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TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES WITHOUT A VISA

WHO CAN USE THE VISA WAIVER PROGRAM?

Citizens of designated countries, including British citizens with right-of-abode, may apply for entry to the United States without a visa for periods of less than 90 days for business or holiday travel with no possibility of an extension. Visitors may arrive at sea or air borders of the United States aboard a participating commercial carrier. Application forms are available at the port of entry or from a participating airline or cruise company. Visa-free entry by car or other carrier is also possible.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES

Visitors arriving by air or sea must have an onward ticket for travel on a participating airline or cruise ship. Nearly 300 commercial carriers currently participate in the program including all major Hong Kong carriers. Visitors arriving at land border ports-of-entry must demonstrate that they have sufficient funds to ensure they will not become a public charge and that have a home abroad to which they intend to return.

CONDITIONS OF THE VISA WAIVER PROGRAM

To use the program, visitors must waive all rights of review or appeal of decisions made by an immigration officer and all rights to contest action in deportation except for asylum. They are not eligible to study, work or change their visa status after they enter the United States. Applicants with certain visa ineligibilities, such as carriers of communicable diseases, narcotics addicts or traffickers, convicted criminals, or deportees from the United States, cannot apply for the Visa Waiver Program. Visitors who have previously been found ineligible for a U.S. visa are similarly ineligible for the program.

Passport holders for the following countries are eligible to use the Visa Waiver Program:

- Andorra
- Australia
- Austria
- Belgium
- Brunei
- Denmark
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Iceland
- Ireland
- Italy
- Japan
- Liechtenstein

- Luxembourg
- Monaco
- Netherlands
- New Zealand
- Norway
- Portugal
- San Marino
- Singapore
- Slovenia
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- United Kingdom
- Uruguay