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EUROPEAN TRAVEL WILL REQUIRE VISAS IN 2025!

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If you thought travel was getting back to post-COVID normal (i.e., no extra protocols or paperwork), think again. ETIAS is coming!



sooner rather than later. As it happens, the EU powers that be aren't going to have the online application process go live until after the 2024 summer Olympics in Paris. So, we all have some time to plan. I have an alert set for May 2024 to renew my passport—plenty of time to get the new one before the ETIAS site goes live in the fall of 2024.

WHAT IS ETIAS?

ETIAS—European Travel Information and Authorization System, is a long-

planned digital registration system that uses biometrics (scans of fingerprints and faces) to authorize entry into the 30 European Union member countries. Citizens of countries who are allowed to travel to EU countries without a visa (that means citizens of the USA, among others) will have to start registering for ETIAS next summer if you are planning to visit an EU country (like Spain, Italy or Greece) from mid-2025 onward, when ETIAS is expected to become active.

HOW LONG DOES IT LAST?

Now, before you panic—some basics. ETIAS authorization lasts 3 years and does NOT replace your passport. Rather, it is digitally linked to your passport. If you don't have a passport, you can't get an ETIAS authorization. If your passport expires before the 3-year effective period, you can't get it. If your passport gets lost or stolen or you change your name during the effective period, your ETIAS authorization disappears, and you have to start over. Getting ETIAS authorization doesn't mean you can stay indefinitely. It's for short stays of 90 days or less in one 180-day period. So it doesn't replace student visas.

PASSPORT EXPIRATION KEY ISSUE

So, your very first job is to check your passport's expiration date. In my case, my passport expires in 2025. Bad. Forget getting an ETIAS in 2024 for travel to Europe in 2025 on that passport. My plan? Apply for my renewal

DO I STILL NEED A PASSPORT?

As for the logistics, after you have successfully gotten your ETIAS authorization, there will be no more collecting cool stamps in Your passport to remind you of your travel throughout Europe. You'll still need to scan your passport, but you'll enter countries via kiosks which will digitally collect and store your fingerprints and facial image. This is basically what Global Entry does.

AND THE COST?

Each ETIAS authorization costs 7 Euros per application or less than 8 dollars. If you ask a third party to apply (say, a travel agent) they can and will tack on extra fees—but have to use the same system you would use yourself. Officials are strongly recommending that you obtain your ETIAS before booking and paying for EU accommodations/travel from mid-2025 onward. And they also caution that some non-EU countries might require ETIAS authorization as well. The process will apply to all travel modes—airlines, cruise ships, bus tours, self-drive travelers.

WHERE DO I GET INFORMATION?

So how to avoid disappointment or embarrassment? Check out the only official online platform at <https://travel-europe.europa.eu/etias>. They have an extensive FAQ section, and this is where you can actually apply. Suggestion: clip this column and keep it on your bulletin board!

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TALK TO YOUR KIDS ABOUT FENTANYL

Fentanyl is a powerful, synthetic opioid. It's killing young people - BUT many of them don't even know it exists.

Fentanyl is 50 times stronger than heroin. Think your child would never encounter fentanyl? You might be surprised! Young people today are under a lot of pressure, and some of them choose to experiment with drugs.

In 2020, 76% of drug deaths in people 15-24 involved fentanyl.

Most kids aren't seeking fentanyl, they get it by accident. Just teaching them that it is hidden in fake pills and other drugs empowers them and helps them stay safe. And it opens the door to conversations with you about healthier ways to deal with stress.

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