



## Important Travel Validation Information

If you plan to travel outside the U.S. during your Camp America program, please review the following requirements carefully.

1. Your J-1 visa must have an **M** on it, meaning you are eligible for **multiple entries** into the U.S.
2. You must return to the U.S. before **BOTH** your **DS-2019 form end date** AND your **visa expiration date**. **Note:** these dates may differ – ***you must follow whichever date comes first.***
  - **Example #1:** If your visa expiration date is August 30 and your DS-2019 end date is August 15, you cannot leave and re-enter the U.S. after August 15.
  - **Example #2:** If your visa expires on August 10 and your DS-2019 end date is August 25, you cannot re-enter the U.S. after August 10.
3. Some nationalities may require a travel visa to enter Canada or Mexico—it is your responsibility to check with the Mexican or Canadian consulate.
  - **Canada now requires a visa or an Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) for air travel (even if you're just transiting through).** Refer to the Government of Canada's website to find out if you [need a visa](#) or [to apply for an eTA](#).
  - Mexico does not require a visa for permanent residents of Canada, Japan, the United Kingdom, or any Schengen Area countries. Click [here](#) for more information on requirements to enter Mexico. [This page lists the countries that do require a visa to enter Mexico.](#)
4. The "Travel Validation" section on your **DS-2019 must be signed by a Camp America staff member** if you plan to return home or travel during your program dates to a country that is not listed below.

Please email [compliance@campamerica.com](mailto:compliance@campamerica.com) to request a DS-2019 with a digital travel validation signature if you plan to travel during your program dates. You will receive a DS-2019 form via email with a digital travel validation signature that you can use to reenter the USA.

**Print the DS-2019 with the travel validation signature BEFORE you travel and sign the bottom where it says "Signature of Applicant." You must travel with BOTH DS-2019s—the one signed by the embassy and the one with the travel validation signature provided by Camp America. Both documents must be presented to U.S. customs upon reentry.**

**\*\*The travel validation signature cannot be used during your 30 day grace period for reentering the US.\*\***

5. You typically do not need a travel validation signature for travel to the following countries below. **\*\*However, if you would prefer to have a travel validation on your DS-2019 to show at Customs when reentering the USA, you may request one at [compliance@campamerica.com](mailto:compliance@campamerica.com).**
  - The Bahamas
  - Barbados
  - Bermuda
  - Canada
  - Cuba
  - The Dominican Republic
  - Haiti
  - Jamaica
  - Mexico
  - Saint Pierre and Miquelon
  - Trinidad

- The Windward and Leeward Islands
  - Other British, French, or Dutch territories bordering the Caribbean Sea
6. If you are eligible for travel outside the U.S., make sure to print a copy of your most recent **I-94** from the [I-94 website](#), in case it is requested by U.S. customs.

### **\*\*Grace Period Rules\*\***

- The grace period is **30 days** after your DS-2019 end date which is the date listed in SEVIS.
- You **CANNOT WORK** during your grace period!
- You **CANNOT LEAVE AND RE-ENTER THE USA** during your grace period on your J-1 visa.
- **If you leave the USA during your grace period, you will need an ESTA to reenter the USA if you are from a Visa Waiver country.** You can apply for your ESTA [here](#). Please note **an ESTA is NOT a guarantee of entry into the U.S.** If you are refused entry by US customs, you will be responsible for your return travel home.
- **CAMPOWER/SUMMER WORK TRAVEL Participants:** You **MUST** return home the day before your university start date per Department of State regulations. If your university start date is **BEFORE** the end of your 30 day grace period, you will not be able to remain in the U.S. for the full 30 days of your grace period.

## **Travel to Canada**

### **Visa Exempt (but still need an eTA if travelling by air):**

- Andorra
- Australia
- Austria
- Belgium
- Bulgaria
- Chile
- Croatia
- Cyprus
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Hungary
- Iceland
- Ireland
- Israel, must have a national Israeli passport
- Italy
- Latvia

- Liechtenstein
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Malta
- Monaco
- Netherlands
- New Zealand
- Norway
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania (electronic passport holders only)
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- United Kingdom (including overseas British territories)

**Visa Required:**

- Albania
- Argentina (some citizens of Argentina may be eligible for an eTA if they meet certain requirements)
- Armenia
- Belize
- Bolivia
- Brazil (some citizens of Brazil may be eligible for an eTA if they meet certain requirements)
- Bosnia-Herzegovina
- Botswana
- Colombia
- Costa Rica (some citizens of Costa Rica may be eligible for an eTA if they meet certain requirements)
- Dominican Republic
- Ecuador
- Georgia
- Ghana
- Guatemala
- Honduras

- Israel, must have a valid Israeli “Travel Document in lieu of National Passport”
- Jamaica
- Jordan
- Kenya
- Kosovo
- Mexico (some citizens of Mexico may be eligible for an eTA if they meet certain requirements)
- Moldova
- Namibia
- Nicaragua
- Nigeria
- Panama
- Peru
- Romania (holder of a non-electronic passport, such as a temporary passport)
- Russia
- Serbia
- South Africa
- Turkey
- Thailand (some citizens of Thailand may be eligible for an eTA if they meet certain requirements)
- Ukraine
- Uruguay (some citizens of Uruguay may be eligible for an eTA if they meet certain requirements)
- Venezuela
- Zimbabwe

**Full lists of countries here:**

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/visit-canada/entry-requirements-country.html>

**Government of Canada’s website to easily find out if a participant needs a visa or to apply for an eTA:**

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/visit-canada/eta.html>