



ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

US and Canadian tourists must carry proof of citizenship. A valid signed passport with an expiration date at least six months beyond the tour return date is required.

Currently, to enter Australia, one needs to be a holder of:

1. a valid passport,
2. a valid visa,
3. a completed Incoming Passenger Card (which will be distributed during the flight to Australia by the airline's crew).

VISAS: Tourist visas are required for American and Canadian citizens visiting Australia. You will apply for an **Electronic Travel Authority (ETA): subclass 601** online. Australia has strict entrance standards, so please **review the [eligibility requirements](#)** for ETA subclass 601.

Apply for your ETA at least 4 weeks before departure. Visit [this page](#) for step-by-step

instructions. Your application may incur a service charge of AUD 20.

Once you have received confirmation of your visa approval, please **send a copy of your visa to office@tourmagination.com**.

COVID REQUIREMENTS: Australia **no longer** requires travellers to take a pre-departure coronavirus test to enter Australia, no matter the vaccination status of the traveller.

CURRENCY, ATM MACHINES & CREDIT CARDS

CASH: The Australian dollar is the currency used in Australia. If you want to check current rates at the time of travel a good website to use is <http://www.xe.com/ucc/>. You will be given opportunity upon arrival to exchange USD for local currency or withdraw local currency from an ATM.

ATMs: ATMs are prevalent in Australia. Check with your bank for more specific details about using ATMs such as the network your bank supports, PIN numbers, etc.

CREDIT CARDS: Visa, MasterCard and American Express are the most widely used credit cards. Use may be restricted in small businesses, such as open marketplaces and street vendors. Credit cards should be protected by **RFID-blocking sleeves** so they cannot be scanned, and your payment information stolen. You can find RFID-blocking sleeves at most luggage stores. Do not use your credit card in questionable shops and never let your card out of your sight. Non-essential cards can be left at home. It is recommended to bring your driver's license in case you are asked for additional photo ID, and your health card in case of an emergency.

Before leaving home, we encourage you to consult with the bank that has issued the credit cards and debit cards you will be using as you travel. Today banks have a variety of fraud detection systems so we advise you to be sure you will be able to use your cards. You should also have an out-of-country contact phone number available in case any cards are lost or stolen.

COMMUNICATION

Internet: There will be opportunity to access the internet throughout the tour.

Phone: If you plan to use your cell phone on tour, please check with your wireless service provider for direction regarding international calling.

TIME ZONES

Australia is 14 hours ahead of Eastern Standard Time (EST). Therefore, when it is 9am (EST) in Ontario and Pennsylvania, it is 11pm in Australia.

CLIMATE

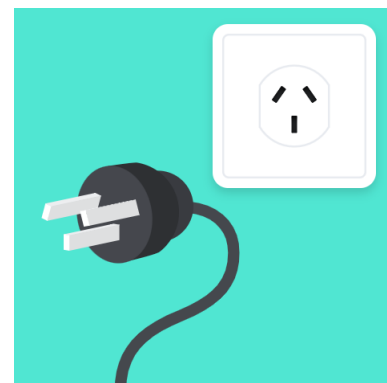
February is the last month of Australia's summer. The temperatures in Sydney (average maximum of 26°C/79°F) and Melbourne (27°C/81°F) are comparable to that of Ontario summer. The weather in these areas is also relatively dry at this time of year. Expect more humidity in the north.

CLOTHING

Plan to take a variety of casual clothing that is easy-care, comfortable and doesn't show the dirt. A good pair of walking shoes is highly recommended. **Sunscreen, sunglasses and hats are essential** to protect against the sun.

ELECTRICAL CURRENT

Standard voltage in Australia (230V) is higher than in North America (120V), and different adapters are used here as well (Type "I"). If you wish to bring appliances you already own and they are not designed to operate on either 120 or 230 volts by the flick of a switch, you may need a **voltage converter** as well as a **plug adapter**.



Type "I" plug

Converters and adapters should be available for you to purchase at major department stores, electronic shops or stores that specialize in selling luggage. But before you purchase a converter, be sure to check the label on your appliance. Some appliances never need a converter. **If the label states 'INPUT: 100-240V, 50/60 Hz' the appliance can be used**

in all countries in the world. This is common for chargers of tablets/laptops, cameras, cell phones, and toothbrushes.

MEDICAL & VACCINATIONS

Routine booster immunizations (e.g. Tetanus-Diphtheria, Polio, etc.) should be up to date. It is highly recommended that each participant seek the counsel of their personal physician and/or a travel clinic prior to their departure for an individual health assessment to determine if there are other vaccinations or medications recommended for your travel destination. If you get inoculations, have them recorded on an International Inoculation Certificate. Please take your doctor's advice! It would be good to take your tour brochure along so they can see where you will be travelling.

We suggest you plan ahead for getting your vaccinations. Some may require more than one injection. Note that some vaccinations should not be given during pregnancy or to people with allergies. Discuss this with your doctor.

Information about immunizations and travel clinics is available from the following:

USA

Centers for Disease Control

1-800-311-3435, www.cdc.gov/travel

Travel Clinics in USA

www.cdc.gov/travel/travel_clinics.htm

Passport Health USA

1-800-499-7277, www.passporthealthusa.com
(list of all travel clinics in US and will do telephone consultation with travel health specialist)

CANADA

International Association for Medical Assistance for Travellers (IAMAT)

(416) 652-0137, www.iamat.org

Travel Doctors Group

www.tmvc.com.au

Health Canada's Travel Medicine Program

for list of travel medicine clinics, (613) 957-8739

Health Canada's web site

www.TravelHealth.gc.ca

It is advisable to take along enough prescription medicine for the whole tour and a written prescription from your doctor for each medicine. If any of your medicines contain habit-forming drugs or narcotics, take precaution to avoid misunderstanding by properly identifying all drugs. Do not remove the drugs from their original containers and carry only the necessary quantity. These safeguards could save you considerable trouble.

OTHER ITEMS TO BRING

An extra memory card and a good supply of spare or rechargeable batteries for your photographic or video equipment are recommended.

MORE RESOURCES

- [SHERPA travel requirements tool](#)
- [Government of Canada Australia travel advice](#)
- [U.S. Department of State Australia travel information](#)