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Travelling to Paris: new rules to enter the Schengen area (2026)

Context

From the last quarter of 2026, visa-exempt travellers must respect the new **Entry/Exit System (EES)** and the **European Travel Information and Authorization System (ETIAS)** in order to enter the Schengen area, including France. This directly concerns stays in Paris.

EES - ENTRY/EXIT SYSTEM

Implementation in Paris:

Since 12 October 2025, the EES (Entry/Exit System) has gradually been replacing manual passport stamping at border crossing points. From 10 April 2026, **only** the Entry/Exit System will be used at all points of entry to France (airports, international train stations, etc.).

Impact on travellers:

- No more manual stamping of passports on arrival in Paris;
- Entries and exits will be electronically registered.

Who is concerned?

- Third-country nationals travelling for short stays (90 days max). EU and Schengen area nationals are not concerned.

ETIAS - TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION

Implementation in Paris:

- From the last quarter of 2026, travellers from the 59 visa-exempt countries must obtain an ETIAS travel authorization before coming to Paris.

Procedure:

- Apply online before departure. The platform is not yet operational;
- Response within a maximum of 96 hours (sometimes longer if further information is required);
- Payment online of a tax (€20/person), except for exemptions (people aged under 18, and over 70, family members of European citizens). This tax enables the EU to cover the administrative and security costs associated with passenger screening.

Validity:

- Allows the holder to stay in Paris (and in all the Schengen area) for up to 90 days within a 180-day period;
- Authorization valid for 3 years or until the expiry of the passport used;
- Multiple entries possible: you can return to Paris several times during the validity of the ETIAS.

Countries concerned:

Albania, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, The Bahamas, Barbados, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, South Korea, Costa Rica, Dominica, United Arab Emirates, United States, Georgia, Grenada, Guatemala, Honduras, Hong Kong, Israel, Japan, Macao, Malaysia, Mexico, Moldavia, Montenegro, New Zealand, Nicaragua, North Macedonia, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, United Kingdom, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, El Salvador, Serbia, Seychelles, Singapore, Taiwan, Trinidad and Tobago, Ukraine, Uruguay, Venezuela.