



## **BRAVO 2024 STATEMENT REGARDING PASSPORTS**

Passports are an absolute necessity for international travel. The rules and regulations regarding passports and travel with a passport are readily available on the US State Department website, however in our many years traveling we have seen many encounter issues because they were not appropriately prepared for international travel.

To ensure that our Bravo families have a seamless experience, we have created this simple PDF. The information below applies to anyone who is a citizen of the United States and will be traveling with a passport issued by the United States.

### ***I HAVE A PASSPORT***

Even if you have a passport and think you are all set, we recommend pulling out your passport and looking at it now. Passports are not valid indefinitely, and even if it expires after your trip dates it may not be valid for travel.

Everyone who is traveling must have a passport and the passports must be valid for 6 months after the trip return date. If the passport expiration date is less than 6 months after the return date the passport is not considered valid for travel. You will need to renew your passport prior to departure. Because delays can occur, we recommend applying now.

### ***I DO NOT HAVE A PASSPORT... yet***

Anyone who does not have a passport will need to apply for one. It is never too early to prepare for travel. Even if your trip is many months away, we recommend applying now. If an application is incomplete or there is a question regarding the application information or documentation paperwork, delays in the processing can occur. If applying less than four months prior to departure we strongly recommend upgrading to the expedited service.

For reference, this is the link to the US State Department website - <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports.html>. Click NEED A PASSPORT and follow the instructions related to completing the application, documentation, and applying in person. While some places do require an appointment, many local post offices accept walk-in applications.

If applying for a child under age 16, both parents will need to be present, or a notarized form signed by the absent parent is required.

### ***PASSPORTS and AIRLINE TICKETING***

When booking flights, the name on your airline ticket MUST be the same as on your passport. If you are applying for a new or renewal passport and will not have your passport in hand when booking your flight we recommend that you keep a copy of the application so there is no question about how the name will read on the passport.

If you have questions or need additional information, please email [susan@bravosportstours.com](mailto:susan@bravosportstours.com).

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