

Required Travel Documents for Visiting Leading Edge Partners

PASSPORT

All international travelers should hold a US Passport valid for 90 days beyond the expected end of your trip. US passport applications are available from the Post Office or online at: http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html

VISA

1. Does an American citizen need a visa (permission to enter) to visit the countries Leading Edge works in?

Business or tourist travelers staying less than 90 days do NOT need a visa in:

- Members of the European Union. This includes countries that used to require Americans to get travel visas like: Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia, and Slovenia. Full map of EU members: http://europa.eu/abc/european_countries/eu_members/index_en.htm.
- Croatia, Serbia or the Ukraine also does NOT require visas for Americans going on a short visit.

Americans MUST apply to a consulate for a visa before visiting:

- Belarus, Ethiopia, Kenya, Sudan, Russia, the Caucasus or Central Asian nations.

Anyone planning to stay longer than 90 days for a private visit or work or study in the countries above will need a visa before departure.

Check for the latest information about visa and vaccination requirements at: http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1765.html

2. Do we recommend using a “Visa Service” to obtain a travel visa?

A traveler can obtain a visa directly from the consulate of the country they intend to visit. Most short-term visas will cost \$100-300 depending on how quickly they must be processed. Forms and instructions at consulate websites are usually adequate. But the process can be complicated for a novice. Help is available for an additional service charge per trip of \$50-100 from the following agencies:

Chicago: <https://perryvisa.com/>

Atlanta: http://gotorussia.com/visa_services.php3

Moscow: <http://visatorussia.com/>