

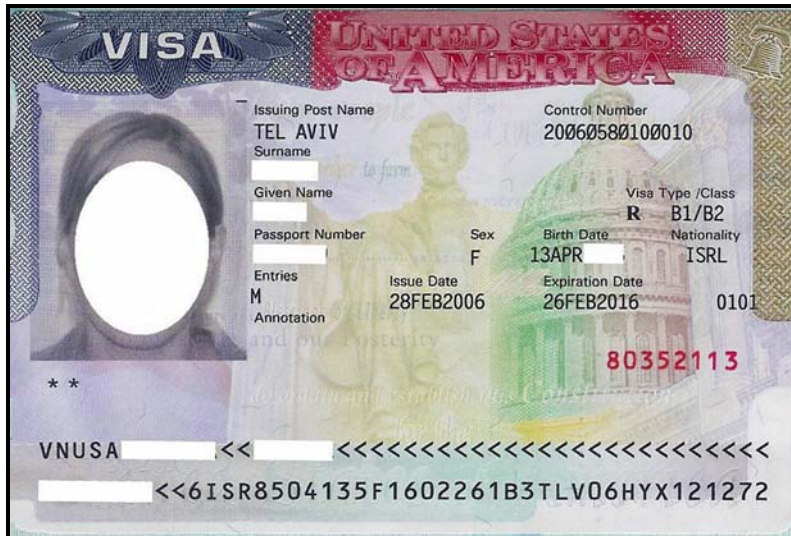


TwiTips For International Twilighters

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A Novel Holiday Travel Guidebook

Tour the Twilight Saga Info for International Twilighters



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Traveling to the United States from Foreign Countries

First Step: Determine If You Need a US Visa to Visit the Olympic Peninsula

Citizens of Canada, Bermuda, the Marshall Islands, and Micronesia—countries included in a **Compact of Free Association** with the US—do not need a visa or ESTA authorization to holiday in the US.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Compact_of_Free_Association

<http://travel.state.gov/content/visas/english/visit/canada-bermuda.html>

<http://www.esta.us/canada.html>

<https://us-esta.travisa-online.com/esta/faqs>

Twilighters from 37 other foreign countries are eligible to *wave* a **US visa**. Go to the **US Visa Waiver Program** (VWP) webpage and check the list of countries whose citizens can visit the US for 90 days or less without a visa.

<http://travel.state.gov/content/visas/english/visit/visa-waiver-program.html>

If your country is on the VWP list, go to the **Electronic System for Travel Authorization** (ESTA) website and apply for authorization to visit the US without a visa.

http://cbp.gov/xp/cgov/travel/id_visa/esta/

ESTA is an automated online system that collects biographic information and answers to VWP eligibility questions, then determines your eligibility to travel to the US under the VWP. An ESTA application can be submitted at any time prior to travel, though it is recommended that travelers apply as soon as they begin making plans to visit the US—long before purchasing airline tickets.

All ESTA applicants are charged a \$4 (£2.50) application processing fee. If your application is approved and you receive ESTA authorization for VWP travel to the US, an additional \$10 (£6) will be charged to your credit card. If your ESTA application is denied, you'll only be charged for the original application processing fee.

Tips for Twilighters Who Must Obtain a US Visa

The **US State Department's Bureau of Consular Affairs** visitor webpage explains the several steps required to apply for a US visa.

<http://travel.state.gov/content/visas/english/visit/visitor.html>

The order of how you complete these steps may vary, depending on the US Embassy or Consulate where you'll be applying. Specific US Embassy and Consulate instructions are available on the US Embassy and Consulate website.

<http://www.usembassy.gov/>

You'll be charged a non-refundable **US Visa Application Fee** of \$160 (£97). If granted a US visa, you subsequently *may* be charged a **US Visa Issuance Fee**. The amount of a visa issuance fee (if any) is entirely dependent upon the US Embassy or Consulate where you'll be applying for the visa.

General US Visa Tips and Info:

- **Apply for your US visa as early as you possibly can.** You'll have to schedule a **US Visa Interview** to complete the application process. Wait times for interview appointments vary by location, season, and visa category.
- Have a photo taken formatted precisely as described on the US Visa Application **Digital Image Requirements** webpage.
<http://travel.state.gov/content/visas/english/general/photos/digital-image-requirements.html>
- Complete the **Online US Visa Application** and upload your photo.
- Print the application **Confirmation Page**—you'll need to bring it to your interview.
- Schedule an interview at *any* US Embassy or Consulate. Qualifying for a visa may be difficult if applying at a location outside of your place of permanent residence.



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Passport Requirements

All foreign nationals must present a valid passport, issued by their country of origin, in order to **enter or depart from the United States**. This rule applies whether traveling by land, sea, or air, and whether or not you need a US visa or US visa waiver.

https://help.cbp.gov/app/answers/detail/a_id/572/kw/passport%20validity%20to%20enter%20USA/suggested/1

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If your passport is set to expire during your Twilight Saga tour, get it renewed prior to traveling. In fact, many US visitors are required to be in possession of passports that are valid for **six months beyond the period of their intended stay**. (See the link above for a list of countries exempt from the six month rule.)