

The Department of Homeland Security announced a new Real ID deadline, and it's a very generous extension.

Originally, air travelers were going to need to have a [Real ID](#) by October 1, 2020, in order to board a domestic flight. Last year, the Trump Administration bumped that deadline out a year to October 1, 2021. Now, it's been bumped out all the way until May 3, 2023.

All 50 U.S. states, the District of Columbia, and four of five U.S. territories are now issuing Real ID-compliant licenses and identification cards. (American Samoa is the only territory not yet issuing them.)

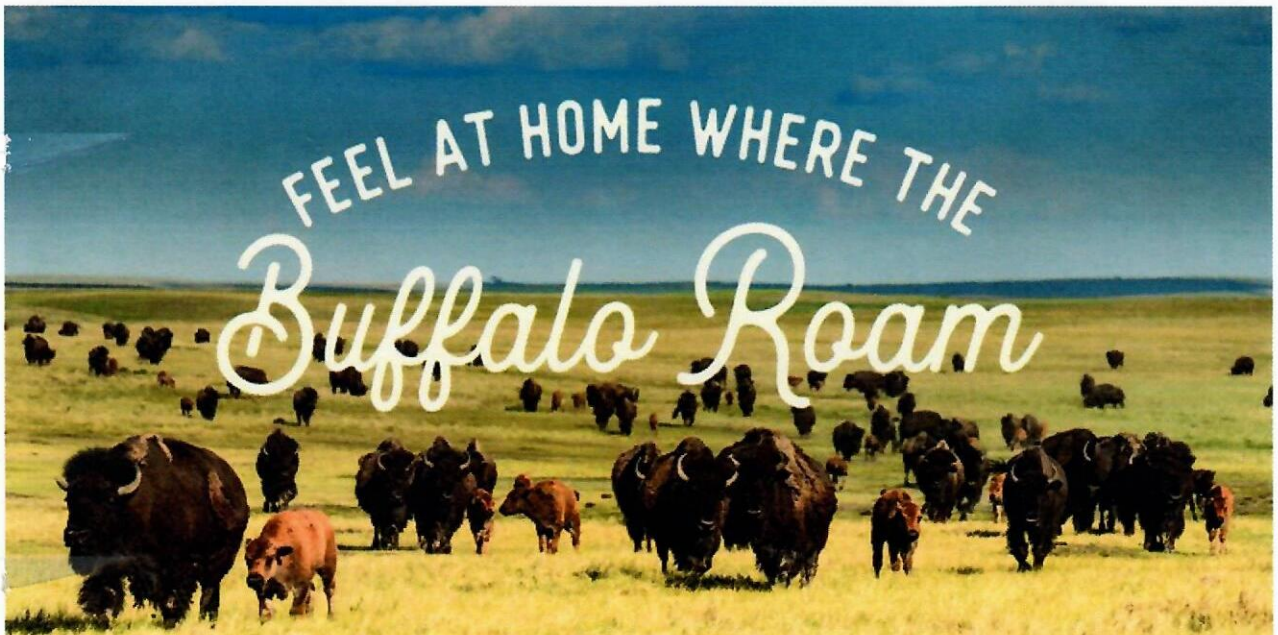
But the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) reported that the pandemic has significantly impacted states' ability to issue Real IDs, and that many driver's license-issuing agencies are still operating at limited capacity.

Many state licensing agencies have also extended the deadline for renewing expiring licenses due to a shift to an appointment-only scheduling system during the pandemic, which has significantly limited the pace at which they have been able to issue licenses and identification cards.

Currently, only 43 percent of all state-issued driver's licenses and identification cards are Real ID-compliant, according to the DHS.

By the new May 3, 2023, deadline, all U.S. travelers 18 and older (kids traveling domestically with an adult don't need to provide identification) will be required to present a driver's license to U.S. Transportation Security Administration (TSA) agents that is considered Real ID-compliant when passing through airport security in order to be able to fly domestically.

