

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

MSU Retirees Association

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MSU Global Safety: What we do

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- Assist (24/7 for emergencies)
- Monitor
- Develop
- Assess
- Coordinate

Travel Numbers

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- 5,600 Faculty
- 2,400 Students
- 144 Countries
- 122,620 days abroad

Top Five Countries

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- Canada
- UK
- Italy
- Japan
- France

Manage MSU High Risk Travel

- Help MSU think through the benefit/cost of international work
- Connected to data sources that monitor risk and security

Risk Assessments

- Security Site Visits
- Security Desktop Reports

Support Education Abroad

- “Switchboard” for issues
 - Drinking
 - Mental Health
 - Violation Student Conduct Policies
- Connect Students and Faculty to MSU Resources

Support Spartans While Abroad

- Repatriation
- Medical Emergencies
- Mental Health Emergencies
- Other.....



Travel Insurance

Three “Buckets” of Travel Insurance

Trip Insurance

- Protects against trip being cancelled or interrupted

Accident and Sickness

- Get you access to health services

Evacuation

- Gets you home when something happens

Know your insurance “gap”

What insurance do I need?

Benefit	MSU Medicare Advantage Plan	MSU Non-Medicare Plan	
	See footnote about network	In-Network	Out-of-Network

FOREIGN TRAVEL⁵

Foreign Travel	Members will be required to pay for services received and submit a claim to Humana for reimbursement along with proof of payment and any medical information or records available from the provider. These charges would be converted to U.S. currency and reimbursed based on the Medicare allowed amount and plan maximums for out of country services.	Emergency care received while traveling outside the U.S. or taking a cruise is covered. Members will be required to pay for services received and submit a claim to Personify Health for reimbursement along with proof of payment and any medical information or records available from the provider. The charges will be converted to U.S. currency and reimbursed to the member under the out-of-network benefits after first applying either the \$50 emergency room co-payment or the out-of-network deductible of \$500 and 10% co-pay, depending on services received.	Emergency care received while traveling outside the U.S. or taking a cruise is covered. Members will be required to pay for services received and submit a claim to Personify Health for reimbursement along with proof of payment and any medical information or records available from the provider. The charges will be converted to U.S. currency and reimbursed to the member under the out-of-network benefits after first applying either the \$50 emergency room co-payment or the out-of-network deductible of \$500 and 10% co-pay, depending on services received.
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Know your insurance “gap”

Do I know where to go?

Organized Travel

Experience with low level medical emergency

Higher level medical emergency may be more difficult

Independent Travel

Knowing where to go may be the first concern

GeoBlue

Single Trip

Voyager Choice

Our most popular and comprehensive plan that covers pre-existing medical conditions. Coverage for an international trip of up to 182 days.

from **\$24.16** to **\$41.60**
[select →](#) [select →](#)

Single Trip

Multi Trip

Medical Coverage

\$1,000,000



Deductible

\$0



Cover my pre-existing conditions
Requires an existing domestic health insurance plan [?](#)

\$41.60 total

\$5.20 per person per day (8 days)

1 Traveler (Age 54)

Nov 07, 2024 - Nov 14, 2024 (8 days) [edit](#)

[Buy Now](#)

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Allianza

- International Travel Insurance

<p>OneTrip PREMIER</p> <p>Best for dream vacations and remote destinations</p> <p>\$1,190 total cost</p> <p>SELECT</p> <p>Plan and Pricing Details (PDF)</p>	<p>MOST POPULAR</p> <p>OneTrip PRIME</p> <p>Best for family vacations, cruises and tours</p> <p>\$972 total cost</p> <p>SELECT</p> <p>Plan and Pricing Details (PDF)</p>	<p>OneTrip BASIC</p> <p>Best for smaller domestic and international trips</p> <p>\$738 total cost</p> <p>SELECT</p> <p>Plan and Pricing Details (PDF)</p>
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International SOS

- [Individual Membership](#)
- Gets you access to their network
- Use MSU's # for **20%** discount: 11BCAS798617

