

Guidance for visitors arriving in the UK - 'Top Tips for Travellers'

1. You should fill in your Advance Passenger Information (API) carefully and in plenty of time before you fly.
2. If you're not a UK/EEA national (European Economic Area) you need to complete a landing card before you arrive at border control.
3. Have your passport ready. Remove it from any cover, and remember to remove any glasses, sunglasses, hats or scarves you're wearing.
4. If you are travelling as a family, go to passport control together.
5. If you are a UK/EEA national, 18 and over and have an electronic passport displaying this sign  on the front, you can use the ePassport gates. EEA nationals should remember to use their passport if they wish to use the ePassport gates, not their ID card.
6. To safeguard against child trafficking those travelling with children under 18 who are not the child's parent or do not share the same surname may be asked about their relationship to that child.
7. If you are a non-EEA visitor you should expect Border Force officers to ask simple questions about your stay in the UK when you arrive at passport control. You should keep any details of your visit, including where you are staying, in your hand luggage.
8. Do not bring in any meat or dairy products from outside the European Union (EU). There are also restrictions on traditional medicines, food products such as fish, eggs, honey, some fruit, vegetables and plants. If you are unsure ask a Border Force officer.
9. It is against the law to bring in animal products or endangered species such as ivory or coral.
10. There are also restrictions on the quantities and value of tobacco, alcohol and gifts you can bring to the UK. If you exceed your duty-free allowance and do not declare them, all of your items could be taken away from you.
11. Never bring in counterfeit goods, illegal drugs, offensive weapons or indecent and obscene material.
12. You must declare cash, in any currency, worth €10,000 or more if you are travelling from a country outside the EU.
13. Never give false or misleading information including forged or counterfeit documents.

For more information on UK border control visit www.GOV.UK/uk-border-control

Once you have cleared the UK border, we hope you enjoy your time in the UK.

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