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Chapter 5

ETA, ESTA, ETIAS & e-Visas Explained

Many destinations now require electronic travel authorization before arrival. These systems help governments screen travelers before they depart and are becoming increasingly common around the world.

System	Purpose
ETA / eTA	Electronic authorization to travel without a traditional visa.
ESTA	Authorization for eligible Visa Waiver travelers entering the United States.
ETIAS	Planned authorization for many visitors to participating European countries.
e-Visa	A visa issued electronically before travel.

Examples Around the World

Examples include the United Kingdom ETA, Canada's eTA, Australia's ETA, New Zealand's NZeTA, India's e-Visa program, and the European Union's planned ETIAS. Requirements depend on your citizenship and destination.

Apply Through Official Websites

Always submit applications through the destination country's official government website whenever possible. Processing times vary, so apply well before your departure date.

Aimee's Pro Tip

Entry requirements can change without much notice. I always recommend confirming the latest passport, visa, and electronic authorization requirements before every international trip—even if you've visited that destination before.