

Passport Validity/Expiration Policies

| Your Nationality – Passport Validity (see notes 1,2 below) | | | | |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------------------|
| Destination | US | Canada | UK | Europe ³ |
| Australia | 0 E | 0 E | 0 E | 0 E |
| Brazil | 0 V | 0 V | 0 F | 0 F |
| Canada | 0 F | - | 0 E | 0 E |
| China | 0 V | 0 V | 0 V | 0 V |
| Dubai | 6A F | 6A F | 6A F | 6A F |
| Egypt | 6A F | 6A F | 6A F | 6A F |
| Europe ⁴ | 3D F | 3D F | 0 F | - |
| Hong Kong | 1D F | 1D F | 1D F | 1D F |
| India | 0 E | 0 E | 0 E | 0 E |
| Ireland | 0 F | 0 F | 0 F | 0 F |
| Israel | 0 F | 0 F | 0 F | 0 F |
| Japan | 0 F | 0 F | 0 F | 0 F |
| Korea (South) | 0 F | 0 F | 0 F | 0 F |
| Mexico | 0 F | 0 F | 0 F | 0 F |
| New Zealand | 1D F | 1D F | 1D F | 1D F |
| Philippines | 0 F | 0 F | 0 F | 0 F |
| Russia | 0 V | 0 V | 0 V | 0 V |
| Singapore | 6A F | 6A F | 6A F | 6A F |
| Taiwan | 0 F | 6A F | 6A F | 6A F |
| Thailand | 0 F | 0 F | 0 F | 0 F |
| Turkey | 5A/2D E | 5A/2D E | 5A/2D E | 0 F |
| United Kingdom | 0 F | 0 F | - | 0 F |
| United States | - | 0 F | 0 E | 0 E |

Notes

1. This table was prepared on **30 August 2017** and is generally based on requirements for adult citizens of the named countries and resident in their home countries at the top of the columns, traveling to countries listed in the lines horizontally, on ordinary passports free of complications.

Please do not rely on it subsequently because of course, all current rules may change at any time (and because there may be errors in our displayed data).

You should check in all cases prior to travel with either the airline that will be flying you to the countries you'll visit, or the Consulates/Embassies of the countries you plan to visit.

2. In the passport validity field, the number represents months, an "A" means the number of months after you arrive in the country, a "D" means the number of months after your planned departure from the country.

A "0" (zero) means that as long as you plan to leave before your passport expires, you are fine (indeed, many of these countries say 'Passports and other documents accepted for entry must be valid on arrival.' which is as permissive as it can ever possibly get).

A "?" indicates we have not managed to find an authoritative answer.

A "V" means you need to apply for a visa before traveling. An "E" means you need to apply for an ETA (Electronic Travel Authorisation – a generally easier online process) before traveling. A "F" means that you can freely travel to the country for short tourist stays with only a passport, and without a need for a visa having been pre-obtained (but one might be issued upon arrival in a process that is primarily a minor formality).

3. When we say 'Europe' for this column as nationality, we mean 'western European with most permissive travel/visa arrangements', we do not mean 'all EU' or 'all Europe'.

4. When we say 'Europe' for this row as destination, we are referring to the 26 European countries that belong to the Schengen Visa Treaty zone. These countries have identical visa/travel policies, and generally allow travel between each member country with little or no restriction.

In alphabetical order, these countries are : Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, and Switzerland.

5. Please let me know – david@thetravelinsider.info – in case you discover any errors or changes needed.