

2018-2019 Visa Information: South Pacific Service & Ocean Skills Semester

During your program you will travel to Fiji, New Zealand, and Australia. While you do not need to obtain a visa prior to departure for Fiji and New Zealand, it is important that you review the entry requirements listed below so that you are prepared to travel to each location. For Australia, please be aware that US citizens ARE required to obtain an electronic visa known as an ETA prior to departure. You will not be able to board your flight to Australia without this electronic visa.

Rustic Pathways has partnered with G3 Global Services to provide support for visa and passport services. For US citizens and residents, G3 can assist with visa applications as well as passport renewals and additional pages (fee paid directly to G3) should you wish.

Visa Requirements for US Citizens:

- Fiji: No visa required for stays of less than 4 months.
- New Zealand: No visa required stays of less than 90 days.
- Australia: Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) must be obtained before departure from the USA. Instructions are below.

Instructions for Australian Tourist ETA for US Citizens

To acquire an ETA please visit the Australia Immigration website at <https://www.eta.immi.gov.au/ETA/etas.jsp> and follow the instructions provided. This is a fairly straightforward process that should not take long to complete. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to the Gap Year team.

When to Apply

We recommend you apply for your ETA about one month prior to your departure for Australia. Your ETA will be valid for a twelve-month period.

Important Notes about the Australian Tourist ETA:

- You must have your passport, email address and a credit card to complete the online application.
- You should apply for a tourist ETA for your Rustic Pathways program. Do not apply for a business, short-term work or other kind of visa or ETA for your program.
- There is a \$20 fee for the ETA that can be paid by credit card online.
- You must have at least one blank visa page in your passport when traveling to Australia.

Passport Requirements for all travelers:

- Your passport must be valid for at least six months past the end of your trip.
- Your passport must have at least three blank pages marked "Visas."
- Your passport must be signed.

Special Recommendations for Travelers Under 18:

We recommend that travelers under age 18 travel with the following documents:

- A photocopy of your birth certificate
- A photocopy of both parents' passports or driver's licenses
- A notarized Consent to Travel Statement signed by both parents

Required Travel Document Checklist:

- Printed copy of ETA confirmation
- Your valid, signed passport with three blank visa pages
- Recommended documentation for travelers under 18 as listed above.
- Printed copy of your Flight Itinerary for return and/or onward travel

- Fiji address for Immigration and Customs card (included in pre-departure email)

Instructions For Non-US Citizens

Visa requirements for non-US citizens vary widely. G3 is able to process visas for non-US citizens who reside in the US, and will provide guidance for travelers who reside outside the United States. G3 will refer non-US residents to the appropriate embassy, consulate or resource as needed free of charge.

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