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PASSPORT INFORMATION

Effective January 1, 2008, ALL US citizens traveling to the Caribbean must have valid passports. To assist you in beginning the process, we have answered a few pertinent questions.

When Should We Begin the Application Process?

Right now! The passport application process can take up to 12 weeks to complete, so it's best to get started as soon as possible — even if your sailing is months away.

Norwegian Cruise Lines will request your Passport Number approximately 75 days prior to departure time.

Important Note

It is your responsibility to acquire proper citizenship documentation (passport and/or green card). Those without proper documentation at time of departure will not be allowed to board.

What Do I Need?

You must appear in person at the passport location when you are applying for a passport for the first time, this includes minors.

1. U.S. Government DS-11 Application – Download [the application](#) from the government site to be certain you have the latest form.

Tip: You will need to complete this form, but do NOT sign it until you are at the passport location where the Passport Acceptance Agent will instruct you. If you sign the application form before you get there, it will not be accepted and you will be asked to fill out a new form!

Important Note

Don't use white-out or correction tape on the application; you will be asked to fill out a new form.

2. Proof of Citizenship – Visit the US Government website for a list of [acceptable proof of citizenship](#), including the particulars of what is considered a certified birth certificate.

Important Note

Your original/ certified birth certificate will be submitted with the passport application. That means you will not have it for approximately eight weeks. It's a good idea to make copies for use until it is returned.

3. Current valid identification with a signature, photo and physical description (your height, weight, etc.) – Visit the government site for [examples of valid identification](#).

Important Note

A social security card is not valid identification.

4. Two current color photos – Visit the government site for [the particulars of a passport photo](#), including size and acceptable attire.

5. Methods of Payment – Visit the US Government site for the [methods of payment](#). Different locations accept different forms of payment. Be sure to check with your individual passport location to verify its acceptable methods of payment. You can request [Expedited Service](#) to obtain your passport faster than the normal processing time.

Where Do I Go for a Passport?

There are 14 Passport Agencies and over 7,000 public places that accept passport applications. To find the locations nearest to you, including locations that offer handicap access and photos on-site or nearby, [enter your zip code](#) in the form at the US Government site. It is a good idea to contact your location for acceptable forms of payment, hours of operation, and whether an appointment is necessary.

What About Passports for Children under the Age of 14?

To submit an application for a child under the age of 14, the child must appear in person. Visit the [U.S. Government's information on passports for children](#) and the [U.S. Government's issue of Consent for an Application of a Minor](#) for information on obtaining passports for children under the age of 14.

If your child is adopted abroad, we recommend you visit [Child Citizenship](#) for information on appropriate documentation requirements.

Important Note

You must use a certified birth certificate that includes parents' names.

How Do I Renew a Passport?

You can renew your passport by mail or in person. Download [U.S. Government's Renewal Form DS-82](#) and review the [U.S. Government's information on renewing passports](#).