

To all guest crew visiting the United States with the bark Europa

This year Europa will visit the United States during the Great Lakes Tall Ships Challenge 2010.



To enter the Tall Ship Challenge 2010 as questcrew/trainee on the Europa you need a B1/B2 visa, a non-immigrant visa for business or pleasure.

Please note that this INCLUDES citizens from countries that participate in the Visa Waiver Program (VWP), like the Netherlands, United Kingdom, Germany, Australia and Ireland IF they enter or leave the USA on board EUROPA (Toronto-Cleveland; Chicago-Halifax).

Because you will arrive in the United States on a ship/carrier not signatory to the VWP, you will also need to arrange a B1/B2 visa for your voyage. You do NOT apply for an electronic travel authorization through ESTA. This Electronic System for Travel Authorization is only for travellers who can visit the U.S. without a visa.

Citizens from countries that participate in the Visa Waiver program who have a returnflight to and from the USA and embark on EUROPA for sailing the Great Lakes do not need a visa. They need a valid passport and have to apply for an **Authorization to Travel to the United States** via **ESTA** at website: <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov>

Canadian and Bermudian citizens do not require a visa to enter the U.S.

Please apply for these visas very early – the visa offices are quite busy and interviews are required in many countries. We cannot take you on board if you do not have this visa.

In addition, as of January 2008 all foreign nationals arriving in the U.S. by sea or air will be required to have a **valid passport**. As a general rule, the passport should be valid for 6 months beyond the expected date of departure from the U.S.

U.S. citizens will need passports to re-enter the U.S. from Canada by sea. Legal Permanent Residents should have their "green cards." Information regarding application for or renewal of passports can be found at: http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html

For all costs and information on how to apply for a visa please have a look at:

Netherlands: http://amsterdam.usconsulate.gov/non-immigrant_visas.html

United Kingdom: http://www.usembassy.org.uk/cons_new/visa/niv/index.html

Germany: http://germany.usembassy.gov/non-immigrant_visas.html

Ireland: http://dublin.usembassy.gov/non-immigrant_visas.html

Australia: <http://usembassy-australia.state.gov/consular/visas/niv/>

South-Africa: http://southafrica.usembassy.gov/non-immigrant_visas.html

Please check your local consulate on what to bring. For the Netherlands:

You have to make an appointment by telephone. Have a creditcard and your passport ready. For the telephone conversation an amount of € 15,- will be billed onto your account.

For your appointment you need the following:

- Passport that is valid for at least 6 months after your departure date from the USA
- Make sure you have at least 2 blank pages in your passport
- An A5 size envelope addressed to yourself with € 7,- worth of stamps
- Fully completed visa application form DS 156: <http://amsterdam.usconsulate.gov/forms.html> (Field 24: On board vessel; Field 25: keep blank)
- Completely filled in DS 157 (Only for males aged 16 – 45 years)
- Proof of payment of your visa application fee € 91,70 by banktransfer or PIN. Cash payment not possible!
- Photograph according to US guidelines: 51 mm x 51 mm (More info: website)
- Booking confirmation and invoice bark Europa
- Brochure Tall Ships Races
- Furthermore all electrical devices, including laptops, mobile phones, cameras of all kinds, batteries, flash lights, etc. are strictly prohibited inside the Consulate.
- Make sure you are there 15 minutes before your appointment!

Please send us a confirmation when you have received your visa.

Visa for Canada

Foreign nationals who are seeking to enter Canada must be in possession of a **passport**. Many people do not require a visa to visit Canada.

Some foreign nationals require a temporary resident visa (TRV), if they are seeking to enter Canada to join a vessel as a crew member and are citizens of a country whose citizens require a TRV. For an up to date list on the countries that require TRVs to enter Canada, please refer to the Citizenship and Immigration Canada at <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas.asp>

Foreign nationals do not require a TRV if they are carried to Canada by a vessel of which they are crew members and to remain in Canada solely as a crew member of that vessel.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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