

## **Resources for International Travel**

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### **Passport and Visas**

[travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov) - Print passport application forms and find visa requirements for US citizens traveling abroad.

[www.embassyworld.com](http://www.embassyworld.com) - Websites and addresses for embassies and consulates.

[www.traveldocs.com](http://www.traveldocs.com), [www.passportexpress.com](http://www.passportexpress.com) - These companies expedite your passport and visa applications—for a price.

[www.visaconnection.com](http://www.visaconnection.com) - Visa expeditor for Canadian citizens.

### **Health, Safety, and Insurance**

[www.cdc.gov/travel](http://www.cdc.gov/travel) - Check vaccination requirements (especially yellow fever) and download *Health Information for International Travel*, the ‘Yellow Book.’

[www.usops.org/security](http://www.usops.org/security) - UNOPS online security course—allow two hours.

[www.fco.gov.uk/travel](http://www.fco.gov.uk/travel) - The UK’s Foreign and Commonwealth Office offers country-specific travel advice and security warnings that some say are more realistic than the conservative US equivalent ([travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov)).

[www.internationalosos.com](http://www.internationalosos.com) - Website for recommended international medical evacuation insurance company.

[www.international.worldaccess.com/bcbsa](http://www.international.worldaccess.com/bcbsa) - Find participating overseas doctors and hospitals for your BlueCross BlueShield insurance and print international claim forms.

[www.iamat.org](http://www.iamat.org) - The International Association for Medical Assistance to Travelers is free to join and offers a directory of pre-screened, English-speaking local physicians.

[www.who.int](http://www.who.int) - Comprehensive national health statistics.

[www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook](http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook) - Detailed country profiles.

[www.insuremytrip.com](http://www.insuremytrip.com) - Compare quotes from travel insurers.

### **Money, Weather, Electricity, Communication**

[www.xe.com/ucc](http://www.xe.com/ucc) - Partners-approved currency conversion for your expense report.

[www.cnn.com/weather](http://www.cnn.com/weather), [www.accuweather.com](http://www.accuweather.com) - Worldwide forecasts in Fahrenheit.

[www.wunderground.com](http://www.wunderground.com) - Real-time weather for out-of-the-way destinations.

[www.skype.com](http://www.skype.com) - Make calls over the internet for free.

[www.u3.com](http://www.u3.com) - Run Skype and other applications from a flash drive.

[www.cybercafe.com](http://www.cybercafe.com) - Find internet cafes and connection rates worldwide.

[www.kopla.com](http://www.kopla.com), [www.walkabouttravelgear.com](http://www.walkabouttravelgear.com) - Find the right electrical and phone adapters and learn how to stay connected around the world.

[www.gsmworld.com/roaming/gsminfo](http://www.gsmworld.com/roaming/gsminfo) - Country-specific GSM coverage maps and bandwidths for local mobile phone companies let you choose the best SIM card.

[www.usa.att.com/traveler](http://www.usa.att.com/traveler) - Find your destination’s AT&T USADirect access number.

[www.usps.gov](http://www.usps.gov) - Put your mail service on hold.

### **Travel Gear**

[www.rei.com](http://www.rei.com), [www.ems.com](http://www.ems.com), [www.campmor.com](http://www.campmor.com), [www.mec.ca](http://www.mec.ca) - General travel and camping gear.

[www.magellans.com](http://www.magellans.com), [www.travelsmith.com](http://www.travelsmith.com), [www.christinecolumbus.com](http://www.christinecolumbus.com) – Specialty travel clothes, bags, adapters, and knickknacks.  
[travelstore.ricksteves.com](http://travelstore.ricksteves.com) - Good prices on travel accessories and the best money belt.  
[www.safariquip.co.uk](http://www.safariquip.co.uk) - Wide selection of mosquito nets.

### **Air Tickets**

[www.travelocity.com](http://www.travelocity.com), [www.expedia.com](http://www.expedia.com), [www.orbitz.com](http://www.orbitz.com) - Search multiple airlines to compare prices and itineraries, though you can probably do better elsewhere.  
[www.onetravel.com](http://www.onetravel.com), [www.kayak.com](http://www.kayak.com) - More comprehensive than the above sites, especially for international travel.  
[www.airtreks.com](http://www.airtreks.com) - The best for around-the-world tickets.  
[www.seatguru.com](http://www.seatguru.com) - Detailed advice to help you choose the best seat on the plane.

### **Travel Information and Advice**

[www.lonelyplanet.com](http://www.lonelyplanet.com) - Start here for general info on your destination. Can't find the answer? Ask other travelers at the Thorn Tree.  
[www.onebag.com](http://www.onebag.com) - Repent your over-packing and visit the master of traveling light.