

8 Essential Travel Documents For Your Holiday

1

Your Passport

Apply for a UK passport 10 weeks ahead of a trip, before or after January- July, when the intake is at its highest.

A Photocopy of Your Passport

If you lose your passport, the details on the photocopy will help you cancel and apply for an emergency passport.

2

3

VISAs

Check what the visa and visa-free countries are to see if you need this travel document for international travel.

ETIAS

New for autumn 2026, the ETIAS (European Travel Information and Authorisation System) is a visa waiver. Apply for one for a small fee.

4

5

EHIC/GHIC CARD

A Global Health Insurance Card will provide state-provided healthcare at a reduced fee.

International Driving Permit (IDP)

Check if you need an IDP when driving outside the EU, Switzerland, Norway, Iceland, or Liechtenstein.

6

7

Minor Travel Consent Form

Provide your child with this legally binding document when they travel without you.

Travel Insurance

Buy travel insurance as soon as you book a trip. You'll then be covered for unforeseen events before or after leaving home.

8

[For more travel tips view our blog.](#)



PJHayman