If you don't have a compliant ID by that date, you will have to show another acceptable form of identification to fly within the United States, such as a [valid passport](#), permanent resident card, or DHS trusted traveler program card, such as [Global Entry](#) or Nexus.



Every year, more than 1,400 bison thunder across the plains of Custer State Park. The ground shakes, dust flies and heartbeats quicken. It's the annual Buffalo Roundup, and it's one of the last great traditions of the Old West. Keep your summer adventures going at this inspiring event Friday, September 24 and discover everything else South Dakota has to offer.

Airlines Could Soon Be Forced to Refund Fees on Bags that are 'Significantly Delayed'

A new proposal from the White House could soon see passengers get a refund on their baggage fees if they are significantly delayed.

The Biden administration on Tuesday confirmed that it was planning to institute a rule that would give passengers the ability to get a refund on ancillary services, including baggage fees and spotty onboard WiFi, should they be significantly impaired or delayed during their travel.

White House National Economic Council Director Brian Deese confirmed the plan on Tuesday and called it "part of a broader effort...around driving greater competition in the economy in services of lower prices."

Under the proposal, bags that aren't delivered within 12 hours of a domestic flight's arrival, and 25 hours of an international flight's arrival, would see airlines refund passengers their baggage fees. Right now, airlines are only required to refund bag fees when a bag is lost, though some airlines do provide compensation for bags that are significantly delayed.

According to reports, the new rule would be proposed in the coming days and could take effect by summer 2022.

United Airlines, Delta Air Lines, American Airlines, and others all raised the price of a first checked bag by \$5 in late 2018, while also increasing the fees for a second checked bag. The results appear to speak for themselves as baggage fees continue to grow to be a significant source of revenue for U.S. airlines, which combined collected a total of \$5.1 billion in charges over the past year, a record high for the airline industry.

American Airlines brought in \$1.24 billion in baggage fees in 2018, the highest among the U.S. carriers. United was second-highest with a total of \$933.3 million, with Delta coming in third at \$817.1 million collected.



France Has Reopened to U.S. Travelers—Here's Everything You Need to Know

France is finally vibrant again. Electric, joyous, drunk even. Parisians have been cooped up for far too long and are spilling out onto the makeshift terraces that restaurants and bars built on the street and sidewalks to accommodate the previous outdoor-only restrictions.

Paris' light has been reignited. The nightly 9 p.m. curfew recently shifted to 11 p.m. (from 7 p.m. before that), allowing Parisians to enjoy the long days—when the sun doesn't set until well after 10 p.m.—without having to put a cork in a bottle of wine they ordered at dinner to drink the rest at home.

Being on the green list means that vaccinated leisure travelers from the U.S. can enter France with no additional public health requirements (such as COVID testing) or quarantine. Unvaccinated leisure travelers from the U.S. can enter France as long as they present a negative PCR or antigen COVID test from within 72 hours prior to their flight.

Unvaccinated children traveling from the U.S. are allowed to enter France, but those age 11 and older will have to show a negative test.

Restaurants and bars are not only allowed to serve outdoors again with up to six people per table but inside as well at a limited capacity. Cultural institutions, such as the Louvre and other museums, have reopened with a capacity of up to 800 people indoors and 1,000 outdoors. Come June 30, there will be no restrictions on the number of people gathering indoors, but nightclubs will remain closed.

In France, masks are still required in all public places, even for those who are vaccinated (except when running or cycling), and gatherings of more than six people are forbidden. Alcohol consumption in public remains banned (prior to the pandemic there was no such ban).

Where can Americans travel in Europe?

We have compiled information on countries that are currently open to U.S. visitors, as well as some major destinations that we expect to open in the near future; we expect to add more information as it becomes available. And as the regulations are shifting, it bears repeating that advisors should stay abreast of the rules by visiting the CDC website, Reopen Europe and individual U.S. embassy and tourist office websites.

The Czech Republic opened to U.S. residents with no Covid test or quarantine required as of June 21.

Denmark is open to American travelers, regardless of vaccination status.

