

Traveling to Europe on a U.S. Passport?

TRAVELER QUICK-GUIDE

Know Before You Go: Border Rules, Clearances & Airport Kiosks

1 KNOW WHERE YOU ARE GOING

United Kingdom

INDEPENDENT RULES

Operates under its own unique border authorization system.

Includes:

England Scotland Wales Northern Ireland

Schengen Area

29 BORDER-FREE NATIONS

Operates under unified European border control rules.

Austria Belgium Bulgaria Croatia Czech Rep.
Denmark Estonia Finland France Germany Greece
Hungary Iceland Italy Latvia Liechtenstein Lithuania
Luxembourg Malta Netherlands Norway Poland
Portugal Romania Slovakia Slovenia Spain Sweden
Switzerland

2 UNDERSTAND THE 3 EUROPEAN TRAVEL SYSTEMS

UK ETA

ACTIVE

Electronic Travel Auth

Pre-travel digital clearance required before boarding flights/trains to the UK.

APPLIES TO
 UK Only

COST / VALIDITY
\$25 / 2 Yrs

EU EES

AT BORDER

Entry/Exit System

Biometric facial & fingerprint scan at airport kiosks upon arrival in Schengen.

APPLIES TO
 Schengen

COST / VALIDITY
FREE / 3 Yrs

EU ETIAS

PENDING

Pre-Travel Info

Future pre-departure form. **Not yet active!** Do not apply anywhere yet.

APPLIES TO
 Schengen

COST / VALIDITY
\$22 / 3 Yrs

3 YOUR PRE-DEPARTURE CHECKLIST

1. UK ETA

ONLINE BEFORE YOU FLY

Mandatory clearance prior to departure. Fill out a quick online form or mobile app before leaving home. It links digitally directly to your U.S. Passport.

Fee: **£20 (~\$25)**
Valid: **2 Years**
gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-an-electronic-travel-authorisation-eta

2. EU EES

AUTOMATED KIOSK LANDING

Nothing to do online before leaving! Scan your passport and provide face/fingerprint biometrics at kiosks upon landing. Account for extra time required at customs.

Fee: **FREE**
Stored: **3 Years**
Speeds up future European airport arrival checks

3. EU ETIAS

NOT YET LAUNCHED

No action needed today. You cannot apply yet. When launched, this will be an online clearance similar to the UK ETA.

Future Fee: **€20 (~\$22)**
Future Validity: **3 Years**
europa.eu/etias



Watch out for ETIAS Scams! No official website accepts applications today. Avoid third-party unauthorized travel websites charging advance fees for ETIAS clearances.