DIAMOND ADVENTURES

WHAT DOES THE EU ENTRY/ EXIT SYSTEM MEAN FOR MY SCHOOL TRIP?



WHAT IS THE EU ENTRY/EXIT SYSTEM (EES)? WHAT IS EES? AND WHY?

From 12 October 2025, the European Union will introduce the Entry/Exit System (EES), a new digital border system for the Schengen Area.
British and other non-EU travellers will need to provide biometric data (fingerprints and a facial image) on entry and exit, replacing passport stamping.
It's aim is to strengthen border security and reduce illegal migration in the Schengen area. It will automate border control checks to help Schengen member countries to prevent non-EU visitors from overstaying.

WHAT IS REQUIRED FROM UK CITIZENS?

From 12 October, non-EU travellers including British citizens entering the Schengen Area will need to register biometric details (fingerprints and a photo) under the Entry/Exit System. Travellers may also be asked questions about their visit on arrival and complete a further biometric check on departure.
As the system is being phased in, the process may vary during the first six months of implementation. Travellers do not need to take any action before arriving at the border, and there is no cost to register.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER ONCE THE EES IS FULLY OPERATIONAL ACROSS THE EU?

In late 2026, following the full implementation of the Entry/Exit System, the European Union is expected to introduce the European Travel Information and Authorisation System (ETIAS).
This will be a travel authorisation scheme, similar to the UK's Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA). Further information on the differences between EES, ETIAS and ETA can be found on the next page.

ARE YOU ENTERING THE EU BY COACH (VIA A FERRY OR EUROTUNNEL)

Your fingerprints and photo may be taken at the UK border before boarding under the Entry/Exit System.
This process may take a few minutes, so please be prepared for possible delays at busy times.

WHAT CHANGES ARE AT BOARDERS?

Border Scheme	What is it?	Who owns it?	When is it being introduced?	Who will it affect?	Where will the checks take place?
EES (Entry Exit System)	The registration of **biometric data**, such as fingerprints and a photo, from non-EU citizens when they travel to the **Schengen area**.	**EU** 	From **12 October 2025** with 6 month phased implementation	**Non-EU travellers** including most British citizens travelling into the Schengen area	At the physical **Schengen border crossing**
ETIAS (Electronic Travel Information Authorisation System)	A **travel authorisation** for non-EU citizens visiting the Schengen area. Travellers will apply online and pay a fee.	**EU** 	From **Autumn 2026**	**Non-EU travellers** including most British citizens travelling into the Schengen area	ETIAS will be applied for in advance online and will be **fully remote**.
ETA (Electronic Travel Authorisation)	A **travel authorisation** for eligible visitors who do not need a visa for short stays in the UK. Visitors apply online and pay £16.	**UK** 	**Live**	**Eligible nationals** visiting the UK (Not British or Irish citizens)	ETA is applied for in advance online and **fully remote.**

ALL TRAVELLERS WILL REQUIRE THEIR OWN PASSPORT, WE CANNOT ACCEPT COLLECTIVE GROUP PASSPORTS ON ANY OF OUR TOURS. IF YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR TOUR CONSULTANT.

MOST POPULAR PORTS OF ENTRY TO THE EU.

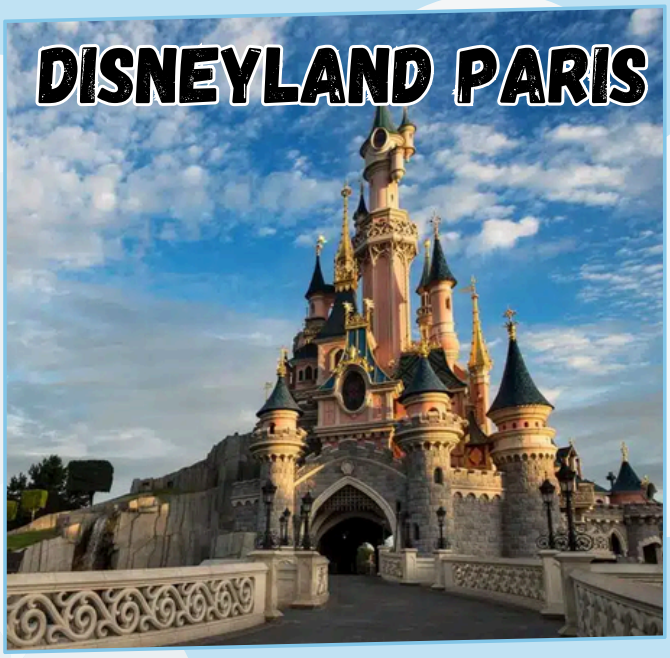


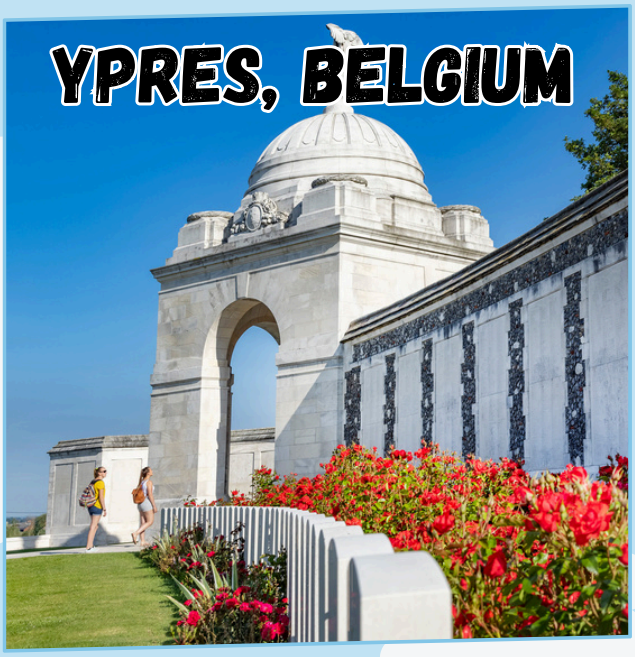






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