Updated: Finland is lifting restrictions on Americans entering the country as of July 12. To be eligible, travelers must present proof of vaccination 14 days prior to arrival or proof of recovery from Covid-19 within six months of arrival.

Updated: France is now open to vaccinated and unvaccinated American travelers. Unvaccinated travelers need to present a negative PCR test of less than 72 hours or a negative antigen test of less than 48 before boarding.

Germany reopened to U.S. travelers on June 20.

Greece is officially open to U.S. tourists.

Iceland was one of the first European countries to open its doors to Americans. Travelers who have been vaccinated or who can show proof of prior infection have been able to enter the country without testing or quarantining since April.

Ireland will begin welcoming U.S. tourists, vaccinated or not, on July 19.

Generally speaking, Americans are free to visit Italy for tourism, but the rules may vary by region and are in flux.

U.S. residents can travel to the Netherlands with no negative test requirements and no self-quarantine on arrival.

As of June 15, Portugal opened to nonessential travel for U.S. nationals.

As of June 24, Spain opened to all travelers from the U.S., regardless of vaccination status.

Switzerland welcomed fully vaccinated North American guests as of June 28. Quarantine and a negative Covid-19 test will not be required to enter the country.

The U.S. is on the amber list for the UK, which means that while visitors can enter, testing and quarantines are still in effect. In addition, passengers need to fill out a pre-entry form. Prime Minister Boris Johnson said that the country will delay by four weeks the next relaxation of in-country Covid restrictions to enable the country to continue a vaccination drive to combat the delta variant.

Canada lifting cruise ban on Nov. 1

The date effectively means that cruising won't begin in Canada until spring 2022 since the summer Alaska season and the summer/fall Atlantic Canada season will be over by November.

In February, Canada extended its cruise ship ban for one year, until February 2022, on cruise ships carrying more than 100 people. The ban put this year's Alaska cruise season in doubt because the United States' Passenger Vessel Services Act (PVSA) mandates foreign-flagged ships to call in at least one foreign port on any U.S. itinerary, which is why large cruise ships either begin, end or call in Vancouver and Victoria, B.C., as part of Alaska itineraries.

That problem was solved when Congress approved temporary relief from the PVSA for passenger ships sailing in Alaska this summer. The legislation stipulates that the PVSA waiver terminates when Canada drops its cruise ban or on March 31, 2022.

Government agency Transport Canada said on Thursday that the cruise ship prohibition would no longer be in effect for operators that are able to fully comply with public health requirements.

The government of Canada continues to advise Canadians "to avoid all travel on cruise ships outside the country until further notice."



Crystal Symphony returns to cruising this summer!

Experience all that is Crystal while sailing from New York to Bermuda.

Dates & Pricing

Voyage	From/To	Outside	Verandah	PH/SH	PS/SP	CP
OCS210924-07	RT New York	\$2,099	\$2,549	\$4,349	\$6,099	\$10,099
OCS211001-07	RT New York	\$2,099	\$2,549	\$4,349	\$6,099	\$10,099
OCS211008-07	RT New York	\$2,099	\$2,549	\$4,349	\$6,099	\$10,099
OCS211015-07	RT New York	\$2,099	\$2,549	\$4,349	\$6,099	\$10,099
OCS211022-07	RT New York	\$2,099	\$2,549	\$4,349	\$6,099	\$10,099
OCS211029-07	RT New York	\$2,099	\$2,549	\$4,349	\$6,099	\$10,099
OCS211105-07	RT New York	\$1,999	\$2,449	\$4,249	\$5,999	\$9,999
OCS211112-07	RT New York	\$1,999	\$2,449	\$4,249	\$5,999	\$9,999
OCS211119-07	RT New York	\$1,999	\$2,449	\$4,249	\$5,999	\$9,999

