

IMPORTANT TRAVEL INFORMATION FOR INTERNATIONAL CONTINGENTS AND VOLUNTEERS

Be prepared for the new UK travel requirements

We are thrilled to welcome our international friends to the Norjam 2025 in Norwich this August. As you prepare for this exciting adventure, we want to make sure you're aware about a new travel requirement introduced by the UK Government: the Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) scheme.

This guide will help you understand what the ETA is and how to prepare for your journey to the UK. More information is available on the UK Government website (called GOV.UK).

What is the ETA Scheme?

The Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) is a new digital permission required for visitors to travel to the UK. It is not a visa but a mandatory authorisation for those who do not currently need a visa for short stays. The ETA aims to streamline the travel process and enhance border security.

Key Details of the ETA Scheme:

Who Needs an ETA?

- o From 2 April 2025, all visitors who do not need a visa, must have an ETA.
- If you're travelling as a group every person who need one, must have ETA.

Validity and Cost

- An ETA costs £10 and is valid for multiple journeys over two years or until your passport expires, whichever comes first.
- o It allows stays of up to six months at a time.

Application Process

- o The easiest way to apply is through the 'UK ETA app', available on the Google Play and Apple App Store.
- o You can also apply online via the UK Government website (GOV.UK) if you do not have access to a smartphone.
- The application process is straightforward: you will need to provide your contact and passport details, a valid photo, and answer a set of questions.
- Most applicants receive a decision within three working days, but it can be quicker if you use the app.

Preparing for Your Trip

To ensure a smooth journey to Norjam 2025, here are some steps you can take:

- 1. Check Your Eligibility: Confirm whether you need an ETA based on your nationality and travel dates.
- 2. Apply Early: Submit your ETA application well in advance of your travel date to avoid any last-minute
- 3. Prepare Your Documents: Ensure your passport is valid and have a digital photo ready that meets the UK's requirements.
- 4. **Download the App**: If possible, use the UK ETA app for a quicker and more convenient application
- 5. Stay Informed: Keep an eye on any updates regarding the ETA scheme on the GOV.UK website.

We hope this information helps you prepare for your trip to the UK. We can't wait to see you at Norjam 2025, where unforgettable experiences and new friendships await.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, feel free to reach out to the International Support Team (admininternational@norjam.org.uk).