



SEMESTER AT SEA®

Passport Requirements 101

Participating in a Semester at Sea voyage is a once in a lifetime opportunity that will give you the opportunity to learn in countries all over the world. Please read this document carefully to understand what you need to know about passport requirements on your voyage. If passport requirements are not met, it will effect your ability to sail on the voyage.

Obtaining Your Passport

You can find information regarding first time passport applications [here](#) or through our visa partner Trivisa - CIBT [here](#). **Please note that this process can take up to six weeks and should be started immediately upon placing your voyage deposit.** Using Trivisa – CIBT for your passport application/renewal will expedite the process considerably. If your passport is expired or due to expire, or you lack adequate blank pages (see below), you will need to renew your passport immediately and can use the same link(s) as above.

Semester at Sea strongly encourages all voyagers to obtain the 52 page passport book. This is at no extra cost to the applicant. When applying for the 52 page book, you will need to select the “Large Book (Non-Standard)” option on the top of the passport application. The standard 28 page passport book is not sufficient for use on Semester at Sea voyages.

Validity Requirements

Your passport must be valid for six months after the voyage end date, which is **October 20, 2018**.

Blank Visa Page Requirements

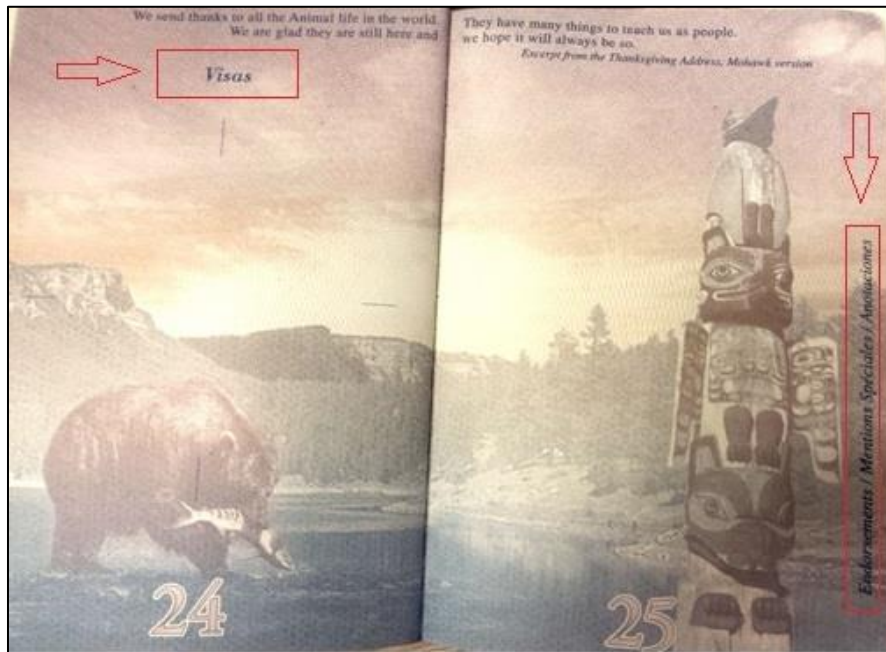
All participants will be required to obtain visas in order to sail on a Semester at Sea voyage. Visa instructions and requirements are released approximately 4 months prior to embarkation. Each voyager is responsible for their own remaining, blank visa pages in their passport, such that these entry requirements will be met in each sequential port of call. Semester at Sea cannot predict or be held responsible for how local immigration officials will stamp each individual passport. Please see the images below to determine if you have sufficient blank visa pages for your voyage or if you will need to renew your passport

Destination Country – Spring 2018	United States Passport*
Germany	1 Page
Morocco	1 Page
Ghana	2 Consecutive Pages
South Africa	2 Consecutive- Adjacent Pages
Mauritius	1 Page
India	2 Pages
Myanmar (Burma)	2 Pages
Viet Nam	2 Pages
China	2 Pages
Hong Kong	1 Page
Japan	1 Page
United States	1 Page
Mexico (Embarkation)	1 Page
TOTAL**	19 FULLY BLANK VISA PAGES

*Non-US passport holders will need to budget an extra blank visa page within their passport for each additional visa that is required for their nationality.

This blank visa page count will increase if a voyage participant intends to register for Field Programs which take them outside the country of port (examples being Cambodia from Vietnam). Each voyage participant is responsible for including for these blank visa pages in their overall count. **Voyage participants are not permitted to travel outside of the port country independently.

Passport pages reserved for Amendments and Endorsements cannot be used for visas.



On the left is an example of a blank visa page – count these to come up with your overall blank pages count. On the right is an example of an Endorsement page – ***these pages cannot be used for visas and should not be counted when determining how many blank visa pages are in your passport.***

Field Programs

The passport number entered into the MyPassport Self Service Portal is the number used to book all Field Programs and create all visa documents. It is vitally important this number matches the passport the participant will actually be traveling with (and is promptly updated if the participant obtains a new passport). Using incorrect passport information could result in the participant having to pay change fees or could result in the ability to board flights/ trains, etc. and inability to participate in the program. The Field Office is not responsible for inaccurate reservations as a result of passport information that is incorrectly entered into MyPassport. The participant is responsible for any fees or cancellation penalties administered as a result of incorrect or outdated information.

Visas

All voyagers will require visas in order to sail. These requirements are specific to your nationality. Visa applications cannot be lodged until your passport is obtained. Visa documents are generated based on the passport information which is entered into your MyPassport Self Service Portal. If you renew your passport, you must promptly update this information in your portal. Further visa information and instructions will be released in early September 2017. **Please do not apply for visas prior to this date.**

If you have any questions about passport requirements, please contact programadministration@isevoyages.org.