

Helpful Travel Tips for International Visitors to IBIE 2025

Preparing for a smooth and stress-free entry into the United States

IBIE is excited to welcome baking professionals from around the world to Las Vegas! To help make your journey easier, we've compiled a list of important tips and documents you should bring with you when entering the U.S.

Print and carry hard copies of your documents as back up to digital copies.

Make sure these are easily accessible in your carry-on luggage:

- **Valid passport** (must be valid for at least 6 months beyond your stay)
- **U.S. visa or ESTA approval** (depending on your country of origin)
- **IBIE registration confirmation** (printed)
- **Personalized support letter from IBIE** (provided after registration)
- **Letter from your employer** confirming your job and purpose of travel (if applicable)
- **Business card or company ID** with your company details (if available)
- **Proof of return travel** (round-trip flight, hotel reservation confirmation, or travel itinerary)

Be prepared to answer common screening questions.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers may ask about the purpose of your visit. Having a clear and simple explanation along with your organized documents can help things go smoothly.

Common questions include:

- **Purpose of Visit:** "Why are you visiting the United States?"
- **Duration of Stay:** "How long will you be staying in the U.S.?"
- **Accommodation:** "Where will you be staying?"
- **Items to Declare:** "Are there any items you need to declare to CBP?"
- **Previous Visits:** "Have you visited the United States before?"
- **Activities:** "What do you plan to do during your stay?"
- **Return Ticket:** "Do you have a return ticket?"
- **Frequency of Visits:** "How often do you come to the United States?"

Make devices accessible.

Occasionally, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers may ask to review phones, laptops, or tablets during entry. While this doesn't happen to most travelers, it's a good idea to plan ahead—just in case.

Here are a few simple tips:

- Turn off your devices before arrival for easy inspection
- Avoid storing sensitive business or personal data on your devices
- Use cloud storage when possible
- Be prepared to unlock your device if requested

Taking these small steps can help ensure your arrival is quick and smooth.

Other things to consider...

- Carry physical copies of your important documents — don't rely solely on your phone
- Don't bring samples or goods for resale — those may require special permits
- If you're speaking or exhibiting, make sure your support letter reflects that
- Remain calm and cooperative during inspections, even if delays occur
- Save IBIE's contact information in case you need assistance:
IBIE POC Name
Email

For additional travel planning tips and information, please see IBIE's [Hotel & Travel page](#).

We are standing by and ready to welcome you to Las Vegas!