

READY FOR ARRIVAL: U.S. ENTRY ESSENTIALS

Entering the United States in 2025 requires extra preparation due to stricter immigration policy enforcement and heightened border scrutiny. Travelers should be prepared for more thorough screening processes and ensure they have the right information and documentation in place.

This guide offers key tips to support a smoother entry experience and help travelers navigate potential challenges with greater confidence.

Entry Reminders for U.S. and Foreign Travelers

1. U.S. Citizens & Lawful Permanent Residents:

- Customs & Border Patrol (CBP) uses facial recognition via the [Simplified Arrival](#) program at all U.S. international airports.
- Biometrics help streamline inspections by matching travelers to passport/visa photos.

2. Foreign Visitors:

- Ensure your passport is valid for at least six months beyond your intended stay (unless exempt).
- Obtain the correct [visa](#) or [ESTA](#) for your travel purpose and verify all details are accurate.
- Be aware of possible travel bans based on health, security, or other risks. These policies can change rapidly, with little notice.



Digital Privacy at U.S. Borders

1. CBP officers have broad authority to search electronic devices at all U.S. entry points for U.S. Citizens, Lawful Permanent Residents, and Foreign Visitors.
2. There have been reports of entry denied to visa holders based on content found on personal devices, including private messages. Be mindful of what may be visible during a basic inspection and consider offloading content that may prompt additional scrutiny or concern.
3. Consider limiting the number of devices and traveling with only essential data.
4. Digital privacy is an important consideration under current screening practices.

Speaking with CBP Officers

1. CBP officers routinely ask about travel purpose, visa status, and entry eligibility.
2. Under current directives, expect stricter screening and more detailed questions.
3. Always be truthful and cooperative, answering questions clearly and directly without offering unnecessary details.



Essential Contacts for Travel Preparedness

1. Save contact details both online and offline in case your device is inaccessible.
2. **Include essential contacts such as:**
 - Employer's Human Resources department, Travel Risk team, and third-party assistance provider
 - Emergency contacts (family or trusted individuals)
 - Consulate/embassy nearest to your U.S. arrival city
 - Passport and visa service or immigration attorney, if applicable

Need customized travel risk support?

CONNECT WITH US TODAY >>