

Israel Joins Visa Waiver Program

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The Department of Homeland Security and the State Department [announced that Israel](#) has been admitted to the Visa Waiver Program. Starting Nov. 30, 2023, Israeli passport holders are eligible to apply for the Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA), which, once granted, will allow them to travel to the United States for business or tourism without having to first apply for and obtain a visa.

This is great news for Israeli citizens (who do not already have U.S. visitor visas) who wish to travel to the United States for business, vacation, or to visit family because it gives them the flexibility to make short trips to the United States without having to wait for a visa appointment. This is also welcome news for U.S. businesses who wish to invite their Israeli clients and customers for important in-person visits and meetings.

As a reminder, visits to the United States via the visa waiver program are limited to 90 days per visit. Applicants should visit the [ESTA website](#) to apply.

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