	BUY	BUY	BUY
Plan Name	Global Traveler	Global Traveler Premier	Global Traveler Medical
Plan Type	International SOS Membership	International SOS Membership + Global Traveler Premier Plan	International SOS Membership + Global Traveler Medical Plan
Available To	Individuals, families, business travelers and companions of business travelers, expatriates and small groups	Individuals, Families, business travelers and companions of business travelers, and small groups	Individuals, families, business travelers and companions of business travelers, and small groups.
Coverage Duration	<input checked="" type="radio"/> single-trip(+\$74) <input type="radio"/> multi-trip annual (90 days max. per trip)(+\$383)	single-trip (90 days max.)	single-trip (90 days max.)
Total Cost	USD \$74.00 for all travelers	USD \$961.00 for all travelers	USD \$127.50 for all travelers

If you have insurance but want access

- ISOS or GeoBlue

If you have NO insurance coverage

- GeoBlue or Allianz



MSURA Questions

International Driver's License (IDL)

- Some countries require IDLs
- Some require US DL to be translated in local language
- AAA International Driver's License
 - <https://www.aaa.com/vacation/idpf.html>
 - Costs: \$20 plus fees
 - Requires
 - Form
 - Fee
 - Current US Driver's License
 - 2 passport photos

Car Insurance

- Check with the credit card you plan on using
 - Citibank
 - AmEx
- Don't leave without knowing what coverage you have

Passport vs. Passport Card vs. Real ID

- Passport book is always recognized and ***required for intl. air travel***
- Passport Card are recognized for crossing the US Canadian or US Mexico Boarder **via car or on foot.**
- Real ID allows you to **fly domestically** and **cross some US Canada or Mexico borders**
- Renew your passport when there is 1 year left until expiration.
- Passport with less than six months are not accepted at most borders.

Trusted Traveler Program

- TSA PreCheck
 - Security Screening
 - \$77.95
 - Apply Online and Interview in Lansing
- Global Entry
 - Expedited Customs and Security Screening
 - \$120.00
 - Apply Online and Interview in Detroit or at DTW
- [Website](#)

Global Entry vs. TSA PreCheck

- If you plan on International Travel – Global Entry
- If you do NOT plan on much international travel – TSA PreCheck

- TSA PreCheck makes security screening easier
- Global Entry makes clearing customs faster

