

Travel Documentation Royal Caribbean

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Below you will find the travel documentation that you will need to bring with you while you are on your cruise with Carnival. If you do not have the required documentation please let me know so we can get you started with getting this right away for your cruise.

In order to board the ship, guests will need to bring the following documents:

- **COVID-19 Test Result (if applicable):** Some guests will need to bring a negative test to board. See testing requirements for your cruise here.
- **Health Status Questionnaire:** to be completed on the Royal Caribbean app before you board.
- **Government Identification:** Accepted forms of identification vary based on nationality, departure port and disembarkation port. See details below to learn what forms of identification are accepted.
- **COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card and Forms (if applicable):** While COVID-19 vaccination is not required for most sailings, a few countries still require vaccination to cruise. On sailings from Singapore and Australia, guests age 12 and older will need to show proof of full vaccination in order to board. Some countries require you complete COVID-19 related travel authorizations before setting sail. Learn more.
- **Travel Visas (if applicable):** Visa requirements vary depending on nationality and the country you are sailing from, see guidance here.

Accepted Forms of Identification

All guests will also need a form of identification to board the ship. Accepted forms of identification vary based on nationality, departure port and disembarkation port.

Accepted Identification for U.S. Citizens

- U.S. Passport book that is valid at least 6 months after your cruise ends. **A U.S. Passport book is required for international sailings.**
- For sailings departing from U.S. homeports, an official U.S. Birth Certificate is also accepted. Guests age 16 and older that present a Birth Certificate will also need to provide a valid Driver's License or picture ID issued by the government. **Please note that hospital Birth Certificates (baby feet Birth Certificates) are not accepted.**
- **Puerto Rican citizens** should review their birth certificates and ensure they are up to date. Puerto Rican birth certificates issued prior to July 1, 2010 are not valid forms of proof of citizenship. The Government of Puerto Rico has partnered with document provider VitalChek to provide an expedited method for ordering new birth certificates. To apply through this method please visit: www.vitalchek.com. Vital Check also offers a bilingual call center available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Processing and shipping fees apply. To apply through this method please call: (866) 842-6765.

- **United States Permanent Residents** must have a United States Permanent Resident Card. Additionally, a passport from your home country is strongly recommended. Click here for additional information.

No refunds will be given to individuals who fail to bring proper documentation.

For additional United States passport information visit the United States Department of State travel information website. Visa Central is the passport and visa service that we recommend, should our guests need passport and visa assistance. You may contact Visa Central for all your passport needs. Visa Central can obtain passports in as little as one day. **US Residents**, please contact VisaCentral online at www.visacentral.com/royalcaribbean, email rci@visacentral.com or **call 800-858-8579**, and be sure to reference Royal Caribbean **account 44988** for reduced service fees.

Accepted Identification for International Guests (non-U.S. Citizens)

- **For US Sailings:** Non-US Citizens will require a passport valid at least 6 months after your cruise ends and the necessary visa for entry into the United States. On Transatlantic and Transpacific sailings European and Chinese guests will require ESTA (Europe) and EVUS (China).
- **For International Sailings:** Non-US Citizens will require a passport book valid at least 6 months after your cruise ends and the supporting visa for entry and exit from the country, if applicable.
 - **For cruises departing Australia calling into only Australian ports**, Australian citizens require either a valid passport or government issued pictured and laminated ID card to be used as identification. Children aged 17 years and under will require a passport or Birth Certificate to travel or government issued photo ID. **Children under 16 years of age, who do not have a passport or Photo ID**, must have a copy of their birth certificate or their parents Medicare Card.
 - For all other nationalities, a passport (plus visa if needed in Australia) is required.
- **Europe sailings:** National ID cards issued in the European Union (EU) & European Economic Area (EEA) are accepted for travel to Schengen countries only and must be valid for at least one month from the return date. Some itineraries may include a port of call outside the Schengen area. For those sailings, national ID cards will not be accepted, and passports are required for travel.
 - **EU countries:** Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Republic of Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and Sweden.
 - **UK & ROI citizens** (including children and infants) must have their own full 10 year (5 year for children) passport with at least 6 months validity from the end of the cruise. ESTAs are mandatory for everyone travelling to the US. You must apply for an ESTA no later than 72 hours before departing for the United States. Real-time approvals are not available and arriving at the airport without a previously approved ESTA will likely result in being denied boarding. Some other countries also run similar programmes – so make sure you've checked the requirements well in advance. For further passport, visa and health advice for your destinations please visit the FCO (UK) or DFA (Ireland) websites, have a look at our visa page or refer to our Booking Conditions.
 - **EEA countries:** The EEA includes EU countries and also Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway. Switzerland is not an EU or EEA member but is part of the single market.

