

Some tips for traveling to the United States

- Never carry a package or luggage for someone else unless you have been able to verify the contents completely.
- If you are coming from Canada or Mexico, never cross the border with a hitchhiker or as a hitchhiker. Though you may not be carrying anything illegal, your companions might be and you could be implicated.
- Be careful about who and what you carry in your vehicle. As the driver, you could be held responsible for any illegal actions of your passengers, even if they committed such actions without your knowledge.
-
- United States regulations explain what you may bring into the United States. These regulations cover gifts, alcohol, tobacco and vehicles. Also included are various prohibited and restricted items such as lottery tickets, liquor-filled candy, seditious and treasonable materials, obscene or pornographic material, products made by convicts or forced labor, and products, such as ivory, made from endangered species. Switchblade knives are prohibited, except those owned by persons with one arm.
- A non-resident may bring in new merchandise worth up to US\$ 200 free of duty for personal or household use. You may of course bring what you need to live here during your studies. On visits of 72 hours or more, you may carry an additional US\$ 100 worth of merchandise free of duty as gifts for other people. However, there are restrictions. Further information can be obtained by phoning one of the U.S. Customs offices. You may also wish to consult the U.S. Customs Web site (<http://www.customs.ustreas.gov/index.htm>). The following electronic brochure provides detailed information regarding your arrival to the United States.
<http://www.customs.ustreas.gov/linkhandler/cgov/toolbox/publications/travel/welcome2us.ctt/welcome2us.pdf>

The following websites also provide additional information that is very helpful.

<http://educationusa.state.gov/predeparture/travel/documents.htm>

http://www.intstudy.com/study_abroad/livusa.htm