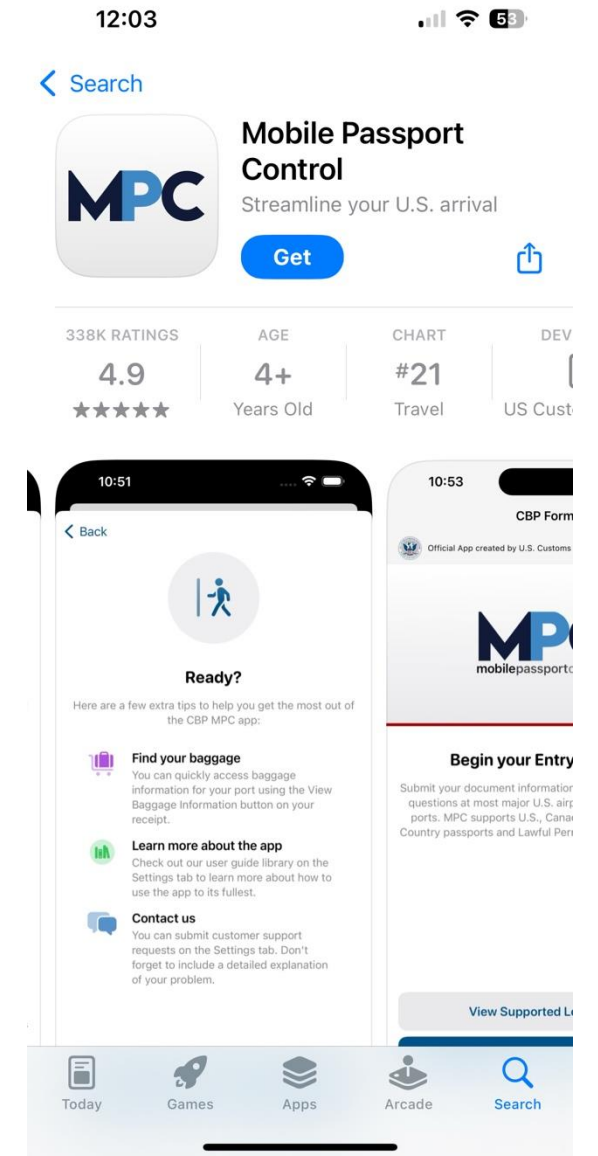
Mobile Passport Control

Not quite Global Entry fast but FREE

Android

Apple

Does not include TSA PreCheck



Documents To Carry With You

- Passport Book
 - Paper copy of photo page and visa page (if required)
 - Scanned copy of photo page and visa page (if required)
- Driver's License
 - Not necessary, unless driving
- Birth Certificate
 - DO NOT TAKE

Vaccinations

- Get a “yellow book” and use a small binder clip to put in the back of your passport
- Have Dr. add **All** of your vaccines in the yellow book
- Can get travel vaccinations at Country Health Department

Vaccinations – What To Get

- If required for entry....get them
- Beyond that....personal choice

- Do not expect a customs officer to care about your personal preference around required vaccines.

How To Get Through Customs

- **Be Polite**

- Travel with a couple of pins
- Know the name and address of your hotel
- Know the name and address of your tour company
- Do NOT approach customs agent without a completed form(s)
- Avoid declaring anything...as a tourist
- Don't travel with over \$10,000 in cash

Keys to smooth arrival

- **Be Polite**


- Know HOW you will be picked up at the airport
 - Sign with your name
 - Travel company sign
 - Hotel sign
- Money – use an ATM after customs and before stepping out of the terminal


Travel With A Cell Phone


- Easiest – Pay for your international data package
 - T-Mobile
- Esims – work for data only
 - Facetime
 - WhatsApp
 - [Airalto](#) – site to purchase Esims


Airalo Rates


 Germany

Hallo! Mobil 


 COVERAGE **Germany**


 DATA **1 GB**


 VALIDITY **7 Days**


 PRICE **\$5.00 USD**


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Hallo! Mobil 


 COVERAGE **Germany**


 DATA **2 GB**


 VALIDITY **15 Days**


 PRICE **\$6.50 USD**


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 COVERAGE **Germany**

 DATA **3 GB**

 VALIDITY **30 Days**

 PRICE **\$10.00 USD**

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Staying Safe

Biggest Threats

- Sickness or Accident (non-transportation)
- Theft
 - Passport – Call the Embassy and have your copy handy
 - Money – Call the credit card companies, assume cash is gone
 - Cell Phone – Bigger impact than passport or credit cards
- Transportation Accident

Avoid

- All Protests
- Political Demonstrations
- Travel around when election results being made official

US State Department

- Trusted but political
- Put US Embassy phone numbers and emails in your phone contacts

Other Information Sources

- Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the UK, Ireland, or Australia
- Reddit – sub reddit on anything and anywhere
- X (Twitter) – follow the # of where you are

Destinations

- Middle East – Dangerous, but people with family and friends are traveling to and from
- China – Assume your laptop will be infected with spyware, sign up for a VPN service
- Russia – Do not go
- African Countries – If first time, find a good travel company. If not, go and enjoy.

Medications

- Take in original proscription bottles
- Check State Department and Destination sites for list of medication common in the US but banned in Destination
- Assume you can not get it refilled while traveling

Airline Regulations

- Read up on regulations for EACH airline you are flying
- Pack according to the strictest guidelines
- Cheap flights mean lower service and more fees

Travel With Electronics

- Only need Plug Adaptor
- Power strip might be a good idea

Other Stuff

- Duty Free Shopping
- Tax Reimbursement – Do at the airport and keep your receipts.
- Food – Airports sell food items you can bring back to the US
- Travel Apps –
 - Google Drive/iCloud
 - Triplt and Airline apps
 - Currency converter



European Travel Information and Authorization System (ETIAS)

Traveler Authorization (Background Check)

- All travelers to Europe
- Good for three years - 7 euro
- Online process will be operational in early to mid 2025
- [ETIAS official website](#)

Thank You

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