Visa Central is the passport and visa service that we recommend, should our guests need passport and visa assistance. You may contact Visa Central for all your passport needs. Visa Central can obtain passports in as little as one day. **Canada residents**, please contact www.visacentral.ca/royalcaribbean, email rci@visacentral.com or **call 8888-665-9956**, and be sure to reference Royal Caribbean **account 10026** for reduced service fees.

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What if the name on my identification doesn't match the name on my reservation?

It is important that the name on your reservation be exactly as it is stated on your passport or other official proof of nationality. If your name has changed since your document was issued (e.g., marriage or divorce), it is required that you update the document with the new name or provide an official supporting document (e.g., a state, county or province issued marriage license, divorce decree or legal name change document) of the name change. All documents must be the original or a notarized copy. Additionally, if you are using an identification (e.g., driver's license) and a citizenship document (e.g., birth certificate), then BOTH documents must match the name on your reservation. Otherwise, it may result in delay or possible denial of boarding.

COVID-19 Vaccinations Record Cards and Forms

For sailings from Singapore and Australia, guests age 12 and up are required by the local governments to provide proof of vaccination before boarding. Guests age 12 and older on these sailings who are not vaccinated and do not show proof of vaccination will not be permitted to sail. **For all other sailings**, vaccination documents will not be required to board, but we will ask that you disclose your vaccination status to us prior to boarding (via the app, on our website, or at the terminal).

Learn more about sailing from Singapore.

Learn more about sailing from Australia.

We recommend you bring your vaccination documents with you, as local authorities or businesses in some destinations require it for entrance. A few of our departure ports still require guests to be vaccinated to sail.

For sailing from Barbados, guests are required to complete an immigration/customs form. Learn more.

For sailing from Bermuda, guests are required to apply for a Travel Authorization. Learn more.

Visas

Visa Guidance for U.S. Citizens and Canadians

- **U.S. and Canadian citizens** can obtain customized visa information and instructions for all Royal Caribbean cruises through Visa Central.
 - **U.S. Residents**, please contact VisaCentral online here or via email at rci@visacentral.com or call 800-858-8579, and reference Royal Caribbean account 44988 for reduced service fees.
 - **Canadian Residents**, please contact VisaCentral online here or via email at rci@visacentral.com or call 800-858-8579, and reference Royal Caribbean account 10026 for reduced service fees.
- The following resources may also be of assistance to guests in determining what type of visa is required:
 - United States citizens can visit the United States Department of State foreign entry requirements website.
 - Canadian citizens can visit the Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada website.

Visa Guidance for International Guests (non-U.S. Citizens and non-Canadian citizens)

All non U.S. or Canadian passport holders should contact the Embassy (Consular Services) of each country on your cruise or VisaCentral for specific visa requirements, information, forms and fees for your nationality. Visa Central is the passport and visa service that we recommend, should our guests need passport and visa assistance. You may contact Visa Central for all your passport needs. Visa Central can obtain passports in as little as one day.

You may also contact your travel advisor or local Royal Caribbean International office for further assistance.

It is the responsibility of the guest to identify, obtain and present necessary visas before the start of their cruise vacation. Requirements vary based on the guest's nationality and countries visiting during the cruise. The following resources may be of assistance to guests in determining if a visa is required.

Please note the most recent visa requirements for non-United States guests sailing on an Alaskan itinerary require a Canadian visa to participate in the cruise. [Click here to get more details.](#)

Some countries that your cruise may visit will require that you obtain a visa prior to arrival. You are responsible for obtaining any necessary visas. If you do not hold proper visa documents, you will be denied boarding without compensation.