



**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
**Electronic System for Travel Authorization (E.S.T.A)**

Dear Travel Partner:

As you may already know, effective **January 12, 2009**, all Visa Waiver Program (VWP) travelers will be required to have an electronic travel authorization via the Electronic System for Travel Authorization. (E.S.T.A). Homeland Security has developed a web-based system that determines the eligibility of visitors from Visa Waiver Program countries (VWP) to travel to the United States. Please note citizens of the following countries who are **NOT** U. S. Residents (ARC-“Green Card” holders) must fulfill this requirement or entry to the United States may be denied:

Andorra	Estonia	Italy	Malta	Singapore
Austria	France	Japan	Monaco	Slovakia
Australia	Finland	Korea, Republic of	Netherlands	Slovenia
Belgium	Germany	Latvia	New Zealand	Spain
Brunei	Hungary	Liechtenstein	Norway	Sweden
Czech Republic	Iceland	Lithuania	Portugal	Switzerland
Denmark	Ireland	Luxembourg	San Marino	United Kingdom

Travelers or travel agents must enter information into the following secure website:

[www.cbp.gov/esta](http://www.cbp.gov/esta)

The Office of Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) expects the ESTA website to be fully operational by October 15, 2008. The website will initially be available in English only but will soon be translated into several languages. The information required is similar to that already required on standard I-94W form currently in use. Travelers will receive real-time notification and the approval is stored in the electronic system for traveler’s convenience. Travelers may receive one of three responses:

- Authorization Approved -> Travel Authorized**
- Authorization Pending -> Traveler must check again within 72 hours for final response**
- Travel Not Authorized -> Traveler must obtain a non-immigrant Visa at a U. S. Embassy or Consulate before traveling to the United States**

Beyond enhanced security, the benefits for travelers ensures the future of the Visa Waiver Program, requires no visits to consulates if approved, is currently free to use, provides a fast response time, allows for last minute travel and is good for a duration of two (2) years including multiple trips. Please remind guests to print a copy of the Authorization Approval so they may present it at embarkation.

Thank you for your assistance in forwarding this very important information to our mutual guests listed on the following page.

Sincerely,

Carnival Cruise Lines  
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