 6-8pm, France Info Session**
~David & Sara - Hosting
2620 E Superior Street, email: david@savvynomad.com to RSVP
- **April 28 from 11:30-12:30, Barging in France**
~David & Sara, UMD University for Seniors Journey Jargon & Lecture Series, free in person or zoom.