



BREXIT

AND THE POTENTIAL IMPACT ON TRAVEL TO THE EU



As we move close to the end of the Brexit transition period, we wanted to provide guidance for those travelling from the UK to Europe on or after 1 January 2021.

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Travel to the EU **MAY CHANGE**




→ THINGS TO KNOW

PASSPORTS & VISAS

ACTION	REQUIREMENT	DETAILS
<p>Check the expiry date on your Passport.</p> 	<p>It is a requirement for UK citizens to have, on the day of travel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least 6 months validity on their passport; and The passport to be less than 10 years old (even if it has 6 months or more left) 	<p>You can check the validity of your passport here. It usually takes around 3 weeks to renew your passport and there is also a premium fast-track service available.</p> <p>You can check visa and passport requirements at KT Online</p>
<p>Understand VISA requirements when travelling to the EU.</p>  	<p>While the UK is still a member of the EU, UK citizens travelling to Europe only need their passport to enter the other member countries. The European Parliament has confirmed that even in the event of a no-deal scenario, UK travellers will not require a visa to travel to the EU after Brexit for short-term business or leisure trips.</p> 	<p>UK citizens will be able to visit the EU for up to 90 days within a 180-day period without a visa. It is also confirmed that travel to Ireland will not change after Brexit and UK citizens will be able to travel in Ireland in the same way as before. However, a visa or permit may be required to stay for longer, or if a person wishes to work or study, but this will likely vary on a country by country basis.</p> <p>However, after Brexit and from January 2021, British citizens will need to apply for and get an ETIAS visa waiver for travel to the EU.</p>


HEALTH INSURANCE

ACTION	REQUIREMENT	DETAILS
<p>Check your organisation's health insurance cover before you travel.</p> 	<p>The European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) may not be valid in all EU countries in the case of a no-deal Brexit. We strongly recommend buying travel insurance or checking your organisation's travel health insurance before travelling.</p>	<p>It's particularly important you get travel insurance with the right cover if you have a pre-existing medical condition. This is because the EHIC scheme covers pre-existing conditions, while many travel insurance policies do not.</p>

AIRPORT BORDER CONTROL

ACTION	REQUIREMENT	DETAILS
<p>Prepare for longer border control queues at airports within the EU.</p> 	<p>British travellers may no longer be able to use the EU or EEA passport lanes. This could cause delays given the volume of UK/EU passengers, the additional passport checks that need to be carried out and the need to queue in manual passport check lanes, particularly at small airports where there is less infrastructure.</p>	<p>We therefore recommend that travellers consider the possibility of increased delays when arranging their onward transport or meetings. Also make sure you check-in online prior to departure if possible, as this may reduce delays at the airport.</p> 

EU DRIVING LAWS

ACTION	REQUIREMENT	DETAILS
<p>Extra documentation for driving in the EU.</p> 	<p>You'll need to apply for an International Driving Permit (IDP). These cost £5.50 and are available directly from the Post Office. Travellers can check if they need an IDP here. Check carefully which permit is required for each country you intend to drive within, as you may need more than one permit to comply with the law.</p>	<p>If you're taking your own vehicle, you'll also need an insurance 'Green Card'. These physical cards are issued by insurers and you may be charged a small fee to cover administration costs. Speak with your insurer for more information on obtaining a Green Card. Allow 1 month to get this from your insurance company. You'll also need a GB sticker.</p>

MOBILE PHONES

ACTION	DETAILS
<p>Check mobile data charges with your supplier as free roaming may end.</p> 	<p>After Brexit, the guarantee of free mobile phone roaming throughout the EU, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway may end, so it is recommended you check with your phone operator to find out about any changes in roaming charges.</p>  

KEY TRAVEL BREXIT SUPPORT

If you have further questions or concerns please contact your Key Travel account manager at accountmanager@keytravel.com

PLEASE NOTE: This advice has been taken from the government website <https://www.gov.uk/visit-europe-1-january-2021> where you'll find the latest updates on visiting Europe.

