



SEMESTER AT SEA®

Institute for Shipboard Education Visa Pre-Embarkation Form

*By checking the Visa Pre-Embarkation Form box on MyPassport I acknowledge that I have read and agree to the terms outlined in this document.
Please print for your records.*

Countries along this itinerary will require travelers to have a certain number of blank passport pages upon entry. Each student is responsible for his or her own remaining, blank visa pages in their passport, such that these entry requirements will be met in each sequential port of call. Entry requirements for each country will be available through Trivisa Passport and Visa Service. Participants who already have many stamps in their current passport are advised to either renew their passport, or to obtain a second valid passport, both of which can be done through Trivisa.

Any visa acquisition prior to the voyage is entirely the participant's responsibility. Visas fall into three primary categories.

1. The following are the main types of visas required to participate on Semester at Sea voyages.
 - 1.1. **Do Not Sail (DNS) Visa Status:** DNS visa status means that without a visa the participant cannot be on the ship or in the country during the port stay. This means if visas cannot be acquired before departure and cannot be gained en route, prior to arrival to the visa required country, the participant cannot sail on the voyage. If the visa can potentially be obtained en route, the participant will knowingly leave the voyage prior to the port where the participant has DNS visa status, if for whatever reason the plan to remove DNS visa status en route fails.
 - 1.2. **Required visas that allow passenger to be detained on the ship:** Some countries with required visas will allow passengers to stay on the ship in the country's waters if the visa is not obtained. If a participant decides to sail without a visa for such countries, the participant cannot take part in any field classes in the respective port and cannot exit the ship for the entirety of the port stay.
 - 1.3. **On Arrival Visas:** Some visas can be obtained on arrival. This is always a risk since governments can change policies at any time. It is always best to obtain visas for such countries prior to the voyage unless it is guaranteed that the visa will be obtained for all passengers by ISE en route. Example visas that ISE procures for all participants on arrival are Cuba, Vietnam, and Myanmar. If there is a fee to obtain visas on arrival, the fee will be billed to the participant's shipboard account.
2. Semester at Sea will post a voyage itinerary 12 months prior to the voyage. All reasonable efforts will be made to keep ports and dates consistent, however, sometimes ports and dates will change for various reasons, including, but not limited to the safety and security of the ship and the health,

security and safety of all participants. Semester at Sea will notify participants as changes occur and explain why the changes have occurred. If a port change prior to embarkation requires participants to have a visa to participate or to disembark in port, the acquisition of the required visa is the participant's responsibility.

3. If a participant decides to embark with a DNS visa status for one or more ports and if the DNS status is not removed prior to docking in the corresponding port, the participant will leave the program, students will not gain academic credits, and the program fees will not be refunded. Students will sign an additional contract indicating such decisions prior to embarking on the voyage.
4. If a participant embarks without a required visa for a country that allows for onboard detainment and if the visa is not obtained, the participant will remain on the ship for the entirety of the port stay. The program fees will not be adjusted/discounted if participants choose to sail on the voyage despite onboard detainment due to visa restrictions. Participant also agrees not to register for any field programs or enroll in any courses that have field classes in that port.

DURING THE VOYAGE:

1. ISE is not responsible or liable for passports and visas that are lost/stolen from the participant. If a participant's passport is lost or stolen, and the participant is unable to obtain new travel documents in adequate time to continue the voyage, the participant will leave the program, will not gain academic credits, and program fees will not be refunded. ISE will support participants in their efforts to obtain new travel documents by providing requested documentation to the participant. However, ISE cannot submit paperwork on behalf of the participant.
2. ISE/Semester at Sea is not responsible for visa requirements changed by the port countries during the voyage.
3. ISE/Semester at Sea will make every reasonable effort to help participants obtain needed visas (and if applicable replacement passports/visas) during the voyage through port and Trivisa contacts. Note that visa regulations vary widely depending on the participant's nationality. If the itinerary changes during a voyage due to health or safety concerns, ISE will make every reasonable effort to assist U.S. and non-U.S. passport holders with visas. Neither U.S. nor Non-U.S. passport holders should expect reimbursement to defray visa costs due to such changes, which are carefully weighed only in relation to the overall safety and security of all voyage participants.
4. If a student has to leave the voyage partially or entirely due to unforeseen circumstances necessitating a mid-voyage port change, ISE will work with the student on a case-by-case basis regarding a plan to help the student sail on a future voyage by applying funds already paid for voyage days that will be missed. Students will only be charged for the per diem rate of voyage days completed and will be responsible for any outstanding balance on the future voyage after the credit is applied. If the student cannot sail on a future voyage, ISE will work with the student, but cannot guarantee, to give a prorated refund.

Participants Under 18 Only:
Please ***scan and email*** this form to: programadministration@isevoyages.org