Simple* one-page guide to travelling after Brexit

Less hassle. More holiday.

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When are you travelling?

Before March 29th 2019

After March 29th 2019

We're still in the EU

Renew your passport if it has less than 6 months on it, and check your EHIC card is up to date

You're fine, travel the same as you do now. (That still means take out proper travel insurance. And don't leave your airport parking until the day you fly - most people save money by pre-booking with Holiday Extras.)

Ok, it kinda depends what happens next

We leave the EU without a deal

(whoops)

(I mean, seriously, they had one job)

We leave the EU with Theresa May's deal (or something similar)

We extend Article 50

Sure, then what?

Somehow we remain in the EU after all

The deal includes a transition period which, for UK travellers, is pretty much the same as being in the EU

Now it depends whether you're travelling before 31st December 2020. Are you?

Yes

No

(Wow, you really plan ahead! This'll be a piece of cake for someone like you)

What you need to know depends where you're going. Pick a country.

Don't lie. No-one goes to Sealand

No

Yes...

Oh, hang on. You're not going to Sealand are you?

If we leave the EU, to travel to all of these countries (currently the Schengen block) from 2021 onwards you'll need a new document called ETIAS - the European Travel Information and Authorisation System. It'll cost €7 and (probably) last for three years. You'll also need to check your passport has at least six months left on it (renew it if not). And we always recommend you make sure you have good travel insurance. Safe travels!

Austria, Belgium, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia → You're going to need Euros, or better still one of our Euro currency cards → If you're driving, you'll need a 1968 International Driving Permit (IDP), and (probably) a green card proving you have valid motor insurance. You can get your IDP from around 2,500 UK post offices

Czechia, Denmark, Hungary, Poland, Sweden, Norway, Switzerland → These countries all use different currencies. Did we mention our currency card that you can use anywhere?

Spain (including the Canaries) and Malta → Take Euros

Iceland → Take Króna

Lichtenstein → Swiss Francs

Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania → Lev, Kuna or Leu (cool huh?) → To drive in these countries you'll need the 1968 IDP

Cyprus → Euros again → Here you'll need the 1949 IDP

Ireland → More Euros

Absolutely everywhere else in the world → (except Monaco, San Marino and the Vatican. It's a bit complicated)

Here you'll need the 1949 IDP instead

And just to be special, you need a 1926 IDP in Lichtenstein (which you can also use in Mexico and Somalia)

These countries aren't part of Schengen or ETIAS so each has its own rules for tourists - if we leave the EU you should check each country's rules before travelling. And like always, we recommend you take good travel insurance when you go. Safe travels!

Good news! The UK and Ireland have a unique arrangement called the Common Travel Area, which predates the EU and shouldn't be affected by Brexit. You should be able to travel to Ireland after any sort of Brexit just as you can now.

*ok, we admit it's not super simple. This is Brexit after all