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US Travelers will need an ETA for UK Travel Beginning in January [1]

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Effective January 8, 2025, travelers from the United States will need to obtain an Electronic Travel Authorization (ETA) before visiting the United Kingdom. The new requirement intended to enhance border security applies to all travelers including those from visa-exempt countries.

The required ETA is a digital authorization linked to a traveler's passport that grants permission to travel to the United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland) for periods of less than six months for the purpose of conducting business, tourism or short-term studies. The ETA is valid for two years or until the expiration of the associated passport – whichever is first. It allows multiple entries into the UK during the period for which it is valid.

Starting on November 27, 2024, travelers from the US can apply for the ETA for travel that will occur on or after January 8, 2025. The application can be completed on the UK government website [3] or on the UK ETA app [4]. While ETA applications are expected to be processed quickly, travelers are encouraged to apply as early as possible to allow for any unexpected delays.

If you are traveling to the UK in 2025, please plan to complete the ETA process as soon as possible after the application becomes available later this month. Remember, the ETA is mandatory for all travelers, regardless of age. It will be linked to the traveler's passport, so obtaining a new passport means you need to apply for a new ETA.

You can find additional information and updates on the United Kingdom Government website for entering and staying in the UK [5].

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