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TRAVEL ENTRY & VISA RESEARCH WORKBOOK

Official rules, travel documents & backup plans

EXPLORETRAVELER PRINTABLE WORKBOOK

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Give your arrival plan context

Ideas from our travel archive, with a practical prompt beside each scene. Use the original worksheets and chapters to turn inspiration into a plan.

SINGAPORE

From arrival to first night

Record the date, first address and onward-transport plan in your workbook. Use the relevant official sources for your own entry checks.

LEUVEN, BELGIUM

A base for exploring

Choose where your trip begins and how the first days fit together. The scenes are travel inspiration, not an entry-eligibility assessment.

1. **Choose one priority**
2. **Check the details**
3. **Save an offline note**

MY NEXT STEP

ExploreTraveler photo and video archive. Scenes document past visits.

01 / YOUR TRIP SNAPSHOT

Begin with the right questions

Use this workbook alongside the free interactive planner. Record general trip details only; never write passport numbers, birth dates, account details or passwords in an unprotected copy.

Trip question	Your answer
Destination and primary region	_____
Passport issuing country	_____
Purpose: tourism, remote work, business, study or residence	_____
Approximate arrival and departure dates	_____
Travelers or dependents (no identifying details)	_____
Date official sources were checked	_____

A reliable four-step workflow

- [ ] Find the destination government immigration or consular authority.
- [ ] Check requirements for your passport and planned activities.
- [ ] Distinguish visa exemptions, entry permission and authorization to work.
- [ ] Write down the source link and date, then recheck before departure.

Do not assume: tourist admission automatically permits remote work, employment, study or long-term residence. Historical travel footage is not a source of current immigration rules.

02 / DOCUMENT RESEARCH

Ten checks to investigate

These are research prompts, not a universal list of required documents. Mark each item only after you have checked the current rules that apply to you.

- [ ] Passport validity, blank pages and physical condition.
- [ ] Visa exemption, visa category or residence permit for your nationality.
- [ ] Permission for your intended activities, including remote work.
- [ ] Permitted stay length, extensions and the admission date.
- [ ] Arrival cards, online registrations and pre-arrival forms.
- [ ] Return/onward ticket and accommodation evidence, if applicable.
- [ ] Financial proof, insurance or sponsorship, if applicable.
- [ ] Vaccination, medication restrictions and health guidance.
- [ ] Documents for accompanying children or dependents, if relevant.
- [ ] Current advisory, local laws and emergency contacts.

Research still outstanding

Checking every box does not mean a visa will be issued or entry granted. Decisions rest with the competent authorities.

03 / ACTIVITY AND STAY RULES

Match the permission to the trip

The intended activity matters. A tourism permission may differ from permission for paid employment, remote work, meetings, education or residence. Confirm the actual legal category with the destination authority.

Research question	What the official source says
What activity do I intend to perform?	_____
Which permission or visa category applies?	_____
Who may apply and where?	_____
How long may I stay?	_____
Can I extend, and under what conditions?	_____
What documents and fees were verified?	_____

Remote work and digital nomad questions

[ ] Does the destination distinguish foreign remote work from local employment?

[ ] Does the visa or exemption allow my specific activity?

[ ] Have I separately considered tax, employer policy and insurance obligations?

Authority contacted / official answer received

04 / TRAVEL LOGISTICS

Prepare the journey, not just the visa

Even when entry permission is clear, travelers should verify arrival procedures, transport, accommodation, medical requirements and what happens if plans change.

- [ ] Official pre-arrival forms and any submission deadlines checked.
- [ ] Airline and destination entry-document guidance compared.
- [ ] Current route, transport and weather risks checked.
- [ ] Insurance coverage and emergency medical plan reviewed.
- [ ] Prescription medication restrictions checked with official sources.
- [ ] Local emergency contacts and consulate information saved offline.
- [ ] Accommodation and onward travel details verified.
- [ ] Backup plan prepared if a flight, ferry or appointment changes.

My contingency plan

If this changes...	My alternative
Flight or border timing	_____
Accommodation or local transport	_____
Health, weather or emergency situation	_____

Notes and contacts (no private document numbers)

05 / PRIMARY-SOURCE LOG

Record where the answers came from

Start with the official destination immigration authority. The U.S. State Department country pages are useful for U.S. citizens, but they do not determine rules for every passport nationality.

Destination	Government immigration / consular source
Taiwan	boca.gov.tw — Bureau of Consular Affairs
Malaysia	imi.gov.my — Immigration Department
Thailand	immigration.go.th — Immigration Bureau
Philippines	immigration.gov.ph — Bureau of Immigration
Indonesia	imigrasi.go.id — Directorate General

For U.S. passport holders

USA.gov: Visa requirements for U.S. citizens traveling abroad explains how to find destination-specific entry rules. Check the relevant country page at travel.state.gov.

Source verification log

Official page / question	Date checked / what I found
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Links were checked in October 2026. Requirements can change without notice. Use current official sources, not this worksheet, to determine the applicable rules.

06 / FINAL REVIEW

Make your departure decision carefully

This last page helps you identify gaps. A completed checklist does not confirm visa eligibility, work authorization, or permission to enter.

- [ ] All unresolved immigration questions have been answered by an appropriate official source.
- [ ] Any required visa or authorization has actually been issued (if applicable).
- [ ] Current health, weather, safety and entry guidance has been rechecked.
- [ ] Essential documents and emergency contacts are available offline.
- [ ] Travel plans and bookings are consistent with the permission granted.

My unanswered questions

Continue planning with ExploreTraveler

Interactive entry research checklist — save and export your research in your browser.

Free Digital Nomad First-Base Kit — plan work hours, connectivity and accommodation.

Destination resource center — original John and Karen Gentry travel videos and articles.

Travel budget calculator — estimate your own quoted costs and contingency reserve.

Important: This is general planning information, not immigration, legal, tax or medical advice. No real-time visa status or eligibility determination is provided. Check the current requirements with the competent authorities.

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