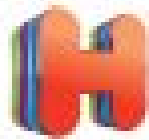




## Infographic: Passport Facts and Tips from Hotels.com

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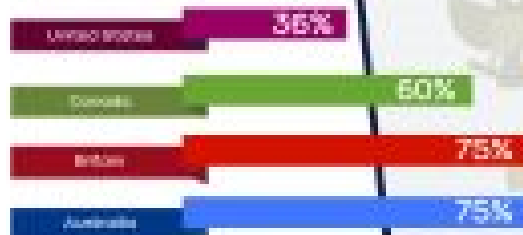


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According to Hotels.com data, US searches for international cities is up 35% year over year. A U.S. Passport is required for travel outside the United States so be sure to gather the facts before you pack your bags.

**36%** OF AMERICANS HOLD A VALID PASSPORT, according to the State Department, compared to 60% of passport-holding Canadians and 75% for Brits and Aussies.\*

That means nearly 2/3rds of Americans aren't ready for international travel!



### BOOK OR CARD?

The application fee for a U.S. Passport is \$110 but the fee for a Passport card is \$30. A Passport card is valid for U.S. land and sea ports-of-entry when arriving from Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean and Bermuda but not for air travel outside the US.



### NO GLASSES

As of November 1, 2016, customers applying for or renewing their passport must remove their glasses for their photo.

The State Dept projects Americans will apply for

**21 MILLION PASSPORTS IN 2017**

up from 14.5 million in 2015 and 16.8 million in 2016.

STATES WITH THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGES OF PASSPORTS

- 158% NEW YORK
- 136% MASSACHUSETTS
- 135% ALASKA
- 135% CONNECTICUT
- 135% DELAWARE



STATES WITH THE LOWEST PERCENTAGES OF PASSPORTS

- MISSISSIPPI (17%)
- WEST VIRGINIA (18%)
- ALABAMA (22%)
- ARKANSAS (22%)
- KENTUCKY (23%)

\*Source: US Dept of State  
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