

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR TRAVELLERS TO THE U.K & EUROPE VISAS/ELECTRONIC TRAVEL AUTHORISATIONS

UNITED KINGDOM

The UK will introduce a new ETA (Electronic Travel Authorisation) for all travel to the UK from the 8th January 2025.

For more information and to apply please see the following site.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-an-electronic-travel-authorisation-eta>

The ETA is best done via the APP on your smartphone

It can take up to 3 days to process so please allow enough time prior to travel

PLEASE only use this website and only pay £16GBP. If you are asked to pay more than this you are on the wrong site and should not complete the process. Please carefully check the website is exactly the same as listed above. There are many companies out there that process your application but charge a hefty fee to do so. Please be vigilant!

The ETA will be valid for 2 years or until your passport expires, whichever occurs first and you can then enter the UK as many times as you need during this time.

All payments for electronic travel authorisation applications must be made by credit card, debit card, apple or google pay. The application will not be submitted for processing until all payment information is received.

This is ultimately the Travellers Responsibility and not a liability of your Travel Consultant.

EUROPE

There are not many countries in Europe that require a Visa for Australian Passport Holders but it is always good to check. Turkey is one that still requires a visa (can be done instantly online)

If you are staying longer than 3 months (90 Days) in Europe/Schengen areas you may need to apply for a [Schengen Visa](#) – this can take quite some time.

From 2025 (although this has been pushed back a few times already and a start date is yet to be confirmed) there is a mandatory electronic visa for travel to Europe called the ETIAS.

For more information please see <https://www.schengenvisainfo.com/etias/>

(We will update this information when a known start date is announced)