Round Trip New York

DAY	PORT	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE
Sunday	NEW YORK, New York	-	6:00 PM
Monday	Cruising the Atlantic Ocean	-	-
Tuesday	Royal Naval Dockyard, BERMUDA	3:00 PM	-
Wednesday	Royal Naval Dockyard, BERMUDA	-	-
Thursday	Royal Naval Dockyard, BERMUDA	-	5:00 PM
Friday	Cruising the Atlantic Ocean	-	-
Saturday	Cruising the Atlantic Ocean	-	-
Sunday	NEW YORK, New York	7:00 AM	-

Terms & Conditions

Rates are per person, best available within meta category
 Rates include \$1,000 pp Book Now Savings
 Port charges are additional at \$365 pp
 \$1,749 third berth ALL categories, no additional discounts
 Solo Fares starting at 125% single supplements
 Crystal Society Savings of 5%
 New to Crystal Savings 2.5%
 \$125 As You Wish SBCs per person (1st/2nd guests only)

Limited Time Offer: 30% Off* a 4 Night Vacation Package

You can experience four days of awesome excitement at Universal Orlando Resort's three theme parks and four nights of fun and relaxation at one of Universal Orlando's spectacular hotels.



It's time to kick down the gates and let loose with all your favorite people. Universal Orlando's three theme parks plus entertainment across our entire resort are yours to enjoy, explore and experience some crazy special times that none of us will ever forget.



Norwegian Cruise Line Announces New Ship Class Called Prima with Six New Vessels

Norwegian today announced that it is launching a brand new class of ships called Prima class that will include six 3,215-passenger ships. The class will debut first with the Norwegian Prima, the namesake of the class, in August of 2022 and then will be followed by five more ships.

More Than a Massage



"I need to relax." How many times do you hear that from your clients? Recommending a massage upon arrival can set up their stay properly. But which massage should they choose? When traveling to immersive wellness properties and wellness resorts, the spa menu will likely be full of choices to explore. This is where it gets fun.

Most often we see Swedish, Deep Tissue, and Hot Stone massages. All have their benefits. Most often when "custom" massages are offered, it's the Swedish massage being delivered. Pay attention to the description to see if there are any extras. For example, at [Lake Austin Spa Resort](#) their Custom Comfort Massage can include aromatherapy, hot stones, or cold packs. This is the kind of curated treatment that your client will remember.

After a few hours of flying, the body can feel bloated. To help soothe this, try the Lymphatic Drainage Massage. This light touch, relaxing treatment can be found at many wellness resorts like [COMO Parrot Cay](#). Focusing on the lymph nodes to rid the body of toxins, it can also be a release of emotional toxins. Different from many massages that recommend resting afterwards, some suggest walking for 20 minutes after the Lymphatic Drainage. And yes, keep drinking water.

If your client likes the benefits of a Deep Tissue or Hot Stone but wants to try something new, look for the Bamboo Massage. The therapist rolls warm bamboo cane over the body in the same motions traditionally used in a massage. It allows for a firm and deep pressure not as easily accessed by hand. Different sized bamboo pieces are used throughout to fit the area being treated. During this process, muscle tension is released. It can be beneficial for those with depression or anxiety as it helps to release endorphins in the body, too.

A fantastic way to feel relaxed is through Reflexology. By focusing on pressure points in the feet, hands, and ears, this massage technique is known for stimulating nerve function, improving circulation, and promoting relaxation. This ancient practice has been traced back to Egypt, India, and China. Now widely known, it can be found across the globe from [Chatham Bars Inn](#) to [Euphoria Retreat](#). How often are we giving our feet the love they deserve? Since it's typically a fully dressed experience, this is great for the modest traveler, too.

For a truly decadent experience, the Four-Handed Massage is a top recommendation. Two therapists perform a Swedish massage with synchronized motions. This is a beautiful dance that pampers down to your toes (literally). The movement can feel like two massages at once and is great for those with busy minds. The renovated Fern Tree Spa at [Half Moon Jamaica](#) offers this luxurious treatment.

There are even more massages to explore, but this is a good start. With each new experience, your clients will remember the trip, the destination, and the travel advisor that recommended their treatment.